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- 1 MS. WHITE: Good afternoon again and welcome to the
- 2 Detroit Board of Police Commissioners meeting. Today's
- 3 date is Thursday, February 4, 2021. And please note the
- 4 following reminders for virtual meetings on zoom.us. As
- 5 previously indicated the following messages are regarding
- 6 the zoom policies: attendees do not need to identify
- 7 themselves if they would like to make a comment.
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- 9 will be masked by zoom.
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- 12 email is not visible to panelists or attendees. This is a
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- 16 be fine for logging in.
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- 18 please adhere to the Board's Bylaws and zoom's policies
- 19 of using this forum appropriately. Failure to adhere to
- 20 the policies will result in dismissal from the meeting.
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- BOPC@Detroitmi.gov, or you call (313) 596-1830 and
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- is distributed each Tuesday to some 360 people. Please
- 16 also subscribe to GovDelivery where now over 5,800 people
- 17 who receive BOPC news alerts and draft agendas. You may
- 18 sign up on the Detroitmi.gov homepage for more
- 19 information. Also, see the BOPC link and other
- 20 information that is also available on the board's
- 21 Facebook page.
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- 23 meeting will use a forum for public comments and you can
- 24 sign up on Smartsheet without an email address. The board
- of police commissioners allows one hour from 3:00 to 4:00



- 1 PM for the public to request to speak during public
- 2 comments or oral communications on the agenda. To make a
- 3 request without Smartsheet, meeting participants may use
- 4 the "raise hand" icon on the website, or they may press
- 5 star nine (*9) on the telephone.
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- 7 Upon joining the meeting, participants will join the
- 8 meeting muted. Please do not start your video unless
- 9 invited to do so by the host. Video, images, or
- 10 unprotected speech deemed inappropriate by the Chair will
- 11 result in your dismissal from the meeting. Please
- 12 remember that you may complete the Smartsheet form. You
- 13 may use the Zoom controls on your computer screen "raise
- 14 hand," or you may dial star nine (*9) from a mobile
- 15 device. You may use any one of these options by 4:00 PM
- 16 to be acknowledged for public comments.
- 17 And lastlry regarding public comments, each speaker
- 18 will have two minutes to speak. The BOPC staff will
- 19 acknowledge each speaker. We ask that you remain
- 20 respectful and professional and refrain from violating
- 21 the Board's Bylaws, zoom's terms of services, and other
- 22 relevant laws and ordinances, which are posted on all
- 23 meeting access forums.
- 24 At this time, please silence your phones and other
- 25 background sounds to prevent interrupting the meeting.



- 1 And please honorable board and Chief Craig and other DPD
- 2 executives and panelists please note you have the ability
- 3 to enable or disable your microphone at any time during
- 4 the meeting or enable or disable your video for your
- 5 convenience and any time during the meeting. Honorable
- 6 Board you have also received various email
- 7 correspondences in preparation for this afternoon's
- 8 meeting. That information was included in your Tuesday
- 9 packet as well as additional information as recent as
- 10 this afternoon. At this time thanks you and now
- 11 Chairperson Bell.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Ms. White. Good
- 13 afternoon. Commissioners. It's good to see you and hear
- 14 you for this afternoon's meeting at three o'clock. As a
- 15 public know, I am Commissioner Willie Bell the Chair of
- 16 the Board from District 4. I'm going to ask Chaplin
- 17 Hudson shortly to give the invocation, but I'm just going
- 18 to ask for a moment of silence for the two FBI agents
- 19 that were shot and killed in the line of duty in Florida,
- 20 and also the US Capitol police officer that was
- 21 funeralized yesterday. Could we have a moment of silence
- 22 then after that Chaplin Gwen Hudson will render the
- 23 invocation, please. Thank you. Chaplin Hudson.
- 24 CHAPLIN HUDSON: Father, in the name of Jesus. First
- of all, God, we come to you asking that you would forgive



- 1 us for our sins. We repent now. Father, we ask that you
- 2 will look upon this meeting as a whole. We ask God that
- 3 you will look upon those that are sick, the ones that are
- 4 shut-in, the ones that are breathings, and the ones that
- 5 are lonely. God, the ones that don't even know who you
- 6 are. We ask that you will look upon this meeting. Every
- 7 person that's represented in this meeting. God, we ask
- 8 that you will look upon them as a whole, even in this
- 9 meeting Father, we thank you for the wisdom, the
- 10 knowledge, and the understanding that you have given
- 11 these officials to lead the City of Detroit. We continue
- 12 to pray for our officers. We continue to pray for our
- 13 Chief. We continue to pray for our governor. We continue
- 14 to pray for the nation as a whole. We continue to pray
- 15 for those God that are battling with COVID. We ask God
- 16 that you will look upon those that I've taken a shot. We
- 17 ask father God in the name of Jesus that your wisdom,
- 18 knowledge, and understanding will be in everything that
- 19 has, that will be done today. We don't take it lightly
- 20 and we don't take it for granted that we are still in the
- 21 land of the living. We asked to continue to bless this
- 22 family. And we thank you for what you're doing this day
- 23 in Jesus' name. Amen. Amen.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. Introduction of our
- 25 Commissioners. I'm going to start with our Vice-Chair.



- 1 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Oh, thank you, Chair Bell. Yes, I
- 2 am Commissioner Vice-Chair Holt, member at large and
- 3 Chair, I'd like to share a micro mini spiel about the
- 4 COVID vaccination and who now have access to that
- 5 vaccination please, sir?
- 6 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes ma'am.
- 7 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Okay. Thank you. All right, now I
- 8 believe everyone in the city knew at one time you had to
- 9 be at least 75 years old to receive the COVID-19
- 10 vaccination or you could receive, if you were younger,
- 11 say 65, you could be responsible for driving down those
- older adult people who were 75. Well, now that apparently
- 13 the demand has manifest itself. We have enough vaccine, I
- 14 quess, but in any event, the age has now dropped to 65
- 15 years, plus. And in addition to that if you are a foood-
- 16 service worker, or if you are an employee with the
- 17 commercial janitorial service, you too can make an
- 18 appointment and have the vaccination administered. Now
- 19 the number for that appointment down at TCL is 12300505.
- 20 Yes. I believe the Mayor made an observation that food
- 21 handler people, and again, those working with the
- 22 janitorial services, would be considered for highest in
- 23 those folks who need the vaccination. And on that note,
- 24 thank you, Chair Bell.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. District 1. District 2.



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- 1 District 3.
- 2 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Good afternoon.
- 3 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Oh, Chair Bell.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes. I'm sorry. My mic was muted.
- 5 I am here Darryl Brown, Commissioner District 1. And also
- 6 just like to make mention that we did lose one of our
- 7 soldiers here in Wayne County family, Abena Hogan who was
- 8 very known and well-respected in the area with a lot of
- 9 work she did in the 13th and 14th congressional district.
- 10 I just wanted to make mention of that.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you for sharing. She
- 12 definitely was a strong community activist for the County
- 13 clerk and she had impacted so many people over the years.
- 14 So thank you for bringing that to our attention. We
- 15 definitely render to the Wayne County family and also to
- 16 her family. Our condolence and our prayers.
- 17 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I'm sorry, Mr. Chair. I didn't
- 18 know my microphone was muted. Linda Bernard, present.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District 2.
- 20 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Linda Bernard is here.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District 3.
- 22 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Good afternoon. I'm sorry.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.
- 24 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Can you hear me now?
- 25 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Over and over.



- 1 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Okay, good. Commissioner Shirley
- 2 Burch.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON BELL: We're getting some feedback.
- 4 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Hello personally to Chief Craig
- 5 and welcome back and respect where you live.
- 6 MRS WHITE: We will work with, through the Chair. We
- 7 will work with Commissioner Burch's technology. Thank
- 8 you.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON BELL: I understand. District 5.
- 10 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Commissioner Burton is here.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. District 6.
- 12 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Good afternoon. Everyone. Lisa
- 13 Carter
- 14 COMMISSIONER: District 6.
- 15 MRS. WHITE: Chair?
- VICE-CHAIR HOLT: He is stalled at this point. Ms.
- 17 White.
- 18 MRS. WHITE: Yes.
- 19 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: He's back, I don't know.
- 20 COMMISSIONER JONES: He's muted.
- 21 MRS. WHITE: His microphone is here.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON BELL: We have District 7.
- MRS. WHITE: Yes, sir. Thank you.
- 24 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Good afternoon everyone. This is
- 25 Police Commissioner, William Davis. Love where you work



- 1 officers.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. Commissioner
- 3 Hernandez At Large.
- 4 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Good afternoon. Jesus
- 5 Hernandez, At Large, present.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Jones.
- 7 COMMISSIONER JONES: Good afternoon everyone. Police
- 8 Commissioner Martin Jones, At-Large.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. Commissioner Holley
- 10 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Jim Holley present.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.
- MRS. WHITE: Mr. Chair, you have a quorum.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Well, thank you, Ms. White. We
- 14 move on to the next item with the agenda for February
- 15 4th, 2021.
- 16 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: So move.
- 17 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Second.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON BELL: It's been properly moved and
- 19 second. Any discussion? All those in favor?
- 20 ALL: Aye. Aye.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON BELL: All those opposed? Thank you, the
- 22 motion carries. The next item would be the approval of
- 23 the minutes for January 21st? Are there any corrections
- 24 to the minutes?
- 25 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Yes, Mr. Chairman.



- 1 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes ma'am.
- 2 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I took some notes. Let me just
- 3 get to my notes real quick here. The first is that, as
- 4 you may recall, during that discussion, we discussed
- 5 increasing the HR personnel for DPD by five people, which
- 6 is almost a 50% increase. And of course, I was opposed to
- 7 that increase, a permanent increase for a software
- 8 update, essentially a new software program. And the
- 9 minutes don't indicate that. Secondly, the minutes also
- 10 indicate that the looking at my I wrote too quickly
- and I can't even read my own writing. The minutes also
- 12 indicate that Commissioner Burton was silenced, but they
- 13 do not indicate that he was barred from the rest of the
- 14 meeting. I think that's an important thing that should
- 15 have been added. And I can't think of the third thing. I
- 16 can't read my own writing, so I apologize.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.
- 18 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Discussion.
- 19 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Oh, Oh, Oh, Mr. Chairman, it
- 20 relates to you directly. There, was a commentary in the
- 21 minutes about the presentation of DPDs budget. And I
- 22 assume that Chief Craig will do that and, or his
- 23 operatives. In the past, at least within my experience,
- 24 the DPD's budget was presented jointly by the Chief and
- 25 by the Chairman of the Board or a Board representative.



- 1 And I think it's important that a Board representative be
- 2 present at that meeting and be counted among those people
- 3 because there are only like two or three things that we
- 4 do that are really important. And one of them is of
- 5 course approving the budget of the department. And I
- 6 think the City Council looks to us as well as the Chief
- 7 for affirmation regarding that budget. So in addition to
- 8 my requesting that you or whoever your designee is attend
- 9 that meeting directly, I would ask that the other Board
- 10 members attend as well. You have no idea how much you
- 11 will learn about the DPD as a result of that discussion.
- 12 It lasts about three or four hours, at least. And the
- 13 Chief knows, and then sometimes they come back and
- 14 there's more discussion. You learn so much about the
- 15 budget and so much about the department in that
- 16 presentation that I urge all my colleagues to be online.
- 17 I'm not saying participate if we're not able to talk, but
- 18 I do think Mr. Chairman, that because it's our charter
- 19 mandated responsibility that you or your designee
- 20 participate along with the Chief in that budget
- 21 presentation.
- 22 COMMISSIONER JONES: Through the Chair.
- 23 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Further discussion.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON BELL: The question on the table.
- COMMISSIONER DAVIS: So you are going to bypass me, I



- 1 asked before he did.
- 2 COMMISSIONER JONES: I apologize, Commissioner
- 3 William Davis, go right ahead.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Could you just pause for a minute.
- 5 Commissioner Bernard, there is a protocol with the
- 6 Council in the whole process is a standard protocol, how
- 7 that works. So thank you for sharing.
- 8 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Yes, I've been there and done
- 9 it. I know.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Well, thank you.
- 11 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Thank you.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Davis.
- 13 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Okay. Also, the minutes from the
- 14 21st should also indicate the fact that not only was
- 15 Commissioner Burton removed, but I pointed out to the
- 16 Chair and to the rest of the Board the fact that the
- 17 Chair does not have the authority to remove a
- 18 Commissioner without a vote of the Board and about the
- 19 Chair violated our bylaws and the Charter. That should
- 20 also be reflected in the minutes.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. Commissioner Jones.
- 22 COMMISSIONER JONES: Yes. I was just going to move to
- 23 the point that the question on the table was about the
- 24 approval for the minutes. And I believe that some of the
- 25 objections to the minutes or the ad-on were there, but



- 1 then it went into something else.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. Ms. White will make
- 3 some corrections, but if we have tried to explain to the
- 4 past, not everything's included in the minutes verbatim,
- 5 but for the verbatim transcript, it covered our minutes.
- 6 That is the format that we went over in terms of the
- 7 training process with Parliamentary. So duly noted. If
- 8 there are no other corrections.
- 9 COMMISSIONER BURTON: To the Chair.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Burton.
- 11 COMMISSIONER BURTON: You know, I just want to make
- 12 note that the January 21st minutes, we have not gotten a
- 13 hard copy yet. I did specifically ask for a hard copy
- 14 last week. I was in a Board meeting yesterday, in a
- 15 Board's office yesterday, I picked up my packet, and
- 16 there was still not a hard copy of the full official
- 17 transcript. There were only two pages or approximately
- 18 from an unofficial transcript from the Board's interim
- 19 secretary.
- 20 MRS. WHITE: Through the Chair.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Ms. White
- MRS. WHITE: Through the Chair. All of the Board's
- 23 meeting documents for last week and this week were
- 24 distributed to the Board members on Tuesday as required
- 25 and delivered as a courtesy to those Commissioners who



- 1 had requested in-person deliveries on Wednesday. And then
- 2 we also send it out electronically again on Thursday. So
- 3 every single document that the Board is required to have
- 4 for its meeting was included in all of the packets that
- 5 were distributed. Additionally, for those Commissioners
- 6 who have opted not to receive in-person deliveries, your
- 7 packets are still at the Board's office waiting to be
- 8 picked up. There are a number of documents in the first
- 9 cubicle in the Board's suite that includes those packets
- 10 that have not been retrieved by those Commissioners who
- 11 have opted not to have in-person deliveries. Thank you.
- 12 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I picked up my packet
- 13 yesterday. I didn't leave the office.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you Commissioner Burton,
- 15 Commissioner Burton.
- 16 COMMISSIONER BURTON: And there was not an official
- 17 copy of the transcript recorded whatsoever.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Burton.
- 19 COMMISSIONER BURTON: We are still requesting a hard
- 20 copy. In fact, I was in the office Thursday for two
- 21 hours.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Burton, this is my
- 23 first and last warning. If you don't stop talking when
- 24 the Chair is speaking.
- 25 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Point of order Mr. Chairman.



- 1 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Then I will take the question.
- 2 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Point of order Mr. Chairman.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. I just want to say the
- 4 minutes are approved with the necessary corrections,
- 5 which is a standard format for the Robert Russo audit. We
- 6 went over that process. So now we move on to the next
- 7 minutes would be January 28th,
- 8 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: I move that we accept the minutes
- 9 for January 28th, 2021.
- 10 COMMISSIONER JONES: I second.
- 11 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Support.
- 12 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Discussion.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Any the corrections---
- 14 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Discussion.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON BELL: --- to the minutes.
- 16 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Discussion.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON BELL: We're having that discussion now,
- 18 sir.
- 19 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Are you calling on me, sir?
- 20 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir. I want to say this. The
- 21 minutes are before you. Are there any correction for the
- 22 minutes at this time? So do you have any corrections or
- 23 addition to the minutes?
- 24 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yes, sir.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir.



