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- 1 MS. WHITE: Good afternoon again and welcome to the
- 2 Detroit Board of Commissioners meeting. And please note
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- of police commissioners allows one hour from 3:00 to 4:00
- 24 PM for the public to request to speak during public
- 25 comments or oral communications on the agenda. To make a



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- 2 the "raise hand" icon on the website, or they may press
- 3 star nine (*9) on the telephone.
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- 5 joining the meeting, participants will join the meeting
- 6 muted. Please do not start your video unless invited to
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- 11 Zoom controls on your computer screen to "raise hand," or
- 12 you may dial star nine (*9) from a mobile device. You may
- use any one of these options by 4:00 PM to be
- 14 acknowledged for public comments.
- 15 And lastly regarding public comment, each speaker
- 16 will have two minutes to speak during public comments.
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- 18 you remain respectful and professional and refrain from
- 19 violating the Board's Bylaws, zoom's terms of services,
- 20 and other relevant laws and ordinances, which are posted
- 21 on all meeting access forums.
- 22 Please silence your phones and other background
- 23 sounds to prevent interrupting the meeting.
- 24 Thank you and now Chairperson Bell.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Ms. White. I appreciate



- 1 you in terms of your commitment to the Board of Police
- 2 Commission. I'm going to call the meeting to order, and
- 3 we're going to have an invocation from Charleston Day,
- 4 the Chaplain for the Detroit Police Department. Thank
- 5 you.
- 6 CHAPLAIN DAY: Thank you. Shall we pray? Eternal God,
- 7 our Father, it's once again that we come to pause to
- 8 simply say, thank you. Father, we lift up the Board of
- 9 Police Commissioners to you, God, as they convene in this
- 10 hour. God, that you would give them wisdom, clarity, and
- 11 insight in everything that they do. Father, we pray that
- 12 you would bless all of them collectively in their
- individual places. God, we pray that you would hook your
- 14 super to their natural. We ask God now that your favor,
- 15 grace, and peace will be upon all of their lives and what
- 16 they do to continue to impact the City of Detroit. We
- 17 say, thank you now for what it is you will do, you have
- done, and what you will continue to do, and we give your
- 19 name. Thanks now in Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.
- 20 COMMISSIONERS: Amen.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Chaplain Day, we appreciate that.
- 22 We're going to help introduction of the Commissioners
- 23 starting with myself, Willie Bell District 4, the Chair.
- 24 And I'm going to ask the Vice-Chair to introduce herself
- 25 at this time.



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- 1 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Good afternoon. To the Honorable
- 2 Board of Police Commissioners, the citizens of the City
- 3 of Detroit, and our men and women and blue. I am Annie
- 4 Holt, Vice-Chair, Commissioner, At Large.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. District 1.
- 6 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Good afternoon Board, and good
- 7 afternoon to the citizens of the City of Detroit. I am
- 8 Commissioner Darryl Brown. And I just want to say, I'm
- 9 glad to be here and I'm looking forward to a wonderful
- 10 police week, next week when we kick this off, next
- 11 Sunday.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. District 2.
- 13 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: She's muted. We'll come back to
- 14 District 2. District 3.
- 15 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Good afternoon, everyone, and in
- 16 case that we do forget, I want to wish everyone a very
- 17 happy, blessed Mother's Day weekend coming up. I am
- 18 Commissioner Shirley Burch of District 3, where we are
- 19 practicing, love where you live. Thank you, Chair Bell.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. District 5. We'll come
- 21 back. District 6.
- 22 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Good afternoon. Lisa Carter,
- 23 District 6.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. District 7.
- 25 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Good afternoon, everyone. This



- 1 is Police Commissioner William M. Davis District 7.
- 2 Offices, love where you work.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Commissioner, At Large
- 4 Commissioner, Hernandez.
- 5 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Good afternoon. This is
- 6 Hernandez, At Large.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. Commissioner Jones.
- 8 COMMISSIONER JONES: Good afternoon, everyone, and to
- 9 Detroit Police Department and our community partners.
- 10 Good afternoon. I am Detroit Police Commissioner, Martin
- 11 Jones.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. Commissioner Holley.
- 13 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Good afternoon each and every
- 14 one.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. Next on the agenda
- 16 would be.
- 17 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Chair Bell. We need to acknowledge
- 18 Commissioner Bernard.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON BELL: We'll go back. We'll go back.
- 20 District 2.
- 21 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Good afternoon, everyone.
- 22 Attorney Linda, Bernard, and I want to wish everyone
- 23 who's a lady or who is a man who is serving as a mother
- 24 figure, Happy Mother's Day.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. District 5.



- 1 MRS. WHITE: Mr. Chair, you do have a quorum.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. We can move forward.
- 3 MRS. WHITE: Yes, sir.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. The next item will be
- 5 the approval of the agenda for today's meeting. May 6th.
- 6 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: So moved.
- 7 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Second.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON BELL: It has been moved and supported.
- 9 Discussion. Those in favor. Aye.
- 10 ALL: Aye.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Those opposed. The motion carries.
- 12 Approval of the Minutes for April 29th, 2021. Is there
- 13 any addition or correction on the Minutes?
- 14 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: So moved.
- 15 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Second.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON BELL: It's been properly moved and
- 17 supported. Discussion. Those in favor. Aye.
- 18 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Those opposed. Motion carries.
- 20 Thank you. Ms. White introduction of the Board staff,
- 21 please.
- 22 MRS. WHITE: Yes. Through the Chair, the Department
- of Innovation and Technology is monitoring and recording
- 24 the meeting today and our reporter is Mr. Don Handyside.
- 25 The following Board staff members are in attendance



- 1 today, Mr. Robert Brown, Administrative Specialist, Ms.
- 2 Theresa Blossom, Community Relations Coordinator, Ms.
- 3 Jonya Underwood, Administrative Assistant, Tiffany
- 4 Stewart, Investigator, Director Katrina Patillo, Director
- of Police Personnel, Assistant Corporation, Counsel,
- 6 Ericka Savage Whitley, Interim Chief Investigator
- 7 Lawrence Akbar, Supervising Investigator Ansley,
- 8 Cromwell, Acting, Supervising Investigator, LiSonya
- 9 Sloan, Acting Supervising Investigator. Rosalia Madrigal,
- 10 Senior Investigator, Adella Rivera, Investigator Daniel
- 11 Calloway, Investigator Giana Coulter, Investigator
- 12 Caroline Nichols, Investigator Hannah Pillar and Mrs.
- 13 Angela Cox and Ms. Stephanie Phillips are all in
- 14 attendance today. Thank you.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Ms. White and we
- 16 welcome the staff. Chief's representative is that DC
- 17 Bliss?
- 18 MRS. WHITE: Yes, sir.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. He has the mic.
- 20 DEPUTY CHIEF BLISS: Good afternoon, Board of Police
- 21 Commissioners.
- 22 COMMISSIONERS: Good afternoon.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Introduction, please.
- DEPUTY CHIEF BLISS: Ms. White, if you could please
- 25 because I can't see who is here representing the



- 1 department. If you could please help me out on that.
- 2 MRS. WHITE: Yes, sir.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Through the Chair, I see on the
- 4 attendee's panel Captain Aric Tosqui, Captain Lena
- 5 Liddell, Director, Christopher Graveline, Commander Kyra
- 6 Joy Hope, Vice-President, Ron Thomas, Deputy Chief Grant
- 7 Ha, Lieutenant Jamar Rickett, Lieutenant James Coles,
- 8 Lieutenant S McClure, and Sergeant Glenn Anderson. And
- 9 that is all that I see. and excuse me. Lieutenant Robert
- 10 Torres also is on the line. Thank you.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Ms. White and Deputy
- 12 Chief, we welcome you representing Chief Craig and the
- 13 rest of the members representing the department or
- 14 different entity. We thank you and we appreciate your
- 15 presence.
- 16 DEPUTY CHIEF BLISS: Thank you.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. We move on to any
- 18 election official representatives, Ms. White.
- 19 MRS. WHITE: Through the Chair. I do see, I just
- 20 noted a DPOA Vice-President, Ron Thomas Ms. Maria
- 21 Overall, of State Representative Tyrone Carter's office,
- 22 former State legislator, Burt Johnson, and District 4
- 23 Community Advisory Council, Scotty Bowman. Also, Police
- 24 Commissioner Willie Burton has arrived and I also saw
- 25 Investigator Markita Stanton on the line from the Office



- 1 of the Chief Investigator. Thank you.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Ms. White, and thank
- 3 all those that you listed at this particular time. We
- 4 move on to my report. There are two resolutions listed.
- 5 We're going to add a third resolution, that's Kayla
- 6 Johnson-Brown, a 44-year veteran who's retiring tomorrow,
- 7 officially. So Commissioner, if you would like to read, I
- 8 would hopefully let you volunteer. I know the Vice-Chair
- 9 and Commissioner Jones, if there's a third person who
- 10 wants to read the resolution, I think Ms. White would
- 11 assist you in terms of who wants to share the screen or
- 12 something of that kind. Is that right, Ms. White?
- 13 MRS. WHITE: Yes, sir.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Okay. Thank you. Okay. I just got
- 15 a couple of points. This is public service recognition
- 16 week. In recognition of public service recognition week,
- 17 the Board continued to thank our staff for their
- 18 contribution and all that you do for the Board and the
- 19 City of Detroit. We truly appreciate your service and
- 20 commitment. Keep up the great work and we thank you. I
- 21 can't say that enough. The Board has received several
- 22 correspondences regarding an update for your awareness
- 23 and planning involving the Board and staff training, OCI
- 24 stats, et cetera relating to the DPD and other law
- 25 enforcement correspondence. Please review those items



