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CITY OF DETROIT
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
BOPC VIRTUAL MEETING
OCTOBER 29, 2020 @ 3:00 P.M.

1 MS. WHITE: Good afternoon and welcome to the Detroit
2 Board of Police Commissioners meeting. Today's date is
3 Thursday, October 22, 2020. And please note the following
4 reminders for virtual meetings on zoom.us. A message
5 regarding zoom policies: attendees do not need to
6 identify themselves if they would like to make a comment.
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8 will be masked by zoom.

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10 account, they may be prompted for a name and email. The
11 email is not visible to panelists or attendees. This is a
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14 address. It can be none@none.com or anything similar will
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19 **the policies will result in dismissal from the meeting.**
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21 **policies.**

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3 board's investigative arm, which investigates non-
4 criminal complaints. The 24-hour complaint line is (313)
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10 detroitmi.gov/BOPC to find the meeting calendar minutes,
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12 video links, and much more. Please also join the email
13 list for weekly agendas. You may email the board at
14 BOPC@Detroitmi.gov, or you may dial (313) 596-1830 and
15 provide your email address to receive draft agenda, which
16 is distributed each Tuesday to some 360 people. Please
17 also subscribe to GovDelivery where there are over 5,200
18 people who receive BOPC news alerts and draft agendas.
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20 also see the BOPC link and other information that is also
21 available on the board's Facebook page.

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23 meeting will use a forum for public comments and you may
24 access that forum on the board's website and you can sign
25 up on Smartsheet without an email address. The board of

1 police commissioners allows one hour from 3:00 to 4:00 PM
2 for the public to request to speak during public comments
3 or oral communications on the agenda. To make a request
4 without Smartsheet, meeting participants may use the
5 "raise hand" icon on the website, or they may press star
6 nine (*9) on the telephone.

7 Regarding important reminders for public comments.
8 Upon joining the meeting, participants will join the
9 meeting muted. Please do not start your video unless
10 invited to do so by the host. Video, images, or
11 unprotected speech deemed inappropriate by the Chair will
12 result in your dismissal from the meeting. Please
13 remember that you may complete the Smartsheet form. You
14 may use the Zoom controls on your computer screen "raise
15 hand," or you may dial star nine (*9) from a mobile
16 device. You may use any one of these options by 4:00 PM
17 to be acknowledged for public comments.

18 And finally, regarding public comments, each speaker
19 will have two minutes to speak. The BOPC staff will
20 acknowledge each speaker. We ask that you remain
21 respectful and professional and refrain from violating
22 the Board's Bylaws, zoom's terms of services, and other
23 relevant laws and ordinances, which are posted on all
24 meeting access forums.

25 At this time, please silence your phones and other

1 background sounds to prevent interrupting the meeting.
2 And also just as a reminder to the honorable board,
3 please also note that the board and panelists have the
4 option to self-mute, mute their microphones, and to
5 unmute their microphones at any time during the meeting.
6 And additionally, please also note that when joining the
7 meeting, you join as an attendee and then we move
8 panelists and speakers to the panel gallery. So please
9 allow for a time lag to make that transfer and to send a
10 message to unmute your microphones and to access and
11 operate your videos. So at this time, now, Chairperson
12 Bell.

13 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Ms. White. I appreciate
14 your service and work on behalf of this board. I want to,
15 call the meeting to order, but on a sad note, I want to
16 announce the death of immediate past chair Lisa Carter's
17 father this morning. And I would hope that we render
18 sympathy and prayers and condolences to Lisa Carter on
19 the passing of her father. He's been ill for quite some
20 time. So, he made his transition this morning. She wanted
21 to share that with the board and she would be excused
22 from the meeting. And Commissioner Holt, Vice-Chair would
23 be excused from that meeting. So we're going to move into
24 the invocation. I just wanted to make that announcement
25 because surely, this board and Lisa Carter need your

1 prayer and support. Our Chaplain Rogers will do the
2 invocation.

3 MS. WHITE: If staff could please ensure that
4 Chaplain Rogers' microphone is enabled.

5 CHAPLAIN ROGERS: Can you hear me?

6 MS. WHITE: Yes, sir.

7 CHAPLAIN ROGERS: Yeah. We're good. Heavenly Father
8 as our police commissioner's board meets this afternoon
9 with collective interests and mutual concerns, Father, we
10 ask that your wisdom, your grace, and your understanding
11 rest on each participant. Let constructive and productive
12 strategies come forth and be met. We thank you for this
13 day that you have made, we're going to rejoice and be
14 glad in it. And on behalf of our community and this body
15 Lord, we just ask that you, have your way for in you we
16 live, move, and have our being that Your will be done in
17 Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

18 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Amen. Thank you, Chaplain Rogers.
19 As I mentioned, we have two excused absences this
20 afternoon that I'm aware of. Before I introduced the
21 commissioners I just want to set the tone for this
22 meeting in terms of order and peace and tranquility
23 during our meeting. We had to undergo a muting process
24 last week with a commissioner and, Commissioner, Reverend
25 Dr. Jim Holley has offered to conduct a mediation, with

1 myself and Commissioner Burton and the other
2 commissioners in order to resolve these issues that we
3 might have, and I'm willing to engage in that. I know I
4 have a great deal of respect for Commissioner Holley who
5 has served on this board as one of our main leaders in
6 this community for many, many years. So I hope that we
7 take advantage of that and have that type of mediation so
8 we can have that type of dialogue for an orderly process,
9 especially during our meeting. And I can't say enough on
10 Commissioner Jones reaching out to commissioners, to try
11 to broker that type of fellowship and peaceful dialogue,
12 because as you well know, we're all in this boat
13 together, we all together, whether we're elected or
14 appointed. This is a 45-year history that we celebrated
15 and I know NACOLE was here and we had the type of
16 celebration not too long ago last year. These are not
17 ordinary times.

18 So we're on the edge of an election next year, and
19 democracy dictates that you participate. Once again, on
20 another negative note, I have protests that are scheduled
21 to be outside my house and I'm not that concerned about
22 my wellbeing, but in this climate with what's happening
23 in this city, what's happening in this world I'm
24 concerned about my family. I have two grandkids are that
25 in and out in terms of they're on Zoom and they conduct

1 their meeting, orally on Zoom, a kindergartener and a
2 fourth-grader. So we talked about democracy, I guess
3 they're going to witness that they have witnessed it in
4 the last two weeks so I want you to keep that in mind
5 commissioner. I don't think you want to face that in your
6 household or in your neighborhood or your house. And, as
7 a police officer for 32 years, I served as a public, and
8 I didn't encounter that type of element, in terms of my
9 household. And when we talk about the safety and
10 wellbeing of these officers serving this city, and I go
11 along with Mark Young and Chief Craig and, Assistant
12 Chief Stair, they have continued to provide service to
13 this community and notwithstanding, what we have dealt
14 with. So, when I look at that, I just thank the Lord that
15 we have the opportunity to come together, in terms of
16 fellowship and conduct a meeting orally and disagree, but
17 in an orderly fashion. So I just want you didn't know
18 that. In order to have a meeting, we have to have an
19 agenda. I hope that you approved the agenda as we go
20 forward, I see one shaking one's head already and that's
21 what I'm talking about. The agenda is just the agenda,
22 it's flexible. When I see that type of a reaction from a
23 commissioner at this particular time and I guess if
24 you're tuned in, you see it too. So I don't know how you
25 mediate that, but we will make every effort to do that.

1 So I'm going to call the meeting to order at this time
2 with the introduction of the commissioners. District One.

3 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Mr. Darryl Brown, District One.

4 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. District two. District
5 three.

6 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Good afternoon. Commissioner
7 Shirley Burch, district three. Just wanted to say, Mr.
8 Bell, my sympathies to Commissioner Carter on the loss of
9 her father. I am representing the third district. So I
10 want to send condolences, which we will do privately
11 ourselves. But also to you sir that I pray and continue
12 to pray for this whole board of police commissioners that
13 we show professionalism, courtesy, and respect to one
14 another. And I hope that today will be the meeting that
15 we will conduct as such. Thank you for that time.

16 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Commissioner Burch, for
17 your acknowledgment of that and your support and
18 definitely. One thing about Lisa Carter she's- I hope you
19 have a peaceful and tranquil meeting. That's the caliber
20 of persons we have on this board. We're all volunteers,
21 we're all volunteers. So we're going to move on. District
22 four is Bell, present. District five.

23 COMMISSIONER BURTON: District five is present.

24 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.

25 COMMISSIONER BURTON: And Mr. Chairman, when you say

1 we're all volunteers, we all signed up to serve.

2 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. District Six, I'm sorry
3 to excuse absent. District seven.

4 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Good afternoon everyone. Police
5 Commissioner, William Davis, district seven. Love where
6 you work.

7 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. At large, Commissioner
8 Hernandez.

9 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Good afternoon. Jesus
10 Hernandez, at large.

11 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. Commissioner Jones.

12 COMMISSIONER JONES: Good afternoon. Commissioner
13 Jones, at large.

14 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. Commissioner Holley.

15 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Commissioner Holley, present.

16 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.

17 MS. WHITE: Mr. Chair, you do have a quorum.

18 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. I indicate in terms of
19 the approval of the agenda, Ms. White, we only have eight
20 commissioners on this call?

21 MS. WHITE: Yes, sir.

22 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Keep in mind commissioners, we
23 need the agenda to go forward. So we are going to have
24 the approval for the agenda, the next item. District one.

25 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Did we make a motion?

1 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: No discussion?

2 CHAIRPERSON BELL: I'm sorry. We entertain a motion
3 for the agenda.

4 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Oh, so moved.

5 CHAIRPERSON BELL: It's been properly moved

6 COMMISSIONER BURCH: I second.

7 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Support.

8 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Second. Thank you.

9 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Discussion?

10 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Discussion.

11 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Okay. I will continue to vote
12 against the agenda as long as it continues to not follow
13 the bylaws. We can always rearrange it to follow the
14 bylaws, sir. If you're truly interested in a fair meaning
15 without further violations that's why we've already got
16 the Office of Inspector General investigating members of
17 this board.

18 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Any other commissioner?

19 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Yes, Mr. Chairman. There's so
20 much, the issue is that we're making a change to the
21 bylaws without bringing it before the board and asked to
22 explain why. We asked a question and no explanation is
23 given. It's just that we are under the impression that
24 it's saying that this is how it is and this is how it
25 will be that is why I believe that I pushed back on the

1 fact that I'm not approving the agenda because it was not
2 brought before the board as to why this agenda was
3 changed, why these things were moved up. So, I mean, if
4 there is a simple explanation as to why, and then we get
5 a consensus of the board, I don't think there would be a
6 problem with it, but it's just that it's just something
7 that's just appeared and it's like, you got to do it, or
8 this is how it's going to be.

9 CHAIRPERSON BELL: I think that if Commissioner
10 Hernandez will speak to - I thought he spoke to the issue
11 clearly and Ms. White can elaborate. This is not a normal
12 time and, we just tried to make that adjustment in terms
13 of we haven't changed the contents of the format at all,
14 to that degree, that impact is still the same.
15 Commissioner Hernandez, could you share what you shared
16 last week or the week before?

17 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Very simply, you articulated
18 how we're still remaining consistent with the content
19 that's in the bylaws. We're not changing, we're just
20 rearranging the sequence of the content in an effort to
21 make sure that we condense these meetings and that we're
22 honestly just conducting the professionalism. Whether we
23 shake our heads yes or no, that's the fact. We're
24 consistent with the bylaws and that's why if we can move
25 to a vote. If there's another discussion, perfect.

1 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Yeah, through the Chair, just a
2 rebuttal on that is the times that's going on around us
3 has nothing to do with the agenda, by moving this up does
4 not shorten the agenda. There's no added value to move
5 it. And the question still remains that we keep saying
6 normal time, the time that's going on today has nothing
7 to do with how we conduct our meeting. So that statement
8 is a misrepresentation of the word normal. And it's just
9 that this is how things are outlined. Just like I said
10 before, had it been brought to the board and tell us why
11 that's all we're looking for. Just tell us why. And I'll
12 leave it right there.