- 1 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: The minutes should reflect the
- 2 fact that I indicated in the meeting, the fact that the
- 3 HR director selection process was flawed, it was in
- 4 violation and that it violated our bylaws and our
- 5 Charter. That should be reflected also.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Any other correction or addition?
- 7 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Yes. Mr. Chairman it's just an
- 8 addition that I want the minutes to reflect on our vote
- 9 last week to overrule you on a decision. There's a
- 10 question that you voted in that process, and it's the
- 11 question of whether or not you had a right to participate
- 12 in essence, you were the one being sanctioned, and if
- 13 that's true and we find that out to me, that motion would
- 14 have stood. And that would've meant the motion would have
- 15 come back before this table, this HR personnel thing that
- 16 I'm going to still investigate. I just want to bring that
- 17 to your attention.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. If there are no other
- 19 corrections to the minutes are approved as corrected and
- 20 it's definite but I'm going to say once again,
- 21 Commissioners, not everything is recorded in the minutes
- 22 that you state. There is a process that we went over
- 23 quite lengthy in reference to how it works, but we're
- 24 going to move on to the next item. Ms. White.
- MRS. WHITE: Yes. Through the Chair, the Department



- 1 of Innovation and Technology is monitoring and recording
- 2 the Board's meeting today. Our court reporter today is
- 3 Mr. Don Handyside and the following Board staff members
- 4 are in attendance today, Mr. Robert Brown Administrative
- 5 Specialist, Ms. Theresa Blossom, Community Relations
- 6 Coordinator, Ms. Jonya Underwood, Administrative
- 7 Assistant, Ms. Tiffany Stewart investigator, Lieutenant
- 8 James Coles representing Police Recruitment Division and
- 9 Police HR Division, Interim Chief Investigator Laurence
- 10 Akbar, Supervising Investigator Anthony Cranwell,
- 11 Supervising Investigator Lasonya Sloan, Senior
- 12 Investigator Rosalia Madrigal, also Assistant Corporation
- 13 Counsel Erica Savage-Whitley is also present and the BOPC
- 14 intern Ms. Yaritza Espinoza, Wayne State University
- 15 student is also present on the line. Thank you.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Ms. White, for the
- 17 staff and all the individuals that you called that's in
- 18 attendance. We appreciate them taking part in the Board
- 19 meeting this afternoon. It's good to see Chief Craig.
- 20 Chief Craig, it's good to see you. I want to give you the
- 21 opportunity of introduction, I know you don't have a
- 22 whole script, but I just want to recognize whoever you
- 23 want to recognize, and we appreciate your involvement in
- 24 this afternoon meeting.
- 25 CHIEF CRAIG: Thank you and good afternoon Chair Bell



- 1 and Honorable Board of Police Commissioners. Glad to be
- 2 here because I can't see everybody on the screen. I'm not
- 3 certain who from the departments here and Ms. White, if I
- 4 could indulge you, I think you can see all the DPD
- 5 participants.
- 6 MRS. WHITE: Yes, sir. Through the Chair, I see
- 7 Lieutenant Gardner on the line, Assistant Chief Todd
- 8 Bettison, Captain Aric Tosqui, Captain Jevon Johnson,
- 9 Captain Lena Liddell, Commander Kyra Hope, and there are
- 10 a number of other guests, and forgive me. But yes, sir,
- 11 those are the ones that I see at this time.
- 12 CHIEF CRAIG: All right. Thank you very much.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON BELL: I want to thank Chief Craig and
- 14 all the DPD staff that's attending this meeting. We
- 15 appreciate you in terms of your ongoing support of the
- 16 Board of Police Commission. We continue our interaction
- 17 in 2021.
- 18 CHIEF CRAIG: Thank you. Thank you Chair.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Okay. And I hope that you all
- 20 will, I know you had your second shot, Chief Craig.
- 21 CHIEF CRAIG: I had my second shot and in the
- 22 interest of full disclosure, it was a rough four days for
- 23 me.
- VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Wow. Sorry.
- 25 CHIEF CRAIG: You know, and some get no reaction to



- 1 the second shot.
- 2 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: None for me.
- 3 CHIEF CRAIG: I reacted for the first shot, the
- 4 second shot. But I think what they're telling me is
- 5 because I had COVID.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Okay.
- 7 CHIEF CRAIG: My response is different. It's like the
- 8 body is starting to try to fight what it believes to be
- 9 COVID. So my dad just got his second shot, not one
- 10 symptom.
- 11 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Me either.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON BELL: I'm glad to see you're still
- 13 standing. I'm with your dad. I took my second shot on
- 14 Monday evening and I haven't had any problems so far. So
- 15 I appreciate it. I know you had some concerns going into
- 16 it. That's I mentioned that.
- 17 CHIEF CRAIG: Thank you.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Encouraging to see you this
- 19 afternoon.
- 20 CHIEF CRAIG: Appreciate it.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Okay. We've got to move on to the
- 22 Chair report. As we all know, as African-American and
- 23 hopefully the nation knows, this is Black History Month.
- 24 We celebrate and we also try to educate in terms of the
- 25 legacy and the ongoing responsibility as African-



- 1 Americans. I think more people appreciate it in 2021,
- 2 more so than ever. So I just want to open up by saying,
- 3 quoting Malcolm X. "You can't separate peace from freedom
- 4 because no one can be at peace unless he or she has his
- 5 freedom". Malcolm X. We move right into my remarks.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON BELL: The Board recently conducted a
- 7 process with the City Resource Division in preparation
- 8 towards filling a vacancy of director of police
- 9 personnel. As part of that process, each of our
- 10 department took on the process to recruit posts and
- 11 screened the candidates resume because the Board does not
- 12 currently have a sub-committee structure. The main point
- 13 that this item was very well-vetted. It is well known to
- 14 all Board members that we were completing this process
- 15 with City HR. That City HR was conducting the search and
- 16 screening and that the Board received a top candidate
- 17 from City HR to make a final decision. Everyone was aware
- of each step of the process, and there was no objection
- 19 until this time. Time is of essence in filling this
- 20 position. In lieu of some of the questions raised last
- 21 week, I've asked the recruiter to return. Mr. Conrad
- 22 explained on the record, the recruiting process that took
- 23 place regarding the Director of Police Personnel
- 24 position. Mr. Conrad.
- MRS. WHITE: As through the Chair, we are moving him



- 1 to the panelists' gallery, sir.
- 2 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: These are new with this hot rod
- 3 motorcycle, it looks like.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Here he is.
- 5 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Oh, hi there.
- 6 MR. CONRAD: Good afternoon. I was given about five-
- 7 minute notice. Sorry about that.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. Appreciate it.
- 9 MR. CONRAD: What would you like me to speak to?
- 10 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Give an overview of the process
- 11 that we initiated with you in reference to posting and
- 12 hiring not hiring, but the whole process of dealing
- 13 with the director of personnel?
- MR. CONRAD: I'll be glad to.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON BELL: We reported on it before, but we
- 16 want to make sure that we cover that basic again.
- 17 MR. CONRAD: Okay. Very good. So in October, I was
- 18 contacted by Ms. White to assist in the recruitment and
- 19 selection of a Director of Police Personnel. I gladly
- 20 offered my assistance. I worked directly with Denise
- 21 Starr, the Director of HR and she and I have both been
- 22 involved with this process from day one of being
- 23 contacted. The position as the job description has
- 24 already been in our files, and been on record for a
- 25 number of years was posted on October 20th, 2020. The



- 1 closing date was 11/19/2020 at midnight. After it had
- 2 closed, there were 39 candidates that had applied for
- 3 this position. I will let you know that this is an
- 4 appointed position. It is not a civil servant position.
- 5 Appointed means that it is appointed by the Board of
- 6 Police Personnel and therefore serves at the discretion
- 7 of the Board of Police Personnel.
- 8 MR. CONRAD: So whatever process that I go through,
- 9 which I'll explain is not necessarily governed by any
- 10 rules, it's governed by what I would refer to as best
- 11 practices and what we do with other appointed officials
- 12 at the city. I was asked to take a look at the 39
- 13 applicants and be able to determine who met the minimum
- 14 qualifications and reading the memo of qualifications, I
- 15 think it's important that we do read them out loud again.
- 16 It's a bachelor's degree from a college or university in
- 17 personal management, organizational management, or other
- 18 related fields that demonstrates competency for planning,
- 19 administrating, and operating a complex organization,
- 20 similar to the personnel unit of the Detroit Police
- 21 Department. And then 10 years of personal management
- 22 experience in a position equivalent to the level of
- 23 director, deputy director, senior administrator
- 24 coordinator, or senior supervisor. An equivalent
- 25 combination of education experience and special



- 1 certifications may be substituted to meet the education
- 2 and experience requirements of this position.
- 3 MR. CONRAD: I took a look at each one of the
- 4 candidates that applied. I determined that six candidates
- 5 met those qualifications and that I gathered their
- 6 resumes and I was invited to attend a Board meeting. At
- 7 that point, we reviewed each one of the candidates at the
- 8 Board meeting. I can't tell you exactly who was present
- 9 at that time, but the Board reviewed each one of the
- 10 resumes. I talked about experiencing qualifications,
- 11 special qualifications that each person held. It was
- 12 determined that we were going to move forward with three
- 13 out of the six, meaning that if we were going to be
- 14 interviewing that we probably couldn't interview all six
- of them in one evening. We were going to narrow down the
- 16 pool down to three of the best candidates. That was
- determined by the police personnel and, excuse me, the
- 18 Board of Police Commissioners. And at that point, we set
- 19 up interviews. We set them up for one week a few weeks
- 20 ago. On that evening we had actually one of the
- 21 candidates pulled out at the last minute. They did not
- 22 want to be involved with being interviewed in a public
- 23 setting. So I understood that. That brought us down to
- 24 two candidates. The two candidates were interviewed with
- 25 questions that were developed both by the Board of Police



- 1 Commissioners, along with my test development unit, who
- 2 does thousands of these a year, AC Starr and myself
- 3 repeated the same questions to each one of the two
- 4 candidates. And we had an opportunity to take notes while
- 5 they were discussing their qualifications. At the end of
- 6 our questions, we open it up to the members of the Board
- 7 and each one of the members of the Board was able to
- 8 present a question that was important, that they felt
- 9 [audio distortion] position and was important to them.
- 10 That opportunity was given, and we went through those
- 11 discussions that night. And here we are today. We have
- 12 two candidates. I believe that the Board felt strongly in
- 13 favor of one candidate, but it's now up to the Board of
- 14 Police Commissioners to make that selection if they
- 15 desire from those two and we would move forward with an
- 16 appointment. Respectfully, through the Chair, that is a
- 17 kind of a summary. If anybody has any questions, please
- 18 do not hesitate to ask.
- 19 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Mr. Chair.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir.
- 21 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Question sir. I know initially,
- 22 I heard you say something to the effect that you had
- 23 submitted 11 names, 11 potential candidates.
- 24 MR. CONRAD: I know there were six names initially
- 25 submitted because I gathered all their information and



- 1 put them in a folder.
- 2 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Okay, so.
- 3 MR. CONRAD: I do not remember 11.
- 4 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Okay. So the other Commissioners
- 5 that were involved in this secret meeting, they all had
- 6 resumes for all the so called six, right?
- 7 MR. CONRAD: When I gave them to, through the Chair.
- 8 When I gave them to Ms. White, I put them in one folder
- 9 and she was able to provide that to the Board members.
- 10 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Where they also able to see the
- information on the other 39 people that applied?
- MR. CONRAD: No. No one other than myself saw all 39.
- 13 There's just no reason to look at somebody that doesn't
- 14 meet the qualifications because it would not be prudent
- 15 to put them into the position. I think there was some
- 16 discussion of taking a look at 39 and the mechanics of
- 17 what that would look like. But you also have to
- 18 understand that there is a degree of privacy that is owed
- 19 to any of these candidates and therefore doing that might
- 20 not be prudent. In other words, I'll give you an example.
- 21 We had one of the lead candidates pull out. This is a
- 22 public setting. If you were to display 39 names of people
- 23 that are gainfully employed throughout the city in some
- 24 very large companies and that put their position in
- 25 jeopardy. I don't think that that's a best practice,



- 1 respectfully.
- 2 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Through the Chair.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir.
- 4 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Mr. Conrad. One of the things I
- 5 like to point out, which is just your last statement,
- 6 just to note that we've never had public interviews. The
- 7 committee that we used to have would make that
- 8 recommendation to the Board and then bring that one
- 9 person that we recommended before the Board. So I think
- 10 the way that this was done violated the integrity of the
- 11 whole process. Secondly, I would personally appreciate it
- 12 if you would just stop using a language saying that you
- 13 talk to this Board and this Board, because this Board
- 14 didn't give anyone permission to do anything. Because I
- 15 was never talked to, I was never given that information
- or anything. So all the Board minutes were not inclusive
- 17 of this entire process, and I'm going to leave that right
- 18 there.
- 19 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I just have one question, Mr.
- 20 Conrad. Are you a consultant to who you said Denise Starr
- 21 for HR, for the City of Detroit.
- 22 MR. CONRAD: I am employed directly, through the
- 23 Chair Ms. Bernard. Thank you for that question. I am
- 24 employed directly with the general City of Detroit. I've
- 25 been employed with the City of Detroit for five years



- 1 now, and I report to Director Starr.
- 2 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Thank you. I wasn't sure if
- 3 you were internal or external.
- 4 MR. CONRAD: I'm internal.
- 5 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Through the Chair.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, ma'am.
- 7 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Okay. Now, I came on board in 2019,
- 8 and soon after then, the committees were dismantled. But
- 9 do I understand that the personnel committee that
- 10 comprised of members from the Board would preview the
- 11 resumes and based on that committee's recommendation,
- then their presentation would go to the entire Board. Is
- 13 that the way the process worked at one time, Chair Bell?
- 14 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Yes.
- 15 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Okay. So what's the difference this
- 16 time, please, because I'm just confused, honestly.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Are you speaking to me, Vice-
- 18 Chair Holt?
- 19 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: I'm speaking to Chair Bell or any
- 20 of the other Commissioners that he asked to speak on
- 21 that.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON BELL: In the past, I think we have
- 23 utilized different methods since I've been on board, but
- 24 we wanted to pursue the best practice of initiating this
- 25 process of hiring staff. So therefore we engaged the



- 1 professional to conduct that process. And I think in the
- 2 past there had been some process that, as I recall, the
- 3 past director of personnel, I am at a loss for the name
- 4 right now, but ---
- 5 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Gail Oxidine.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, Oxidine went through the
- 7 process. She was a well-experienced person. I know for
- 8 the Board Secretary, she conducted a search also with HR
- 9 and the sector. So we wanted to have the best practice to
- 10 do it the right way this time around. Does that answer
- 11 your question?
- 12 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: It sounded great. Another question,
- 13 perhaps to Mr. Conrad, correct? Was a quorum at the
- 14 meeting where the Board members that were invited,
- 15 appointed to that meeting. Was there a quorum at that
- 16 meeting, Mr. Conrad, through the Chair?
- 17 MR. CONRAD: You asking if it was a quorum?
- 18 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Right at the meeting.
- MR. CONRAD: I'm going to have to defer to Ms. White
- 20 on that.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON BELL: The Chair is speaking. Mr. Conrad
- 22 would not be in a position to know about a quorum of the
- 23 Board. The quorum of the Board is six and Ms. White and
- 24 myself know there were no six members' attending that
- 25 forum because that would be a violation of me as you



- 1 know, Vice-Chair Holt.
- 2 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Yes, sir.
- 3 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: It would only be a violation,
- 4 Commissioner Holt if, in fact, the meeting wasn't public.
- 5 Yes, and I can maybe fill in a little bit because I used
- 6 to be the lawyer for the Board.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Bernard, Commissioner
- 8 Bernard. You are speaking to the Chair, Mr. Conrad. I
- 9 think we can move on. There was no quorum, okay. Ms.
- 10 White can testify, there was no quorum of Commissioners
- 11 and the Commissioners know who they were. Any other
- 12 concerns for Mr. Conrad?
- 13 COMMISSIONER BURTON: To the Chair, to the Chair,
- 14 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Burton.
- 15 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Question Mr. Conrad. You know,
- 16 the full Board was not aware of the 39 names that
- 17 actually applied for the position. We weren't even aware
- 18 of how this process and procedure was going to take
- 19 place. You know, it was never defined with the process of
- 20 procedure for work. In addition to that, we didn't even
- 21 know far as my colleagues, we were not even aware that
- 22 the interviewing process was even taking place. We were
- 23 totally kept in the dark. This is you know, it raises a
- 24 lot of concerns. This is a very important matter that
- 25 includes our office which is the Board of Police



- 1 Commissioners. But also we should have been included in
- 2 this process and we were not, we didn't even know. We
- 3 didn't even see, the 39 resumes or references. We haven't
- 4 seen anything. And when I called for this in the last
- 5 meeting, the previous meeting that we are still waiting
- 6 to see who all applied for these positions. Just to throw
- 7 out three names and then say, well, we're going to go
- 8 with these two individuals. It's just blatantly wrong, is
- 9 blatantly wrong.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Burton, Mr. Conrad
- 11 indicated that he was the only person that was privileged
- 12 to the 39 candidates. And also the only interview that
- 13 was taken was before the full Board. We looked at resumes
- 14 prior to, so we want to move on. I think we can move on.
- 15 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Point of order Mr. Chairman. I
- 16 think the previous week it was mentioned that ---
- 17 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Holt, Commissioner
- 18 Holt.
- 19 COMMISSIONER BURTON: The Chief's of and the Mayor's
- 20 office came out of your mouth Mr. Chairman.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Burton, you do not
- 22 have the floor.
- 23 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Thank you Chair Bell.
- VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Yes, ma'am.
- 25 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: I move to approve the candidate,



- 1 Ms. Katrina Patillo for the position of Director of
- 2 Police Personnel.
- 3 COMMISSIONER JONES: I second.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON BELL: It has been properly moved and
- 5 second. Discussion.
- 6 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Discussion.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Mr. Davis.
- 8 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Sir, will you provide the whole
- 9 Board, the six names that were submitted, and your
- 10 criteria you use to eliminate the other three?
- 11 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Sir, we're at the point in time
- 12 that the motions on the floor, speaking to the candidate.
- 13 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: I'm speaking to the motion, sir.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Well, you just spoke to it. That's
- 15 how the process working now. Any other Commissioner,
- 16 discussion.
- 17 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Discussion.
- 18 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Are we going to have a vote?
- 19 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir. We're going to have a
- 20 vote,
- 21 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Is that going to be just a roll
- 22 call vote, Mr. Chairman?
- 23 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir. Roll call vote at this
- 24 time Vice-Chair Holt.
- 25 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Yes.