- 1 thoroughly for the most accurate update information. I
- 2 want to lift up one item, OCI case stats. It was reported
- 3 out the last meeting and we have reviewed and evaluated
- 4 the data and have confirmed that OCI has not received 678
- 5 nor 690 cases this year, and therefore would not have
- 6 been able to have 600 cases over 90 days. In addition, we
- 7 have conducted a thorough review of OCI stats and we are
- 8 in the process of ongoing and updating to make sure we
- 9 keep the Board informed.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON BELL: You also received updated training
- on DPD policy and procedure and other continuing
- 12 education best practices with advanced operation. The
- 13 towing issue. I want to thank Commissioner Bernard for
- 14 assisting and communicating with Chief Craig and
- 15 Corporation Counsel, and I think we'd also included Mayor
- 16 Duggan that we are concerned about our vote last week. So
- 17 that is in the process. We haven't heard anything as of
- 18 yet in reference to that particular matter. As soon as we
- 19 get a response or update, we'll definitely let you know.
- 20 As I mentioned three resolutions, I'm not going to
- 21 continue that because we'll highlight that once we read
- those resolutions. Just for the sake of time, we want to
- 23 move on. Agenda item. Today on our agenda, we would have
- 24 the Chief's report, presentation from disciplinary, from
- 25 Director Graveline and Lieutenant Robert Giraffes. Under



- 1 unfinished we are prepared to vote on department policy
- 2 discussed last week and researched by the staff on the
- 3 promotion process, drug and alcohol polished with
- 4 personnel, and bias-based policing policy. Under new
- 5 business, we hold an interview for one position.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON BELL: The other person declined. So
- 7 we're just going to conduct one interview. just to update
- 8 you, I had an opportunity on the virtual zoom process to
- 9 attend the promotion for Sergeant and Lieutenant this
- 10 past Monday. And also, I had the opportunity to visit the
- 11 Academy on Wednesday and that was 21 I. And they have
- 12 about 18 officers and out of that 18 were 7 African
- 13 American and also 2 females. It was a very impressive
- 14 class. I want to thank Interim Chief Ackbar and Rosalia
- 15 Madrigal in terms of their involvement in terms of
- 16 assisting with checklist concerns. So that is my brief
- 17 report. We're going, gonna move on to the resolution at
- 18 this time.
- 19 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Through the Chair if I may.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes ma'am.
- 21 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Thank you. Resolution condemning
- 22 the Alameda police killing of Mario Gonzales. WHEREAS,
- 23 Detroiters have been and continue to be outraged by
- 24 police encounters that show how police continue to
- 25 subject people of color to unfair and brutal treatment



- 1 over minor or non-existent offenses. Far too often these
- 2 encounters end in death and overwhelmingly the deaths
- 3 involved unarmed black and brown men as with Eric Gardner
- 4 in New York for selling loose cigarettes in 2014 and
- 5 George Floyd in Minneapolis, for using a suspected
- 6 counterfeit bill on Memorial Day 2020. And WHEREAS, this
- 7 preventable list is long and heartbreakingly, it
- 8 continues to grow. Despite a year of sustained global
- 9 protests against unnecessary and deadly use of force by
- 10 law enforcement, and despite the clear call, the clear
- 11 calls for police reform and accountability, incidents of
- 12 police abuse are almost regularly exposed through a body-
- worn camera and other videos. And WHEREAS, on April 20th,
- 14 2021, Mario Gonzalez became the latest victim when
- 15 Alameda, California police pinned him to the ground until
- 16 he was limped. Mr. Gonzalez is now dead at age 26 from a
- 17 police encounter that started from a call about possible
- 18 laundering and intoxication. His death is all the more
- 19 shameful and despicable for its similarities to that of
- 20 Mr. Floyd. And WHEREAS, the Detroit Board of Police
- 21 Commissioners, through its local and national roles and
- 22 civilian oversight believes that the state of police and
- 23 community relations are at a critical point in America.
- 24 The Board stands steadfast for responsible civil rights
- 25 and constitutional protections for all. The Boards



- 1 Charter mandates common decency to dedicate us to
- 2 addressing and ending police brutality and patterns of
- 3 racial profiling and bias police treatment in Detroit and
- 4 any place such injustice happens. Thus, the Board
- 5 continues to call for safety and preservation of life as
- 6 well as appropriate uniform police training regarding the
- 7 use of force and professional humane police individual
- 8 encounters in all endeavors. The Board also repeats the
- 9 call for immediate corrective actions and new consistent
- 10 standards and law enforcement across the country, both
- 11 for the sake of justice and for the professionalism of
- 12 law enforcement, where the vast majority of men and women
- 13 serve with honor.
- 14 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: So, therefore be it resolved that
- 15 the Board condemns the actions by the Alameda police
- 16 officers involved in the death of Mario Gonzalez. Our
- 17 Board extends condolences to the consolers family and
- 18 regrets that Mr. Gonzales became the latest victim of
- 19 police brutality that so many are working to end and be
- 20 it further resolved that the Board supports President
- 21 John Biden's call as stated in his April 28th, 2021
- 22 address to a joint session of Congress for all Americans
- 23 to come together, to build trust between law enforcement
- 24 and the people they serve to root out systemic racism in
- 25 our criminal justice system and to enact police reform.



- 1 President Biden called for the passage of the George
- 2 Floyd justice in Policing Act, which the Board also
- 3 sought by approving on April 22nd, 2021, its resolution
- 4 supporting congressional approval of the Bill. The Board
- 5 appreciates the moral leadership by President Biden and
- 6 stands ready to work with the Biden administration and
- 7 all others to ensure civil rights and justice and
- 8 policing and law enforcement across our nation. Through
- 9 the Chair, I move that we place this Resolution in the
- 10 archives of the Board of Police Commissioners.
- 11 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Mr. Chair, just before you
- 12 support, just to say, does the one that's recording
- 13 correct the errors? You only made one Assistant Chair
- 14 about calling Mr. Biden, John. I just asked that she
- 15 corrects that.
- VICE-CHAIR HOLT: I'm sorry, and thank you so much,
- 17 Commissioner Burch President Joe Biden.
- 18 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Joseph.
- 19 COMMISSIONER BURCH: You don't have to say all of
- 20 that, William.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Vice-Chair Holt.
- 22 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Thank you again, Commissioner
- 23 Burch.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON BELL: I hear it properly moved and
- 25 second.



- 1 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Yes, sir.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON BROWN: Second.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. Discussion. Those in
- 4 favor. Aye.
- 5 ALL: Aye.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Those opposed. The motion carries.
- 7 The next Resolution.
- 8 COMMISSIONER JONES: Through the Chair.
- 9 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Resolution one, Mr. Chair, or
- 10 Mr. I'm sorry.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Jones.
- 12 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Mr. Chairman.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes ma'am.
- 14 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Sorry. I thought I could talk
- 15 but I couldn't. I'd like the Board to consider a friendly
- 16 amendment. Number one, I'm like all of our names listed
- on this Resolution and who we are. And then secondly, I'd
- 18 like, it forwarded to the family of this young man.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Bernard we would take
- 20 that advice but this is not the time to speak to a
- 21 resolution.
- 22 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: If they want their names on
- 23 it, and also that we forward it to our congressional and
- 24 sectoral representatives.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Bernard, as I stated,



- 1 this is not the time to entertain that. I just want to
- 2 move on to the second Resolution.
- 3 COMMISSIONER JONES: Through the Chair.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir.
- 5 COMMISSIONER JONES: Resolution encouraging law
- 6 enforcement to embrace civilian oversight. WHEREAS, an
- 7 April 27th, 2021, article in the Washington Post reported
- 8 on the resistance the US law enforcement agencies have
- 9 shown to civilian oversight bodies like the Detroit Board
- 10 of Police Commissioners. The article's entitled When
- 11 Communities Try To Hold Police Accountable, Law
- 12 Enforcement Fights Back, detailed the tools and the
- 13 measures law enforcement use to escape or minimize public
- 14 transparency and community accountability. And WHEREAS,
- 15 the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners originated as a
- 16 collaborative reform between residents, elected
- 17 officials, corporative and civic stakeholders, and
- 18 enlightened members of law enforcement. In the aftermath
- 19 of the1968 civil uprising against racists and brutal
- 20 policing by Detroit Police Department voters enacted a
- 21 new City Charter and empowered a civil oversight board to
- 22 change DPD culture, to reflect the values and diversity
- 23 of the community that police officers patrol and protect.
- 24 Civilian oversight in Detroit has provided a constructive
- 25 process and regular platform for the community and police



- 1 to work together, engage in dialogue and make changes and
- 2 improvements.
- 3 COMMISSIONER JONES: And WHEREAS, the Board as an
- 4 early supporter of a national organization for leaders
- 5 thinking to hold public police accountable to the public
- 6 and constructive and transparent ways. Today, the Board
- 7 is a member and supporter of the National Association for
- 8 Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement, known as NACOLE.
- 9 As a Board and as a NACOLE member, we have supported and
- 10 provided technical assistance to many seeking, to
- 11 establish civilian oversight in their towns, cities, or
- 12 counties. As the Washington article indicated NACOLE is
- 13 an invaluable resource for communities and leaders. And
- 14 WHEREAS, through research and findings, NACOLE has shown
- 15 that civilian oversight is effective for law enforcement,
- 16 as well as communities. Civilian oversight helps to
- 17 ensure at least police legitimacy. It also provides
- 18 essential bridges between police and communities that
- 19 help with preventing and solving crimes. With policy and
- 20 discipline measures, civilian oversight can help ensure
- 21 best practices and manage risk. Civilian oversight can
- 22 also provide a platform for the community to express
- 23 concerns or complaints and work towards peaceful
- 24 resolutions. These all benefit residents, government,
- 25 police agencies, and civil society. So, therefore be it



- 1 resolved that the Board of Police Commissioners urges law
- 2 enforcement agencies across the country to embrace the
- 3 benefits of civilian oversight and become partners with
- 4 their communities in ensuring transparency,
- 5 accountability, strong police, community relations, and
- 6 enhance public safety. Through the Chair, I move that
- 7 this Resolution be adopted and placed within the archives
- 8 of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners.
- 9 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Second.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON BELL: It's been properly moved and
- 11 second. Discussion.
- 12 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Mr. Chair, you want me to
- 13 address my issue now.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON BELL: No, ma'am. I just want to say,
- 15 Commissioner Bernard, it is standard procedure for all of
- 16 the names to be listed on the Resolution by this Board,
- 17 it is standard procedure. And other matter I would take
- 18 up offline with you and the Board Secretary. Let's move
- on. It's been properly moved and second, there has been
- 20 discussion, those in favor, aye.
- 21 ALL: Aye.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Motion carries. Thank you. The
- 23 third Resolution.
- 24 COMMISSIONER BROWN: I'll read it, Mr. Chairman.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.