13 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Well, what I'm indicating to you-
14 Ms. White, could you elaborate? I thought we indicated
15 why. We don't have a resolution before this board so we
16 moved it up. Ms. White could elaborate a little bit more.
17 I think we gave a written explanation also.

18 MS. WHITE: Yes, sir, through the chair. Honorable
19 board, I recently transmitted just a brief summary of the
20 rationale of arranging the agenda so that it would move
21 the board's business items as a priority first and then
22 move the resolutions and the presentations toward the
23 latter ends of the agenda to allow for the board to
24 handle their business at the beginning of the meeting.
25 And to also incorporate the fact that we are not meeting

1 in person where we would have normally had the
2 resolutions at the top of the meeting for citizens and
3 awardees to receive their award. So given that we're not
4 in that particular state right now and via COVID we're
5 meeting virtually and remotely, we're trying to ensure
6 that the board's business is handled in an efficient and
7 effective manner and then we can move to the
8 presentations, but I will retransmit that explanation in
9 summary to the honorable board today.

10 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the chair.

11 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir.

12 COMMISSIONER BURTON: This is a poor excuse when
13 you're talking about efficiency, far as rearranging, the
14 order of the, of the format. We have a standard format
15 that we've been using from the time I arrived on as
16 commissioner and so to change this format now, is just
17 preposterous. And so the community doesn't have a problem
18 with coming on, plugging into our meetings, they don't
19 have a problem with the order of our agenda, but to do
20 this, to compromise our bylaws, compromise the ethics, of
21 this board it's just not right Chairman Bell.

22 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Mr. Chairman.

23 CHAIRPERSON BELL: We've got to move on.

24 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Mr. Chairman.

25 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Just pause, Mr. Davis. I just want

1 to say--

2 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Its Commissioner Davis.

3 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Point of order Mr. Chairman.

4 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Excuse me. Excuse me.

5 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Another Commissioner to just
6 pause. Point of order. Have respect for another
7 Commissioner.

8 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Burton, the chair is
9 speaking. The chair has the right to speak in the matter
10 prior to a commissioner having been recognized. I want to
11 say we don't have to continue to debate this, but that
12 was not the case. We had a reversed order until
13 Commissioner Van, thought it was unreasonable to have
14 people wait a couple of hours before we had a resolution.
15 If they show, we thought we would have the resolution
16 early on when they have an attendance, that was how we
17 changed the process and we put it in writing. So that is
18 not accurate. I've been on the board as long as you have,
19 2014, that was the format. We had officers and people of
20 the public that were getting recognition and they didn't
21 want to stay for a couple of hours meeting. So that was
22 the format at that time. So we could go back. We can show
23 you in writing. That was the case. So that's not always
24 been the case since 2014. We've been flexible with the
25 agenda. It's never been an issue up until the last year

1 or so. So, we can call for the vote at this time.

2 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Mr. Chair, I asked to be
3 recognized.

4 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Davis.

5 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Sir, I strongly disagree with
6 you, in that we have already been sued. You have been
7 sued for the leadership and the board secretary making
8 decisions outside, voting on it. We are opening ourselves
9 up for more liability. We should not continue down that
10 path and this full board should be making decisions, not
11 just the leadership.

12 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Acknowledged.

13 COMMISSIONER BURTON: More secret meetings.

14 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Davis, I don't think
15 that's appropriate, but you make that statement we would
16 clarify what the I.G. was involved with and we would
17 designate for the public to know and for the
18 commissioners to know because you keep citing that at
19 every meeting, but we're going to move on to the vote,
20 district one.

21 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Yes.

22 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District two. I'm sorry. District
23 two. District three.

24 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Yes.

25 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. District four, yes.

1 District five.

2 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Yes.

3 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District six. I'm sorry. Excuse
4 me.

5 COMMISSIONER BURCH: She's not here.

6 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yeah, I'm sorry. Excuse me. Excuse
7 me. District seven.

8 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: No, because of violations of the
9 bylaws.

10 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. Commissioner Hernandez.

11 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Yes.

12 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. Commissioner Jones?

13 COMMISSIONER JONES: Yes.

14 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Holley.

15 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Yes.

16 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. Ms. White?

17 MS. WHITE: There were seven yes votes and one no
18 vote.

19 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. We're moving on to the
20 next order.

21 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Mr. Chairman.

22 CHAIRPERSON BELL Next order of business would be
23 approval of the minutes for October the 22nd.

24 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Mr. Chairman?
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1 CHAIRPERSON BELL: The chair would entertain a motion
2 to that effect.

3 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: So moved.

4 COMMISSIONER BURCH: So moved.

5 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Support.

6 COMMISSIONER JONES: In the absence of Vice-Chair
7 Holt, I would like to make the motion that the minutes be
8 approved for the October 22nd, 2020 meeting.

9 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.

10 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Support.

11 CHAIRPERSON BELL: It's been properly moved and
12 supported. Discussion.

13 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Discussion.

14 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Davis.

15 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Oh, well the minutes are not
16 correct. The minutes indicated that on, number three,
17 motion to silence Commissioner Burton for the remainder
18 of the meeting, it says that the vote was passed. The
19 vote actually failed, sir.

20 CHAIRPERSON BELL: We will look into that. Ms. White,
21 would you take the opportunity? We will look into that.
22 Okay. Any other discussion?

23 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Mr. Chairman?

24 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Yeah, you'll be hearing from my
25 attorneys real soon.

1 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Yeah. Mr. Chairman--

2 COMMISSIONER BURTON: To silence and shut down the
3 democracy of my free speech.

4 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Burton, you were not
5 recognized. Would you please? I'm giving you my first
6 warning, sir. This is my first one and you were not
7 recognized. Commissioner Davis. I'm sorry. Commissioner
8 Brown.

9 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Yeah. I just wanted to reiterate
10 too, Mr. Chairman that he is correct because this was the
11 situation we had with the other votes with abstentions.
12 In the letters I got going back and forth with the law
13 department, which is under - As it stands right now, they
14 have abstentions count as votes.

15 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Duly noted.

16 COMMISSIONER BROWN: So this motion did not pass.

17 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Did we count Commissioner Burton's
18 vote? Ms. White?

19 MS. WHITE: We did count Commissioner Burton's vote
20 but I will go back--

21 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Well, correction. At that time,
22 was he muted from the meeting, or was he still on the
23 meeting?

24 MS. WHITE: Through the chair. He was muted from the
25 meeting.

1 COMMISSIONER BROWN: He was muted.

2 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Therefore, his vote did not count
3 because he was not a part of the meeting, but we would
4 get a ruling on that. Okay, thank you. It's been duly
5 noted. Any other discussion? Ready for the vote?

6 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the chair.

7 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Ready for the vote?

8 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the chair.

9 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Ready for the vote?

10 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the chair.

11 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District one.

12 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the chair.

13 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District one.

14 COMMISSIONER BROWN: No.

15 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the chair. You have to
16 acknowledge me.

17 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District one.

18 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Mr. Chair, you have to
19 acknowledge me. Once again, this is an abuse of power.

20 COMMISSIONER BROWN: No.

21 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District one?

22 COMMISSIONER BROWN: No, district one.

23 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, district one.

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1 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Once again, this is an abuse of
2 authority Mr. Chair. We were under discussion and I
3 wanted to make a point.

4 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District three.

5 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Yes.

6 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. Bell, yes. Commissioner
7 Burton. Commissioner Burton? District seven.

8 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: No.

9 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. Commissioner Hernandez.

10 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Yes.

11 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. Commissioner Jones.

12 COMMISSIONER JONES: Yes.

13 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Holley.

14 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Yes.

15 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. Ms. White?

16 MS. WHITE: Through the chair. There were five yes
17 votes, two no votes, and one appearance of an abstention.

18 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. We'll move on to, Ms.
19 White. I want you to introduce the staff. I want to
20 acknowledge the staff, Ms. White, and for outstanding
21 work, Ms. Blossom and all those that worked at the board
22 office and, Lawrence Akbar, the Deputy Chief
23 Investigator, and the Deputy Board Secretary and all the
24 people that work at OCI. One thing I like about Chief
25 Craig, he definitely gives recognition at all times to

1 his board staff and the rank and file of this department
2 for their work. So I think we cannot say enough that we
3 appreciate the work. And I think we all know the due
4 diligent work in 24 /7 that's engaged by the board
5 Secretary and this staff. Ms. White, would you introduce
6 the board?

7 MS. WHITE: Yes, sir. Through the chair. The
8 Department of Innovation and Technology is monitoring and
9 recording the board meeting today and our court reporter
10 today is Mr. Don Handyside and the following board staff
11 is in attendance today. Mr. Robert Brown, Administration.
12 Ms. Teresa Blossom, Community Relations Coordinator. Ms.
13 Jonya Underwood, Administrative Assistant. Investigator
14 Tiffany Stewart, Lieutenant James Coles, representing
15 Police Recruitment and Police HR division, Deputy Chief
16 Investigator Lawrence Akbar, Supervising Investigator
17 Ainsley Cromwell, supervising investigator LiSonya Sloan
18 and Senior Investigator Rosalia Madrigal are all in
19 attendance today, sir.

20 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. AC Stair, First AC
21 Stair, thank you for your attendance representing Chief
22 Craig.

23 FIRST AC STAIR: Thank you, Chair Bell. and just
24 to do my, announcements of who else is on the call with
25 us, I believe Assistant Chief Todd Bettison, Assistant

1 Chief David LeValley, Chief Legal Advisor, DC Ha,
2 Director Chris Graveline, Director Trisha Stein, Captain
3 Aric Tosqui, and certainly, we have our Reserve Assistant
4 Chief Stephen Lewis who's on the call who will be doing a
5 presentation as well, sir.

6 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, AC Stair. I just want
7 to acknowledge your support for me and the family in
8 terms of these times on the city streets, in front of my
9 house and Commander Ewing. So, it's been great to
10 reassure my family that we are safe and okay. Any elected
11 officials or representatives of elected officials?

12 MS. WHITE: Through the chair. Representatives
13 Lieutenant Mark Young, President of the Lieutenants and
14 Sergeants Association, Vice President Ron Thomas, office,
15 regarding the Detroit Police Officers Association and
16 Chief Legal Counsel of Special Projects, Attorney Megan
17 Moslimani city of Detroit Law Department are all present
18 on the line today, sir.

19 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, for their attendance.
20 And I can't say enough about, the DPOA and the LSA, for
21 their support of the city of Detroit and the DPD. You
22 have my report already. I'm just going to ask that Ms.
23 White sort of capture my earlier remarks into my report
24 and I'm going to end it on that note. At this time, I'm
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1 going to move right into, First Assistant Chief Stair.

2 Thank you.

3 FIRST AC STAIR: Thank you, Commissioner,
4 Chairperson Bell. I'm going to jump right in. One, I
5 certainly want to, bring greetings from the Chief of
6 Police who, because of another meeting scheduled at the
7 same time, isn't here today. Jumping right into violent
8 crime. We've had 44 more homicides as of today's date as
9 compared to last year this time for an increase of 20%.
10 We have had 202 fewer sexual assaults this year as
11 compared to last year this time putting us down 27% in
12 that category. We're up aggravated assaults by 25% and
13 54% non-fatal shootings. We're down 389 robberies as
14 compared to last year to this time, putting us down 20%
15 in that category. And we're down carjacking by 7%. Total
16 property crime, we are up a total of 13% for property
17 crime. We're down 34% for burglaries, 23% for larcenies
18 as of today, and 16% for motor vehicle theft. Overall
19 property crime we're down 24%. Overall part one crime,
20 including both property and violent crime, 12%, we are
21 down as of today.