- 1 COMMISSIONER BROWN: I believe Commissioner Burton
- 2 wanted someone to hear the discussion, sir. I'm sorry
- 3 about interrupting you.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Well he made his point.
- 5 Commissioner Holt, go ahead, we have a roll call vote.
- 6 Commissioner Holt.
- 7 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Discussion, discussion, Mr.
- 8 Chairman.
- 9 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Yes, I vote to approve the
- 10 candidate Ms. Katrina Patillo for the position ---
- 11 COMMISSIONER BURTON: My hand is up Mr. Chair.
- 12 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: --- of police personnel.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. District 1.
- 14 COMMISSIONER BROWN: No.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District 2.
- 16 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: No, because of the process. I
- 17 like the candidate.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District 3.
- 19 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Yes.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. District 4. Bell, yes.
- 21 District 5.
- 22 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Mr. Chairman. My hand was up
- 23 for discussion.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District 5. Commissioner Burton,
- 25 are you voting?



1 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I will be voting no, with my

- 2 hand held up for discussion.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. District 6.
- 4 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Yes.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. District 7.
- 6 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: No, because of the process of
- 7 violating our bylaws and Charter.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. Commissioner Hernandez?
- 9 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Yes.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. Commissioner Jones.
- 11 COMMISSIONER JONES: Yes.
- 12 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Awe.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Did I hear an inappropriate
- 14 remark?
- 15 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: I'm sorry, Chair, maybe I say awe
- 16 too loudly?
- 17 CHAIRPERSON BELL: No. Okay. Okay. I just want to
- 18 remind the Commissioner, let's keep our decorum.
- 19 Commissioner Holley.
- 20 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Yes.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Ms. White.
- 22 MRS. WHITE: Through the Chair. There were, and
- 23 please excuse me if you did not cast your vote.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON BELL: I cast my vote.
- MRS. WHITE: There were seven yes votes. And there



- 1 were four no votes.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. The motion pass.
- 3 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Through the Chair.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes. Ma'am.
- 5 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: I move to approve the salary up to
- 6 the maximum of \$134,997 commensurate with the experience
- 7 and education of this candidate.
- 8 COMMISSIONER JONES: I second.
- 9 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I call to table.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON BELL: It has been moved and second.
- 11 Discussion.
- 12 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I have a question,
- 13 Commissioner Holt. Does that include her relocation
- 14 expenses or what is the total package that we're talking
- 15 about?
- 16 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: That's an interesting discussion.
- 17 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Because it's 130,000 it is
- 18 \$170,000 altogether. What are we talking about?
- 19 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: \$134,000, through the Chair, or Ms.
- 20 White, can we address Commissioner Linda? With regards
- 21 questions
- 22 CHAIRPERSON BELL: I'm going to ask Ms. White to
- 23 clarify that point that you're trying to make.
- VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Thank you.
- MRS. WHITE: Yes, sir. Through the Chair and also Mr.



- 1 Conrad can add additional information, but as previously
- 2 shared to the honorable Board, the jobs specification
- 3 cause for a specific range. And the maximum of that range
- 4 is \$134,000 as indicated in your documentation. The
- 5 motion that was just placed on the table is simply to
- 6 approve a motion up to the maximum of that range, not to
- 7 approve that amount, but to approve a maximum up to that
- 8 amount, to give the honorable Board room for
- 9 negotiations, a discussion that type of information with
- 10 the chosen candidate and Mr. Conrad If you have any
- 11 additional information.
- MR. CONRAD: Yes. That is just wages. It does not
- include any type of fringe or any type of relocation.
- 14 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Mr. Chairman.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes.
- 16 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: To Commissioner Bernard. She
- 17 lives in Bellevue. She doesn't live in Texas. She lives
- 18 in Bellevue.
- 19 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: No, she lives in Texas
- 20 Reverend Holley. She has a house in Bellevue. Like you
- 21 may have a house somewhere else, but she lives in Texas.
- 22 And that's where she interviewed with us from, that's
- 23 where her charities are. The things that she told us
- 24 about, all of those things are in Texas.
- 25 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: I'm sorry. I made a mistake.



- 1 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: No, and I just want to know
- 2 what the package was. I support the salary of Vice-Chair
- 3 Holt. I don't have a problem with that. She worth it, but
- 4 I just want to know what the total package is costing the
- 5 commission.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Okay. We got clarity on that. Roll
- 7 call vote.
- 8 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Through the Chair.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir.
- 10 COMMISSIONER BROWN: I believe Commissioner Burton
- 11 put a motion to the table and I want to second that
- 12 motion.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Sir, that's too late. We in a roll
- 14 call vote. That was not properly recognized. We have
- 15 moved on.
- 16 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Well then I'm going to get a
- 17 motion to table it then, and I can do that under voter
- 18 discussion.
- 19 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Second, second.
- 20 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Move to table.
- 21 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Second.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Okay.
- 23 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Because we need to have some
- 24 details. I talk about it under discussion.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Okay. Roll call vote. Discussion.



- 1 Roll call vote. We can start the process.
- 2 COMMISSIONER BROWN: So we're going to have a
- 3 discussion on the table and the motion for salary?
- 4 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Discussion at this time.
- 5 Discussion.
- 6 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Mr. Chairman, my issue is that
- 7 we don't even know what we've really voted on and what
- 8 dollar amount. Like my colleagues here, I like the
- 9 candidate. I liked the background. I love the experience,
- 10 but we need to be clear on what we're spending and what
- 11 we're costing the taxpayers in the overall expenditure. I
- 12 think it's irresponsible of us to just talk about just a
- 13 pay range and not including the whole package to bring
- 14 her here. And that's why I think we need to have that
- 15 discussion maybe in a closed session and then bring it
- 16 before the public so that we're all on one accord.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Any other discussion? There are no
- 18 arrangements to bring her here as an incentive or to
- 19 bring her here, to move her to the City of Detroit.
- 20 That's not part of the process at all, okay. Move on.
- 21 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Is she going to be working
- 22 remotely doing virtual work?
- 23 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Let's move, sir, let's move on.
- 24 Roll call vote, Vice-Chair Holt.
- 25 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: On what the vote is? What'd the



- 1 vote is?
- 2 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Up to the maximum range of
- 3 \$134,997.
- 4 COMMISSIONER BROWN: We're supposed to be voting a
- 5 table.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Excuse me. Excuse me.
- 7 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I second Commissioner Brown's
- 8 motion.
- 9 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Point of order.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Excuse me, excuse me. If you give
- 11 me an opportunity Ms. White would clarify what we voting
- 12 on.
- MRS. WHITE: Yes. Through the Chair. The motion on
- 14 the floor at this time is the motion to table the motion
- 15 that was previously made. So it's the motion to table
- 16 that vote on the salary discussion. So it's the motion to
- 17 table. That's the motion on the table at this time?
- 18 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Vice-Chair Holt.
- 19 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Oh, the motion to table, no.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District 1.
- 21 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Yes.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District 2.
- COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I think, no. I don't know.
- 24 Motion to table, yes.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District 3.



- 1 COMMISSIONER BURCH: No.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District 4, Bell, no. District 5.
- 3 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Yes.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District 6.
- 5 COMMISSIONER CARTER: No.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District 7.
- 7 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: I vote to table.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON BELL: What is your vote, sir?
- 9 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: I vote to table.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yay or nay. Yes or no?
- 11 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yes.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Hernandez.
- 14 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: No.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Jones.
- 16 COMMISSIONER JONES: No.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Jones.
- 18 COMMISSIONER JONES: No.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Holley.
- 20 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: No.
- 21 MRS. WHITE: Mr. Chair, there were four yes votes and
- 22 seven no votes.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. Now we take up the
- 24 initial primary motion, made by Vice-Chair. Roll call
- 25 vote.



- 1 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Yes. To support the maximum of
- 2 \$134,997 commensurate with experience and education.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District 1.
- 4 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Is it up for discussion?
- 5 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Mr. Chairman, can we get a
- 6 clarification on her motion? Because Ms. White said it
- 7 was up to the maximum and her motion just said the
- 8 maximum. So is it up to the maximum?
- 9 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Holt, can you restate
- 10 it once again.
- 11 COMMISSIONER HOLT: I'm sorry, Commissioner Brown.
- 12 You're so correct. I move to approve the salary up to the
- 13 maximum of \$134,997 commensurate with the experience and
- 14 education of the candidate. Please accept my apology
- 15 Commissioner Brown restated in error, restated in error.
- 16 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Thank you.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District 1.
- 18 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Yes.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District 2.
- 20 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Yes.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District 3.
- 22 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Yes.
- 23 COMMISSIONER BURTON: No.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON BELL: I'm sorry. District 3.
- 25 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Yes.



1 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. District four. Yes.

- 2 District 5.
- 3 COMMISSIONER BURTON: No.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District 6.
- 5 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Yes.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District 7.
- 7 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yes.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Hernandez.
- 9 COM HERNAN: Yes.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Jones.
- 11 COMMISSIONER JONES: Yes.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Holley.
- 13 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Yes.
- 14 MRS. WHITE: Mr. Chair, there were 10 yes votes and 1
- 15 no vote.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON BELL: The motion pass. The next item
- 17 would be the gunshot detection system directive 307.8.
- 18 I'm going to ask Ms. White to speak to that. We have
- 19 received, we'll let the discussion last week, and you
- 20 received guite a bit of information last week and
- 21 discussion. Also, they presented out last week. Also, you
- 22 received additional information with questions, concerns
- 23 to DPD staff and they responded, you received that
- information, Ms. White, would you elaborate?
- MRS. WHITE: Yes. Through the chair. Honorable Board



- 1 as Mr. Chair just indicated on the record on January 7,
- 2 2021, the department transmitted to the honorable Board,
- 3 the department's manual directive or proposed directive
- 4 on gunshot detection system 307.8. The department has
- 5 presented on both the system and the proposed policy and
- 6 provided additional information based on a question
- 7 submitted by the Board and their policy presentation. The
- 8 Board previously discussed the system and the policy
- 9 director discussing concerns such as technology
- 10 effectiveness, reporting requirements, liability
- 11 concerns, assigning discipline when policy violations
- 12 occur, and civil rights concerns such as the invasion of
- 13 privacy and recording private audio to name a few. At
- 14 this time, just to know on the record, the Board's policy
- 15 review process generally consists of a 30 day review
- 16 period aligned for staff and Board research and analysis
- 17 department presentations and exchange of information and
- 18 public inspection of the proposed policy for feedback and
- 19 recommendations from all parties. The Board's policy
- 20 division also met with the departments, planning, and
- 21 research and deployment unit just yesterday again, to
- 22 ensure all of the Board's questions were answered from
- 23 last week's presentation and to address additional policy
- 24 concerns, which all of that information was shared in the
- 25 packet, as well as electronic submission. Please note the



- 1 Board's evaluation policy evaluation process in
- 2 connection with the department consists of a review of
- 3 the president's task force on 21st century policing
- 4 implemented during President Obama's administration and
- 5 review of NACOLES best practices, as well as ISEP best
- 6 practices, other law enforcement agencies, policy
- 7 directives on ShotSpotter and best practices and lessons
- 8 learned. And also a review and analysis of case law,
- 9 including the civil case that was cited last week
- 10 involving Mrs. Servon Simmons and the Massachusetts case
- 11 cited. Additionally, a thorough review of the proposed
- 12 policy director and the Board's contribution and weigh-
- into those policy provisions also includes a quarterly
- 14 report mandate back to the Board for the Board to
- 15 evaluate the effectiveness of the program. At this time,
- 16 the Board's policy division recommends approval of the
- 17 gunshot detection system 307.8 to form with the
- 18 understanding that planning, research, and deployment
- 19 will add related policies and procedures to the approved
- 20 policy. And those policies include supervision 101.10,
- 21 record retention schedule 101.11, 101.12 data sharing
- 22 retention and dissemination 201.1, patrol 203.1 crime
- 23 scene investigations, 203.2, collection and preservation
- 24 of evidence, and 203.14, real-time crime center. So that
- 25 is the recommendation at this time.



- 1 COMMISSIONER JONES: Through the Chair.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Ms. White. Commissioner
- 3 Jones.
- 4 COMMISSIONER JONES: Through the Chair. I move that
- 5 we adopt a department's policy on a gunshot technology
- 6 system manual director 307.8 formed with the
- 7 understanding that planning research and deployment will
- 8 add related policies and procedures to the approved
- 9 policy.
- 10 COM HOLT: Second.
- 11 MRS. WHITE: Mr. Chair?
- 12 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes.
- MRS. WHITE: Yes. There was a second, sir.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. Properly moved and
- 15 second. Discussion.
- 16 COMMISSIONEER BURCH: He got his hand up.
- 17 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Mr. Chairman.
- MS WHITE: He got his hand up.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir. I'm sorry. Commissioner
- 20 go ahead.
- 21 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Who you're talking to, me?
- 22 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Holley, I'm sorry.
- COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Mr. Chairman, please forgive
- 24 me. But can Ms. White or somebody please explain? Say I
- 25 am a citizen of Detroit. I just heard Ms. White say it



- 1 and all those numbers and everything. I quit school when
- 2 I was 10 years in the 10th grade. I'm really not that
- 3 literate. Can she explain? Can somebody explain in three
- 4 minutes what we are really voting on, what we will be
- 5 voting on? The average citizen needs to know. All this
- 6 jargon. I've been through this, all of this three times.
- 7 I've got six degrees, two PhDs, and I've been through
- 8 this three times and I still don't know what the heck
- 9 we're talking about.
- 10 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Yes.
- 11 COMMISSIONER BROWN: To the Chair.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Holley. I think I
- 13 hear you. I'd like to give the Chief. (Audio distortion)
- 14 But I think he can elaborate on why we are seeking this
- 15 ShotSpotter approval by putting it on the table with the
- 16 contract and et cetera, and the (Audio distortion). Chief
- 17 Craiq you hear me?
- 18 CHIEF CRAIG: Chair Bell, you were breaking up. I
- 19 know it had something to do with the ShotSpotter.
- 20 MRS. WHITE: Yes, sir.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir. I guess my Internet's
- 22 going in and out.
- 23 CHIEF CRAIG: Yes. What's the specific question?
- 24 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Holley.
- 25 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: I'm sorry. I'm upset. Can you



- 1 interpret what I said Ms. White?
- MRS. WHITE: Yes, sir. Through the Chair, Chief
- 3 Craig, the question was to explain the purpose of this
- 4 policy system or the purpose of this technology system.
- 5 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: 3 minutes.
- 6 CHIEF CRAIG: It'll probably be less than three
- 7 minutes. And if we need a further explanation, I can
- 8 certainly make sure we provide that. But it's a gunshot
- 9 detection system that if where the monitors are deployed
- 10 if a gunshot can activate it, it can send a signal to our
- 11 department and can respond, and conducted an
- 12 investigation. We searched the area. We look for expended
- 13 casings because generally, suspects don't stay around
- long after they fire weapons. But that's the essence of
- 15 it. It detects when a gun is fired and it notifies the
- 16 department and we respond to the location to conduct an
- 17 investigation.
- 18 COMMISSIONER JONES: Through the Chair.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Jones.
- 20 COMMISSIONER JONES: I'm sorry. I'd like to weigh in
- 21 also and just add maybe just a little bit more because
- 22 I've been pretty reading extensively about the
- 23 ShotSpotter program and everything that's contained
- 24 within. The staff, Ms. White, and the rest of the staff
- 25 have done a tremendous job of gathering a lot of



- 1 information for us to be able to read. With that
- 2 ShotSpotter program, which is even included in this
- 3 package is legal challenges that have been made in other
- 4 cities to the ShotSpotter program. And I believe some of
- 5 the ones that I've read that the challenges to the
- 6 ShotSpotter program, which is supposed to protect and
- 7 does protect the civil liberties and the civil rights of
- 8 the people in the community. Now, with this, she
- 9 included, as I said, the challenges to the ShotSpotter
- 10 program, which is another of the challenges that I've
- 11 read were successful challenges to the ShotSpotter
- 12 program. And what we're voting on is the policy behind
- 13 the ShotSpotter, which does not give the investigators or
- 14 the police community with regards to how they investigate
- 15 the ShotSpotter program or if the shot detection comes
- 16 through and they're deployed to that particular scene. It
- 17 gives them the opportunity to collect evidence, see if
- 18 there are any victims to a crime or any witnesses to what
- 19 may have happened, where they got that ShotSpotter
- 20 detection in that location. They get with pinpoint
- 21 accuracy, the area with 82 feet where that shot came
- 22 from. So it really is a tremendous program. She has given
- 23 us a lot of information to be able to read, but I made
- 24 the motion because I've read a lot of this information. I
- 25 believe it would be a great thing for our community and



- 1 keeping us safe.
- 2 COMMISSIONER BURTON: To the Chair.
- 3 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Mr. Chair. I've been trying to
- 4 speak. Can you hear me?
- 5 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Burch.
- 6 COMMISSIONER BURCH: To Reverend Holley. I spoke with
- 7 DC Bryant who broke it down, sir, very simple, is that
- 8 when there are random shooting and the police do not know
- 9 where these bullets are coming from, but this device will
- 10 allow them to find the shells and lead them, sir, to
- 11 perhaps that bullet might be involved in a case that
- 12 they've been looking for. So it is a good detector to
- 13 have because in my neighborhood I have shooting random,
- 14 pastor, all the time, but I can't tell them where it is.
- 15 That's what this program will do. I'm trying to make it
- 16 just as simple for you as I tried to receive. All that is
- 17 good, what you read, Ms. White, but we need simple
- information to give. I hope that helps you, sir.
- 19 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Thank you. Commissioner Burch.
- 20 COMMISSIONER BURTON: To the Chair.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. Commissioner Davis had
- 22 his hand up.
- 23 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: And Linda Bernard too, go
- 24 ahead.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON BELL: I'm sorry.