- 1 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Resolution Honoring Investigator
- 2 Gayle Johnson-Brown. Gayle Johnson-Brown was appointed to
- 3 the Detroit Police Department on July 18th, 1977. Upon
- 4 graduating from the Detroit Metropolitan Police Academy.
- 5 Officer Johnson-Brown began her career at the 6th
- 6 Precinct. And WHEREAS, Officer Johnson-Brown's
- 7 assignments with the Detroit police department included
- 8 the 6th Precinct, Court Section, First Precinct,
- 9 Prisoner's Detention Section, Records and Identification
- 10 Special Project Section, 6th Precinct again, 12th
- 11 Precinct, Vice-Section and Police Vehicle Unit.
- 12 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Whereas, Officer Johnson-Brown
- displayed tremendous knowledge and leadership skills and
- 14 she earned a promotion to the rank of investigator on
- 15 August 26, 1994. As an investigator, she was reassigned
- 16 to the Police Vehicle Unit. She also served at the 7th
- 17 Precinct, Investigative Operations, Northeastern District
- 18 Investigative Operations Unit and the Criminal
- 19 Investigations Unit, where she served until her
- 20 retirement. And WHEREAS, Investigator Johnson-Brown was a
- 21 deserving recipient of the following awards: Two Perfect
- 22 Attendance Awards, Meritorious Service Award Chief's Unit
- 23 Award, Four Chief's Citations, Lifesaving Citation both
- 24 Constant Judgment Award, the Four Fireworks Award, the
- 25 Major League Baseball All-Star Recognition Award, the



- 1 Rosa Parks, funeral recognition award, and the Super Bowl
- 2 XL Recognition Award. She also received numerous letters
- 3 of commendation from citizens and superiors in her career
- 4 spanning five remarkable decades. And WHEREAS
- 5 Investigator Johnson-Brown has tirelessly served the
- 6 Detroit Police Department, the citizens of Detroit, and
- 7 its neighboring communities for 44 years. She has served
- 8 the Detroit Police Department and the citizens of the
- 9 City of Detroit with loyalty, professionalism, integrity,
- 10 and dedication, and it's widely respected throughout the
- 11 law enforcement community as a consummate professional.
- 12 Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Detroit Board or
- 13 Police Commissioners speaking on behalf of the citizens
- of the great City of Detroit recognizes and honors the
- 15 lifelong contributions and commitment to excellence to
- 16 public service of Investigator Gayle Johnson-Brown. Her
- 17 display of courage and unwavering community spirit has
- 18 improved the quality of life as citizens of Detroit. We
- 19 wish you all the best in your future endeavors. We thank
- 20 you and congratulate you Investigator Gayle Johnson-
- 21 Brown.
- 22 COMMISSIONER JONES: All right.
- COMMISSIONER BROWN: Chairman, I move that this
- 24 Resolution be adopted and placed in the archives of the
- 25 Board of Police Commissioners records.



- 1 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Second.
- 2 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Support.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Discussion. Those in favor.
- 4 ALL: Aye.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Those opposed. The motion carries.
- 6 Thank you. Commissioner Brown. I just want Commissioners,
- 7 why don't we be patient with one another? If there is
- 8 some utterance of incorrect information. Just let us
- 9 know. Ms. White does an excellent job of reviewing and
- 10 try to post it. And as we read it's on the screen, so we
- 11 don't have to make a public utterance, please. Can we
- 12 tolerate it? I mean, we want to try to address it in that
- 13 manner. Thank you. Did I say thank you, Commissioner
- 14 Brown?
- 15 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Yes, you did.
- 16 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Yes, you did, Mr. Chair, yes you
- 17 did.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON BELL: And thank all the Commissioners
- 19 that read Degree Resolution. We move on to Deputy Chief
- 20 Bliss.
- VICE-CHAIR: My honor, my pleasure.
- 22 DEPUTY CHIEF BLISS: Good afternoon, Board of Police
- 23 Commissioners. Before I start to report out. I just want
- 24 to say one thing. If Investigator Gayle Johnson-Brown is
- 25 listening, when she was at the 7th Precinct, I was also



- 1 there as a police officer. So, I just want to
- 2 congratulate her and say it truly was a pleasure and an
- 3 honor to work with her. So, I just want to thank the
- 4 Board for that resolution.
- 5 COMMISSIONER BROWN: You're welcome.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.
- 7 DEPUTY CHIEF BLISS: But moving on for the report
- 8 out, we'll start with crime. For criminal homicides, we
- 9 are off 30%, sexual assaults, we are up 5%, aggravated
- 10 assaults, we are up 35%, non-fatal shootings, we are up
- 11 42%, robberies, we are down 33% and carjackings, we are
- 12 up 34%, for a combined of part, one violent crime of
- being up 21%. For property crime burglaries, we are down
- 14 36%, larcenies, we are down 26%. Motor vehicle theft, we
- 15 are down 13%. Overall, for part one property crime, we
- 16 are down 25%. And for our total part one crime overall,
- 17 we are down 10%.

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- 19 DEPUTY CHIEF BLISS: Moving on to response times, for
- 20 priority one, our total response time is 12 minutes and
- 21 five seconds. Priority two response time is 34 minutes
- 22 and 54 seconds. And then for priority three, we are at 53
- 23 minutes and one second. For our COVID-19 update for the
- department. Currently, we have 45 members who are either
- 25 quarantined or isolated. Of those 45, 12 are our



- 1 professional staff and 33 are sworn members. Department-
- 2 wide, we have 35 members who are currently positive.
- 3 Officers critically injured reports. Currently, Sergeant
- 4 Michael Bailey, he's assigned to the 7th Precinct. The
- 5 date of the incident was May 31st, 2020. He was doing
- 6 crowd control during the protest. He assisted in
- 7 detaining a protestor causing injury to his lower
- 8 extremities. He is still off. Police Officer Jusuf
- 9 Mannah, he's assigned to the Task Force Administration.
- 10 The date of the incident was January 6th, 2021.
- 11 DEPUTY CHIEF BLISS: He was en route to assist with a
- 12 search warrant when a motorist struck their department
- 13 vehicle. He is still currently off. Police Officer
- 14 Gregory Bentley assigned to the 7th Precinct. The date of
- 15 the incident was March 27, 2021. Officer Bentley was in
- 16 the area of Gratiot Holcomb. He was running after a
- 17 suspect for a CCW person. While running, he fell and
- 18 sustained an injury to his ankle. He is still currently
- 19 off. And then finally Police Officer Ricardo Sanchez
- 20 assigned to the 11th Precinct. The date of the incident,
- 21 April 20th, 2021. He responded to a call for service for
- 22 stabbing and he was cut in his left thigh and received a
- 23 gunshot wound to his right hand. He is also currently
- 24 off. Moving on to enforcement, the Eastside Precincts
- 25 enforcement statistics from April 26th through May 2nd,



- 1 they had 89 felony arrests and they confiscated 63
- 2 handguns and 2 long guns.
- 3 DEPUTY CHIEF BLISS: The same week, the Westside
- 4 Precincts had a combined 110 arrests and they recovered
- 5 48 handguns and 4 long guns. Illegal drifting and drag
- 6 racing statistics. This is for Saturday, May 1st, and
- 7 Sunday, May 2nd. We had 82 traffic stops. We forfeited 3
- 8 vehicles. We recovered 1 stolen vehicle and we impounded
- 9 4 vehicles. Also, we had 11 felony arrests and 7 weapons
- 10 were recovered during that time. And then I received some
- 11 questions from Commissioner Burch and Commissioner Davis.
- 12 I will address Commissioner Davis' questions first. He
- 13 did ask for the number of times mental health
- 14 professionals have accompanied DPD members to police runs
- 15 since starting our program.
- DEPUTY CHIEF BLISS: We have it currently in the 9th
- 17 Precinct and in Downtown services for the 9th Precinct.
- 18 We responded to 94 calls for service. And then in the
- 19 Downtown service area, we responded to 50 calls for
- 20 service. Additionally, Commissioner Davis inquired about
- 21 investigating hit and runs. So, we've had 20 hit and run
- 22 accidents that have resulted in fatal or critical
- 23 injuries. Of those we have identified and type warrants
- 24 on 7 of those individuals. Fatal squad overall for all of
- 25 their assigned cases has a 54% closure rate for that. And