22 This past week, our officer's confiscated 70 illegal
23 handguns. and as you know, just based upon the stats in
24 which I just reported, gun violence is the number one
25 issue for us right now, but it also reinforces when you

1 talk about the number of weapons that are out there, the
2 number of weapons that the officers continue to seize,
3 that are illegal handguns, just the hard work that those
4 officers do day in and day out, putting themselves on the
5 line to try to make our city a safer city for us all to
6 work in and live and play in. We haven't had any reports
7 in the city of Detroit of any major incidents with any
8 protests in the past week. I'll provide an update for,
9 Coronavirus. As of today, we have 29 members who are
10 currently quarantined. Of the 29, 22 are sworn, seven are
11 civilian. At this time, there are 17 members of the
12 department who last tested positive for COVID-19. And
13 then as of today, also, it's noted that there is not one
14 entity within the department that has more than three
15 people who are off in quarantine, we do have two members
16 who are still on the critically injured list. Police
17 Officer Robins assigned to traffic enforcement is still
18 off after being involved in a traffic accident back in
19 January of 2020. He's still off disabled and he's
20 recovering at home, although he's participating in
21 physical therapy weekly. And then we also have Sergeant
22 Michael Bailey who was assigned to the seventh precinct
23 who was injured during one of the protests back in late
24 May. And he's also had to have additional surgery and is
25 at home but going to see an ortho specialist. The last

1 thing that I have, sir, is, just a reminder about
2 Halloween in the 'D' this year.

3 Certainly, it's going to look a lot different than
4 it has in the past for us, unfortunately. They're still
5 going to be just drive-up candy stations in all of our
6 precincts. The candy is being put together and packaged
7 together individually to be passed out by the
8 neighborhood police officers who will be picking them up,
9 from that location. And then there on Halloween on
10 October 31st from five to eight. There'll be the drive up
11 candy stations where people will still have to be fully
12 masked and socially distanced and the only way to get
13 candy is if you actually drive up, there will be no walk-
14 ups. I have nothing further and if you have any questions
15 of me I'm prepared to answer.

16 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioners?

17 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Through the chair-

18 CHAIRPERSON BELL: I heard what, three? Commissioner
19 Jones and who else? Davis?

20 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Brown.

21 CHAIRPERSON BELL: And Brown. Jones then Davis then
22 Brown. Thank you.

23 COMMISSIONER BROWN: He seemed to - Am I going first?

24 COMMISSIONER JONES: I also want to thank you and the
25 department, the finest department in the United States,

1 the Detroit Police Department for their consistent work
2 with the Joshua Lewis case. The Joshua Lewis case was a
3 murder that had taken place at a gas station on Eastside
4 and due to the diligence and despite the obstacles, your
5 officers did a great job in helping to bring a report
6 together so the prosecutor could file charges. So I just
7 want to thank you for your work and the Detroit Police
8 Department on that Joshua Lewis case.

9 FIRST AC STAIR: Thank you. I'll make sure to share
10 that with the Chief of Police as well.

11 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Davis.

12 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Good afternoon again. Have we
13 had or do you all have a response team that's going to be
14 available in case there are any incidents, especially
15 since some of our outside friends can bring guns to our
16 polls?

17 FIRST AC STAIR: Oh, so, polls. So DC Ha actually
18 gave the chief a legal opinion and if his mic can be
19 unmuted, he'll provide you all with an explanation of
20 what our plans are, sir.

21 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.

22 DC HA: Through the chair.

23 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir.

24 DC HA: This is Grant Ha. I did give the chief a
25 legal opinion in regards to the status of open carry, but

1 specifically, in regards to Commissioner Davis' question
2 is DPD ready to respond in regards to any voter
3 intimidation? The answer is yes.

4 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. Commissioner Brown. I'm
5 sorry, Commissioner Brown.

6 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Yeah, my question was along the
7 same lines with the poll but first of all, First AC, I
8 just want to thank all the officers for the fine job that
9 they're doing. I'm really happy that we're getting more
10 handguns off the street but, I've seen a large number of
11 car accidents all over the place though. I wonder what
12 that's attributed to, which brings up one of my questions
13 is that there's a dangerous intersection, on Grand River
14 and Meyers and Fullerton, it's a three-way intersection.
15 There's an accident there almost once every week or two
16 weeks. There's always an accident there and I'm just
17 wondering who can we contact? Because I reached out to
18 some people and they seem to be clueless about it, about
19 making sure that that light, they turn that light to
20 blinking status at 12 o'clock. And that's what the
21 problem is that people are coming in and blindsided
22 coming through the intersection going Northbound on Grand
23 River or westbound on Grand River. They're blindsided by
24 the bank sitting there and the people in Myers are just
25 running through the light causing an accident.

1 Second, before I get any further, I just want to
2 apologize to the board and all the community out there. I
3 got like three phones here and I thought I turned them
4 all off and that's me with all the ringing phones. I
5 think I got it under control now, but, I had a chance to
6 go to the eighth precinct summit presented by the
7 internal-external operations group, wonderful job with
8 Commander Ewing and Commander Patterson, and the pastors
9 that were there to put that on. It was very eye-opening
10 and very, very invigorating that we had this type of
11 dialogue. And I did send out an email to the board
12 recommending that I think that at the subsequent and
13 national level, I think we should be setting the example
14 as you know, we know that Detroit has the finest trained
15 police officers in the world, but these are some things
16 that could come out of Detroit. And secondly, there was
17 an investigation, an ongoing investigation I keep asking
18 about with the OCI investigator, I think, Director
19 Graveline was supposed to get back to me with it. I
20 haven't heard anything about where we are with that
21 investigation. Is it open? Is it closed? Have we come to
22 a consensus about it?

23 FIRST AC STAIR: Through the chair. First, thank
24 you so much for, your kind words as it relates to what
25 occurred over at the eighth precinct. Secondly, I'll have

1 my staff reach out to the proper folks in regards to that
2 light at Grand River, Meyers, and Fullerton and we'll
3 follow back up with you tomorrow in regards to that. And
4 then I believe director graveling is still on the call.
5 And so if his mic can be un-muted, then he'll be able to
6 respond accordingly.

7 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Okay. And while we're looking
8 for him if we've still got DC Ha on the line if I may Mr.
9 Chair the poll work, there was a rumor that there was a
10 temporary law or something written by the attorney
11 general and through the government that they can't carry
12 firearms, at the polls or anywhere within the polls. I
13 think there's a ruling out there that they're not
14 supposed to have a weapon within 150 feet of any schools
15 or anything like that. I just want to know, is that true?
16 Is there any truth to that?

17 DC HA: Through the chair if I may.

18 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir.

19 DC HA: So it is true that the Secretary of State,
20 Jocelyn Benson did announce that there would be an
21 overall general prohibition of firearms at the polling
22 place and 100 feet of the boundaries of the polling site.
23 And then just recently, I believe on Tuesday, the State
24 of Michigan Court of Claims, granted an emergency motion
25 for a preliminary injunction that struck down, Secretary

1 of State Jocelyn Benson and Attorney General Dana
2 Nessel's general prohibition and I believe that's being
3 appealed.

4 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Okay. Thank you, DC Ha.

5 DIRECTOR GRAVELINE: Through the chair? This is
6 Director Graveline.

7 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir.

8 DIRECTOR GRAVELINE: To Commissioner Brown's
9 question, in terms of the investigation, as far as we
10 know, it is still ongoing. We turned it over to Michigan
11 State Police. We have made repeated inquiries about that
12 investigation, but they have not been sharing any
13 information with the department about that investigation.
14 As far as I know, that investigation is still open.

15 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Okay. Thank you.

16 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.

17 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Mr. Chair.

18 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Burch.

19 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Yes, sir. Thank you. I just
20 wanted to comment on the services of the district and
21 specifically the 11th precinct and number 12 and number
22 nine. I believe that the speeding and the doughnuts have
23 decreased, but again, I'm just saying, don't stop because
24 it seems to be there on like a sabbatical if you would
25 call it that. They're not as bad as they used to be, but

1 I want to thank the department for incidents when they do
2 happen, our men and women are right on the job, ASAP as
3 far as a fast response so we thank you for that. But my
4 question also is about the Halloween candy. Officers, and
5 particularly to you, AC Bettison, and AC Stair, do you
6 have a plan to watch parking lots as far as people using
7 that space to do the trick or treat? Do you have your
8 NPOs or anybody watching those neighborhood parking lots?

9 FIRST AC STAIR: Through the chair. Yes, ma'am,
10 our officers will be out as usual and we did send out the
11 order of the evening for Halloween. So we are going to be
12 out there, managing as we would normally do just to
13 ensure that everybody is safe.

14 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. Thank you. AC stair,
15 I'd like for you to provide the information of the work
16 location, I think, you mentioned, Bailey was number
17 seven. I didn't catch the other one. I'm going to have
18 Ms. White, sent to their command a good-health card in
19 terms of getting well. I didn't know they'd been
20 critically out that long, so we want to reach out and let
21 them know that we are supportive and they are in our
22 prayers to get well. So hopefully we can do that with Ms.
23 White sending that information on behalf of the board.

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1 FIRST AC STAIR: Sir, that's Officer Robins from
2 Traffic Enforcement and then Sergeant Bailey from the
3 seventh precinct.

4 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Okay. Thank you. Thank you for
5 your report.

6 FIRST AC STAIR: Thank you, sir.

7 CHAIRPERSON BELL: And I wish the department well. Do
8 I hear a voice?

9 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Through the chair.

10 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Holley.

11 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Still
12 coming back from time to time and help me, Mr. Chairman
13 on this no-knock, where are we, when will we have
14 something in terms of this no-knock? This is my third
15 time talking about it and bringing it up. And I just want
16 to make sure that, we have this, on record as to what
17 we're going to do about this. That's all I'm asking. I
18 won't bother you anymore.

19 FIRST AC STAIR: Through the chair and no bother
20 Commissioner Holley at all. DC Ha, are you still on the
21 call? DC Ha?

22 MS. WHITE: We are locating Deputy Chief Ha.

23 FIRST AC STAIR: Thank you, ma'am.

24 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: I can wait until next week.

25 DC HA: Through the chair if I may.

1 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir.

2 DC HA: Reverend Holley, if I may address it,
3 specifically in regards to your concerns, our department
4 rules and regulations are consistent with state law,
5 specifically our directive manual 202.3-6. However, we
6 have enhanced the policy and it is making it up its way,
7 once it goes through our channels, it will go to the
8 Board of Police Commissioners for review.

9 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Okay. All right. Thank you.

10 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, DC Ha.

11 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Mr. Chair.

12 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, ma'am.

13 COMMISSIONER BURCH: I'm sorry.

14 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Just go ahead.

15 COMMISSIONER BURCH: I don't know if this has been
16 mentioned before, because I think it happened like in the
17 middle of the week, to AC Stair and to AC Bettison on
18 behalf of the board and Chair Bell we want the wish
19 sympathies to former Chief Ella Bully-Cummings on her
20 loss also.

21 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you for--

22 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Would you please, Mr. Bell?
23 Yeah. Ask them to do that.

24 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, ma'am. We should send out
25 sympathy cards, to, the Cummings family who I knew

1 personally, William Cunning, but Bill as we call him, a
2 great person, a great leader of his department, and he
3 went on to private security. So we definitely reach out
4 to the former Chief Bully in terms of her family in terms
5 of condolences. This brother that I have a whole lot of
6 respect for over the years in terms of his involvement
7 with the DPD. So I'm glad Commissioner Burch that you
8 mentioned that.

9 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Mr. Chairman.

10 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir.

11 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Mr. Burton is communicating that
12 his mic is muted, but he doesn't have it muted. He wanted
13 to ask a question to First AC chair.

14 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Burton.

15 COMMISSIONER BROWN: He doesn't have control of
16 muting.

17 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Ms. White?

18 MS. WHITE: Through the chair. Commissioner Burton,
19 he has access to enabling his microphone. We did not mute
20 his microphone. Thank you.