- 1 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: And myself, is after
- 2 Commissioner Davis and I guess who else.
- 3 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Thank you for the opportunity to
- 4 speak. My concern is that the public needs to be aware of
- 5 the fact with this. This is still exclusively for shots
- 6 that are fired outside in the open, not for the shots
- 7 fired in the home, or because I am very concerned about
- 8 the massive number of shootings that we have going on. I
- 9 just want the public to be aware that this is not a
- 10 complete system that does not solve our large number of
- 11 shootings, but you know, it does help. I guess I'll do
- 12 this for some. Thank you.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. Commissioner Bernard
- 14 and then Commissioner Burton, Commissioner Commission.
- 15 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I just want to know that this
- is only going to exist in the eighth, and I believe in
- 17 the ninth precincts. This is like a \$1.5 million
- 18 contract, roughly 400,000 or thereabouts a year. The
- 19 company that monitors this is located in California. I
- 20 think there's one place in DC, but the most important
- 21 thing of the and I thank you for the 300 pages of
- 22 material Melanie, you did a great job, but in the memo
- 23 from Commissioner Bell himself, Commissioner Holley, it
- 24 states quote, "Little academic research exists to support
- 25 ShotSpotter effectiveness in reducing gun crimes.



- 1 Investigative reporters in San Francisco, California
- 2 analyze ShotSpotter events and found that while law
- 3 enforcement was alerted to over 3000 incidents in two and
- 4 a half years, just one alert resulted in an arrest for a
- 5 gun-related offense. The company holds that its
- 6 technology is not aimed at increasing arrests, but
- 7 providing police with information on gunfire that
- 8 otherwise would not have gone unreported (sic). In
- 9 addition departments, typically place sensors in areas
- 10 where with the most violent crimes. It is possible that
- 11 knowledge of AGDs and a community could cause
- 12 perpetrators of gun violence to move to other areas."
- 13 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Through the Chair.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Burton was next
- 15 ma'am.
- 16 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Okay, thank you.
- 17 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the Chair, statement
- 18 and question to the Chief you know, Chief, it would have
- 19 been nice if we would have had someone from the academic
- 20 level to have weighed in, on ShotSpotter before the
- 21 Board, along with someone from the ACLU and civil rights
- 22 department or division and also members of the community.
- 23 In New York, a judge ruled that ShotSpotter was
- 24 inadmissible calling it unreliable. And this was in the
- 25 Servon Simmons case in New York. When I looked at



- 1 ShotSpotter, you know, I look at it, how it's going to
- 2 react to those that wake up in poverty? The microphone
- 3 can be so sensitive in another case studied, where it can
- 4 pick up conversations from the ground level. Chief, it
- 5 was a few years ago, maybe a little over a few years ago,
- 6 I recall at the same police commissioner's table where
- 7 you weren't you were not supportive of a ShotSpotter
- 8 because it didn't have a GPS location to it, components
- 9 away. What made you change now?
- 10 COM HOLT: Through the Chair.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Burton, I'm sorry,
- 12 Holt give the Chief an opportunity to respond to
- 13 Commissioner Burton's, concern. Thank you.
- 14 CHIEF CRAIG: Through the Chair. Yes, Commissioner
- 15 Burton. You are absolutely correct. I was not a believer.
- 16 I had my reasons at the time. One of the studies, I think
- 17 Commissioner Bernard, certainly solidified how I felt at
- 18 that time, but what it is, is an additional tool and that
- 19 tool will afford us the ability to collect evidence
- 20 thereby using our NIBIN system to see if we can
- 21 trackback. Now, one thing you said, Commissioner that I
- 22 have never heard, relative to a ShotSpotter, never heard
- 23 it in the many conversations I've had about it, is
- 24 picking up conversations. If the technology could do
- 25 that, I would agree with you. It certainly would be



- 1 problematic for ShotSpotter to pick up private
- 2 conversations, but it's not set up that way. I don't know
- 3 the study you referenced. And so you're right. I was not
- 4 a believer at one time and I'm, open-minded now, you
- 5 know, I like technology that works. And certainly, I know
- 6 that the ShotSpotter has improved, but I did take a firm
- 7 position on it.
- 8 COMMISSIONER BROWN: To the Chair, after Commissioner
- 9 Holt.
- 10 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Can we vote on this?
- 11 CHAIRPERSON BELL: I've been called for the vote.
- 12 COMMISSIONER BROWN: I just wanted Commissioner
- 13 Chairman, I just want to make a comment in support of
- 14 this. I think the most important thing.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir.
- 16 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Is that on the program, the app
- 17 next door. Every day, three to four times a day, my phone
- is pinging from shots fired in the Grandmont, Rosedale
- 19 area and Northwest side area, Detroit, and areas on the
- 20 East side. And I would support this because as the Chief
- 21 said, I mean, this is a tool that we need to try to
- 22 explore using for officers to do their job, to capture
- 23 the people that are involved in these random gunshots.
- 24 And I think it's a tool for us to try to help curtail
- 25 some of the gunfire and get some of those guns off the



- 1 street and to see if those rounds of spent casings have
- 2 history. So I think it's a good tool for the officers to
- 3 use, to do their jobs. And I think it's a step in the
- 4 right direction to answer the complaints of all the
- 5 complaints I see on the next door app of people
- 6 complaining about gunfire in the City of Detroit. And
- 7 that's it. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
- 8 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Answered my question.
- 9 COMMISSIONER BURCH: May we vote?
- 10 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Vice-Chair Holt, roll call vote.
- 11 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Yes. I vote, to support the
- 12 ShotSpotter policy of the DPD.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District 1.
- 14 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Yes.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. District 2.
- 16 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Yes, with the caveat that if
- 17 we needed some changes, Chief Craig, we'll come back to
- 18 you, obviously, if we find that there are civil rights
- 19 issues. Thank you. And thank you very much for your
- 20 acknowledgment of that,
- 21 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District 3.
- 22 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Yes, sir.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District 4, yes. District 5
- 24 COMMISSIONER BURTON: No.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District 6.



- 1 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Yes.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District 7.
- 3 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: No, it looks very expensive for
- 4 two Precincts.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner, next vote.
- 6 Commissioner Hernandez.
- 7 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Yes.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Jones.
- 9 COMMISSIONER JONES: Yes.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Holley.
- 11 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Yes.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Ms. White.
- 13 MRS. WHITE: There were nine. Yes. Votes and two.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Commissioners. The
- 15 motion passed. The next item would be Chief of Police,
- 16 James E Craig's recommendations for appointment to the
- 17 position of captain.
- 18 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: So moved.
- 19 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Correct.
- 20 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Support.
- 21 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: It's my turn.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Hernandez. I mean,
- 23 it's been moved and supported. I'm sorry. Discussion,
- 24 discussion.
- VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Yes, Chairman Bell, if I might.



- 1 Okay.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Briefly.
- 3 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: It is most refreshing to read the
- 4 service career of an officer and have that career
- 5 demonstration for so few complaints.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Holt, are you reading
- 7 a resume?
- 8 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Is she reading a resolution?
- 9 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: She probably has less citizen
- 10 complaints of all the recommended officers that the Chief
- 11 has recommended. This is a keeper. This is a good one. I
- 12 guess my enthusiasm shows that.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Commissioner Holt.
- 14 Thank you Vice-Chair. Roll call vote. Vice-Chair Holt.
- 15 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Through the Chair.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes ma'am.
- 17 COMMISSIONER CARTER: We need a name for the record.
- 18 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Oh, The name is Lieutenant
- 19 Kimberley Blackwell and she's a rank of captain.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes. Thank you, Commissioner
- 21 Carter. You cut me off before I could even finish. So
- 22 Lieutenant Kimberley Blackwell. A roll call vote, Vice-
- 23 Chair Holt.
- 24 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Yes.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District 1.



- 1 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Yes.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District 2.
- 3 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Yes.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District 3.
- 5 COMMISSIONER BURCH: I think, yes.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District 4. Yes. District 5.
- 7 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Yes.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District 6.
- 9 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Yes.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District 7.
- 11 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yes.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Hernandez.
- 13 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Yes.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Jones.
- 15 COMMISSIONER JONES: Yes.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Holley.
- 17 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Yes.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Ms. White, would you site that?
- MRS. WHITE: Yes, it was unanimous. There were 11 yes
- 20 votes.
- 21 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Give it a clap. Yes, yes.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON BELL: I just want to commend Captain
- 23 Blackwell. I think she could not be with us, but she
- 24 appreciates the support of this Board and she will
- 25 probably have the opportunity to speak to you directly in



- 1 the future, but she had a previous pressing engagement,
- 2 so she could not be in attendance. So thank you,
- 3 Commissioner. We move on to resolution for Lieutenant
- 4 Kenneth E. Gardner who's retiring. That would be
- 5 Commissioner Burch.
- 6 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Yes, sir. Resolution honoring
- 7 Lieutenant Kenneth E. Gardner. Whereas Kenneth Gardner
- 8 was appointed to the Detroit Police Department on August
- 9 11, 1986, upon graduating from the Detroit metropolitan
- 10 police Academy. Also, Gardner began his career at the 8th
- 11 Precinct, and whereas Officer Gardner spent several years
- 12 at the 8th Precinct narcotics section and 1st Precinct.
- 13 Officer Gardiner displayed tremendous knowledge and
- 14 leadership skills as an officer and was promoted to the
- 15 rank of Sergeant on March 21st, 1997. Sergeant Gardener's
- 16 assignments included the 1st Precinct and homicide
- 17 section on January 17, 2014. He was promoted to
- 18 Lieutenant. His assignments included the 1st Precinct,
- 19 the office of the chief 7th Precinct, and reassignment to
- 20 the homicide where he served until his retirement. And
- 21 whereas Lieutenant Gardner was the deserving recipient of
- 22 the following awards. Two chiefs, unit awards, three
- 23 chiefs of merit awards, three perfect attendance awards,
- 24 both consent judgment awards, the fireworks for fireworks
- 25 award, the major league baseball all-star recognition



- 1 award, the Rosa Parks funeral recognition award, and the
- 2 super bowl 40 recognition award, as well as numerous
- 3 letters of recommendation from citizens and superiors.
- 4 COMMISSIONER BURCH: And whereas Lieutenant Gardener
- 5 has tirelessly served the Detroit Police Department, the
- 6 office, the citizens of Detroit and his neighboring
- 7 communities for over 34 years, he has served the Detroit
- 8 Police Department and the citizens of the City of Detroit
- 9 with loyalty, professionalism, integrity, and dedication,
- 10 and his well respected through the law enforcement
- 11 community as the consummate professional. Now, therefore
- 12 be resolved at the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners,
- 13 speaking on behalf of the citizens of the great City of
- 14 Detroit recognizes and honors the lifelong contributions
- 15 and commitment to excellence in public service of
- 16 Lieutenant Kenneth E. Gardner, his display of courage and
- 17 unwavering community spirit has improved the quality of
- 18 life for the citizens of Detroit. We wish you all the
- 19 best in your future endeavors. We thank and congratulate
- 20 you, Lieutenant Kenneth E. Gardner. Thank you, Mr. Chair.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Commissioner Burch. I
- 22 want us to put it to the Board.
- 23 COMMISSIONER JONES: So moved.
- 24 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Through the resolution.
- 25 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Second.



- 1 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Those in favor, Aye.
- 2 ALL: Aye.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Those opposed? Aye carries. Thank
- 4 you. We just want to commend Lieutenant Gardner for an
- 5 outstanding career. He's not only been an outstanding
- 6 officer. He is an outstanding young man, and we wish him
- 7 the best in his future endeavors because I know that he's
- 8 just not retiring. I thank you, Commissioner. We move on
- 9 to Chief Jamie E. Craig.
- 10 CHIEF CRAIG: Thank you, Chair Bell. Before I get
- 11 started and I know you were asking, I want to thank the
- 12 Board for certainly your support for Captain Kim
- 13 Blackwell. She will be a phenomenal leader in management.
- 14 And certainly, I want to acknowledge Lieutenant Kenny
- 15 Gardner again for his years of service, consummate
- 16 professional, as it was already articulated. But I just
- 17 wanted to add, I know you normally like to hear from the
- 18 candidate as she couldn't be here. However I'm told her
- 19 father, a former Chief Chester Logan is here and can
- 20 offer some words on her behalf.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON BELL: It is our pleasure to give Chief
- 22 Logan the opportunity to speak on behalf of his daughter,
- 23 Captain Blackwell.
- 24 MRS. WHITE: Through the Chair, we're moving him to
- 25 the panelists' gallery. Thank you.



- 1 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.
- 2 COMMISSIONER JONES: Through the Chair, I'd like to
- 3 say great job Commissioner Burch on your reading of the
- 4 resolution.
- 5 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Thank you.
- 6 MRS. WHITE: Through the Chair, I just received
- 7 communication that former police Chief Chester Logan has
- 8 left the meeting at this time.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Well, that Chief Craig can speak
- 10 on. He has already spoken but when I give him the mic
- 11 again, unfortunate. Okay.
- 12 CHIEF CRAIG: Okay. Do you want me to go into, Mr.
- 13 Chair? Do you want me to go into my normal presentation
- 14 or this is just,
- 15 CHAIRPERSON BELL: You can do whatever you want,
- 16 however you want to respond. I think you had probably
- 17 talked to Chief Logan in reference to the --
- 18 CHIEF CRAIG: I have not but I certainly have talked
- 19 to Captain Blackwell and she is ecstatic. I will tell you
- 20 as I do in all of these appointments and recommendations
- 21 to this honorable Board, I meet with my executive team.
- 22 And I will tell you that the executive team the ACs,
- 23 there was unanimous support for Captain Blackwell. As you
- 24 know, she has certainly done a phenomenal job during the
- 25 course of her time as a Lieutenant. And you know, she's



- 1 been assigned to downtown, critical assignment working
- 2 with the various sporting entities and making sure that
- 3 our officers are properly deployed and sharp. She has
- 4 also distinguished herself in the unfortunate task of
- 5 managing our fallen officers during the memorial
- 6 services. So I will tell you and Commissioner Burch, I
- 7 think you'll like this. She is going to your favorite
- 8 place. I don't need to name that favorite place.
- 9 COMMISSIONER BURCH: No.
- 10 CHIEF CRAIG: But one of the things I said to her is
- 11 you got to take care of Commissioner Burch, and if you
- 12 get a call about speeders, do something quickly.
- 13 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Thank you. Chief.
- 14 CHIEF CRAIG: So welcome. And that concludes my
- 15 remarks on Captain Blackwood. Mr. Chair, did you want me
- 16 to go right into my normal?
- 17 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir.
- 18 CHIEF CRAIG: Okay. I'll start as usual with a crime
- 19 update. As you know, we're in the first quarter and in
- 20 the first quarter, typically the numbers can be
- 21 misleading but I will say starting with our homicides, a
- 22 year to date as compared to last year, we're showing a
- 23 15% reduction. Sex assaults, we're showing a 21%
- 24 reduction. Aggravated assaults, however, we're seeing a
- 25 26% increase driven primarily by non-fatal shootings,