- 1 then Commissioner Davis did ask if there had been an
- 2 increase of home invasions. No, as I had previously
- 3 reported out, the home invasions are down for the
- 4 department. Moving on to Commissioner Burch, she
- 5 submitted 3 questions. I will try to answer them as best
- 6 I can. The first one she asked if canine units can
- 7 accompany officers in their cars, especially when a
- 8 subject is running away. This may be an alternative to
- 9 using their weapons. I'm going to try to unpack this
- 10 question a little bit more. I mean, there's a lot of
- 11 circumstances that when a subject is fleeing, if they
- 12 have weapons, in regard to utilizing K9 units, we
- wouldn't be able to put our canine units in every
- 14 vehicle. We do have city-wide canines and we do request
- 15 them in certain cases, but it wouldn't be feasible to put
- 16 them in every vehicle.
- 17 DEPUTY CHIEF BLISS: Second, it was a question in
- 18 regard to utilizing the Detroit Fire Department for
- 19 getting information regarding speeders because they could
- 20 be in the area. We presently don't utilize the Detroit
- 21 Fire Department to get the make and model of vehicles
- 22 that are speeding. I don't want to speak for the Detroit
- 23 Fire Department, but I'm sure that they are presently
- 24 busy taking care of EMS and fire issues. And I think
- 25 we're doing a great job right now in regard to our



- 1 enforcement and what we have planned coming into the
- 2 summer. And then finally, there was a question in regard
- 3 to adding speed cushions to every entrance and exits from
- 4 Dequindre on every street from Nevada and Dequindre to
- 5 Winchester. In order to do that of course, before any of
- 6 those are installed, there has to be a traffic study,
- 7 there has to be talk with the surrounding community if
- 8 they want those speed cushions and currently, I know that
- 9 that's a DPW function but I would take that up with DPW
- 10 in order to find out the current status of that. And that
- 11 is my report out.
- 12 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Mr. Chair.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, ma'am.
- 14 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Could I address all that he said
- 15 regarding --
- 16 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, ma'am. You have three
- 17 minutes, please.
- 18 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Oh, okay. Thank you. You're
- 19 going to time me. Okay. I just wanted to say, sir, thank
- 20 you so much for the report. But when I mentioned the
- 21 canines, I realized that they no longer are in service.
- 22 My suggestion was that perhaps that you all could start
- 23 back to getting the animals trained like they were back
- 24 in the day. And the other question, when you mentioned
- 25 the speed cushions, this is what I mean about the City of



- 1 Detroit. I wear two hats. So as a Commissioner, I see all
- 2 the things going on and I'm learning, but okay, as a
- 3 leader, we've already spoken to DPW. My point to you,
- 4 sir, is that when we've mentioned the streets, which we
- 5 know that Dequindre is a hot street like there are many
- 6 in the City of Detroit. They utilize Dequindre when
- 7 there's an overflow of traffic on I75, therefore you got
- 8 more traffic.
- 9 COMMISSIONER BURCH: That's not just a concern of the
- 10 speeders. So, if we give you the locations of where these
- 11 speeders are going from really 6-mile, all the way to
- 12 Winchester, the point is that you wouldn't ask the
- 13 citizens, do they want it? The fact is that when a person
- 14 is coming from the east, going towards the west to get
- 15 across the Dequindre that will slow them up because they
- 16 speed across and ignore the stop sign. So, there's no
- 17 such thing as you doing research like you said the [37:14]
- inaudible] necessary. AC Bettison, and I think Commander
- 19 Hope is on this live, that it is necessary that the speed
- 20 cushions be put that's already been there. And then to
- 21 share with you about the posting of the signs. I don't
- 22 think he said that. When we post more signs in the
- 23 neighborhoods of speed limits and enforce those speed
- 24 limit signs, is going to make a difference, sir. So
- 25 that's my point about just elaborating more on what my



- 1 comments were about the suggestions I was making in the
- 2 11th Precinct. And I'm sorry about that officer that I
- 3 was wounded, I did not know about that, but also about
- 4 the fire engine I'm going Mr. Bell, I'm going fast. The
- 5 firefighters and Commissioner Brown are a part of the
- 6 Fire Department. My point about them, I wasn't telling
- 7 them to add to you or to support you. I'm telling you
- 8 that I made a call in to DC Bryant about a fire truck
- 9 going down Dequindre and the speeder was right on their
- 10 bumper. I was only saying, does that firefighter take
- 11 note of that and get the make the car. I'm not telling
- 12 you to do your job. It's called working together. That's
- 13 what the City of Detroit needs, we work on departments
- 14 together. So that's all. Thank you so much for
- 15 listening.
- DEPUTY CHIEF BLISS: Through the Chair. I just want
- 17 to say, thank you so much, Commissioner Burch for your
- 18 feedback.
- 19 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I have a question too.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Go ahead, Commissioner Bernard.
- 21 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I think Commissioner Burch's
- 22 suggestion about using canine units was an excellent one.
- 23 And although we may not be doing it now, maybe you could
- look into it and see why we can't do that. That is just a
- 25 superior idea. And in work for years and years, as she



- 1 said. So maybe it's something we should consider. It
- 2 certainly would save us a lot of money on lawsuits and in
- 3 federal investigations and state investigations and city
- 4 investigations, a dog is a pretty cheaper alternative.
- 5 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Through the Chair.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, ma'am.
- 7 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: I see Commissioner Brown, and then,
- 8 of course, I'd like to speak, excuse me, Commissioner
- 9 Davis. Then I would like to speak Chair Bell and I
- 10 believe Commissioner Brown would come after me.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Holt.
- 12 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Well, Commissioner Davis this
- 13 first.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Well Commissioner Davis first.
- 15 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Oh, good afternoon. I have two
- 16 quick questions. One as it relates to the mental health
- 17 runs, are they going to be expanded in the other
- 18 Precincts? It's good about downtime and the ninth,
- 19 whatever, but it shouldn't be like citywide. And do you
- 20 have any numbers for that, that you could possibly get
- 21 back with us? Also, I was just wondering, does the Chief
- 22 support, the Georgia Court policing Act because I know
- 23 some people have been telling me he doesn't. I just
- 24 thought I would ask.
- 25 DEPUTY CHIEF BLISS: For the second question in



- 1 regard to the Chief what I can do is I can bring that to
- 2 him. I don't want to speak for him in regard to that. So,
- 3 for the first one, actually that was the second one, but
- 4 for the first one, right now the pilot program is in the
- 5 9th and the Downtown services. So, as we learn more about
- 6 it, there's always a possibility that we can expand it
- 7 into other Precincts. So that's always there right now.
- 8 We're trying to, of course, learn what we need to know to
- 9 be most effective with it. So, I'm sure that if it is
- 10 effective and if we are making great strides in it,
- 11 that's something that will possibly eventually be
- 12 citywide.
- COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Hopefully. Thank you.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. Commissioner Holt and
- 15 then Commissioner Brown.
- 16 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Thank you. Thank you again, DC
- 17 Bliss, for your report. Now I'd like to reference an
- 18 incident that occurred this past Tuesday whereby the
- 19 community, our neighborhood association, Grandmont Number
- 20 One the Detroit Police Department and in our association
- 21 meeting there was neighborhood Police Officer Shawn
- 22 Childery along with the Detroit Police Department
- 23 Facebook, along with Channel 4. It was reported that one
- of our young ladies who live here in the neighborhood, a
- 25 27-year-old, mentally challenged young lady was missing



- 1 from her home. Now mom made the report, I think at five
- 2 o'clock. She came on our association meeting and she made
- 3 the report again at seven. And again, when NPO Shawn
- 4 Childery picked up the announcement at our association
- 5 meeting, I believe she posted it on the Facebook page.
- 6 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Long story short success. The
- 7 young lady was reported on Channel 4 to have been picked
- 8 up safely and returned home by 8:13. And to me, that was
- 9 definitely an immediate response on the part of the
- 10 community, the DPD, and the news channel. So that the
- 11 young lady was rescued, well, not rescue, but she was
- 12 picked up and returned home safely. So, I'd like to say
- 13 to the village here in the City of Detroit. I know that
- 14 mother is so happy and probably feels even more blessed
- 15 this Mother's Day as a result of the community coming
- 16 together to ensure the safety of that young lady. So,
- 17 thank you, everyone that was involved in the return of
- 18 the young lady to her home.

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- 20 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. Commissioner Brown.
- 21 COMMISSIONER BROWN: DC Bliss, thank you for coming
- 22 before the Board and I echo the sentiments of my
- 23 colleague Vice-Chair Holt. It's along the lines of what I
- 24 was going to speak on, but I also want to just give kudos
- 25 to Sergeant Kirkwood and her team for getting that



- 1 information back out and getting that information out in
- 2 a timely fashion with will letting the public know and
- 3 everyone, as one of the Commissioners reported early on,
- 4 that we should post it. And that's exactly what she did.
- 5 And this is a win for us right now, but there's still
- 6 some other young children that are out there, young
- 7 ladies that are missing. And I'm just wondering if we
- 8 reached back in the day, did anybody check and remember,
- 9 do they have a skip house somewhere in the neighborhoods?
- 10 Because they used to be a skip house in the neighborhood.
- 11 I was just wondering if we're keeping up with that to see
- 12 what's going on because they have to be going somewhere,
- 13 you know, and being housed somewhere where they're just
- 14 hanging out and people just allowing them to flat. But I
- 15 just think at this point, I think DPD is moving in the
- 16 right direction, with recovering and searching for these
- 17 missing young ladies that are out there. I always think
- 18 that we could do more. And I think this case here was a
- 19 good win for DPD and the community and that family and
- 20 Sergeant Kirkwood and her team did an excellent job in
- 21 that. And let's not forget our NPOs who had a hand in
- 22 that. They jumped on it. So just congratulate them as
- 23 kudos to the whole team, everybody being involved with
- 24 it.
- 25 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Mr. Chairman.