21 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Point of Order. Through the
22 chair. Something just flashed on my screen just now after
23 Commissioner Brown made the statement that I was muted.
24 Now, something just flashed at the top of the screen
25 saying unmute. So once again, this is shutting down a

1 Commissioner's US Constitutional rights and this is
2 really blatantly wrong here. I would like to raise a
3 question to the Chief here and, and the question that I'd
4 like to raise is, constituents in district five want to
5 know what the police response times are across the city,
6 priority one, priority two, and priority three? And
7 Chairman Bell, you were wrong for not calling on me too.
8 You saw I had the note on the screen saying I have my
9 hand up.

10 FIRST AC STAIR: Through the chair.

11 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, ma'am.

12 FIRST AC STAIR: Commissioner Burton, I will pull
13 together those numbers and get them to you. I don't have
14 them in front of me in the conference room, but I'll get
15 them and we'll respond, sir.

16 COMMISSIONER BURTON: And lastly, through the chair,
17 we know that shootings have been up across the city in
18 the past couple of weeks. Is there an explanation why?
19 What is the Detroit Police Department doing to curb
20 Detroit's violence?

21 FIRST AC STAIR: I would suggest to you, I'm sorry,
22 through the chair, Commissioner Burton, that shootings
23 are up not just across the city, but across the nation.
24 And I just recently read some information where the
25 shootings are up even across other nations as well. One

1 of the things that we've done was really get out and try
2 to confiscate illegal weapons and I'm sure as I've done
3 today, reported constantly how hard the officers are
4 working to try to remove the illegal weapons off the
5 street. And certainly, Detroit police officers have
6 removed 70 just in the past week and we'll continue to do
7 that work.

8 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Are there any plans in place to
9 utilize more of the police reservists? A lot of police
10 reservists that I spoke with feel like they can
11 contribute more. They want to, but they feel like,
12 something is just holding them back from contributing
13 more, are there are any plans in place to utilize a
14 little bit more help and support as far as entering
15 information data or whatever, assistant backing up the
16 officers, whoever's within the precinct? Are there any
17 strategies going forward or any planning?

18 FIRST AC STAIR: I think- I'm sorry for stepping on
19 you Commissioner Burton. We constantly are working, with
20 our reserve officers. As you know, today, we have
21 assistant chief Stephen Lewis, who will be doing a
22 presentation in regard to that. I have not had a specific
23 conversation with the reserves or Assistant Chief
24 Bettison who they report to in regards to them assisting,
25 with gun violence per se, but it is our hope that they

1 will continue to assist us in any way necessary to
2 continue to serve the citizens of the city of Detroit.

3 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. We got to move on.
4 Thank you Assistant Chief for reporting out.

5 FIRST AC STAIR: Okay, sir.

6 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Unfinished business. New business?

7 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Through the chair.

8 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir.

9 COMMISSIONER BROWN: I'd like to, move that we
10 contract and hire a parliamentarian to help facilitate
11 our meeting.

12 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Support.

13 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Brown that is a
14 staffing budget matter so we would take that up as you
15 advise. I think we will definitely give a report by next
16 week in reference to the budget and the staffing. That is
17 a staffing issue. If we have the help of this executive
18 session on that issue of staffing, we will do that in the
19 next coming weeks. So we're going to move on.

20 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Point of Order, Mr. Chairman.

21 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: New business.

22 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir. Commissioner Brown.

23 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Davis.

24 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Davis.

25 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Davis.

1 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: I know that you, called on a
2 couple of people for deputies, is there a budgeted amount
3 that these people are being paid, and are there no longer
4 interim positions? And are we going to be filling the
5 permanent vacancies that we have?

6 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, we will respond to that. I
7 think that's part of the write up in terms of the HR,
8 they are not getting deputy pay at this time. We have the
9 title. We have to go through a process and we will
10 definitely make you aware of that process. The next step
11 would be a counsel in terms of approving that. So we're
12 working through that process now, but the board has to
13 approve the position, prior to, so that's what we did in
14 terms of last week. So we would definitely address those
15 concerns.

16 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the Chair.

17 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Mr. Chair.

18 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Burton.

19 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I have a few items for New
20 Business but just to go back off of my colleague,
21 Commissioner Darryl Brown, he did put a motion out there.
22 The motion was properly second by Commissioner Davis out
23 of seven. Can we call for a legal opinion right now?
24 Because I know you have access to call the law department
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1 when you want to but we'd like for them to weigh in on
2 this and we as commissioners don't mind waiting because--

3 CHAIRPERSON BELL: We will check that out. We'll take
4 this as you advised. We will take it up, but we're not
5 going to call her at this time. We want to move this
6 agenda, sir. We will take that as I stated to you. Did I
7 hear another concern?

8 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Yes.

9 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Burch. Commissioner
10 Burch, you have the floor.

11 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Yes, sir. We need to expedite
12 the time, Mr. Bell, through Ms. White.

13 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, ma'am.

14 COMMISSIONER BURCH: I recommended that a while back
15 about a parliamentarian. So I'm sure she has written
16 everything down because she's so efficient so we don't
17 have to go through the same thing. I already recommended
18 a parliamentarian and your answer is in the minutes. So I
19 just want to say if we could just move along and if you
20 have another concern to my other fellow commissioners, do
21 it privately. I've asked if we could have a closed
22 meeting, all of us together, to air everything out and
23 not bring it before the public. I've asked that before.
24 Thank you.

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1 CHAIRPERSON BELL: I will see how we address them,
2 Open Meeting Act ma'am, we will try to get that opinion.
3 We will work that through that process.

4 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the chair. I have one
5 last motion that I'd like to make. I did state earlier
6 that I had a few items.

7 CHAIRPERSON BELL: You have one more opportunity sir
8 then we're going to move on.

9 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Well, I've got a couple more
10 items.

11 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Sir, I'm going to give you one and
12 then we've got to move on. What is your next concern?

13 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I have two more items, Mr.
14 Chairman and once again, this is an abuse of power.

15 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Sir, I'm going to give you one
16 more opportunity. What is your concern? So I stated to
17 you, Commissioner Burton, we have an impasse. And I would
18 hope that we can bring that to some type of closure
19 because you keep interrupting the meeting with several
20 concerns so we need to have that type of dialogue. We
21 cannot do it at this time. So--

22 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Mr. Chairman, I'm duly elected
23 and I'm in a position to bring whatever motions that I
24 want to bring before this body and I did say earlier I

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1 had a couple of items that I'd like to raise. I would
2 like to bring a couple of items under new business.

3 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Sir, what is your next item? I'll
4 take one item from you and we're going to move on. You
5 bog us down over and over again. What is your concern?

6 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I don't have just one item. I
7 actually have a couple of items and I'm not going to
8 allow you to abuse your power of authority on this board
9 by shutting down my constitutional rights and silencing
10 my voice is silencing a hundred thousand people that live
11 in the fifth district, Mr. Chairman. So I'm going to
12 bring this one up and then I want to bring my second one
13 up. The next one I'd like to bring up right now is that I
14 call for the removal of the Chair and Vice-Chair
15 positions.

16 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Oh, well, sir, that motion is out
17 of order- That motion is out of order sir. We don't have
18 that power to just casually move somebody from office and
19 [crosstalk 00:47:41].

20 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Point of order. It's not to
21 remove anybody- I call to remove the Chair so we can have
22 a-

23 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Second.

24 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Then we will have an executive
25 session. That's a personnel matter, sir. If you request

1 an executive session, we will have that process. Thank
2 you.

3 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Mr. Chairman Bell, my motion
4 was just properly second. I called to remove Chairman
5 Bell as chair of the board not to get you removed out of
6 the commission, but I call to remove you as the chair so
7 we can have an election to--

8 COMMISSIONER JONES: Point of order.

9 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. We're going to move on.
10 We're going to move on.

11 COMMISSIONER BURTON: My motion was properly seconded
12 by one of the commissioners, sir.

13 CHAIRPERSON BELL: And the chair rules. So we're
14 going to move on. The next order would be, dealing with
15 the OCI Deputy Chief Akbar's report. Ms. White?

16 MS. WHITE: Yes, we are unmuting Deputy Chief
17 Investigator Akbar's microphone. If staff could please
18 ensure that the microphone is unmuted. Deputy Chief
19 Investigator Akbar?

20 DCI AKBAR: Yes ma'am. Can you hear me?

21 MS. WHITE: Yes, sir.

22 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir.

23 MS. WHITE: Okay, we are ready. Senior Investigator
24 Madrigal, you do have the co-host capabilities to share
25 screen.

1 DCI AKBAR: She should be at her station now. Okay,
2 good afternoon, honorable board. My name is Lawrence
3 Akbar. I'm the Deputy Chief Investigator of the Office of
4 the Chief Investigator. I'm going to be presenting to you
5 the citizen complaints report for September 2020. The
6 first screen you're looking at now is our citizen
7 complaints received in comparison to the same month, but
8 2019 versus 2020. 2019 the Office of the Chief
9 Investigator received 108 complaints this year we only
10 received 99 complaints, which is an 8% decrease. The next
11 slide we're showing you is units receiving citizens'
12 complaints. This chart shows how and where citizens filed
13 the 99 complaints. The next screen is Citizen Complaints
14 Received from January to September 2019 compared with the
15 same period in 2020. As you can see, the complaints in
16 2019, we received 916 complaints. This year, we received
17 845 complaints, an 8% decrease. This next slide is
18 citizen complaints, alleged commands involved. 43
19 complaints filed and did not identify the defending
20 officers.

21 The Board Of Police Commissioners and the Office of
22 the Chief Investigator staffs are working together on an
23 informational pamphlet that will educate the community on
24 what to look for to identify offending officers, such as
25 badge numbers and vehicle numbers and placards that are

1 on the side of the car. For your information, at least 9%
2 of the unknown officers are identified. Now, citizens
3 sometimes make a mistake in terms of identifying Detroit
4 police officers in terms of confusing with Wayne state
5 that has a similar uniform with the Detroit Police
6 Department so is WC3. And also the Detroit Transit
7 Police, their uniforms are very similar and they get
8 confused and think they're Detroit police officers. Next
9 slide. Citizen Complaints Closed. 107 complaints were
10 closed, which included 159 allegations. Commissioner Bell
11 and I stress the importance of customer service during
12 the new recruit Academy training sessions. It is
13 imperative that officers conduct themselves in a
14 professional manner to implement procedural justice and
15 legitimate, fair policing. If an officer is
16 unprofessional with his or her conduct, this possibly
17 could escalate into a use of force situation and
18 additional procedural allegations. Next slide, please.

19 On the next slide, Citizen Complaints Body-Worn
20 Cameras, and Scout Car Cameras. Pay attention to the
21 graph that's displayed in front of you. 53 involved DPD
22 members equipped with body-worn cameras. 48 out of 53
23 incidents were captured on body-worn cameras, 5 were not
24 captured and these are some of the reasons why, we did
25 not, capture incidents on body-worn cameras. Sometimes

1 equipment failures. Sometimes, officers do not activate
2 their equipment as soon as they get out of the cars.
3 Sometimes they shut the cameras off before the
4 investigation is over with. Any malfunctions and
5 equipment, equipment failures supervisors are called to
6 the scene and replace those body-worn cameras. And also
7 to officers, document the malfunction on their activity
8 log sheets, which is part of the policy, a policy that
9 the Board of Police Commissioners along with the Detroit
10 Police Department approved and put it in effect. This
11 slide involves closed cases, closed investigations of
12 September 2020 with DPD members by rank and seniority.
13 And this is very important. And with respect to rank 101
14 complaints, involved police officers, 10 complaints
15 involved sergeants. Now if we look over at the seniority
16 chart, which is important. You got 32 officers with less
17 than two years getting, citizens complaint, 38 officers
18 with three to four seniority years involved in citizen
19 complaints, and 34 officers with 20 to 29 years,
20 seniority getting citizens' complaints.