- 1 which is showing a 42% increase. Robberies are showing a
- 2 39% decrease. Carjackings are showing a 92% increase. So
- 3 last year, at this time there were 12 and it is 23 years
- 4 to date overall part one violent crime sits at an 8%
- 5 increase. In terms of property crime, we're down 30%, 34%
- 6 in burglaries, and 34% down in larcenies, and vehicle
- 7 thefts down 15%.
- 8 CHIEF CRAIG: Our overall part one crime is down 18%,
- 9 which is following a similar trend as what we saw through
- 10 COVID and through the weeks of protests and ending the
- 11 year. And other cities are still seeing the same trending
- 12 but the one area that we are down again, but it's still
- 13 so early at is homicide. So I hope and pray it continues
- 14 to go in that direction. The second item I just wanted to
- 15 update you on. I know we have a couple of presentations,
- 16 so I won't belabor the point, but this was the data that
- 17 came out at our comstat. As you know, part of what we do
- is, in addition to addressing crime, we also conduct
- 19 audits to ensure certain activities are being conducted.
- 20 So, for example, when we look at body-worn compliance,
- 21 right now we're at a 98.2 compliance, which is the
- 22 highest that we've been that I'm aware of since we
- 23 adopted body-worn cameras. Also, something that we do is
- 24 called mask compliance. The officer's wearing the mask.
- 25 This is the highest compliance, we're at 99%. And the



- 1 reason why that's important, we remember March, April
- 2 when we were at the peak of COVID and we had close to 650
- 3 officers quarantined at one time, our numbers started to
- 4 spike up somewhat after the Thanksgiving holiday. And so
- 5 as of today our COVID stats are as follows. Right now we
- 6 have 24 members quarantined, which is significantly lower
- 7 than what we saw at the beginning of the end of
- 8 November, beginning of December of last year. 24 members
- 9 in the department, quarantined. Of that number 18 are
- 10 sworn and six are civilian. And also when it comes to -
- 11 strike that, I transposed my numbers, the 24 members that
- 12 I've referenced, are the number of members that were
- 13 positive, who are currently positive with COVID. We right
- 14 now have 28 members of the department who are
- 15 quarantined. So again significantly lower numbers as of
- 16 early this week during my briefing, we have roughly 37,
- 17 38% of the department vaccinated. And as I indicated
- 18 earlier, I just received my second shot and lastly, on
- 19 important metrics, our response time has hovered roughly
- 20 anywhere between 10 and 11 minutes, which is also good
- 21 news. I want to talk briefly about an incident that
- 22 happened last night in the 5th Precinct and we plan to
- 23 recognize those officers publicly next week at the 5th
- 24 Precinct. So I know that Chair Bell and who else? I'm not
- 25 sure somebody else, I know you represent number five, but



- 1 I tell you the story and let you know when we're going to
- 2 do the community recognition. Last night, a very tense
- 3 situation unfolded officers received a call via dispatch
- 4 of a domestic violence situation.
- 5 CHIEF CRAIG: The mom was with her children. She was
- 6 in fear of her life and as she was in fear of her life,
- 7 she very quietly told the dispatcher he is going to kill
- 8 me and she's making reference to her husband. And so as
- 9 the officers arrived, they understood that it could have
- 10 been a very grave situation. They formulated a plan very
- 11 quickly and as they got close to the door, they could
- 12 hear the screaming, they could hear a struggle. They
- 13 forced entry into the house. As they forced entry into
- 14 the house what they witnessed is where the husband was
- 15 armed with a gun. A nine-year-old son was on his back
- 16 making some effort to pull the dad off and it was clear
- in the officer's mind that he was preparing to possibly
- 18 shoot his wife. Those officers responded very quickly,
- 19 disengaged this armed suspect from the wife, and took him
- 20 into custody without incident. I mean, this is something
- 21 that when you talk, I mean, officers do so much that
- 22 don't oftentimes get reported to the media, but they save
- 23 the life, probably his life, her life, for sure. And
- 24 after they took him into custody one of the children in
- 25 the house ran up to the officer, and started crying, and



- 1 said, thank you for saving my mother. So I wanted to
- 2 share that with the Board. And again, I plan to recognize
- 3 these officers in a public way, you know, normally we do
- 4 the annual thing, but I think it's important to really
- 5 educate the public on just what our officers do. There's
- 6 another situation that I'm going to recognize also out of
- 7 the 5th Precinct. This was a situation, a very tragic
- 8 situation.
- 9 CHIEF CRAIG: Another domestic, the officers get a
- 10 call. They go into the house, they could see that the
- 11 wife is deceased. The suspect, the husband was armed. He
- 12 immediately turned the gun and committed suicide in the
- 13 presence of the officers. So of course that traumatic
- 14 event caused us a lot of concerns. So we had our peer
- 15 support, but we certainly want to recognize those
- 16 officers for their quick action getting inside.
- 17 Unfortunately in this instance, the wife was killed. So I
- 18 wanted to share that with you both. And the last thing I
- 19 wanted to report on is kind of an update from some of
- 20 you may have read the article. We've been committed to
- 21 giving periodic updates on operation, clean sweep. As you
- 22 might remember, in August of 2019 just following the
- 23 arrest and charging of an officer in narcotics, it was
- this department who initiated and raided our own
- 25 narcotics unit seizing computers, files and that you may



- 1 recall then I told you it would be a lengthy
- 2 investigation given that we're going back 10 years.
- 3 CHIEF CRAIG: So as an update on what has happened,
- 4 13 individuals from the narcotics as we began to move
- 5 forward in our investigation that resigned or retired
- 6 undercharges. Resigned or retired, 13 former members of
- 7 narcotics. And then as of this past Tuesday, an
- 8 additional officer was suspended with pay by me pending
- 9 the outcome of that investigation. Now, in no way, does
- 10 this mean that some of these officers are going to face
- 11 criminal charges. I had a conversation and briefed with
- 12 the Wayne County prosecutor as to where we were. We have
- 13 submitted several warrant requests that are under review
- 14 right now. So what we found many of them were involved in
- overtime fraud, stealing money. As I reported out before
- 16 the motivation behind those officers who were involved in
- 17 corrupt activities, simply greed. Whether it was stealing
- 18 overtime, falsifying warrant documents, a whole host of
- 19 things.
- 20 CHIEF CRAIG: So the good news is that the changes
- 21 that we have made, I'm convinced for the first time in
- 22 many years long before I was appointed to this department
- 23 where narcotics has been known to be a place that's been
- 24 corrupt. I think the actions that we've taken have
- 25 finally rooted out corruption in our narcotics unit. So



- 1 I'm optimistic, we've put some safeguards in place. The
- 2 people that were in that unit that had over five years
- 3 have been moved out. We believe where we are in the
- 4 investigation, we should be shutting it down probably
- 5 within the next six months and we'll give a closeout
- 6 update to the Board and to our community. So again, very
- 7 optimistic. I applaud the work of our task force officers
- 8 who have been working again since August of 2019. And we
- 9 figure maybe six more months. But even though we close it
- 10 out on the administrative and criminal warrants will
- 11 still be reviewed. Undoubtedly, I know the US attorney
- 12 has been involved in a review of some of this. So I can't
- 13 tell you at this point, how many will be charged if any
- 14 will be charged, but the fact that 13 have been separated
- 15 from our department. And so that's encouraging. So with
- 16 that, I'll open it up for any questions that you may
- 17 have.
- 18 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Mr. Chair.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Chief Craig.
- 20 Commissioner Davis.
- 21 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Hello, Chief.
- 22 CHIEF CRAIG: Hey, how you doing Commissioner?
- COMMISSIONER DAVIS: I am doing well, sir. The
- 24 question. Since you instituted your directive about the
- 25 duty to intercede, have any officers came forward to



- 1 identify fellow officers who were doing wrong?
- 2 CHIEF CRAIG: I'm unaware of anybody coming forward
- 3 right now, Commissioner, I mean, through the Chair, I'm
- 4 not aware of it. However, you should know that even
- 5 though we didn't use the verbiage duty to intercede,
- 6 certainly an officer's failure to report misconduct,
- 7 still that officer could be charged. In fact, one case
- 8 comes to mind, a new officer was working with a tenured
- 9 officer. They responded to a call at a vacant home. Once
- 10 they got in, there was a Rocky poster on the wall. The
- 11 senior officer took possession of it, that new officer
- 12 interceded by notifying supervision, supervision notified
- internal affairs, and an investigation was conducted and
- 14 that individual was dismissed from the department
- 15 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Also, as it relates to now, this
- is an old incident over at the training center where one
- 17 officer stopped and detained the other officer, what
- 18 ultimately happened with that case
- 19 CHIEF CRAIG: Through the Chair, Commissioner, I'm
- 20 not sure. I know the case, I know it's concluded. That
- 21 officer was not charged. It was presented to the district
- 22 attorney's office. I just don't know what the outcome is
- 23 offhand unless Director Chris Graveline is on the zoom
- 24 and can respond to the Commissioner's question.
- DIRECTOR GRAVELINE: Through the Chair. This is



- 1 Director Graveling. The Wayne County prosecutor's office
- 2 did decide to charge that officer with assault and
- 3 battery. So he'd been charged with a misdemeanor that's
- 4 off, and the administrative investigation also found some
- 5 neglects, but in terms of on the basis of a few other
- 6 people, but the main officer who actually attempted the
- 7 arrest, was charged with assault and battery, a
- 8 misdemeanor in Wayne County.
- 9 CHIEF CRAIG: And through the Chair, thanks Chris,
- 10 for that. I totally forgot what the outcome, I thought he
- 11 was not charged, but it was a misdemeanor as I recall
- 12 now. Thank you
- 13 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.
- 14 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Question.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Bernard.
- 16 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I want to congratulate you on
- 17 your due diligence. I know it's difficult to do what you
- do in terms of investigating if you will, your own and
- 19 certainly recommending cases to the prosecutor's office.
- 20 But I want you to know that when I was with one of the
- 21 commanders earlier this week, she was very clear about
- 22 the fact that you don't allow any nonsense, and both she
- 23 and the captain, their words about you were very
- 24 encouraging about the fact that you have truly restored
- 25 and advocated for total, if you will, transparency and



- 1 integrity for the department. So I just want you to know
- 2 that your own agree with what you're doing.
- 3 CHIEF CRAIG: Through the Chair. Thank you,
- 4 Commissioner Bernard, for those words. You know, one
- 5 thing that I have stressed, you know, when a cop decides
- 6 to cross the line, I don't look at that person as a
- 7 police officer, they violate the oath, they certainly
- 8 have violated the trust in our community. And while I
- 9 know Chief likes to stand up and deliver bad news but
- 10 when we can root out a criminal from our ranks that's a
- 11 day of celebration. And, and one of the things, I don't
- 12 know if I explained it very well, even though these
- 13 former narcotic officers who, some are facing criminal
- 14 charges. When they retire, when they resign the only
- thing it does is they don't get fired from the
- 16 department, but what it also will do, we make a clear
- 17 note when they resign or retire that they're retiring
- 18 undercharges. And the reason why it's important to say
- 19 that, because if any member makes an effort to try to
- 20 gain employment in another law enforcement agency, at
- 21 least that agency will know that they didn't honorably
- 22 retire, they didn't honorably resign, but they resigned
- 23 undercharges. And so far it's worked we do anticipate
- there will be more to come. The other thing that I did
- 25 leave out, that one thing that's also encouraging them



- 1 while on its face it looks like it's big, and it is big.
- 2 It seems that the misconduct was isolated to one
- 3 narcotics team. There was some spillage over into the
- 4 other units, not much. And so that's a bit of good news,
- 5 but I think the best take away is, I think for the first
- 6 time, in many years, we finally rooted out corruption and
- 7 we put safeguards in. So years after I'm away from here,
- 8 this can't happen again. But again, thank you,
- 9 Commissioner Bernard.
- 10 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Thank you.
- 11 CHIEF CRAIG: Thank you.
- 12 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Mr. Bell.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Burch.
- 14 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Yes. To Chief Craig. Again, I
- 15 want to commend you and your men for saving that family's
- 16 life. I always tell people that there's more good out
- 17 here in Detroit, but we hear the bad more than the good.
- 18 So I just want you to know in number 11, I gave Commander
- 19 Slappy a little PNR, and she agreed that there's a 99-
- 20 year-old lady, sir that lives in our neighborhood. She is
- 21 99 today. So I asked Commander Slappy, could you get a
- 22 couple of police cars to drive by that lady's house and
- 23 wave at her, call her on the phone because she lives
- 24 alone. I'm just saying to know that somebody lives that
- 25 long in Detroit, that's a testament too, it's not all



- 1 bad. I know I make, people call it complaining, but I
- 2 have solutions. So, Commander Slappy, had an officer come
- 3 by my home and pick up the Love and Respect Where You
- 4 Live sign to put it on her property. So we need to do a
- 5 little bit more PR to help you, Chief Craig, officers
- 6 need our help, and I thank you
- 7 CHIEF CRAIG: To the Chair. Thank you, Commissioner
- 8 Burch. I appreciate you sharing that story.
- 9 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Officers need our help, and I
- 10 thank you.
- 11 CHIEF CRAIG: Through the Chair, thank you,
- 12 Commissioner Burch. I appreciate you sharing that story.
- 13 And that's why it's important to publicly acknowledge the
- events of last night out of number 5. We'll do something
- 15 at the 5th Precinct in that community and have those
- officers come in and I will present them with the chief
- 17 citation because as you indicate these are the stories
- 18 that will never be told, but thank you.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you Chief Craig for that in-
- 20 depth updated report. Those officers of the 5th Precinct
- 21 with our certificate of accommodation for their service
- 22 to the community. So we have developed that process. So
- 23 we would like that opportunity too when you present your
- 24 chief citation, and I want to say, I just commend you on
- 25 taking the steps with narcotics and the steps you're



- 1 taking with a dishonorable, well, I say dishonorable. In
- 2 the military, you receive an honorable discharge or
- dishonorable discharge, but with dishonorable, you
- 4 receive no benefits, no VA, no, nothing, but that is not
- 5 the case here, but at least you're trying to deter any
- 6 future employment. I just want to commend you as a former
- 7 officer, how long-term narcotic people would stay in
- 8 those positions. And there's a tendency to create some
- 9 type of close ties with criminality. It's not always, but
- 10 there's a tendency, you know, that, and that's what you
- 11 have dealt with. So we want to thank you, Chief Greg.
- 12 CHIEF CRAIG: Thank you Chair Bell. I appreciate
- 13 that.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Okay. There's Commander Gardner
- 15 who wants to speak to the retirement of a young man by
- 16 the name of Lieutenant Gardner. I think she's familiar
- 17 with him. Ms. White, can you bring her on
- 18 MRS. WHITE: Through the Chair. I received
- 19 notification that Commander Gardner is not on the line at
- 20 this time, but when she arrives back or a Lieutenant
- 21 Gardner comes back, I will let you know.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Okay. Thank you.
- 23 MRS. WHITE: Yes, sir.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON BELL: We move on to A, the body-worn
- 25 cameras and electronic weapons laser audits from DPD.