- 1 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Excused me, excuse Commissioner
- 2 Holley, then Burton. Thank you.
- 3 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Thank you, Mr. Chair.
- 4 Commissioner Burton had his hand up first. I just wanted
- 5 to knowledge if I could come after him?
- 6 CHAIRPERSON BELL: We can be team players.
- 7 Commissioner Burton.
- 8 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: I'm sorry.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON BELL: No problem.
- 10 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Thank you, Reverend Jim Holley
- 11 and Chairman, Bell. Question for the Chief designee
- 12 that's sitting in today with us. You know, there's an
- 13 article in the Associated Press that was actually posted
- 14 a day ago about how several states are pushing back from
- 15 facial recognition. Right now you have several states and
- 16 two dozen cities that have pushed the pause button on
- 17 facial recognition. Are there any words that DPD is
- 18 looking at pausing facial recognition and any
- 19 discussions?
- DEPUTY CHIEF BLISS: Through the Chair?
- 21 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir.
- 22 At this time, no. As has been indicated previously
- 23 in regard to facial recognition and the Chief has
- 24 reiterated this. It's a tool in our toolbox, and the more
- 25 tools, the better, that's what I say. Because in the end



- 1 it's all about taking care of those victims and you know,
- 2 it's just something that we use as part of the
- 3 investigation we have strict guidelines to it and we have
- 4 strict oversight. So, I don't see us stopping facial
- 5 recognition. And honestly, I hope we don't because again
- 6 I want to make sure that we take care of those victims
- 7 and try to give closure as soon as we can. And if we can
- 8 utilize that tool in conjunction with other investigative
- 9 tools, I highly recommend it and I approve of it because
- 10 we have probably the best policy and we have the best
- 11 guidelines and I know Captain Tosqui who's on the line,
- 12 he has strict control over that tool. So, I would say at
- 13 this time, no, but I can't speak for other states and
- 14 other cities and what their stipulations are, but I know
- 15 that we have a very good policy, a very stringent policy.
- 16 And I think that it's something that we should utilize.
- 17 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Chief, my last question for
- 18 you, if I may. First, I want to ask Chair Bell, can I ask
- 19 one final question to the Chief?
- 20 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir.
- 21 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Thank you. You know, it was
- 22 based on the pervasive surveillance growing and expanding
- 23 where leads to fear of civil liberties being violated due
- 24 to the Detroit Police Department, having any discussions
- 25 at this time on how to communicate with residents that



- 1 may have fear as far as their civil liberties being
- 2 violated. This technology does raise a lot of concerns in
- 3 a black and a brown community where people of color feel
- 4 like this is a virtual patrol. I feel that way, my
- 5 constituents feel that way, but is DPD looking to take
- 6 any action, as far as educating the community or having
- 7 more panel discussions or anything of that nature to talk
- 8 to the community about fears and concerns they have about
- 9 the technology and are there any further updates about
- 10 how the technology is being used and how the data are
- 11 being stored? And you know, you have people that never
- 12 been arrested before in our community and they feel like
- 13 they part of a virtual lineup.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.
- DEPUTY CHIEF BLISS: Through the Chair. To adjust
- 16 your question. I think that what we have done and what we
- 17 currently are doing and I will use this forum as a
- 18 perfect example is, we've continued to have the
- 19 discussion. And I think that with, you know, having the
- 20 discussion with the Board allowing the citizens to have,
- 21 have comments on it we have posted at the time the policy
- 22 I encourage all the Board members to read the policy.
- 23 We've been very transparent when it comes to facial
- 24 recognition. The one thing that Chief Craig has always
- 25 said is we're transparent, we put everything on the table



- 1 and we've been talking about facial recognition for, well
- 2 over a year, actually several years. And it continues to
- 3 be a topic and we continue to discuss it and talk about
- 4 how it works, how it doesn't work, but I always want to
- 5 go back to the analogy about the tool in the toolbox.
- 6 DEPUTY CHIEF BLISS It is not the end-all to be all.
- 7 Absolutely not. It does not take the place of a good
- 8 investigation. So, you need a detective out there doing a
- 9 good investigation. Could that possibly assist? Yes, it
- 10 could possibly assist. Is it used in every case?
- 11 Absolutely not, just like all our other tools are not
- 12 using every single case. But again, I just want to
- 13 reiterate that we have very strict standards on how we
- 14 use facial recognition. It is not something that people
- 15 can just do. There have to be approvals, there is a lot
- 16 of oversight, supervisory oversight. So again, we can
- 17 continue the conversation. I think it's good to have that
- 18 because the one thing about technology I can say is it
- 19 always improves. So, going forward maybe there'll be even
- 20 more improvements on it, but again, it is a tool like
- 21 anything else. If you can use it, you will; if you can't
- 22 use it, you won't. It is not the only thing that we've
- 23 used. We have a lot of tools at the Detroit Police
- 24 Department, and that is just one. In regard to updates
- 25 and how things are stored, that is probably a question



- 1 for Captain Tosqui. He is the expert on that, and I know
- 2 that he's available. So, if he'd like to say a couple of
- 3 words.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON BELL: DC Bliss, we're not going to have
- 5 him because the Board Secretary, we do a weekly report on
- 6 facial recognition. So that report is, should be in your
- 7 package. So, we're going to move on to Commissioner
- 8 Holley.
- 9 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Mr. Chairman.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Holley.
- 11 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Commissioner Holley.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Holley. We're trying
- 13 to follow the order. Thank you.
- 14 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank
- 15 you for your patience. DC Bliss, I thank you for your
- 16 report. I sound like a broken record lot of the times DC
- 17 Bliss, but I had Ms. Blossom, if you will send out a
- 18 summary about the summit for crime that we had about
- 19 three months ago. And basically, we've got a beautiful
- 20 summary of what took place. My concern is that when we'd
- 21 have things like this and information, it's just almost
- 22 like we just forget about it and go on to do something
- 23 else. I got 118 homicides in front of me, 118. Most
- 24 likely the way we going will probably surpass what we had
- 25 last year. What I'm asking, sir, can you ask the Chief to



- 1 just give us some idea of how we can really help with
- 2 this homicide and the other crime situation that's up and
- 3 I'm asking the same thing from the prosecutor as well as
- 4 from the judge, because somehow some kind of way, I just
- 5 feel like it's not our job only, it's the community's
- 6 job. And we have people around this table here that
- 7 basically represent the community. So, I want to know
- 8 what we can do. What can we do? I'm looking at 118
- 9 homicides, dead bodies. And I know you've looked at it
- 10 all the time and I know that you are concerned as you
- 11 are, but I did feel like somehow, I need to hear what you
- 12 guys, how does the summit; what does it really mean, and
- 13 did we learn anything so that we can go forward with
- 14 something constructive. Thank you so much, Mr. Chairman.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.
- 16 DEPUTY CHIEF BLISS: Through the Chair.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir.
- DEPUTY CHIEF BLISS: Commissioner Holley, to answer
- 19 your question, what can you do? Well, I think it's what
- 20 you're doing already and that is you're supporting us.
- 21 You're supporting us on what we need to do. You support
- 22 the women and men out there for the Detroit Police
- 23 Department. And I'd like that you continue to push, what
- 24 else can we do? You know it's not just the police, it's
- 25 the community and we all need to work together. So, if



- 1 anything, please, when you do speak to your community,
- 2 tell them to support your police department. You know, we
- 3 have a lot of time and homicides is a terrible crime. And
- 4 sometimes we have individuals that don't want to tell us
- 5 what's going on, encourage them to talk to us. Encourage
- 6 them to talk to us. Because again, I just want to
- 7 reiterate that, you know, who speaks for the victim and
- 8 that's something that we really need to push down and we
- 9 need to support this department and with the community,
- 10 we need to work with the community to find closure and to
- 11 help that victim.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. Commissioner Bernard,
- 13 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Just real quickly in response
- 14 to what Commissioner Burton said, really, there have been
- 15 46 uses of facial recognition technology. Only one of
- 16 those involves a white person. So, your comments usually
- 17 about facial recognition and racism may have some merit.
- 18 And that may be something that we may need to look into.
- 19 In response to you Reverend Holley, about the 118
- 20 homicides. You talked about the what, but we have to talk
- 21 about, I think the why and what our proactive response is
- 22 as Commissioners to address this issue. And on that
- 23 point, Chief, I would recommend that and guite frankly,
- 24 that the commission and the Chief's Office do a town hall
- 25 really on how to stop crime, and let's listen, let's



- 1 listen to people.
- 2 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I know that you lock them up
- 3 and throw away the key. I got that, but I don't want to
- 4 be a victim in the first place. I really don't care what
- 5 you do to a rapist. I don't want to be raped in the first
- 6 place. For example, I'm just saying you say to help the
- 7 victim. To help the victim is to stop the person from
- 8 being a victim in the first place. So, I think we need to
- 9 focus on proactive approaches to law enforcement and to
- 10 reducing crime, not just the reactive, lock them up, and
- 11 throw away the key.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Commissioner Bernard. I
- 13 just want to say we had that forum two or three months
- 14 ago which Commissioner Holley spearheaded to have that
- 15 forum. It's an ongoing debate in terms of crime and
- 16 homicide, and I want to close on this note. We're going
- 17 to move on.
- 18 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Through the Chair.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Just pause, the Chair is speaking;
- 20 that they just reported out in the City of Chicago, they
- 21 have surpassed LA and New York in terms of homicide.
- 22 Those are the reality. So, we can kick this around
- 23 forever, but we are not going to solve this on this
- 24 channel here at this meeting. So, I want to move on.
- 25 Commissioner Holt, what is your concern?



- 1 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Okay. What I'd like to make a
- 2 comment about, and again, thank you, DC Bliss for
- 3 suggesting that Captain Tosqui could be in the discussion
- 4 today as it relates to the Commissioners deep dive
- 5 questions. What I'd like to share, however, is that
- 6 Captain Tosqui has been sent very deep diving questions
- 7 as it relates to DPDs use of facial recognition. And I
- 8 believe Ms. White can attest to the fact that we are in
- 9 wait for Captain Tosqui to respond to those questions.
- 10 And they are the kind of questions that the Commissioner
- 11 referenced earlier. So that's where we are with this deep
- 12 dive discussion as it relates to facial recognition.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Commissioner Holt, we
- 14 want to move on to excuse me, we cannot continue the
- 15 discussion.
- 16 COMMISSIONER BURCH: I am just trying to get
- 17 recognized.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Burch, we're going to
- 19 move on to the next format. We can't continue this
- 20 dialogue. We're on the clock now as it is. Thank you.
- 21 We're going to move on to Lieutenant Torres, Disciplinary
- 22 Section, and Administration. Ms. White whoever reporting
- 23 out the director or whoever.