21 In these categories, frontline supervision, which
22 we're talking about sergeants and lieutenants play an
23 important role in monitoring their officers, and the
24 department has something in place in the mass alert
25 system when officers get so many complaints, they call me

1 and they do peer council. So things are in place to,
2 assist, officers that receive, numerous amounts of
3 citizen complaints. Next slide, please. DPD Calls for
4 Service. 107 CCRS closed for September 2020. Now on the
5 first chart, 75 DPD members were working the afternoon
6 shift during the time of their incident. 27 of the 75 had
7 three to four years of seniority. 21 of the 75 have less
8 than two years of seniority. Now, you probably wonder,
9 what is so important about this particular graph? What's
10 important about this graph is the busiest time in the 24
11 hour period is the afternoon shift and the power shift.
12 Afternoons generally start from 4:00 PM to 12 midnight.
13 Powershift which we're talking about plainclothes
14 officers runs from 7:00 PM to three in the morning. At
15 those times there are serious and large requests for
16 service from citizens regarding part one crime
17 investigations of domestic violence, CSC, home invasions,
18 carjackings, armed robberies on the street that is your
19 busiest time for the 24 hour period. Next slide. In
20 closing, I want to thank the chairperson of the board of
21 police commissioners, Mr. Willie Bell, Vice-Chair Annie
22 Holt, Commissioner Martin Jones for reviewing and
23 approving the Office of the Chief Investigator
24 investigators. Commissioner Hernandez will be reviewing
25 reports for board approval in the near future. As stated

1 in the past, this is essential work. Our office cannot
2 close out cases or would sustain cases to the Chief of
3 Police for appropriate corrective action, or disciplinary
4 action. Letters cannot be mailed to complaints regarding
5 the findings of their complaints.

6 The city of Detroit Law Department cannot use our
7 investigation to defend the city of Detroit in legal
8 litigation as required and the freedom of informational
9 questions regarding our investigations cannot be released
10 without the BOPC's approval of OCI closed cases. I would
11 also like to thank Commander Ewing for the program he
12 developed and implemented years ago, bringing officers
13 and complainants from our investigations together to have
14 a dialogue with each other, to hear and understand each
15 other's point of view. I also commend the chief of police
16 for creating the Office of Internal and External
17 Relations to explain this great work city-wide.
18 Commissioners, all of this is possible by the creation of
19 a Board of Police Commissioners who have the
20 responsibility to serve the community by providing an
21 avenue to express themselves in form of filing a
22 citizen's complaint. All of the presentations, you can
23 obtain them on the city of Detroit's, portal. If citizens
24 are interested in, filing citizen complaints, of course,
25 they can call our office, especially right now in this

1 pandemic, a crisis that we're in now, COVID-19 please
2 feel free to call us at 313-596-2499. Leave your name and
3 your telephone number and one of my investigators will
4 call you back and take your complaint. You also could
5 file a complaint on the city of Detroit's website,
6 detroitmi.gov/bopc. And your third option, you can call
7 or appear at any, Detroit Police Department Precinct
8 Bureau section to file a complaint but make sure you
9 request a supervisor. Only supervisors can take
10 complaints. At this time, I do want to thank the Board of
11 Police Commissioners for promoting me and putting me in
12 this rank of Deputy Chief of Investigations. I really
13 appreciate the faith that you have in myself and I hope
14 I've demonstrated in the past my ability and my
15 seriousness of operating this office in a fair manner and
16 continue to hold the high standards that you set forward
17 for this office. At this time, I can take any of your
18 questions.

19 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. Deputy Chief
20 Investigator Akbar. Commissioners?

21 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Mr. Chair.

22 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Burch.

23 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Yes. To Mr. Akbar, thank you so
24 much for your thorough report, but I need you to take me
25 back and you go back so I'm clear on the body-worn

1 camera. So when you shared about when we read the
2 complaint and you were saying in your report that the
3 officers may say, I forgot to turn my body came back on
4 or it was broken or it wasn't working, do you remember
5 that part you shared?

6 DCI AKBAR: Yes, ma'am.

7 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Now help me out, Mr. Akbar. My
8 understanding, if I'm wrong, please correct me. I thought
9 that the body cameras were updated where if it is not
10 working, some kind of system would go off so that
11 officers would know if he forgot or she forgot to turn it
12 on. Something goes off to let them know it's off. Isn't
13 that the new technology of the body-worn camera?

14 DCI AKBAR: From my understanding, body-worn cameras
15 only can be activated by the officer himself. So if I
16 pull up at a scene or a location, as soon as I get to the
17 location, I will hit the button and the body-worn camera
18 should start recording. It's not an automatic thing. It
19 takes some activity from the officer to be able to turn
20 it on.

21 COMMISSIONER BURCH: But that's my question. Mr.
22 Akbar, I thought in our reports and we have to go back to
23 Ms. Melanie White on that, I thought it was already
24 situated where it is updated. That's my question. I know

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1 what you're saying. And I thought the body-worn camera
2 now, Mr. Bell was automatic, it stays on.

3 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Burch, it can't stay
4 on all the time. We have a car camera and video and all,
5 but we will make sure you get clarity on that. We might
6 get clarity before we leave this meeting.

7 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the chair.

8 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Thank you, Mr. Bell.

9 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Burton.

10 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Questions for Akbar. Akbar, do
11 you believe in fair processes, a fair process?

12 DCI AKBAR: Of course I do.

13 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Okay. Do you feel that others
14 should have been able to apply for the deputy position?

15 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Burton, Commissioner
16 Burton!

17 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Did you apply for the position?
18 Do you think the post--

19 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Burton that question
20 is out of line. Deputy Chief.

21 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Point of order, Mr. Chairman. I
22 think I was recognized to have the floor and I raised a
23 question to Mr. Akbar.

24 CHAIRPERSON BELL: And the chair has spoken that you
25 are out of order with that type of question. So Deputy

1 Chief Akbar, ignore that. Any other questions, concerns,
2 or...?

3 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: I have a question.

4 COMMISSIONER JONES: Through the chair?

5 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir.

6 COMMISSIONER JONES: Well, I'll let the other
7 commissioner go first. He spoke first.

8 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir. Who was that?

9 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Are you recognizing me, sir?

10 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Davis. I'm sorry.

11 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Okay. My question, deputy, is
12 how many commissioners actually read cases and approved
13 and reviewed cases in September?

14 DCI AKBAR: Commissioner Davis, we were in a pandemic
15 situation and crisis, Commissioner, Chairperson Bell
16 stepped up to the task in order for us to process cases
17 and get them through so that citizens could properly know
18 their findings and dispositions, and we've been able to
19 get letters out. As you're well aware and I'm not trying
20 to embarrass anybody, he stepped up and volunteer and
21 agreed to read those cases. And to be perfectly honest
22 with you, and I'm stepping out of bounds by saying this,
23 but I'm personally offended by this and the reason why
24 I'm saying it like this is that my concern is with the
25 citizens of Detroit, that they get a proper thorough

1 investigation. It is not fair that we do all this work,
2 my staff does all this work and we don't have enough
3 people that are willing to step forward and read those
4 cases and keep moving that process for them. My staff
5 goes through a lot of intensive work and time spent
6 investigating cases. I'm not calling out any
7 Commissioners, but we have to work together as a group
8 and a team in order to keep this institution going and
9 keep this process, which was created as you all know,
10 back in 1974, serving the citizens with respect to
11 investigating citizens' complaints. Right now, we have a
12 process in place that other Commissioners, if they want
13 to, everybody has my number, you can call me if you. If
14 you're still interested in reading cases, I'll be glad to
15 put you on a list and have you to read cases and--

16 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Deputy Chief, I'm going to
17 interrupt you that is not your call. That is the Chair's
18 call.

19 DCI AKBAR: Okay, I'm sorry.

20 CHAIRPERSON BELL: If you want a more elaborate
21 explanation, I'm not going to do it publicly, but I would
22 give you an explanation that the Deputy Chief was
23 implying, in reference to what has transpired with the
24 commissioners on this board, but I'm not going to have a
25 public discussion on that, but if you want to, I will

1 give you a written explanation of what has transpired.
2 And so I'm not trying to embarrass anyone, but I'm of the
3 position that we're going to take care of business on
4 this board. I'm not going to get into whatever, but we
5 have commissioners who have been trained, Commissioner
6 Hernandez, going to be trained next. So we've got to move
7 on. Who was next for the questions? I think Commissioner
8 Jones.

9 COMMISSIONER JONES: Commissioner Jones, that's
10 correct.

11 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir.

12 COMMISSIONER JONES: All right. First of all, I
13 definitely would like to, thank, OCI Investigator, Akbar,
14 for his assistance and training me so that I can be able
15 to read these cases and go through them. As one of the
16 responsibilities that we have as commissions is to make
17 sure that the complaints of our citizens are recognized
18 and investigated properly. Mr. Akbar has demonstrated to
19 me a higher calling and very high regard for those cases
20 also and he's imparted that upon me and I thank him for
21 introducing me to the staff and I look forward to working
22 with him.

23 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Commissioner Jones. Any
24 other questions or concerns for Deputy Chief? I just want
25 to pause. If I see another sign of Commissioner Bell BS,

1 and we know what BS means that's displayed or any other
2 sign by Commissioner Burton, we will take him off video.
3 We will take him off this meeting. That is inappropriate.
4 That is out of order. Your signs and especially of that
5 nature is totally childish and it's inappropriate. If you
6 want to communicate with me you can do it in writing. You
7 have said some inappropriate remarks but we're not going
8 to continue to tolerate that type of behavior, sir. And I
9 hope the commission will support me. If I see it, the
10 public sees it, and you see it. That's inappropriate. We
11 move on to the next item of business, Detroit Police
12 Reserves. Thank you, Deputy Chief Akbar.

13 DCI AKBAR: You're welcome, sir. Thank you, board.

14 MS. WHITE: Assistant Chief Stephen Lewis. We are
15 enabling his microphone.

16 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.

17 AC LEWIS: Good afternoon. Thank you, Ms. White.
18 Honorable board, it's a pleasure to be here before you
19 again. It's been a little while since we got a chance to
20 make our presentation to you. Unfortunately, we were up
21 in April, right as the COVID pandemic was taking part.
22 When the COVID pandemic hit the Police Reserve Corps
23 stood down immediately so that we could be in a state of
24 readiness and preparedness if we needed to respond with
25 esteemed members with potential exposure as necessary.

1 After about seven weeks when the situation started to
2 calm down, we were able to return to full duty. The
3 presentation I'm going to make today, which I'm going to
4 go ahead and start my screen share for you guys. The
5 presentation that I'm going to make today is the progress
6 that we are making towards our updated policy manual. As
7 you know, from previous presentations that I've made,
8 this has been something that we have been working on for
9 a couple of years now. It has taken an enormous amount of
10 effort to get here and I'm pleased to say that we have
11 submitted this for internal review, through Director
12 Reid's office and up the chain of command. It is our
13 hope, our sincere hope to get this in place before the
14 end of the year and in front of the board for final
15 approval. I'm not going to walk through the entire manual
16 today, it's 173 pages, but I am going to kind of go over
17 some of the highlights, what it means, why we did what we
18 did, and touch on some hot topics, I think, for the
19 board. As everybody knows, the Detroit Police Reserve
20 Corps are uniformed volunteers.

21 The Reserve Corps was established under the city
22 charter section 7-818 which states that Reserve Police
23 Officers, contain powers as designated by the Chief up to
24 and including the powers of peace officers and we serve
25 at his discretion. The Police Reserve Corps is overseen

1 by the commanding officers of the Chief's Neighborhood
2 Liaison, which is today and has been for some time
3 Assistant Chief Todd Bettison, and now newly promoted
4 their commander Kyra Hope. Police Corporals Jeffrey
5 Johnson and Royce Hill provide the day-to-day
6 coordination and management of our 120 person unit. The
7 reserve executive team is headed by Reserve Police Chief
8 Linda Gruss, and Reserve Assistant Chief Stephen Lewis,
9 myself. We work hand-in-hand with CNLO to direct, deploy,
10 and grow the membership of this valuable force. Included
11 in your presentation materials is our organizational
12 chart, which we don't need to take the time to go through
13 but suffice to say we do have a senior executive
14 committee in the Reserve Corps, which oversees different
15 geographic areas of the organization. So let's talk about
16 the current Detroit police reserve manual. This is a
17 manual that is technically in existence today and
18 enforced today, the sections that have not been
19 invalidated by department policy, and there aren't many
20 that are left.