- 1 MRS. WHITE: Yes, sir. Through the Chair, Lieutenant
- 2 Richard Firsdon will be presenting out on body-worn
- 3 camera and electronic weapon audits presentation, and we
- 4 are preparing to unmute his microphone
- 5 LT. FRISDON: Good afternoon. How's everybody doing?
- 6 I'm Lieutenant Firsdon from the Civil Rights Division.
- 7 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Afternoon.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.
- 9 LT. FRISDON: Thank you. So this is the presentation
- 10 and if I can share my screen. Do you have my PowerPoint
- 11 presentation, Ms. White?
- MRS. WHITE: Yes, and you do have shared screen
- 13 capabilities now.
- 14 LT. FRISDON: Okay. Thank you. Okay. So this is the
- 15 presentation for the body-worn camera and conducted
- 16 energy weapons audit for 2020. These are statistics as of
- 17 the ending of December 31st of 2020. The first slide I'm
- 18 presenting is a body-worn camera implementation slide.
- 19 And this is indicating that on September 26th of 2016, is
- 20 when we began implementing body-worn cameras to the 7th
- 21 and 4th Precinct. And the timeline increases until we
- 22 have a total of 18 units. The last deployment being to
- 23 the police towing unit on July 20th or excuse me, July of
- 24 2020, there are currently 1017 body-worn cameras, a
- 25 little bit over that because we did not figure in the



- 1 deployment to police towing. So with their allotment,
- 2 that would increase that number. So we have a little over
- 3 1017 body-worn cameras currently deployed. For 2019, we
- 4 had 26 dates that were selected and reviewed. That was
- 5 just event compliance, where the citizens were mandated
- 6 by policy to record citizen contacts.
- 7 LT. FRISDON: And that resulted in 69 corrective
- 8 action notices being sent to various commands throughout
- 9 the city. In 2020, we have 38 dates that were randomly
- 10 selected and reviewed, and that resulted in 83 corrective
- 11 action notices that were sent to various commands. And
- 12 also in 2020, we began auditing in the third quarter. We
- 13 began auditing the synchronization and video
- 14 introductions of officers and synchronizing body-worn
- 15 cameras to the inquire card video system to ensure that
- 16 the triggers are properly activated when the officer's
- 17 activate lights have heartbreaking yaws or open doors to
- 18 the cars. So to ensure that we're getting all the video
- 19 we're supposed to.
- 20 LT. FRISDON: And slide four is a breakdown of 2019
- 21 versus 2020. And if you can see here for 2019, the Civil
- 22 Rights Division, we reviewed 13,892 events. And in 2020,
- 23 there was a total of 37,032 events that were reviewed.
- 24 And the reason why there was such a dramatic increase in
- 25 the number of videos that were reviewed is because we



- 1 have some specialty audits. And one of those was 15 days
- 2 where we, at the direction of the Chief, reviewed all the
- 3 synchronizations and introductions of the commands
- 4 throughout the entire city and ensure that they were
- 5 complying with that policy. And that was a 165% increase
- 6 in our videos all reviewed by the Civil Rights Division
- 7 over the previous year.
- 8 LT. FRISDON: The next slide has to do with the
- 9 conducted energy weapon, which is also referred to as a
- 10 Taser or current device, which is pictured as a Taser X2,
- and the conducted energy weapon is a device that propels
- 12 wires or direct contact to conduct energy, to affect the
- 13 sensory and motor functions of the nervous system. CEWs
- 14 are less than a lethal device used to gain control of
- 15 actively aggressive subjects or those who pose a risk to
- 16 themselves or others. For the CEWs the department began
- 17 training in May of 2018, and we are continuously
- 18 training. As of July, excuse me, on January 29th of 2021,
- 19 there have been 2,290 members that were issued CEWs. And
- 20 as it stands right now, the plan with training and is
- 21 that we are rolling out Taser recertification. That's
- 22 going to be held in conjunction with our range
- 23 qualifications, thus maintain to ensure that we have our
- 24 annual recertification. That 2,290 members that have been
- issued are 90.7% of all sworn members, which those that



- 1 were here last year, I believe that the total number was
- 2 approximately 81%. So we have increased our number of
- 3 officers that are equipped.
- 4 LT. FRISDON: And for 2020, our statistics stand as
- 5 they have been 136 deployment tracking forms that were
- 6 received by the Civil Rights Division. And there had been
- 7 101 CEW forms of use of force or detaining injury reports
- 8 that have been cataloged in our mass system regarding
- 9 CEWs deployment and 211 use of force and or detaining
- 10 injury reports indicating CEW discharge that is in our
- 11 management awareness system for 2020. With that, I'm open
- 12 up to questions.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioners.
- 14 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Chair.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir.
- 16 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: A question as it relates to the
- 17 CEW deployment, has anyone that it was used on, has
- 18 anyone suffered a heart attack, or has anyone died?
- 19 LT. FRISDON: Referring to ultimately, I do not
- 20 know that I can look those stats up all I know is that
- 21 for category one, that would be a death resulting from
- the use of an instrument. I am not aware of any instance
- 23 where somebody has passed away in the City of Detroit
- 24 from the use of a Taser.
- 25 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Or had a heart attack.



- 1 LT. FRISDON: I am not aware of anybody. That has not
- 2 been brought to my attention. I am not aware of any
- 3 member or excuse me, any citizen.
- 4 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Thank you.
- 5 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Question. To the Chair.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir. Yes. Ma'am.
- 7 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Is there a particular type of
- 8 case or incident that you encourage officers to use
- 9 Tasers in as opposed to firearms?
- 10 LT. FRISDON: As an encouraging with the ---
- 11 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: That you think would be most
- 12 appropriate?
- 13 LT. FRISDON: Well, the use of a firearm is a deadly
- 14 force type situation where the use of a Taser is not. So
- there's definitely a variable there of the type of
- 16 response that would be necessary. The use of a Taser is
- 17 not a deadly force situation.
- 18 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Okay, thank you.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you Lieutenant for reporting
- 20 out. We appreciate that. And in terms of enlightening us,
- 21 basically in terms of this process,
- LT. FRISDON: You're welcome. If there are any
- 23 questions, please feel free to contact us.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.
- 25 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the Chair, I have a



- 1 question.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON BELL: We move on to ---
- 3 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Through the Chair.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir.
- 5 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I had a question for the
- 6 gentleman that recently spoke. You know, the question is
- 7 what if a person has a pacemaker defibrillator? What if
- 8 the person you know, has some underlying health issues in
- 9 relation to an officer using his Taser?
- 10 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Lieutenant, can you hear. Do you
- 11 still want to?
- 12 LT. FRISDON: Yes, absolutely. And there are
- 13 provisions in our policy where if it is known to a member
- 14 that somebody does have a condition or that it's a member
- of the special population where we can't say prohibited
- 16 because there are times when if there's a deadly force
- 17 situation and often you use it. But we do have provisions
- in our policy regarding people member, excuse me,
- 19 citizens, that are members of special populations where
- 20 it's not to be used,
- 21 COMMISSIONER BURTON: But what if the officer didn't
- 22 know the person had a pacemaker defibrillator. It's not
- 23 like they walking around with an ID badge or something
- 24 that said they have a pacemaker defibrillator or some
- 25 special type of wristband or something, or note on their



- 1 forehead.
- 2 LT. FRISDON: Yes, and that's where our policy speaks
- 3 to if it is known. And there are always going to be
- 4 variables outside of that control if things are not known
- 5 but if it is known that the use of the Taser is
- 6 discouraged.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.
- 8 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: And Lieutenant, if I might
- 9 guess an observation. I know that in Oakland County, for
- 10 example, when people are pulled over for DUIs because
- 11 I've had a couple of clients like that, the first
- 12 question they ask the person when they get out of the car
- is, do you have any health issues or health concerns? And
- 14 I guess that's to protect the officer if he had to tase
- 15 him or something like that. But if the person is outside
- 16 the car, then I guess you could ask. That's my point
- 17 because it's on the video constantly. Do you have any
- 18 health conditions?
- 19 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Chairman, let's move on.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON BELL: I think he's frozen. We can review
- 21 that with the policy.
- 22 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Reverend Holley was on there.
- 23 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: I just want to move on.
- MRS. WHITE: We will share the message here. We will
- 25 share the last recommendation writing to the department.



- 1 Yes, sir.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. Let's move on to the
- 3 next Interim Chief Investigator Lawrence Akbar.
- 4 MRS. WHITE: Through the Chair, I'm unmuting Interim
- 5 Chief Investigator Akbar's microphone for the Office of
- 6 the Chief Investigator presentation. Interim Chief
- 7 Investigator Akbar.
- 8 MR. AKBAR: Yes. Can you hear me?
- 9 MRS. WHITE: Yes.
- 10 MR. AKBAR: Okay. We're getting ready to start up my
- 11 PowerPoint in a second, but I can start off by saying
- 12 good afternoon to the honorable Board, residents of the
- 13 City of Detroit, and the Detroit Police Department.
- 14 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Good afternoon.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Good afternoon.
- MR. AKBAR: Pleasant, and it feels good to see each
- 17 and every one of you. You all look like you're in very,
- 18 very good health. I am the Interim Chief Investigator
- 19 Lawrence Akbar from the Office of the Chief Investigator
- 20 and I'm waiting for the PowerPoint to kick in yes, I
- 21 can see it now.
- MRS. WHITE: We have Senior Investigator Madrigal as
- 23 co-host to share screen capabilities.
- MR. AKBAR: Right. She's putting that together now.
- 25 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: While we're waiting Mr.



- 1 Chairman, I went over to the Office of the Chief
- 2 Investigator this week and I just want to let my
- 3 colleagues on the Board know that I was very impressed by
- 4 their operation. Number one, Mr. Akbar was kind enough to
- 5 show me around, show me everything that's going on. And
- 6 what was really good about it was that he responded
- 7 immediately to my concerns. I went to the door, I rang
- 8 the bell, rang the bell, nobody came. There was a thing
- 9 on the door that said if you want to get in the building,
- 10 call this number. I called the number, nobody answered
- 11 the phone. In fact, nobody even called me back. They
- 12 said, leave a message until three hours later. When I got
- in the building finally, by calling his personal cell
- 14 phone, I explained to him the dilemma that the public has
- 15 to have the ability to come in and or communicate.
- 16 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: He agreed immediately. He
- 17 posted our sign on the door. There was no sign on the
- 18 door for the Office of the Chief Investigator. He posted
- 19 it on the door and he also directed the secretaries that
- 20 were there to answer the doorbell when someone is at the
- 21 door so that if people wanted to come in to communicate,
- 22 they could. He agreed. He didn't realize that it wasn't
- 23 ringing into the office. He was wonderful. Our offices
- over there are beautiful. I mean, really, really nice.
- 25 You must go by and see them. And it's a very, very



- 1 professional operation. My only comment would be that all
- 2 the investigators need to come back to work. They have
- 3 private offices. They're beautiful, you know, they're
- 4 just gorgeous. You wouldn't believe it, much nicer than
- 5 our offices, but the point is, there's no reason why they
- 6 can't come to work. There are tons of space, tons of
- 7 social distancing, and they can be at work. I told him
- 8 that too,
- 9 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Barnard, I want to
- 10 convey to you, there's the reasoning why they are not
- 11 working at this time, because of COVID. There's a
- 12 citywide, there's a DPD quidance on that and we followed
- 13 those guidelines and they have a union. They have raised
- 14 those concerns in the past. We have to comply. So we just
- 15 can't comply with your request. In your opinion, they
- 16 should be back at work. It does not work that way.
- 17 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Well, they have space. Mr.
- 18 Bell, they have private offices.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Excuse me. I responded. If you
- 20 need more details, we will provide that. Chief
- 21 Investigator Akbar speaks at this time. Thank you.
- MR. AKBAR: Okay. My shared screens coming up now. As
- 23 I stated earlier, I'm the Interim Chief Investigator for
- 24 the Office of the Chief Investigator, Lawrence Akbar. We
- 25 can go to our first slide. OCI received 111 complaints



- during December 20, 2020. 32 more than December of 2019.
- 2 This chart shows how and where our citizens file the 111
- 3 complaints. Let's focus on the OCI complaints. We
- 4 received nine complaints online. We took in 44 telephone
- 5 complaints for a total of 53. CCRS received for 2020
- 6 compared to 2019 are down 11, a decrease of 1%. This
- 7 chart shows the alleged commands involved in the 111
- 8 complaints received. Now take notice. There's the number
- 9 43, where they say it is 43 unknown commands. Well, just
- 10 to let you know that sometimes citizens don't get the
- 11 correct badge number or car codes, or they don't have an
- idea of where the person works or who the officer is. My
- investigators are very talented and they generally find
- out 90% of the time and are able to identify the
- 15 offending officers.
- MR. AKBAR: Next slide. 81 complaints were closed in
- 17 December, which included 136 allegations. If you notice
- 18 the two largest categories in terms of allegations are
- 19 demeanor and procedure. Now demeanor is the gateway to
- 20 all these other allegations that you see listed. If
- 21 officers approach citizens with bad attitudes and become
- 22 confrontational with citizens, it could lead to
- 23 unnecessary force harassment violation of procedures.
- 24 Next slide.
- MR. AKBAR: 55 incidents of the 81 complaints closed



- 1 and involved DPD members equipped with body-worn cameras.
- 2 43 out of 55 incidents were captured on body-worn
- 3 cameras. Now, if you notice on this particular chart, 12-
- 4 --
- 5 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Was that screen muted?
- 6 MR. AKBAR: If you notice on this particular chart,
- 7 12 incidents were not captured on body-worn cameras. And
- 8 some of the reasons are members turn on their body-worn
- 9 cameras too late or forget to turn them on. Members turn
- 10 off their body-worn cameras before the completion of
- 11 their investigation. And sometimes we have incidents
- 12 where there are technical issues with the equipment.
- 13 However, once the officer finds out that the body-worn
- 14 cameras have a defect or not recording, they will notify
- 15 their supervisors to report the malfunction and they
- 16 would document it on their log sheets and have a
- 17 supervisor come out, and either try to fix the problem or
- 18 attain another body-worn camera.119 DVD members were
- 19 identified in the 81 complaints closed the December. 97
- 20 of them were in the rack of police officers, 9 were
- 21 sergeants. Now, if you look over at the seniority chart,
- 22 47 of the officers had less than two years and seniority.
- Now for me, that's a problem. 27 officers with three to
- 24 four years and 23 officers with seniority ranging from 20
- 25 years to 29 years were involved. DPD calls for service,



- 1 81 CCRS closed December 2020. 61 DPD members were working
- 2 the afternoon shift during the time of their incident of
- 3 the 81 complaints closed. 13 out of 61 had 3 to 4 years
- 4 seniority. 29 of the 61 had less than 2 year's seniority,
- 5 almost half.
- 6 MR. AKBAR: In closing, I'd like to thank the Board
- 7 of Police Commissioners, my boss, the Interim Secretary
- 8 to the Board Ms. Melanie White, for making arrangements
- 9 for our staff to be able to take the COVID-19
- 10 vaccinations parts 1 and 2. I also want to thank the
- 11 Chief of Police James E. Craig for working with the Board
- of Police Commissioners and staff regarding this process.
- 13 I want to thank all of the past and present Board of
- 14 Police Commissioners, who during the pandemic have read,
- 15 approved, and returned all OCI closed investigations back
- 16 to my office in a timely manner. Without the
- 17 Commissioner's cooperation, citizens would not receive
- 18 their binding letters. And my office would not be able to
- 19 forward sustained findings to disciplinary
- 20 administration. Also, like to thank the general service
- 21 department for maintaining and cleaning our facilities
- 22 during the pandemic. Oversight is an important role for
- 23 us, and it's very important that along with all the sites
- 24 that we work hand in hand with the Detroit Police
- 25 Department, Chairperson Bell, Vice-Chair, Holt, and I



- 1 stress the importance of customer service during the new
- 2 recruit training sessions. Matter of fact, we had one
- 3 earlier this week. It is imperative that officers conduct
- 4 themselves in a professional manner to implement
- 5 procedural justice and legitimate fair policing. If an
- 6 officer is unprofessional, his or her action may escalate
- 7 to a use of force situation, and additional procedure
- 8 allocations. Lastly, I like to inform the residents of
- 9 Detroit, you may file a citizen's complaint by calling
- 10 our office at (313) 596-2499. Citizens may also file a
- 11 complaint online at the City of Detroit's website,
- 12 detroitmi.gov/bopc. Citizens may also call any precinct
- or Bureau on the telephones to file a complaint. Be sure
- 14 to request, to speak to a supervisor and they will be
- 15 glad to take your complaint. I thank you for your time
- 16 and your support. And at this time I can take any
- 17 questions that you'd like to post them.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Jones.
- 19 COMMISSIONER JONES: Yes, sir. I was just listening
- 20 to the parts where you mentioned that the body-worn
- 21 cameras and it's my guess that they play a pretty
- 22 important role and either exonerating an officer from an
- 23 accusation made against him or actually implicating him
- in the event that he's not showing professionalism that
- 25 he should be showing to a citizen. So is that something



- 1 that's going to take a while to use where more officers
- 2 are going to be wearing body-worn cameras?
- 3 MR. AKBAR: My understanding that the officers have
- 4 body-worn cameras and it does play an important role. It
- 5 does not correct behavior. All it does is record
- 6 behavior, which is an excellent tool for us. In the past,
- 7 I remember when I first was working at the Office of
- 8 Chief Investigator, I'll say back in 1989, we did not
- 9 have that capability. A lot of times it came to a
- 10 situation where we had an inconclusive finding, which you
- 11 had the officer's word versus the citizen's word. The
- 12 body-worn camera breaks the tie, okay. It lets us see
- 13 whether or not this officer actually violated policy. And
- 14 it also was shown too, and it works on the other end that
- 15 the allegations that are being alleged against the
- 16 officer are totally false. But we have that electronic
- 17 evidence to be able to prove that. Very important.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Great. Thank you for your
- 19 excellent report.
- MR. AKBAR: Thank you.
- 21 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Mr. Chair. Can you hear me?
- 22 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, Commissioner Burch.
- 23 COMMISSIONER BURCH: I'm sorry.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes ma'am.
- 25 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Mr. Akbar, how are you, sir?



- 1 MR. AKBAR: I'm fine.
- 2 COMMISSIONER BURCH: You know what, I'm good. I want
- 3 to follow up on what Commissioner Martin said. I've
- 4 spoken so often about the body-worn camera forever and a
- 5 day. And I always ask the question, why don't they have a
- 6 device where if that camera is not working, something
- 7 goes off in headquarters or the Precinct. So that officer
- 8 can't use that claim that, oh my body-cam was not
- 9 working. I'm saying, sir, that's like 3 years ago. What
- 10 have you done to improve something about that body-cam
- 11 that the officer knows is not working and he knows it's
- 12 not working, but the command section knows is not
- working, Also, have you improved it?
- MR. AKBAR: One of the things that the officers do
- 15 before they even hit the street?
- 16 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Yes.
- 17 MR. AKBAR: They're required to stand in front of
- 18 their vehicles and they give a small speech or
- 19 presentation with respect to testing that equipment out
- 20 before they even pull out of the garage to go on patrol
- 21 and also too, there's a technical division of our
- 22 department that will inspect those body-worn cameras and
- 23 make a decision whether or not the investigation, whether
- 24 this is a technical malfunction, or is this something
- 25 that the officer may have done?