MRS. WHITE: Yes. Through the Chair. Lieutenant



- 1 Torres will be reporting out and also Director
- 2 Christopher Graveline is on the line to answer additional
- 3 questions as well. Lieutenant Torres, you do have the co-
- 4 host capabilities to share the screen as well.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.
- 6 MRS. WHITE: Yes, sir. If you can go ahead and
- 7 proceed. Lieutenants Torres, we can see the PowerPoint.
- 8 We're ready. Excuse me. Through the Chair, Lieutenant
- 9 Torres, for some reason, we are unable to hear you at
- 10 this time. And also, if the staff co-host could send
- 11 another message to Lieutenant Torres to enable the
- 12 microphone that may help.
- DIRECTOR GRAVELINE: I think they're having
- 14 difficulties right now, but if we want to go back to the
- 15 share screen, I can do the presentation, if we can't hear
- 16 Lieutenant Torres.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.
- 18 MRS. WHITE: Thank you.
- 19 DIRECTOR GRAVELINE: Lieutenant Torres, if you can
- 20 share your screen again, please. So, this is the internal
- 21 organization for the Disciplinary Administration.
- 22 Disciplinary Administration falls underneath the
- 23 Professional Standards Bureau, which I head up for the
- 24 Detroit Police Department. Lieutenant Robert Torres leads
- 25 our Disciplinary Administration Team. We have two



- 1 sergeants assigned to Disciplinary Administration as well
- 2 as four officers and one civilian police assistant. We
- 3 can go to the next slide.

- 5 DIRECTOR GRAVELINE: So, our mission is to address
- 6 unprofessional conduct committed by sworn members, and to
- 7 prevent further events of such conduct. How do we go
- 8 about doing that? Generally speaking, we review any
- 9 investigations that are conducted, intimate conduct by
- 10 our police officers, and then address it accordingly,
- 11 whether that's through informal counseling by the
- 12 command, issuance of a notice of discipline, which can
- 13 result in written reprimands, suspensions, and even
- 14 termination of employment. Next slide, please. Okay. As
- 15 you can see, these are duties and responsibilities. We
- 16 ensure that all members adhere to the code of conduct and
- 17 I'm not going to read every bullet on the slide here, but
- 18 we can go to the next slide.
- 19 LIEUTENANT TORRES: I'm sorry. Can you hear me now?
- 20 DIRECTOR GRAVELINE: Yes.
- 21 LIEUTENANT TORRES: Okay. What'd you like me to
- 22 proceed, sir?
- DIRECTOR GRAVELINE: Yes. That'd be fine. Pick up
- 24 from here, Lieutenant.
- 25 LIEUTENANT TORRES: Thank you. With regards to



- 1 Disciplinary Administration's duties, Disciplinary
- 2 Administration receives and reviews, misconduct
- 3 investigations to ensure that they are completely
- 4 accurate and that the charges are supported by the
- 5 reported misconduct. Disciplinary Administration also
- 6 prepares notices of discipline, continuing charges,
- 7 specifications, and penalties related to the sustained
- 8 misconduct. We then serve the department members with the
- 9 notices of discipline and whole disciplinary appeal
- 10 hearings, where department members are able to tell their
- 11 side of the story to the trier of fact. And additionally,
- 12 we maintain the department disciplinary history database
- 13 continuing the disciplinary history of all members. Our
- 14 sustained conduct of investigations comes from four
- 15 different sources. One of the sources is command-level
- 16 investigations. This includes Precincts and Bureaus; the
- 17 other sources are the Office of the Chief Investigator
- 18 and Internal Affairs and Forced Investigations.
- 19 LIEUTENANT TORRES: What you see before you is the
- 20 sustained misconduct investigations for the years of 2019
- 21 and 2020 from the 4 different entities that we receive
- 22 investigations from. As you can see in the command
- investigation, there was 178 and 2020 and 182 in 2019.
- 24 There were 377 in 2019. Office of the Chief Investigator,
- 25 OCI investigations in 2015 and 2020. There were a hundred



- 1 investigations from internal affairs in 2019 and 82 in
- 2 2020. And from force investigations, there were 15 in
- 3 2019 and 27 from forced investigations. As far as
- 4 disciplinary matrix of violations come directly from the
- 5 Detroit Police Departments' manual, specifically the code
- of conduct. Now there are violations from the manual.
- 7 They don't fall under the code of conduct, but they can
- 8 be categorized under the code of conduct, such as a BWC
- 9 violation, which in the code of conduct would be a
- 10 neglect of duty.
- 11 LIEUTENANT TORRES: So that's how we would handle
- 12 those. Each violation is a presumptive penalty and those
- 13 penalties can be aggravated or mitigated by the specific
- 14 violation, dependent on the circumstances. Disciplinary
- 15 matrix, misconduct can fall into one of four categories
- 16 and category A, conduct that has a minimal negative
- impact on the operations of the professional image of the
- 18 department. An example of that would be a legitimate
- 19 malfunction of a BWC or body-worn camera, and the officer
- 20 neglects to annotate the malfunction on his or her
- 21 activity log. Category B is conduct that has a
- 22 significant negative impact on the operations or
- 23 professional image of the department. An example of that
- 24 would be an inappropriate post by a member on social
- 25 media that diminishes the professional image of the



- 1 department. Categories C would be conducting that
- 2 involves the abuse or misuse of authority, unethical
- 3 behavior, or an act that seriously and adversely impacts
- 4 officers of public safety. An example of that would be a
- 5 vehicle pursuit for a traffic offense that results in an
- 6 accident with no injuries. A category D offense. There's
- 7 a bunch of definitions under that category. Looking at
- 8 the ones that involve any act, which demonstrates a
- 9 serious lack of the integrity, ethics, or character
- 10 related to an officer's fitness to hold the position of
- 11 police officer. An example of misconduct of that nature
- 12 would be an officer who is untruthful during a Garrity
- 13 interview.
- 14 LIEUTENANT TORRES: So, the appeal process, once a
- department member receives a notice of discipline, the
- 16 member can accept the charge and penalty, or they can
- 17 appeal them. If they accept it, then they serve the
- 18 penalty that is written within the charge. If they appeal
- 19 them, a member of the DPA would have a hearing in front
- 20 of a captain. If a member of the LSA appeals a charge in
- 21 penalty the hearing will be heard by a commander and for
- 22 penalty consisting of termination or suspensions of 10
- 23 days or more, the hearing will be heard by a Chief of
- 24 Police or his designee, which would typically be an
- 25 Assistant Chief. And once the hearing has concluded and



- 1 the penalty consists of anything more than 3 days, the
- 2 decision can be appealed to arbitration. Before you, you
- 3 can see the Disciplinary Administration case dispositions
- 4 with a comparison of 2019 and 2020. In 2019 for written
- 5 reprimands, there were 119. In 2020, there were 92. The
- 6 dismissal of charges for 2019, was 88. 2020 was 33. 2019
- 7 for informal counseling there was 223, and 225 in 2020.
- 8 For 2019 I can't see the suspensions for 2019 or 85, 2020
- 9 77; administrative closures in 2019 74. 2020 it was
- 10 33 separations. In 2019, were 42, and 2020 was 35.
- 11 Pending cases, in 2019, there were 2, or there are 2. In
- 12 2020 there were 42 cases that were no case. In 2019,
- there were 21. And in 2020, there were 80 I'm sorry, 8.
- 14 And in 2019, there were 6 terminations. And in 2020,
- 15 there were 4. In summation, a Disciplinary Administration
- 16 conducts an impartial review of all departmental
- 17 sustained misconduct. We review the investigations for
- 18 proper disposition, proper charging. We prepare the
- 19 notice of disciplines and serve them. And we basically
- 20 administer the whole disciplinary process and maintain a
- 21 disciplinary history database of all members. Are there
- 22 any questions?
- 23 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioners.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Holley.
- 25 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Thank you, Lieutenant. I see a



- 1 lot of numbers, Lieutenant. What are the top three
- 2 misconduct that we face?
- 3 LIEUTENANT TORRES: The top three would be misconduct
- 4 such as BWC violations.
- 5 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Explain that to me?
- 6 LIEUTENANT TORRES: Where a member has a malfunction
- 7 or does not turn on his BWC during an investigation or
- 8 during a stop or contact with a citizen. Another one
- 9 would be demeanor violations where an officer may lose
- 10 his composure while speaking to a citizen on the street.
- 11 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: One more.
- 12 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Another question?
- 13 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: One more. I asked for one more.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON BELL: You may ask one more.
- 15 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Oh, I'm sorry.
- 16 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: That's fine. Go on Mr.
- 17 Chairman.
- 18 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Commissioner. Brown's hand is
- 19 raised. Commissioner Bernard, Commissioner Davis. And I
- 20 see now Commissioner Jones is raising his finger. So, I
- 21 guess we're going to start with the virtual hand raise
- 22 with Commissioner Brown, please.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON BROWN: Thank you, madam Vice-Chair.
- 25 Lieutenant Torres and Director Graveline, thank you for