21 The most recent version of the DPR manual was
22 released in the early 1990s and was approved by Chief
23 Isiah McKinnon. But just goes to show you how long it's
24 been. The current manual that we're working under does
25 not conform to any modern standards of the Detroit police

1 department and it is not in compliance with many of the
2 changes that were made as part of the multi-year consent
3 decree. The current manual is not similar in any way to
4 the DPD manual, which makes it very difficult for
5 department personnel to review and amend sections as
6 needed. There is no version control. There is no revision
7 history, et cetera. The manual is silent on many
8 important department policies and their impact on reserve
9 officers. This has particularly been a problem in the
10 past several years as new procedures, such as body-worn
11 cameras and use of force changes have come out. It has
12 not been covered in the reserves manual. The manual
13 contains almost no policy-driven operational procedures
14 for how reserve officers should perform their duties. And
15 in short, the current DPR manual is outdated, greatly in
16 need of a complete rewrite to bring it in line with the
17 modern era of the department and to set clear guidelines
18 for the operation of the police reserve program. To allay
19 any concerns, it's not as if we're operating in the Wild
20 West. Anytime a part of our manual is silent on a policy
21 or anytime something in our manual has been superseded by
22 a new policy. We fall to the Detroit police department
23 manual and for a time that was sufficient. In the modern
24 era and for the organization that we are trying to build,
25 it is not sufficient.

1 As everybody knows and understands, Reserve Police
2 Officers are not sworn police officers. And while we are
3 held to the same standards, policies and procedures do
4 differ based on our limited authority and the types of
5 duties that we're performing. So we have created a draft
6 now of a new police reserve manual. This new manual was
7 thoroughly researched. It was drafted over a two year
8 period from 2017 to 2019. The policies and procedures
9 contained in this new manual were derived from extensive
10 consultation with various commanding officers across the
11 police department. This included civil rights training,
12 professional standards, and of course, neighborhood
13 policing. The format of our new manual matches the DPD
14 manual with each directive, noting the appropriate
15 reviewing office, each reviewing office was consulted
16 about the section that appears in our manual and its
17 impact on reserve officers. The policies in the new
18 manual are clear and unambiguous and are in line with the
19 department policy for uniform personnel while accounting
20 for the difference in authority between a reserve officer
21 and a certified police officer. The new manual contains
22 clear operational procedures for reserve officers to
23 follow and provides clear direction on how to perform the
24 job of police reservists. We have taken the guesswork out
25 of this. Again, it's currently in a formal review process

1 by planning and deployment and my fingers are crossed,
2 approval is expected by year-end. We had three main goals
3 when we sat down to do this. Number one, we wanted to
4 provide clear policies and procedures to reserve members
5 for a wide range of circumstances they may encounter that
6 are tailored to their unique status as volunteers with
7 limited authority.

8 For a time, I mean, if you go back enough years and
9 some of you have been around for quite some time, it was
10 sufficient just to have a sworn officer standing next to
11 you. As a reserve officer, you didn't need to think too
12 much about what you were doing. You had somebody that was
13 right there that could provide immediate guidance. That
14 has not been the case for a number of years. And as we
15 integrate through the department and we take on different
16 responsibilities, even though they're not necessarily
17 frontline law enforcement responsibilities, we are
18 operating in an area that requires policies and
19 procedures that are unique to us. So we wanted to make
20 sure that we were able to encompass that. We wanted to
21 ensure that the policies and procedures and practices of
22 the Reserve Corps conform to the standards of the police
23 department. Although there are procedural differences due
24 to the volunteer status of our members, the nature of the
25 work we perform, and the limited authority granted to

1 reservists, there are no carve-outs, exemptions, or
2 exceptions for reserve officers on any matter pertaining
3 to the use of forest oversight or civil rights. We have
4 to follow the policies that sworn members follow, even
5 though the procedures may be different.

6 And lastly, and this is what's probably the most
7 important to us is we wanted to create a complete
8 framework for the management of a 21st century integrated
9 police reserve program. We wanted our manual to cover
10 training requirements, member development, participation
11 requirements, recruitment, we wanted full tour-of-duty
12 procedures, we wanted procedures and policies for
13 interfacing with sworn members and we wanted to fully
14 cover misconduct and its investigation with a limited due
15 process requirement for volunteers. A couple of the
16 highlights that I think are important to this board are a
17 couple of policy areas. Police Powers. Reserve Officers
18 obtain their authority by working under the direction of
19 a sworn police officer. That has always been that way.
20 Nothing has changed, but we have gone to great lengths to
21 detail that. Reserve Officers have no police authority
22 while off-duty. Again, we wanted to go to great lengths
23 to make sure that that was made clear.

24 When exercising their limited authority reserve
25 officers are held at the same standard and subject to the

1 same policies as sworn police officers and we had to
2 outline that policy by policy in the manual. Duties and
3 responsibilities. The primary role of reserve officers is
4 to assist and supplement police officers with their
5 duties. They are not a replacement for sworn police
6 officers. We've made that very clear throughout this
7 manual. Reserve Officers serve the department and the
8 community by providing a visible police presence to
9 neighborhoods and business districts, lending another set
10 of eyes and ears to patrol officers and engaging with the
11 community. This last piece is probably the most
12 important, this year. We are community policing, simply
13 put and our manual reflects that that. It reflects our
14 role. It reflects what we do, and we have procedures and
15 policies that govern those procedures for engaging with
16 the community. Organization and management.

17 The Police Reserve Corps is overseen by the Chief's
18 Neighborhood Liaison Office, the Police Reserve Chief and
19 the Reserve Executive Staff manage the program and
20 membership while sworn police officers serving as reserve
21 coordinators, manage deployment and integration with the
22 police department. We have broken that down across a
23 number of directives to cover what that organization
24 looks like, what the roles and responsibilities of each
25 group are, and to provide a policy for amending that as

1 this chief or any future, chief chose to amend it. Our
2 reserve members are afforded opportunities for
3 advancement in the program based on their skills, work
4 history, interests, and abilities. We have reserved
5 supervisors that work with sworn supervisors to provide
6 frontline direction and oversight of the reservists in
7 the field. There is a whole policy for how we promote
8 what that process is and what the expectations and
9 responsibilities of our supervisors are. These will look
10 very similar to members of the department. And I have in
11 this presentation and I'm not going to go through all of
12 this, the current policy, and the new policy for a number
13 of functional areas. Again, it would take quite some time
14 to walk through all of this, but I wanted to make sure
15 the board had all of the information at their disposal
16 that they can look at and I can address any of these in
17 the question and answer period. Chair, that's my
18 presentation.

19 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir. Thank you. It was
20 outstanding and I'm going to ask that, commissioners, do
21 we have any questions or concerns to ask Assistant Chief
22 Lewis of the Detroit Police Reserve? I just want to thank
23 you for your service, Chief DPR. You do an outstanding
24 job.

25 AC LEWIS: Thank you very much.

1 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Yes, Mr. Bell.

2 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Question.

3 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Burch and I heard--

4 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Yes, you heard. Thank you.

5 Assistant Chief Stephen Lewis, right?

6 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, ma'am.

7 COMMISSIONER BURCH: That is excellent what you said,
8 but I wanted you to know, being a leader in the third
9 district forever and a day, I've had the experience of
10 using the reserved officers. They were always excellent
11 at different church events and, park events with their
12 presence because they do not carry weapons, correct?

13 AC LEWIS: We do carry firearms, ma'am. Yes, when we
14 are in police uniform we do carry firearms.

15 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Oh, you do?

16 CHAIRPERSON BELL: We do have members there with--
17 Similar to department policy for members on no-gun
18 status, they would not be uniformed.

19 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Okay. Why you are over there I
20 want to ask this question. Do they get paid for their
21 services?

22 AC LEWIS: No. Ma'am, we have always been and remain
23 volunteers.

24 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Okay, that's good. I have to go
25 fast because you know how, I just wanted to ask you these

1 questions. What about your Chaplains? I just want to make
2 a recommendation. It may be the wrong time, Mr. Bell,
3 That if chaplains aren't paid, I think they should be put
4 on the payroll and Mr. Lewis, assistant chief Lewis, what
5 do you think about the chaplains and the reserves working
6 together? Because there's an event in which I will make
7 that announcement during announcement time, what do you
8 think of working our chaplain and reserves together?
9 Because there's a hundred of them.

10 AC LEWIS: Yes, ma'am. It's an excellent question and
11 it's a good idea. And as a matter of fact, we have
12 partnered with the Chaplain Corps on some recruitment
13 events. We have partnered with them at various events.
14 Our roles are different, to be sure, but we both serve
15 the department and I'm always interested in any expansion
16 opportunities that are out there to work with other
17 members of the department's auxiliary services.

18 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Sir, would you get my number
19 from Ms. White and call me later? I would love to speak
20 to you more in-depth about what I'm talking about.

21 AC LEWIS: Absolutely.

22 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, AC Lewis.

23 AC LEWIS: Thank you, Commissioner.

24 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Thank you, Mr. Bell.

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1 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Commissioner Burch. Any
2 other commissioners?

3 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Mr. Chairman.

4 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir. Commissioner Davis.

5 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: I have a couple of quick
6 questions, sir. I'd like to start off by thanking you for
7 your service for volunteering and all the fine reserve
8 officers we have. I see them frequently throughout the
9 city. Of the 120 officers you have, how many live in the
10 city of Detroit?

11 AC LEWIS: I don't have specific numbers, but I will
12 tell you that the vast majority of our membership resides
13 within the city, and nearly every member that we have
14 that does not reside in the city works in the city on at
15 least a part-time basis.

16 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: And also, secondly, what is the
17 oldest of any of the reserve officers? Because I've seen
18 some older than me.

19 AC LEWIS: I don't have the exact age, but I will
20 tell you that, who we informally referred to as the Dean
21 of the Police Reserve Corps, which would be Commander
22 Henry Dodge, I do believe is in his nineties. Now, I'm
23 most certain Mr. Dodge has over 50 years of experience or
24 50 years of service for the department. He is at this
25 moment the longest-serving member of the department, in

1 any capacity right now and he occupies a very special
2 place for us. While his street days may be over, he's
3 still with us for meetings and he still attends other
4 functions.

5 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: That's outstanding. Thank you,
6 sir.

7 AC LEWIS: You're welcome.

8 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Jones,

9 COMMISSIONER JONES: Yeah, definitely wanted to thank
10 him for his report. My question actually got answered
11 when he was answering the question for another
12 commissioner so I'm all set. Thank you.

13 CHAIRPERSON BELL: I see AC Bettison. Good. Thank you
14 for your attendance now for filling in. Any other
15 commissioners? If not, I want to thank you Assistant
16 Chief Lewis. I just wanted to say that when Commissioner
17 Davis mentioned the age, I know DPR, I kicked it with
18 rank Dodge over the years, and my classmate, Clarence
19 Smith we're about the same age, and we went to high
20 school together so he's continued to serve. As a
21 volunteer, it's a labor of love and the standards have
22 really as the AC has mentioned, it's been really enhanced
23 because they used to just stand with us and I want to
24 say, I have a history of working with reserves when
25 officers did not want to work with the Reserve because

1 they felt as though they were infringing on their duty
2 and responsibility when they came a little bit more black
3 and brown. So I have that history of volunteering. Ms.
4 White, I'm going to ask you to take Commissioner Burton
5 off the video. He keeps posting these different signs.
6 It's distracting. It's inappropriate. So can you make
7 that move at this time? Thank you. So thank you, sir, AC
8 Lewis for your outstanding service. There was a delay but
9 there were unnecessary delays as you well know, but I
10 know you're on the case, so we're going to move on. Thank
11 you.