- 1 COMMISSIONER BURCH: See that that's what I'm saying,
- 2 Mr. Akbar. So that's what you've been saying to me 3
- 3 years ago. I'm saying you got to update it where it won't
- 4 be all the responsibility on the officer. That body-worn
- 5 camera should be on at all times. You all got to improve
- 6 that. I know you will. That's all.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Burch the technology
- 8 is what it is, but our policy is stipulate if an officer
- 9 has a problem with their body-worn camera at any time,
- 10 they are to directly report it to a first-line supervisor
- 11 and go to the station. That's the policy and how it
- 12 works. As far as immediate notification electronically. I
- don't think that's possible, but they know when it's
- 14 working and not working. So that is responding.
- 15 COMMISSIONER BURCH: I heard you, I heard what you
- 16 just said, but I also asked, can they go to any Precinct?
- 17 They don't have to go back to the police station, can
- 18 they go to any Precinct and pick up a new one?
- 19 CHAIRPERSON BELL: It is not just like that, ma'am,
- 20 but there's a process. We will inform you about how it
- 21 works, but basically you just can't you know, if you
- 22 work in the 5th Precinct, you go to the 5th Precinct.
- 23 That's how they work number 11, you go to the 11th
- 24 Precinct.
- 25 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Chief Craig, help us help us.



- 1 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Update, we responded ma'am.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Davis.
- 3 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Mr. Chair.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir.
- 5 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Oh, you breaking up a little
- 6 bit, sir.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON BELL: I know, my internet going in and
- 8 out. Thank you,
- 9 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Mr. Akbar, I have two questions.
- 10 First one, how many Commissioners are actually reading
- 11 cases?
- 12 MR. AKBAR: I have 4 so far.
- COMMISSIONER DAVIS: And they're all appointees?
- 14 MR. AKBAR: They are all appointees. I can tell you
- 15 the ones that are not if you'd like me to tell you that.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Chief Investigate Akbar, they are
- 17 Commissioners. Thank you. Next question.
- 18 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: My next question. How do you
- 19 deal with if some of the investigators over there I'm
- 20 making complaints about their working environment and
- 21 what's going on there? Has any of the workers made
- 22 complaints?
- CHAIRPERSON BELL: Mr. Akbar, you're not going to
- 24 respond. That is a matter internal at personnel. So next
- 25 question.



- 1 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Through the Chair.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir, Commissioner Brown.
- 3 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Mr. Akbar, the things I didn't
- 4 see in your report was I asked for some information
- 5 through the interim Board secretary. She's supposed to be
- 6 working with you, to get me the number of cases that are
- 7 90 days late and why. And I don't see any of that in your
- 8 report that speaks to any of the cases that may have been
- 9 late and why they are late. Can you explain why none of
- 10 that is in your report?
- MR. AKBAR: I can explain the data to you if you like
- 12 Commissioner Brown. You can call my office or you can
- 13 come in and I will point that out to you
- 14 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Chief Investigator Akbar, review
- 15 that matter with Ms. White and you shared information
- 16 with the entire Board on the terms of late reports. Thank
- 17 you. Next question.
- 18 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Point of order Mr. Chairman, he
- 19 should be able to answer it now.
- 20 COMMISSIONER BROWN: I have another question. In the
- 21 event
- 22 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Excuse me. He has to do research.
- 23 He can't answer that question.
- 24 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Well, through the Chair, Mr.
- 25 Chairman, I've been asking for this information for the



- 1 last three months.
- 2 COMMISSIONER BURTON: That's right.
- 3 COMMISSIONER BROWN: I've been asking for this
- 4 information for the last three months and I'm interested
- 5 in the workload
- 6 COMMISSIONER BURTON: That's right.
- 7 COMMISSIONER BROWN: I'm interested in the workload.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON BELL: No, we will respond to ---
- 9 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Well, that's what I'm hearing
- 10 every week. I'm interested in the workload
- 11 CHAIRPERSON BELL: What is your concern.
- 12 COMMISSIONER BROWN: of what's going on, of the other
- investigators that are there since we know that you have
- 14 taken one and brought that person downtown, and from what
- 15 I'm here now you have removed four others from the
- 16 caseload process and reading. So how does that work? You
- 17 know, you're quadrupling the workload on those workers
- 18 that are there. So that's why I'm asking these questions
- 19 because it seems to me that this report and some of the
- 20 information here is either disingenuous or is being
- 21 hidden from this Board to make it seem like everything
- 22 down there is okay. But I don't think you can work at
- 23 that speed if you have removed five people, five people
- 24 from your rotation, reading those cases. So I'd be
- 25 interested to know, I want to see that information and



- 1 I've been asking for it for almost four months now.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Commissioner Brown.
- 3 Thank you. If not, I want to thank Interim Chief
- 4 Investigator Akbar for reporting out. And we are going to
- 5 have Lieutenant Gardner going ahead and join us at this
- 6 time to acknowledge his retirement. Lieutenant Gardner,
- 7 Ms. White.
- 8 MRS. WHITE: Yes, sir. Lieutenant Gardner is on the
- 9 panelist link and
- 10 COMMISSIONER BROWN: I thought he was gone fishing.
- MRS. WHITE: We're enabling his microphone.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.
- 13 LT. GARDNER: I'm here?
- MRS. WHITE: Yes.
- 15 LT. GARDNER: I'm here?
- 16 MRS. WHITE: Yes, sir.
- 17 LT. GARDNER: Oh, is it for remarks. I'm sorry.
- 18 COMMISSIONER BROWN: See, he's still fishing.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON BELL: You better speak up.
- 20 COMMISSIONER BROWN: He's still fishing.
- 21 LT. GARDNER: I'm sorry.
- 22 CHIEF CRAIG: This is for you.
- 23 LT. GARDNER: Thank you, sir. Through the Chair.
- 24 Thank you, City of Detroit. Thank you the Board. Thank
- 25 you, Chief James Craig. It has been a wonderful,



- 1 wonderful experience. 34 years, 5 months, and 23 days is
- 2 my exact time. And I am proud to have served the citizens
- 3 of Detroit in this great and phenomenal police
- 4 department. Specifically, I do have to say in my last 5
- 5 years under this helm of Chief Craig has definitely been
- 6 the best. It is because of the leadership that he put in
- 7 place that I was able to move on and become as I am.
- 8 LT. GARDNER: It was because of what the department
- 9 allowed for me to do as far as getting my master's degree
- 10 in clinical psychology, and then going on, trying to
- 11 integrate some of the things that we had hoped to do with
- 12 the police department. It's because of that training,
- 13 it's because Chief Craig had the vision to allow me to go
- 14 to California and received the training. I am here today
- 15 and moving on to the next steps. So thank you, City of
- 16 Detroit, thank you to this great police department. I
- 17 could not be who I am, had it not been for the Detroit
- 18 police department. So it's almost like breaking up, I
- 19 don't know if that's a good idea, is my wife listening?
- 20 CHAIRPERSON BELL: That is a married man.
- 21 LT. GARDNER: It's almost like breaking up with a
- 22 girlfriend and she has been a great girlfriend to the
- 23 Detroit Police Department. It is great. It was just
- 24 tremendous to work there. And I'm certainly going to miss
- 25 all of you. I am not far away. I would love to do



- 1 whatever I can to continue to associate with this great
- 2 city and with this great police department. So thank you
- 3 all so much and thank you for helping me to be who I am
- 4 and what you sowed into my life. No man can stand alone.
- 5 No man is an island and we all know that. We thank God
- 6 for community and people such as yourselves that are
- 7 task-driven, that help us to better our city, better
- 8 ourselves, and better things around us.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Lieutenant Gardner, I just want to
- 10 say on behalf of the Board, we read the resolution. I
- just want to thank you for your body of work. You've been
- 12 a class act and I just really appreciate your service,
- 13 especially in the last five years, but I've been knowing
- 14 you for quite some time. I met Commander Gardner in a
- 15 recruiting, she was just out and you're just building
- 16 really a fantastic team. But as you stated, I'm happy
- 17 that you going away smiling in terms of retirement and
- 18 your next career. You are that type of person, so I want
- 19 to uplift you. May God continue to bless you and can
- 20 bless you in your family as you go forward in your next
- 21 career step without carrying that badge of Lieutenant.
- 22 And I want to say to you, the water is fine. Thank you.
- 23 COMMISSIONER BURTON: To the Chair.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir.
- 25 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I want to just say it to



- 1 Lieutenant Gardner too. It's been an honor knowing you
- 2 these past 8 years. You know, you are a very
- 3 distinguished brother, well-dressed, one of the sharpest
- 4 lieutenants and captains, you know, not only out of this
- 5 department, but all of the departments that I know of,
- 6 you know, from traveling with NACOLES, but I just want to
- 7 say happy retirement. You definitely deserve it.
- 8 LT. GARDNER: Thank you, Commissioner.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. We move on to our next
- 10 item would be, Ms. White Interim Board Secretary, please.
- 11 MRS. WHITE: Yes. Through the Chair. The incoming
- 12 correspondence for this week is listed on the Board's
- 13 agenda and they are as follows: the weekly DPD facial
- 14 recognition technology report for the week of January
- 15 25th, 2021 through January 31st, 2021, the second item,
- 16 project green light report for February 1st, 2021. And
- 17 the Board also received various staff reports, which were
- 18 previously highlighted during today's meeting. And you
- 19 also received that information in your weekly submission.
- 20 And just for the record, I wanted to make sure I
- 21 indicated the names that I received for DPD executives
- 22 who are on the line at this time and who were previously
- 23 on the line earlier but had to leave. The list is as
- 24 follows: First Assistant Chief Lashanda Stair, Deputy
- 25 Chief, Elaine Bryant, DPOA, and Vice-President Thomas.



- 1 Obviously, Lieutenant Firsdon conducted the presentation
- 2 earlier. Commander Constant Slappy, Former Police, Chief
- 3 Chester Logan, Sergeant Felicia Jewell, Director,
- 4 Christopher Graveline, which we heard from earlier,
- 5 Lieutenant Jamar Rickett, now captain Kimberly Blackwell,
- 6 Commander, Melissa Gardner, Lieutenant Laurie Ross,
- 7 Director Branch-Wilson, Sergeant Nicole Kirkwood,
- 8 Sergeant Glen Anderson, and Captain Tanya Leonard-
- 9 Gilbert. And we just heard from Lieutenant Gardner. And
- 10 then also, I like to mention the other OCI members who
- 11 have received attendance notification. Senior
- 12 Investigator, Adela Rivera, Investigator Markita Stanton,
- 13 Investigator Roslyn Banks, and Investigator Nikki
- 14 Coleman. Thank you.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Ms. White, for that
- 16 type of acknowledgment. We appreciate it. We know these
- 17 meetings are somewhat long in terms of people
- 18 participating in and dropping off. We move on to our next
- 19 item unfinished, but I want to say to this Board that our
- 20 staff due to COVID-19 are working from home. This limits
- 21 activity for the Board and OCI. We follow those
- 22 guidelines. They are civilians, they are not DPD
- 23 personnel in terms of DPD if in meeting that challenge
- 24 under difficult circumstances. But we have to honor that
- 25 process for the City of Detroit guidelines. So we just



- 1 resolved the issue of director personnel. That was a
- 2 critical position. I want to thank the Board for that
- 3 type of vote to get past that. Now we have to weigh-in on
- 4 the Board of Police Commissioner's budget and that impact
- 5 staff that should be forthcoming. You will get it
- 6 shortly, as soon as we get that step process on the
- 7 phone. So that would address the Board's budget, and also
- 8 the staffing of the Board overall in terms of those
- 9 concerns, there are certain things we have to do but we
- 10 will inform you shortly in terms of that next step. Also,
- 11 I want to make a major announcement. Most of you know
- 12 that I serve on the National Associate and Civilian
- Oversight of Law Enforcement NAACO. I'm one of 11 Board
- 14 members and just this week, NAACO received a major grant
- in the form of \$1,000 from the John Lee Thomas Foundation
- 16 to impact law enforcement oversight in this country. That
- is the first major donor of this type to be rented to
- 18 NAACO for oversite. That is huge and they would be
- 19 breaking it down, how they're going to function in that
- 20 capacity. But that is the John Lee Thomas Foundation. I
- 21 don't know that much about them but I would look them up,
- 22 but I just really wanted to share that good news with you
- 23 in terms of oversight, and I think some other great
- 24 things are going to happen in 2021. Unfinished business.
- 25 COMMISSIONER BURTON: To the Chair. To the Chair.



- 1 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Burton.
- 2 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I moved that we began defining
- 3 the process and procedures for all hires that the Board
- 4 of Police Commissioners is involved in.
- 5 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Second.
- 6 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Support.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Burton, I just spoke
- 8 to
- 9 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: You're breaking up or frozen.
- 10 MRS. WHITE: Mr. Chair.
- 11 COMMISSIONER BROWN: There's a motion on the floor.
- 12 MRS. WHITE: Mr. Chair.
- 13 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Is the Vice-Chair available?
- 14 MRS. WHITE: And I was just getting ready to indicate
- on the record, the Vice-Chair is not on the call at this
- 16 time.
- 17 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Then we'd have to go to the
- 18 previous Vice-Chair. Commissioner Brown, you got the
- 19 floor.
- MRS. WHITE: Excuse me.
- 21 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Question.
- MRS. WHITE: Commissioner Carter, if you can hear me?
- 23 COMMISSIONER BURCH: You all are something else.
- 24 COMMISSIONER BROWN: I don't think that's the correct
- 25 protocol.



- 1 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Not quite.
- 2 MRS. WHITE: Commissioner Carter on the line.
- 3 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Yes, I'm here.
- 4 COMMISSIONER BROWN: The previous Chair is on the
- 5 line
- 6 MRS. WHITE: And I'm still trying to work with
- 7 Chairperson Bell to ensure his technology is working
- 8 properly.
- 9 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: I bet you are.
- 10 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: There he is.
- 11 COMMISSIONER BURCH: He's muted. Melanie,
- MRS. WHITE: Share your microphone, sir. Your
- 13 microphone is muted. If staff co-hosts could assist with
- 14 enabling Chair's microphone?
- 15 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Can you hear me now? I just want
- 16 to say that the technology and you know, whatever that
- 17 is, it's in and out. I thought we had fixed that problem,
- 18 but let's try to get through this meeting. Any new
- 19 business.
- 20 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I had a question and then I --
- 21 -
- 22 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Unfinished business.
- COMMISSIONER BURTON: Mr. Chairman, a motion is on
- 24 the floor and
- 25 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Oh, you're right.



- 1 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Second and supported.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON BELL: What is your motion, Commissioner
- 3 Burton?
- 4 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Madam Secretary, can you please
- 5 read the motion?
- 6 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Burton, can you state
- 7 your emotion?
- 8 COMMISSIONER BURTON: We have a secretary that's
- 9 making.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Burton, can you state
- 11 your motion?
- 12 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Madam Secretary, could you
- 13 please state the motion?
- 14 CHAIRPERSON BELL: No, Commissioner. Ms. White is not
- 15 going to, can you state your motion you made the motion,
- 16 can you state it?
- 17 COMMISSIONER BURTON: We're paying a secretary,
- 18 roughly six figures. She can state the motion Mr.
- 19 Chairman. The motion has been properly made and properly
- 20 supported.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Can you state your motion,
- 22 Commissioner Burton?
- COMMISSIONER BURTON: I demand the secretary to state
- 24 the motion.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON BELL: There is not going to respond



- 1 because I want you to state your motion, sir.
- 2 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Mr. Chairman, if I may.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON BELL: No, sir. The maker of the motion
- 4 has to speak to the motion.
- 5 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I understand Mr. Chairman, but
- 6 Commissioner Burton.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Bernard,
- 8 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I just want to make a point of
- 9 order, Mr. Chairman.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON BELL: You do not have the floor. Let
- 11 Commissioner Burton speak. If not, we move on.
- 12 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: If you would let me say, I can
- 13 clear it up.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Bernard let him speak
- 15 to the motion.
- 16 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I agree Mr. Chairman with you,
- 17 but Commissioner Burton, she is not a court reporter. She
- 18 cannot repeat verbatim.
- 19 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I move that the Board of Police
- 20 Commissioners define the process and procedures for the
- 21 hires that are made by this Board. I move that we define
- 22 the process and procedures for hiring positions made by
- 23 this Board.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.
- 25 COMMISSIONER BURTON: The motion was properly second



- 1 and supported by two Commissioners.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.
- 3 COMMISSIONER JONES: Mr. Chair, I move that. We table
- 4 that motion support.
- 5 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Support.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON BELL: They've been properly moved and
- 7 supported that we tell you what that motion. Discussion.
- 8 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Through the Chair and the other
- 9 Commissioners. We have to define a process. And all the
- 10 motion is doing is saying that we need to work to define
- 11 a process. We don't have one. You can see that clearly
- was a problem with the hiring of the HR personnel
- 13 director. I don't see anything wrong with the motion just
- 14 to define a process. That's all he's saying, and I agree
- 15 with that. We don't have one and we need to define the
- 16 process and I think that it is the right thing to do for
- 17 this Board and for those members of this Board, that's
- 18 going to be here long after us. I think that it is a good
- 19 motion, and I think it should be considered.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Are we ready for the vote, thank
- 21 you?
- 22 COMMISSIONER JONES: We are ready for a vote. Thank
- 23 you.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Jones?
- 25 COMMISSIONER JONES: Yes.