- 1 the report. Very, very informative. I've had some
- 2 discussions with some citizens and they knew this was
- 3 coming before the Board, and there was one thing that
- 4 they wanted Director Graveline, I think you can answer
- 5 this question concerning the Giglio Brady thing with the
- 6 officers lying on the stand. They wanted to know why
- 7 these officers are still on the job and why haven't
- 8 charges been brought against them for perjury and whose
- 9 responsibility is it.
- 10 DIRECTOR GRAVELINE: So currently, if an officer lies
- 11 on any official report in a search warrant, in an
- 12 affidavit unsworn testimony in court, and we find out
- 13 about it, we investigate it. And we find that that
- officer lied it is the department's position that they
- will be fired and charges potentially refer to the Wayne
- 16 County Prosecutor's Office. But that took effect after a
- 17 teletype from Chief Craig in the fall of 2018. So, prior
- 18 to October of 2018 an officer might have been found to
- 19 have sustained misconduct for a false or oral or written
- 20 statement and not have been fired. And so then, we had to
- 21 push back against there's a principle in labor law that
- 22 says that once a company or a department has set past
- 23 practice, that you can't violate that past practice. And
- 24 so, what had happened was because other people who had
- 25 committed that same type of offense had not been fired,



- 1 that we had to put the members on notice. And that was
- 2 the purpose of Chief's teletype and October of 2018 to
- 3 put everyone on notice. If you offend in this way, that
- 4 will result in termination of employment. So, the problem
- 5 is, do we have certain officers and certain department
- 6 members who have been found to have sustained misconduct
- 7 for false or reinstatement in their past, like let's say
- 8 in 2012 or 2013?
- 9 DIRECTOR GRAVELINE: Yes, we do. Is there anything
- 10 that Chief Craig can do about that now? No, there is not.
- 11 That is an adjudicated matter and we cannot go back and
- 12 reopen that case now and take adverse employment action
- 13 against that person. So essentially, do we have members
- 14 with findings of sustained misconduct and you'll see that
- in the news reports when Prosecutor Worthy comes out and
- 16 says there's a Giglio or a Brady list. But what we can
- 17 also say is we've checked up against Prosecutor Worthy
- 18 current Giglio or Brady list, and I believe the last time
- 19 I looked, I believe there were 40 some odd people on that
- 20 list, law enforcement officers. There are only two
- 21 current DPD members and they have been put in positions
- 22 where they cannot testify or not take evidence. So we've
- 23 tried to isolate those two individuals.
- 24 COMMISSIONER BROWN: And so basically those
- 25 individuals were put on the list prior to Chief Craig



- 1 putting everybody on notice?
- 2 DIRECTOR GRAVELINE That's correct.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON BROWN: That's one of the things that
- 4 they were asking in a forum that I was a part of, and I
- 5 just thank you for that. And I guess that answered a lot
- of the questions and I hope some of the people that are
- 7 listening. I really appreciate it. Thank you. Thank you
- 8 for the report. It's very informative. I really
- 9 appreciate it. Thank you.
- 10 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Commissioner Bernard.
- 11 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Real quickly. I don't know if
- 12 you saw a recent it was a study, I believe by the
- 13 University of Michigan that talked about the history of
- 14 abuses by the police department in Detroit over the last
- 15 25 years and how terrible it was, et cetera was very
- 16 disturbing to me. I know we don't have that situation
- 17 now, but my question is the only entity that does any
- investigation that's independent of the police department
- 19 is our Investigative Unit. All the other investigations
- 20 that are conducted are done by the police. So
- 21 essentially, you're investigating yourself. Have you ever
- 22 given any thought to, or is there a department in the
- 23 country about our size that has any laypeople in internal
- 24 affairs or in order to help conduct this investigation?
- 25 You mentioned you have 2 sergeants, 4 officers, and a



- 1 civilian assistant, but no independent person [01:15:36
- 2 inaudible] in today's climate.
- 3 LIEUTENANT TORRES: Through the Chair.
- 4 DIRECTOR GRAVELINE: Chief Craig brought me on board
- 5 a little over two years ago. I'm an unsworn member. My
- 6 background is I was a federal prosecutor here in the City
- 7 of Detroit for over a decade. I come from the United
- 8 States Attorney's Office. I am not a member of DPD other
- 9 than I'm currently employed by DPD, but I'm not a sworn
- 10 member. That was Chief's entire vision was to bring in
- 11 someone from the outside with different experiences to
- 12 run professional standards. So yes, Chief Craig has
- 13 thought about that and I'm the person, the
- 14 personification of Chief Craig's vision of exactly that.
- 15 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Thank you.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Director. There will be
- 17 Commissioner Davis.
- VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Commissioner Davis. Yes, sir. I'm
- 19 sorry.
- 20 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: In fact, the two previous
- 21 Commissioners ask the two questions I was going to ask
- them. My question now would be as it relates to
- 23 discipline for officers to use profanity, like the N-word
- 24 or a lot of profanity or say and do racist stuff. What
- 25 was the normal protocol with that?



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- 1 DIRECTOR GRAVELINE: Well, if there is an allegation
- 2 of a racial use of either racial language or taking some
- 3 type of action based on a disparity due to race, that
- 4 would obviously be a cause or grounds for an internal
- 5 investigation. We would investigate that we do not take
- 6 the use of racial slurs, in the same way, we might take
- 7 the use of let's say, for example, some other vulgarities
- 8 or like the F-word or something along those lines. We
- 9 take it very seriously. That would when you talk about
- 10 the categories that we just saw placed up there I would
- 11 suggest that it would probably, minimally started the
- 12 category B, which is a substantial impact that negative
- impact, if not a category C or D depending on the use and
- 14 the flagrancy. So, it all depends on what the allegation
- 15 is, Commissioner but we take those allegations very
- 16 seriously. There would definitely be an investigation and
- 17 discipline would be meted out accordingly.
- 18 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: My next question is this, has
- 19 anyone recently in the last 6-months received anything
- 20 for doing something as racial discriminating against
- 21 somebody because of their color?
- DIRECTOR GRAVELINE: Not off the top of my head,
- 23 Commissioner, excuse me, through the Chair, not off the
- 24 top of my head. Lots of times where we see some of the
- 25 racial the use of racial terms has been on social media



- 1 or something along those lines. And we've had some
- 2 discipline with the use of racial terms on social media
- 3 within the last 6-months.
- 4 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Thank you.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Commissioner Davis.
- 6 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Commissioner Jones,
- 7 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Just pause for a minute, please. I
- 8 want to follow up on Commissioner. Davis' question to the
- 9 Director. Number one, in terms of citizens' complaints,
- 10 we see demeanor. And when I speak to classes in the
- 11 Academy, I don't see why we can't deal with that and
- 12 drive that down. I can't think of any other company in
- 13 Detroit, in this America, that you can use profanity at
- 14 people constantly, and it's on tape, but we haven't dealt
- 15 with that issue. I don't understand it. You don't get
- 16 that in McDonald's. You don't get that in Macy. You don't
- 17 get that at a service station, but all of us feel as
- 18 though they can just use profanity in our community and
- 19 our people. And I'm just getting very frustrated. I like
- 20 to see how can we address that issue? Because I don't see
- 21 the discipline there, I don't see the response. I think
- 22 we take it very lightly. I even see Sergeants and
- 23 Lieutenants engaged in that type of language. So, they
- 24 are engaged in how can they correct the troops?
- DIRECTOR GRAVELINE: Through the Chair. You will get



- 1 no argument from me, Chairman Bell, I mean, its
- 2 unacceptable behavior, and every time that we have a
- 3 case, either through a citizen complaint investigated by
- 4 the Office of the Chief investigator.
- 5 GRAVELINE: Investigated by the Office of the Chief
- 6 Investigator or through our own internal investigation.
- 7 We always find the same misconduct when that type of
- 8 language is being used. And so there is discipline being
- 9 administered. The effectiveness might be called into
- 10 question given the amount that we still see. But it's
- 11 going to be up to the supervisors out there to one, set
- 12 the example and two, insist upon it from our offices.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Could we see the outcome of these
- 14 disciplinary matters concerning demeanor? Could you
- 15 report out on what is your outcome? And also, we need to
- 16 know in terms of the appeal arbitrating, are they being
- 17 rewarded? We need to see the outcome opposition here. I
- 18 don't expect the answer, but I would like to have a
- 19 response to that in the near future.
- 20 DIRECTOR GRAVELINE: Yes, we can definitely prepare a
- 21 response in terms of the sustainment standards for
- 22 demeanor, what the notice of discipline went out as and
- 23 what the final discipline ended up being, and then in
- 24 terms of arbitration, yes, we can definitely report out
- on arbitration in terms of what's still in front of



- 1 arbitrators and what recent decisions have been as well.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Director. Commissioner
- 3 Jones. I apologize. You have the floor?
- 4 COMMISSIONER JONES: No, actually, no need to
- 5 apologize, but thank you, Chair. You actually touched on
- 6 the questions that I did have about the allegations made
- 7 against police officers. I want to self-read a lot of the
- 8 CCRS and it signed off on those CCRS. Also, we see the
- 9 complaint, we see the allegation we see whether or not
- 10 the allegation was sustained or if it was unfounded, but
- 11 there's never anything that I've been able to take notice
- of that gave the outcome or what the disciplinary action
- 13 was with regard to that particular CCR. There's nothing
- 14 that I ever come across that details that, and I believe
- 15 he just gave something of an explanation to Chair Bell
- 16 about that.
- 17 COMMISSIONER JONES: One of the other things was that
- 18 I know you mentioned that whenever a complaint is made
- 19 that the investigation is, or the complaint is thoroughly
- 20 investigated, but we'll find it in a lot of instances,
- 21 the citizens are not completing or taking part in the
- 22 finalization of that complaint. The investigators
- 23 indicate that they've been out there at their homes that
- they've mailed registered letters to the complainant and
- 25 has made multiple attempts to try to contact the citizens



- 1 about their complaints, but they find the system is not
- 2 interested in the process. I mean, is there any
- 3 information or explanations you can provide where that's
- 4 concerned?
- 5 DIRECTOR GRAVELINE: Through the Chair, Commissioner
- 6 Jones, you're absolutely correct. I read every one that
- 7 you signed off on, that all the Commissioners signed off
- 8 on, and that's been a reoccurring theme, I would say it's
- 9 picked up in the last year more than, than normal that a
- 10 citizen would make a complaint, but then when contacted
- 11 by OCI there's just no, follow-up and so there's really
- 12 no development of that initial complaint. We kind of get
- 13 some general sketches of what the facts are, and then
- it's primarily based on what we see on body-worn camera
- 15 sometimes. So how do we improve that? I'm not sure. I
- 16 don't know if I necessarily have any great suggestions
- 17 for that, but it is an important thing to be put out to
- 18 the community that if you do have a complaint against one
- 19 of our officers, it's important to participate in the
- 20 process so that we can have all of the facts and make
- 21 intelligent decisions about the officer's conduct.
- 22 COMMISSIONER JONES: Right, and if I could backpedal
- 23 just a little bit, I noticed that when we get a
- 24 promotions list and they give the officers' backgrounds
- 25 you do see where there are a number of accusations that



- 1 were leveled against them. They do give a total there,
- 2 but sometimes when the citizens are investigating some of
- 3 the officers' backgrounds, they look at how many
- 4 complaints an officer's had, but for whatever reason,
- 5 they don't realize how many of those complaints were
- 6 unfounded versus how many of them worked or sustained.
- 7 They just looked at the total number of complaints.