12 AC LEWIS: Thank you very much.

13 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Okay. Thank you. Ms. White, your
14 report.

15 MS. WHITE: Yes, sir, through the chair, honorable
16 board, if you can please refer to item number 12 on the
17 agenda and we will post the agenda for the public's
18 viewing as well. I will just highlight just a few items.
19 The first item DPD transmitted the weekly facial
20 recognition technology report for October 19th, 2020
21 through October 25th, 2020. The board also received
22 letters from citizens, expressing concerns and other
23 items. Of importance also, number four, the DPD
24 transmitted the duty to intervene, manual directive, and
25 transmittal sheet 102.12. Number five, bomb threats and

1 explosives manual directive and transmittal sheet 205.5.
2 Additionally, the board received information from Wayne
3 State University regarding the webinar event entitled
4 Understanding Police Reform, which will be held on
5 November 4th, 2020 at 5:00 PM, and the registration
6 information was sent via email. Additionally, the
7 International Law Enforcement Auditors Association
8 training will be held on November 12th, 2020 entitled
9 Accountability and Transparency in Law Enforcement, and
10 that information was also transmitted via email.
11 Additionally, the honorable board received various staff
12 reports, one of which included the Board of Police
13 Commissioners Standard Operating Procedures handbook,
14 which is a draft proposed SOP for your review and
15 consideration. And please share any feedback or any
16 comments via email so that I may include those, items
17 within the, updated version. And lastly, Chief of Police
18 James E. Craig's recommendation to promote to the ranks
19 of Lieutenant and Sergeants 2020 second round was also
20 transmitted this afternoon and so that information has
21 been sent via email, and staff is reviewing that
22 information as well. And just as the last notification
23 that we received, notification that former Police
24 Commissioner Ricardo Moore is also present on the line
25

1 and that concludes the incoming correspondence for this
2 week.

3 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Ms. White, and thank
4 you for acknowledging former Commissioner Ricardo Moore.

5 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Through the chair.

6 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir.

7 COMMISSIONER BROWN: I just had a question for the
8 interim secretary.

9 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Board Secretary, please. Thank
10 you.

11 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Yeah, the board secretary. I've
12 been asking for some information from you from some OCR
13 reports and I've been patiently waiting and I haven't
14 received anything at them. So can you give me an update
15 of where we are with that?

16 MS. WHITE: Yes, through the chair. The Office of the
17 Chief Investigator is still preparing that material for
18 your review. The information that you requested was very
19 extensive in nature, and it is quite lengthy and
20 voluminous. And so as soon as it is complete, I will
21 share an update and send that information to you for your
22 review, but they are still working to complete that task
23 in addition to the other various tasks that they have.
24 Thank you.

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1 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Okay, can you tell me how much
2 of it you have completed so far?

3 MS. WHITE: Through the chair. I can check on the
4 status today and I can report back to you.

5 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Okay. Thank you.

6 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. Announcements. Our next
7 meeting is going to be on Thursday, November the fourth.
8 The day after the election and thereafter will be on
9 Thursday, November the 4th (sic). All our meetings are
10 virtual meetings at 3:00 PM. They are posted on our
11 website. They are posted on the city's website as you
12 well know. We continue that format.

13 MS. WHITE: Through the Chair. I believe you might've
14 called for Mr. Brown but there are some technical
15 difficulties that we're hearing. Mr. Chair?

16 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Mr. Chair? Ms. White?

17 MS. WHITE: Okay, I will reach out to Mr. Chair. I do
18 still see his video-enabled, so I know that he is still
19 there, but we are experiencing some technical
20 difficulties, but I believe he called for Mr. Brown to
21 move to the public comment announcements.

22 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Mr. Chair?

23 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Ms. White. No announcements. We
24 did not make an announcement, please.

25 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Point of information, Mr. Chair.

1 MS. WHITE: If the honorable board could please hold
2 one second so that I can assure that Mr. Chair's
3 microphone and video is enabled. Thank you so much for
4 your patience. While we are attempting to re-activate
5 Chairperson Bell's video and microphone. Commissioner
6 Burch, I believe you had an announcement.

7 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Yes ma'am. I do. Thank you so
8 much. I wanted to announce to everyone that, Pastor
9 Evette Griffin of Pilgrim Baptist Church is having a
10 cleanup at her church on Binder. You can always call me
11 later to find out where, but there are volunteers from
12 Wayne state that are going to be out there cleaning up.
13 That's one of the reasons, Ms. White, I'm asking you to
14 give AC Lewis my phone number to speak to him after the
15 meeting if you'd be so kind.

16 MS. WHITE: Yes, ma'am.

17 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Thank you. That was my
18 announcement.

19 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Board Secretary.

20 MS. WHITE: Yes, sir.

21 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: I see, a mistake on the
22 announcement that Chairman Bell just made on our agenda.
23 Our next meeting should be Thursday, November the fifth,
24 not the fourth, so that most people are not confused.

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1 MS. WHITE: Okay. Yes, sir. We will make sure that
2 that is corrected and on the agenda that I am reviewing,
3 it does say Thursday, November 5th, but we will make the
4 correction and make sure the public is aware. Thank you
5 so much. We are still attempting to reach Chairperson
6 Bell. If there are no further announcements, Mr. Brown.

7 MR. BROWN: Yes, ma'am. Good afternoon honorable
8 board. I currently have, 11 speakers. First speaker will
9 be Ms. Bernice Smith followed by Lieutenant Mark Young
10 president of LSA, and then Minister Eric Blount. Ms.
11 Smith? Ms. Smith?

12 Ms. B. Smith: Good afternoon to the commissioners. I
13 am very, very glad that most of the people that we
14 encounter here in Detroit are going out to vote. This is
15 so important and I know this is not the subject that
16 you're looking for, but I just want to invite everybody
17 that's able to walk to make sure that they go and vote.
18 Now, commissioners it's getting worse and worse and worse
19 each week and I hope eventually that you come to a
20 solution and make sure that your Commissioner Burton be
21 under control. It is really embarrassing to the city and
22 to the police department, I talked with several police,
23 commanders, and they don't know what to say about it. All
24 they do is shake their heads. And it's really
25 embarrassing. I found out that the young lady that was

1 stripped in the car that stripped herself voluntarily,
2 she was from Washington. Now you tell me why we have all
3 these people coming into Detroit and creating confusion
4 and trying to keep up anything that they can?
5 Disturbance. We don't need it. We don't want it. And we
6 want them all to stay out, even some that call you on the
7 phone are outsiders. So just be careful and just ignore
8 all this ignorance. And especially, I hope there's
9 something that can be done about your Commissioner Burton
10 so he won't continue to disrupt that meeting every week.
11 It's this sad, it's really sad. I'm going to pray on him
12 and Holley, you need to pray on him too and talk to him
13 and tell him be a gentleman and stop being ignorant and
14 making the board looked like they don't care. It's sad.
15 It's all I got to say. I'm sick of it.

16 MS. WHITE: Mr. Brown?

17 MR. BROWN: Lieutenant Mark Young.

18 LT YOUNG: Can you hear me?

19 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir.

20 LT YOUNG: First of all, I want to thank the brave
21 men and women of the Detroit Police Department. Their
22 dedication, their commitment, and especially with the
23 challenges here with the daylight savings and the new
24 round of COVID-19 is coming but I'm going to tell you I'm
25 beat, I'm deeply disturbed on so many levels. I attend

1 the Board of Police Commissioners meetings to be informed
2 so I can inform my members and to display a partnership.
3 We are a major share and stakeholder and we want the
4 success of the city of Detroit and especially the Detroit
5 police department. We can agree, but we don't have to be
6 disrespectful. Maturity is crucial. Vigorous dialogue and
7 debate, is, is healthy, but disrespect is not, especially
8 in public when it's memorialized on video. Don't raise
9 your voice to prove your argument. And lastly, the most
10 important thing I'm going say, leadership is more
11 important under difficult times and leadership must
12 shine. If a member of this department or that board was
13 involved in sending protestors to somebody's house, or an
14 individual's dwelling it created a heightened for
15 threats, confrontation, liabilities, danger, a
16 reallocation of resources, dysfunction, distrust, and
17 danger and the potential of some damage. If that so
18 happened, if a member used any technology on this
19 department to share some information with some protestors
20 or some agitators, they should be dismissed, sanctioned,
21 and prosecuted. That is deplorable. And you know what?
22 You put my members at risk. You put them in potential for
23 being liable to having a confrontation and some other
24 things. Shame on you.

25 MR. BROWN: Minister Eric Blount.

1 MINISTER BLOUNT: Afternoon board. Can you hear me?

2 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir.

3 MINISTER BLOUNT: Yeah. Minister Eric Blount, a
4 lifelong Detroiter. I have seven items I'd like to
5 discuss. I'll try to make it through all of them as
6 quickly as possible. The first one is on this program to
7 get guns off the streets but historically guns have been
8 apparently quickly and easily replaced. So the issue is a
9 lack of quality of life and healthy auctions for too many
10 Detroiters. On the issue of no-knock warrants, thank you,
11 Commissioner Holley for bringing it up again, but still
12 there's no timeline. Again, I remind people it's been 10
13 years since our little precious daughter Aiyana Stanley-
14 Jones was murdered using a no-knock warrant. Third, there
15 are simple steps this board can take to make good on its
16 promises to be transparent. Similar to city council, this
17 board can make available all documents related to this
18 meeting before the meeting, including presentations and
19 communications to the board. On the OCI, presentation, if
20 an officer's body-worn camera is not activated when he is
21 involved, he or she is involved with the community that
22 officer should receive a taser-like effect to stop them
23 from any other activity. On the issue of reserve
24 officers, they have no age limit and therefore no ability

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1 qualifications, but they can carry guns? This is very
2 concerning. I yield my time.

3 MR. BROWN: Mr. Chair, your next three speakers would
4 be Ms. Susan Steigerwald followed by Ms. Ashley Smith
5 followed by Cindy Dara. Ms. Steigerwald.

6 MS. STEIGERWALD: Hi, can you hear me?

7 MR. BROWN: Yes.

8 MS. STEIGERWALD: Yeah, I want to echo what Reverend
9 Blount, had just said, particularly about the lack of
10 timelines. There were two issues that I would like to
11 raise. Number one, one half of fatal police shootings, as
12 in situations where the police murder one of our fellow
13 citizens include mental health issues and I think it's
14 incumbent upon the board to explore the use of, programs
15 like the CAHOOTS program that's been in place for 30
16 years in Eugene, Oregon, where there's a crisis team that
17 goes out when there are mental health practices so that
18 situations like what occurred in Philadelphia won't occur
19 here. I didn't hear a classification when we were talking
20 about police complaints. I didn't hear a classification
21 of mental health crisis as one of the issues. I think the
22 second thing is I heard snippets today suggesting that
23 there are protocols that may not be being followed in
24 terms of evaluating citizen complaints. I think a clear
25 public presentation of what the protocol is supposed to

1 be is critical for us to have faith in the police
2 commission. And as someone else said, yes, we have to
3 vote. But again, we need to deal with the mental health
4 issues and there needs to be more transparency. I yield
5 my time.