- 1 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Hernandez.
- 2 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Yes.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Holley.
- 4 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Yes.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON BELL: I think Commissioner Holt is not
- 6 on the call now. District 1.
- 7 COMMISSIONER BROWN: No.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District 2.
- 9 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I'm confused about what we're
- 10 voting on. Are we voting on Commissioner Burton's motion
- 11 that Melanie is forced to restate his motion or just that
- there'll be a process for personnel?
- 13 CHAIRPERSON BELL: No ma'am.
- 14 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Okay. I'm in favor.
- 15 COMMISSIONER BROWN: We're voting to table his
- 16 motion.
- 17 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I'm sorry.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON BELL: We voting to table his motion.
- 19 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Oh, to table his motion. I
- 20 agree, agree, yes.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. District 3.
- 22 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Yes.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District 5.
- 24 COMMISSIONER BURTON: No.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Myself, District 4. Yes. District



- 1 6.
- 2 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Yes.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District 7.
- 4 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yes.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Ms. White.
- 6 MRS. WHITE: Chair, there were 7. Excuse me. Yes. 7
- 7 yes votes and 3, no votes.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON BELL: So, the motion pass.
- 9 MRS. WHITE: Yes. The motion to table passes.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Okay. We move on.
- 11 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Unfinished business.
- 12 COMMISSIONER BURCH: New business.
- 13 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: No. Unfinished business. I have
- 14 stuff in unfinished business too.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir. New business.
- 16 Commissioner Davis.
- 17 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Under unfinished business. I'm
- 18 still waiting for the request that Commissioner Bernard
- 19 made about us getting an update on the settlement
- 20 agreement as it relates to the previous lawsuit as it
- 21 relates to abuse by the leadership of having secret
- 22 meetings.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir. We are looking into it.
- 24 Yes, sir. Thank you.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Is that Commission Bernard?



- 1 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Yes. Mr. Chairman. That was my
- 2 request as well. I like simply to point out to the Chair
- 3 that all Board members are entitled to information when
- 4 they request it. There is really nothing to look at. It's
- 5 just an established lawsuit. There is an inspector
- 6 general report. We are entitled to that report and to
- 7 that judicial ruling regarding a police commission.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Well, Commissioner Bernard, we are
- 9 looking into that. Please be aware at the time we
- 10 provided all that documentation to this Board in terms of
- inspector general report, the corporation council. You're
- 12 new, but we are trying to gather information. Now the
- 13 attorney of record who handled that case is no longer
- 14 with us. So we are looking into that matter.
- 15 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Okay. Thank you.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. Yes ma'am.
- 17 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: As soon as you can, I'd
- 18 appreciate it.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, ma'am, we follow you.
- 20 Announcement. Mr. Brown.
- 21 COMMISSIONER BURTON: To the Chair, we are still on
- 22 unofficial business. I mean old business. We still on old
- 23 business.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Mr. Brown.
- 25 MR. ROB BROWN: Yes.



- 1 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Mr. Brown, announcements, please.
- 2 MR. ROB BROWN: Good afternoon, Mr. Chairman and this
- 3 honorable Board. The announcements for the day.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Mr. Brown, announcements, please.
- 5 MR. ROB BROWN: Can you hear Mr. Chair?
- 6 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir.
- 7 MR. ROB BROWN: Okay, announcements for the day.
- 8 COMMISSIONER BURCH: What happened to the new
- 9 business?
- 10 CHAIRPERSON BELL: I called for new business. We
- 11 addressed that.
- 12 COMMISSIONER BURTON: You didn't call for old
- 13 business, Mr. Chairman.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON BELL: There's no such thing as old
- 15 business. Mr. Brown, kindly make the announcements.
- 16 COMMISSIONER BURTON: You did not call for old
- 17 business.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON BELL: I did call for it, sir. Mr. Brown.
- 19 MR. ROB BROWN: The next community meeting will be
- 20 Thursday, February 11th, 2021 at 3:00 PM. And the next
- 21 regular Board meeting will be Thursday, February the
- 22 18th, 2021 at 3:00 pm. Both are virtual meetings.
- COMMISSIONER BERNARD: What community means, what
- 24 precinct? I'm just.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON BELL: The 9th Precinct.



- 1 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Okay. Thank you.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.
- 3 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Through the Chair. Through the
- 4 Chair.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Go ahead, Commissioner Brown.
- 6 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Yes, I just wanted to make an
- 7 announcement to let you all know and wish my wife a happy
- 8 anniversary today of 32 years, if she's listening.
- 9 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Oh, bless her heart.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Happy anniversary.
- 11 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Happy anniversary to both of
- 12 you.
- 13 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Happy anniversary.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, especially to your wife, Mrs.
- 15 Brown.
- 16 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: And she got my prayers too.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Okay, I hope that you buy flowers
- 18 and candy, whatever you need to do.
- 19 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: And those are powerful prayers
- 20 that Reverend Holley has, powerful prayers.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON BELL: I hear you. Mr. Brown, can we
- 22 continue?
- 23 MR. ROB BROWN: Mr. Chair.
- 24 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Can I say something Mr. Chair?
- 25 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Ms. Burch, Commissioner Burch.



- 1 COMMISSIONER BURCH: I just want to announce to
- 2 Sergeant Hall, a great job he's doing with recruiting
- 3 what we suggested to put in the applications into the
- 4 gift boxes that they give around the city, the food. So
- 5 he's now doing that. He said it is working very well. So
- 6 thanks to Sergeant Hall.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Okay. Thank you.
- 8 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Thank you Commissioner Burch
- 9 for recommending.
- 10 COMMISSIONER BURCH: You're welcome, Ms. Bernard.
- 11 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Thank you.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Mr. Brown, would you go ahead,
- 13 please? The public is waiting.
- MR. ROB BROWN: Mr. Chair, we currently have six
- 15 speakers for public comments.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.
- 17 MR. ROB BROWN: I'll call them by three. Your first
- 18 speaker will be Ms. Bernie Smith followed by Ms. Sharon
- 19 Parnell, followed by Minister Eric Blunt.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.
- 21 MR. ROB BROWN: Miss Smith.
- MS. SMITH: You ought to be ashamed of yourself. It
- 23 is really horrible to sit and listen to you guys for the
- 24 last three hours. I cannot believe it. And you're
- 25 supposed to be adults and be intelligent. You're the most



- 1 ignorant. And you know what I'm talking about? I don't
- 2 have to name any names. If I do, I will name them. You
- 3 talk the list Burton, you top the list, you and Davis,
- 4 and you all need to get off the Board. You don't belong
- 5 on the Board. That Police Board is more decent than what
- 6 you guys have been doing. It's a disgrace and the Chief
- 7 needs to say something about it and get some control
- 8 Commissioner Bell, I feel sorry for you, baby. You can't
- 9 handle them ignorant Negros that's on that Board. I want
- 10 to know one thing. I have a bullet hole in my car. I want
- 11 to know how I can find out who did it. They did it on New
- 12 Year's Eve, and it's going to cost me a thousand dollars
- 13 to get a fender on my car. And it's terrible that I
- 14 cannot find out who did it. But the fact is that you have
- 15 this system now and I would like to come down there and
- 16 that someone down there looks at my car. A thousand
- 17 dollars. I can't afford a thousand dollars. And the
- 18 bullet's still in there. You need to behave yourself and
- 19 control yourself. It's graceful.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.
- MR. ROB BROWN: Ms. Parnell.
- MS PARNELL: Hi. How are you all doing? I agree with
- 23 Bernice about the sensors in the neighborhood. We need
- them because it's always somebody shooting over here. I
- 25 stayed near Joy Road and Schaffer, and it's a shame, you



- 1 can't even rest at night from the gunshots. I'd never
- 2 heard a police car, but you do hear the gunshots. Thank
- 3 you. And you stay safe.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.
- 5 MR. ROB BROWN: Minister. Eric Blunt.
- 6 MINISTER BLUNT: Yes. For the record, I'm Minister,
- 7 Eric Blunt, a Minister at Sacred Heart Catholic Church,
- 8 where our Priest and Pastor is Father Norman Paul Thomas.
- 9 Again, this week, this Board spends 99% of its time and
- 10 resources far away from civilian oversight, which is
- 11 police misconduct. The office of the chief investigator
- 12 should be the first topic on each week's agenda. For the
- 13 procedure of letting officers retire with charges, how
- 14 about not letting officers retire if there are charges,
- 15 just let them quit. This week's publicly distributed
- 16 statement concerning Black Lives Matter by Commissioner
- 17 Bell, but the title on behalf of the Board of Police
- 18 Commissioners is disturbing on so many levels. First, by
- 19 not even listing the other Commissioners makes it clear
- 20 if not suspicious that not all of the Commissioners agree
- 21 with this statement and its method of distribution. The
- 22 strong disagreements on numerous issues by this Board
- 23 this year, and for years, leads one to expect that the
- 24 list of Commissioners would have been on this publicly
- 25 distributed statement. Corporate counsel must have



- 1 approved this document because it was on the city's
- 2 letterhead. This is the same corporate counsel that is
- 3 countersuing Black Lives Matter. This public statement is
- 4 again, only by Commissioner Bell and is a further issue
- of great concern due to Commissioner Bell's, various
- 6 disparaging comments regarding Black Lives Matter and
- 7 protestors in this meeting. As far as ShotSpotter is
- 8 concerned, one of the disturbing issues I heard at this
- 9 meeting is that DPD cannot know the location of this
- 10 detection equipment. If hackers can infiltrate the
- 11 national voting data, one can assume that ShotSpotter's
- 12 can be an error and can be hacked by many hackers.
- MR. ROB BROWN: Mr. Chair, your next three speakers
- 14 would be Ms. Susan Steigerwalt followed by Ms. Tijana
- 15 Petty followed by Ms. Michelle George.
- MS. STEIGERWALT: Yes, I had trouble unmuting. I'm
- 17 Susan Steigerwalt. I've lived in Detroit for 45, almost
- 18 46 years now. I also saw your announcement for your
- 19 support of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners
- 20 through Commissioner Chairman, Willie Bell to Black Lives
- 21 Matter nomination for Nobel Prize, and I want to echo
- 22 what Minister Blunt said. During the summer Black Lives
- 23 Matter protestors were referred to as outside agitators,
- 24 peaceful protestors were just beaten and arrested. The
- 25 countersuit had been filed by the City of Detroit. A



- 1 chokehold was performed on a young woman. There was
- 2 continuous illusion (Audio distortion) diverting from the
- 3 neighborhood. Thus, it's hard to imagine that the Board
- 4 of Police Commissioner supporting Black Lives Matter, but
- 5 if so, what a wonderful step forward for black lives and
- 6 for human rights. One additional issue though is based on
- 7 the process and the authoritarian nature of the Chair, as
- 8 well as the lack of process at this meeting. I, like
- 9 Chairman Bell, will end by quoting Malcolm X. Malcolm X
- 10 said, referring to America. "You and I have never seen
- 11 democracy. All we have seen is hypocrisy." As I said, he
- was referring to America. I feel like he's referring to
- 13 the Board of Police Commissioners. I yield my time.
- MR. ROB BROWN: Ms. Petty.
- MS. PETTY: I answered to a higher power, that higher
- 16 power is God. It is the only reason why I consistently
- 17 torture myself, by sitting in on as many of these
- 18 meetings, as I possibly can to read a statement in favor
- 19 of Black Lives Matter when I sat through numerous
- 20 meetings, disparaging, the protestors, mainly peaceful
- 21 protestors. This summer felt like a sucker punch in the
- 22 gut. In addition to that, the numerous passing of
- 23 ordinances increases in budgets, promotions with very
- 24 little scrutiny and consistent challenges to
- 25 Commissioners who raise issues and concerns



- 1 disenfranchise the black lives that you all sent out a
- 2 statement saying mattered. The Board of Police
- 3 Commissioners is really our only line of defense in
- 4 making sure that we have equitable representation for our
- 5 lives and our livelihoods. It doesn't just benefit the
- 6 residents of the City of Detroit to have a civilian
- 7 oversight body that is going to be fair and hold the
- 8 police to account. It benefits police officers to have a
- 9 civilian oversight body that is going to hold the police
- 10 to account. And so I think it is very important that you
- 11 all have some kind of a meeting of the minds or some kind
- of convening where we really do have an honest
- 13 conversation about who is really taking up each of the
- 14 matters that come before you and voting on them with
- 15 good, conscious, and a good heart and good mind and with
- 16 accountability to God because it really has not felt like
- 17 that for all the years that I have listened in. And so I
- 18 yield my time and I'm really going to ask you all to
- 19 think deeply about how this body is moving forward. Thank
- 20 you.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.
- MR. ROB BROWN: Ms. Michelle George.
- MS. GEORGE: Yes. Can you hear me? Hi, Mr. Brown. You
- 24 can hear me.
- MR. ROB BROWN: Yes, ma'am.



- 1 MS. GEORGE: Yes. To this honorable Board, Chairman
- 2 Bell, Oh, Chief Craig, glad to have you on Chief Craig.
- 3 If you really listen with a third ear, you can see, I
- 4 have never seen a Board, never vote for the people,
- 5 never. At least, I know sometimes Commissioner Burch or
- 6 Commissioner Holley, they'll stand up for the people,
- 7 they will, but never. So I hope this charter commission
- 8 can get out some of the Mayor's appointees. I also would
- 9 like to say to Chief Craig, I sent an email to you.
- 10 Hopefully, you can get to the email. I cc'd Mayor Duggan
- 11 about the missing people. I know a 37-year-old is missing
- 12 now from Boston Street. A 12-year-old, all of these
- 13 missing children, a few returned home, never an Amber
- 14 Alert for those young children. I don't know if because
- 15 they're black children or not. Also, I do want to
- 16 congratulate the Lieutenant as well. I want to say this
- 17 about your police chaplain Corps. I was reading an
- 18 article. The police chaplain Corps is an integral part of
- 19 law enforcement. They need to carry their weapons. Chief
- 20 Craig, I think I put it in an email, I will. We need to
- 21 use that chaplain's corps because the city needs help.
- 22 Also with the ShotSpotter, we need that. There are too
- 23 many gunfires. The crime is bad. I was on a call this
- 24 morning where a marijuana dispensary wants to proliferate
- 25 flavonoids, where you have shootings and killings. And



- 1 I'm telling you, Lord knows, I wish he could have called
- 2 me to be Mayor. You will not have you, and then I want
- 3 police officers to get more money. You got police
- 4 officers working all the time, but you got dispensary's
- 5 proliferating the city, the crime, the Mayor. And I put
- 6 it in the email, Chief Craig. He needs to do press
- 7 conferences with you and to this Board of Police
- 8 Commissioners, just like Ms. Petty stated.
- 9 MR. ROB BROWN: Mr. Chair that was your last speaker.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Mr. Brown. This has
- 11 been a long process. I want to acknowledge and
- 12 appreciate, first of all, the community for their input
- and listening to us. I want to thank DPD for their
- involvement, Chief Craig and his team. I wish him the
- 15 best. They are serving this community in terms of an
- 16 extraordinary time. They continue to do that and putting
- 17 their life on the line and their families and our
- 18 concern. And I want to thank the Commissioners for their
- 19 participation. I want to close by saying on 910, Radio
- 20 Sam Riddle from 9 toll. We were the subject matter of a
- 21 great deal of discussion last week by one of our
- 22 Commissioners. I hope the Commissioners would tune in if
- 23 you have the opportunity to listen to that dialogue. It's
- 24 very interesting in terms of the bashing and all those
- 25 things that have been shared are erroneous. This host has



- 1 never reached out to give balanced reporting to this
- 2 Board or this Chair in the history of being on the air.
- 3 So I just want to share that with you. The Chair would
- 4 entertain a motion for adjournment.
- 5 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Mr. Bell.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, ma'am.
- 7 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Please before you end, I would
- 8 like the Board members to please say Happy Birthday. Her
- 9 name is Vera Wilson, Lomax Temple. She's 99 today. So
- 10 everybody remembered that lady. Her name is Vera Wilson.
- 11 She goes to Lomax Temple, Pastor Peterson. Thank you.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.
- 13 ALL: Happy Birthday Vera.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Move for adjournment.
- 15 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: So moved.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Those in favor Aye.
- 17 ALL: Aye.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. Have a safe weekend and
- 19 get ready for the ---

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21 (Meeting Adjourned at 5:47p.m.)

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