6 MR. BROWN: Ms. Ashley Smith.

7 MS. A. SMITH: Yes. I'm Ashley Smith. And then, this
8 meeting was very difficult to listen to. I don't believe
9 Commissioner Burton should have been kicked out in that
10 manner. It rubbed me the wrong way. It just didn't come
11 off professional. Perhaps this board should really look
12 at getting a parliamentarian to keep things in order
13 because being a chairman is a difficult job in itself.
14 Also, another point I have to make is that we have
15 complained, I know I personally complained about Dwayne
16 Jones being promoted and so have multiple people here and
17 it went nowhere. It's very possible that I know that I've
18 lost, all confidence, not only in this board and this
19 meeting is a reason why, but also in the police
20 department, being that the charter is of no value to you
21 guys anymore. We have to really be realistic and just be
22 honest, that the validity of this department is not where
23 it should be. I don't know if you guys need to go on a
24 camping trip or do something together, but you guys need
25 to do some internal work and, Just create a better

1 atmosphere because it just seems like a lot of things are
2 personal and not professional and it's very
3 disappointing, especially for someone who is young and
4 should be able to look up to the Board of Police
5 Commissioners. I think there's more important things
6 going on where we could focus our time on as well. Mental
7 health training, as you all know, my sister was a victim
8 of police brutality, is very important and I hope, you
9 know, we've discussed this, but a true implementation
10 should be offered as well. So I yield my time.

11 MR. BROWN: Mr. Bowman.

12 MR. BOWMAN: It's become quite clear to me that
13 Commissioner Bell is not interested in Detroit having
14 effective civilian oversight. He has done everything
15 possible to make this board as any effective as possible.
16 Let's start with representation of the people themselves,
17 the people of Detroit. They elect commissioners at each
18 district to represent them. Regrettably, I am represented
19 by Commissioner Bell, but the people, the fifth district
20 are represented by Commissioner Burton. When you mute
21 Commissioner Burton, you are denying representation of a
22 hundred thousand residents of the fifth district. This is
23 a violation of civil rights. Civil rights require that
24 people have representation by population on governmental
25 bodies. We don't have that because you keep muting

1 Commissioner Burton. Secondly, yes, Dwayne Jones needs to
2 be fired. He is one example, one shining example of how
3 civilian oversight in this, board has been any effective.
4 There are many others. I don't know how many thousands of
5 complaints are sitting there unanswered because you play
6 cronyism in hiring people like your OCI people and your
7 secretary who can't count to five on a vote like last
8 week, and I learned to do that in preschool, by the way.
9 That's what you do. And it's all around Commissioner
10 Bell, Chairman Bell, and his little 'hoonta' Annie Holt
11 and Lisa Carter and he needs to step down, get out of the
12 way. And if you look at the city website, you've got
13 three commissioners there instead of the whole board now,
14 because we know that there's three people running the
15 show and pulling the strings like puppeteers. I yield.

16 MR. BROWN: Mr. Chair, your next three speakers will
17 be Ms. Cindy Dara followed by Ms. Tenae Hankins followed
18 by Ms. Michelle George. Ms. Dara? Let's go to Ms.
19 Hankins. Ms. Hankins?

20 MS. HANKINS: Hi, can you hear me?

21 MR. BROWN: Yes, ma'am.

22 MS. HANKINS: Okay. How are you doing? I'm trying to
23 find my statement. Well, anyway, this is an update to my
24 complaint that I have been submitting to the commission,
25 and I appreciate you all in your work regarding the

1 problems that I've been having with the 10th precinct and
2 their ambivalence and disrespect in terms of recognizing
3 the danger and helping me with my neighbor next door. I
4 do have an update. The new commander came to my house and
5 make a long story short, they started issuing
6 environmental hazards to the neighbor which she has
7 ignored for over a month. She has been breaking a law for
8 over a year, but the Commander's response is that the
9 past is the past, even right now is the past and the only
10 thing that they can do is suggest that I go to the best
11 of civil court. In other words, they're sentencing me to
12 another year of being harassed, threatened, bodily harm
13 etc. while the police do nothing about this woman
14 breaking the law. It's perfectly okay for her breaking
15 the law for another year and doing nothing. All the
16 while, threatening me and my family with arrest if we
17 remove the hazards and confront her. We have been told
18 that we can be arrested for malicious removal of
19 property, but they'll have the resources to arrest us
20 from getting rid of what's blocking me from getting right
21 next to my house, but they don't have the resources to
22 arrest her for threatening to shoot me, et cetera, I have
23 a problem with that and I wish you all would do something
24 to allow us to protect our property without being
25 threatened with arrest.

1 MR. BROWN: Ms. George.

2 MS. GEORGE: Yes. Mr. Brown?

3 MR. BROWN: Yes, ma'am.

4 MS. GEORGE: Yes, sir. Hello. First of all, to
5 Chairman Bell and to the board, I do, first of all,
6 Chairman Bell, I want to make a public apology to you
7 concerning my comment last week on the vote, the seven to
8 four about being illegal. I had some wise, people reach
9 out to me to explain that process so I want to apologize
10 to you publicly. I was always taught if you say something
11 publicly and you're not right, you apologize publicly. So
12 I want to apologize to your Chairman Bell. Dealing with
13 that seven to four vote I didn't understand the whole,
14 gamut of that being 11 so I hope you can accept my
15 apology with that.

16 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Ms. George. I do. Thank
17 you.

18 MS. GEORGE: Yes, sir and I did send you an email as
19 well.

20 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, ma'am. I received it.

21 MS. GEORGE: Oh, okay. Great. Thank you. Also,
22 hopefully for the reserve, police department, I'm
23 wondering, because there've been a lot of shootings
24 during the night and I will be reaching out. I'll write
25 the chief of police an email because I know Assistant

1 Chief Bettison did answer my email with, Sergeant Hewitt,
2 but I'm concerned about a lot of the gunshots that are
3 occurring during the night and just people in
4 neighborhoods, just keep calling 911. So maybe there's
5 going to be a device that we can--, the police
6 department, but I'll be reaching out with the ideas with
7 that. Dealing with the chaplain Corps, I did hear the
8 Assistant Chief stated that about the reserve having
9 guns, the chaplain Corps when they go out and I know,
10 Assistant Chief Bettison we did talk about that, they do
11 not have weapons and we know that a lot of times when
12 police officers are injured or killed in the line of duty
13 is dealing with domestic violence. But I'm just wondering
14 and I know there could be legalities because I know in
15 other counties there are chaplains carrying weapons so
16 I'm just wondering. Is there any way, I'm going to still
17 talk about that where the chaplains can be able-- They're
18 going out, given the resources in the community to be
19 able to be able to carry guns, and also with--?

20 MR. BROWN: Mr. Chair, before I call your next three
21 speakers, I see that Commissioner Burch has her hand
22 raised.

23 CHAIRPERSON BELL: I want to finish with the speakers
24 first and then we get to Commissioner Burch. Thank you.
25 This is their time.

1 MR. BROWN: Okay, sir, your next three speakers would
2 be Ms. Cindy Dara followed by JW and Ms. Sharon Panelli.
3 Ms. Dara?

4 MS. DARA: Yeah. I want to just remind you for long
5 time I said, I want you all the police and the
6 commissioners too to study the constitution every week.
7 The US constitution, the state constitution, the city
8 charter because I feel that you violate people's first
9 amendment rights when you say they are restricted in
10 their speech, that's a violation of first amendment
11 rights. Furthermore, what I'm concerned about is the
12 elections. I talked to somebody in Minnesota from my
13 union, IBW, and they have proven and have videos that
14 show that its white supremacists who tried to start all
15 the trouble that made the demonstrators look bad when
16 they were all peaceful demonstrators, the ones that were
17 more white supremacists and they've got videos and they
18 know but we haven't prepared. And I do think, I watch and
19 hope that that doesn't happen, but there is something.
20 Women's International League for Peace and Freedom they
21 sent me an email on how we should prepare if they try and
22 challenge the election, because, I would think you'd be
23 kind of discussing that if it's true that these people,
24 cause trouble in other places, probably in Philadelphia
25 too, they're out there. They're the ones that are

1 actually keying that thing and trying to make it look
2 like the demonstrators or the "liberals" are guilty. I
3 mean, it's ridiculous. So, I don't know what you're doing
4 about it, but I haven't heard any discussion. And, in my
5 neighborhood, you cut down the trees, I guess, so you can
6 put the cameras out there and watch the poor people or
7 the drug dealers, killed 50 year olds, 56 year old trees
8 that were surviving even though the city tried to girdle
9 them and kill them three years ago, but you don't--

10 MR. BROWN: JW.

11 JW: Good afternoon. Can I be heard?

12 MR. BROWN: Yes, ma'am.

13 JW: Okay, thank you. I would like to, respond to
14 Caller 7-7-7. I don't know if she lives in district five,
15 but I do. And so my elected police Commissioner is Willie
16 Burton and he is one of about the handful of elected
17 officials that I can think of that I feel is fighting for
18 my interest and fighting for the people's interests. So I
19 wonder if caller 7-7-7 knows Erica Ward Gerson who I
20 believe she's a millionaire, friend of Mike Duggan who's
21 the Chair of the Detroit Land Bank Authority. If you want
22 to talk about outsiders in Detroit, maybe you should go
23 look at that outsider and her lack of concern for the
24 residents of Detroit. And I agree with the last caller.
25 It is true. People put these-- Troublemakers, who come to

1 protest to make protesters look bad. I've seen them
2 before. And so again, I don't think it's a positive thing
3 to be making this us versus them argument. It really kind
4 of plays into Police Chief Craig's, his little rhetoric.
5 And I think that was really inappropriate of him to do
6 that. also, I think Commissioner Willie Bell's behavior
7 is embarrassing, but I'd also like to know why the police
8 filed charges in a case where a police officer doesn't
9 have his video, didn't even write the complaint? Because
10 you're charging some first amendment violations. I will
11 be giving a call to Mr. Akbar's office today. I fully
12 disagree with him. My experience is a very unsatisfactory
13 experience about investigations. You don't share hardly
14 any information with the people. It doesn't look like you
15 take it seriously.

16 MR. BROWN: Mr. Chair, Ms. Sharon Panelli
17 would be your last speaker.

18 MS. P: Hello. Am I muted?

19 MR. BROWN: Yes, ma'am.

20 MS. P: Hi. I want to first off thank everybody for
21 the condolences about my sister-in-law and my brother
22 that was in the hospital. He's out. I'm so embarrassed.
23 I've been coming to these meetings for a long time, way
24 longer than all these people that are on this line. What
25 I come on this meeting to listen to is about the crime,

1 the update. I don't want to hear all that chaos and the
2 commissioners need to get together and have a meeting
3 before the meeting so we don't have to hear all of this
4 mess. I mean, I am so embarrassed. I've been on these
5 meetings since 2009. This is so embarrassing. That's all
6 I have to say. Thank you very much.

7 MR. BROWN: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Burch still has
8 her hand up.

9 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Burch, you've got the
10 floor.

11 MS. WHITE: Commissioner Burch?

12 COMMISSIONER BURCH: No, I didn't have my hand up Ms.
13 White.

14 MS. WHITE: Okay. Thank you.

15 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Brown, thank
16 you Commissioner and thank you, AC Stair and AC Bettison
17 on the call. We look forward to having a safe weekend.
18 This is a very crucial weekend as we move towards the
19 young people having the celebration of Halloween, which
20 we traditionally do, but it's not going to be
21 traditional, but at least they can do the treat. And I
22 just want to close on that note. Callers have responded
23 to some of our concern. I hope that the commissioner
24 understand that they are quite clear. I'm quite clear. I
25 have heard from so many folks that's concerned about this

1 board. So on that note, if there's no other business, we
2 stand adjourned, with a motion to that effect. And keep
3 Commissioner Carter in your prayers.

4 MS. WHITE: Mr. Chair?

5 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes?

6 MS. WHITE: We missed your last statement, sir.

7 CHAIRPERSON BELL: I'm breaking up a little. I'm
8 sorry.

9 MS. WHITE: Yes. If you can go ahead with your last
10 statement and then into adjournment. We didn't catch the
11 last statement, sir.

12 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Well, I'm asking for an
13 adjournment. Can you hear me?

14 MS. WHITE: Yes, sir.

15 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Move for adjournment, sir.

16 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, ma'am.

17 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Support.

18 COMMISSIONER JONES: Support.

19 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Okay, it's been properly moved and
20 supported. Those in favor, aye?

21 ALL: Aye.

22 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Good night.

23 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Good night and be safe.

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