- 9 DIRECTOR GRAVELINE: That's correct. Through the
- 10 Chair. I think you hit on an important point that there
- 11 are lots of times when I look at an officer's history of
- 12 citizen complaints just giving an example. Let's say that
- 13 there might be 30 complaints, but many times there'll be,
- 14 25 not sustained or unfounded. And so, what we're really
- 15 talking about is one or two or three, actually sustained
- 16 misconduct there. So, you have to look at both things and
- 17 lots of times too, it's important for citizens to know
- 18 that you can, that they can file complaints, but also
- 19 don't file frivolous complaints because it's easy
- 20 sometimes to get mad at the officer. And we see that as
- 21 well.
- 22 COMMISSIONER JONES: Thank you.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.
- 24 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Through the Chair.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, ma'am.



- 1 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Thank you. Director Graveline and
- 2 Commissioners, there are, I don't know, 15 questions that
- 3 have been directed to Director Graveline, and we look
- 4 forward to a response to those questions. Correct, Mr.
- 5 Chair?
- 6 DIRECTOR GRAVELINE: That is correct. I believe we
- 7 have a deadline of next Wednesday for those answers.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Director. I want to
- 9 thank Lieutenant Torres for his participation in this
- 10 lively discussion, we're looking forward to a follow-up.
- 11 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Mr. Chair.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, ma'am.
- 13 COMMISSIONER BURCH: I just wanted to ask Director
- 14 Graveline, when Commissioner Jones was speaking about the
- 15 complaints on an officer's list, how does that affect
- 16 their promotion? In other words, from one officer can be
- an officer for X amount of years, then they're promoted
- 18 to Sergeant. So how does that work when an officer
- 19 perhaps has been on the force 20 or 25 years and never
- 20 been promoted, but they've serviced the police
- 21 department? How does that work in promoting one officer
- 22 to the next rank? Could you share, how does that works?
- 23 DIRECTOR GRAVELINE: Yes. Through the Chair.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Director.
- DIRECTOR GRAVELINE: From my understanding and I'm



- 1 not an expert on this, but I believe contractually it is
- 2 not to be considered through the promotion. So, for
- 3 example, to go from police officer to Sergeant, they take
- 4 an exam and it's ranked through the exam. And that list
- 5 comes out, the private disciplinary once that's completed
- 6 and done, that is not to be considered through the
- 7 promotional process. And so by contract, I do not believe
- 8 that an officer's prior disciplinary history has any
- 9 bearing on promotional capabilities in the future.
- 10 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Well, I'm sorry, you just didn't
- 11 finish what I was saying. You didn't answer that. I'm
- 12 saying that someone that has been on the force for a long
- 13 time, I'm saying it like that. And then all of a sudden,
- 14 they're made a commander, but they've served us like
- what, 20, 25 years, what happens with that and the
- 16 service, they give it to the community is excellent.
- 17 That's what I'm asking you. How does that work?
- DIRECTOR GRAVELINE: Through the Chair, if you could
- 19 help me out a little bit. I'm not really sure what.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON BELL: I think the question is beyond -
- 21 Commissioner Burch, Sergeant Lieutenant, Detectives exam
- 22 and Director indicated there's a process of the contract
- 23 bargaining process. That's the issue though. The
- 24 complaint's not merited into that. Then the issue about a
- 25 captain, anything above a captain is appointed by the



- 1 Chief. Then we have the opportunity to review, to approve
- 2 those promotions or denied. So that's pretty much how it
- 3 would work. I want to move on at this time. Thank you
- 4 Director, once again.
- 5 DIRECTOR GRAVELINE: Thank you.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Okay. Ms. White.
- 7 MRS. WHITE: Yes. Through the Chair.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Any other items that are not
- 9 listed? I'd like to move on to if you've got staff
- 10 report, any additional information that's not listed, and
- if not, I want to move on to unfinished business
- 12 directive because for the sake of time we have someone
- 13 scheduled for an interview.
- MRS. WHITE: Yes, sir. Okay. Moving right to the
- 15 unfinished business mail directive 102.2, Honorable Board
- 16 you received all of the documentation on these various
- 17 policies. They have been posted to the Board of Police
- 18 Commissioners website, city website for a few months now.
- 19 And to date, we have not received any feedback from the
- 20 public with regards to those policies. However, our
- 21 staff, the Board staff has conducted extensive research
- 22 and analysis into the policy directives, and we've
- 23 supplied the various reports to you for your
- 24 consideration. The first one bias-based policing
- 25 basically is the purpose of this directive is to



- 1 unequivocally state that racial and ethnic profiling and
- 2 law enforcement are totally unacceptable. This directive
- 3 supplied from the police department reaffirms the Detroit
- 4 Police Department's commitment to bias policing and all
- 5 its encounters between department members and citizens
- 6 and reinforces procedures that serve to maintain public
- 7 confidence and trust through the delivery of services in
- 8 a fair and equitable manner. Basically, all of the
- 9 revisions that the department made are in line with best
- 10 practices and constitutional protections. And at this
- 11 time there is a request to approve the revised policy on
- 12 bias-based policing as provided by the department.
- 13 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Through the Chair.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes ma'am.
- VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Are we asking for a motion?
- 16 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, ma'am.
- 17 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: I move that we approve the
- 18 recommendations of bias-based policing.
- 19 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Support.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON BELL: It's been properly moved and
- 21 supported. Discussion.
- 22 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Mr. Chairman. I'd just like to
- 23 note that there is a provision in this policy related to
- 24 English language proficiency, but it does not address the
- 25 issue of people who can't speak or see or anything like



- 1 that. I just don't know. Perhaps someone can give us some
- 2 information on that. I mean, in terms of bias-based
- 3 policing, that you couldn't mock a person who can't speak
- 4 or person like, unfortunately, President Trump did, a
- 5 person who had muscular dystrophy, things like that. You
- 6 know when he said, you know, that kind of thing. I think
- 7 the policy may need to be broad enough to address those
- 8 issues as well. And my principle issue, because it's
- 9 something I'm confronted with almost every day by people
- 10 calling me is really racial profiling. When you see four
- 11 black men in a car they're automatically stopped, young
- 12 fellows automatically stop. And that's a problem. So, I
- don't know if we need to make a stronger, or what would
- 14 you suggest?
- 15 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Bernard, I would
- 16 suggest this. We had ample time to respond to this
- 17 directive. I think we need to approve this document and
- 18 perhaps revisit this in the future, and we can address
- 19 this matter, but I'm somewhat cautious in a predominantly
- 20 black city when we make statements of that kind, that we
- 21 see four people, this black in a car, the police
- 22 automatically stop. And there's a black man. I don't
- 23 think that's totally fair to this department and for the
- 24 community. With all the issues that Commissioner Holley
- 25 raised, et cetera, et cetera we are trying to function to



- 1 the best of our ability to provide police service
- 2 equality. We have come a long way in terms of address is
- 3 the concern, that is a note on that.
- 4 MRS. WHITE: Through the Chair. If I may add the
- 5 Detroit Police Department and all city units within the
- 6 city structure utilizes the civil rights department with
- 7 the city that provides reasonable accommodations,
- 8 interpretation services, whenever it is requested. So
- 9 that department is always available to any city entity,
- 10 including, but not limited to the Detroit Police
- 11 Department. So that's already inherent in all of the
- 12 department policy.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Mr. White. Right on
- 14 point.
- 15 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Chair Bell.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, ma'am.
- 17 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Commissioner Burton.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir. Yes, Sir.
- 19 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Mr. Chairman, Commissioner
- 20 Bernard was actually right. I mean, I received calls all
- 21 the time from citizens that they were stopped by the
- 22 police. They were actually placed in handcuffs and then
- later were unhand cuffed and let go. So, we do have a lot
- 24 of residents that have encounters with the police because
- 25 the police are involved with your community 24/7. And so,



- 1 when 3 or 4 people of color in a car the likelihood they
- 2 are going to get stopped.
- 3 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: If they're male. If they are
- 4 male.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Okay. We're going to move on. Your
- 6 point is well taken and all that. I'm calling for the
- 7 vote at this time. Those in favor, Aye.
- 8 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Those opposed.
- 10 COMMISSIONERS BERNARD: No.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Well, we got one.
- 12 COMMISSIONER BROWN: two nos.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON BELL: two nos. I shouldn't have to
- 14 solicit. Okay. Ms. White.
- 15 MRS. WHITE: Okay. Yes, sir. Through the Chair, the
- 16 next policy directive is.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Indicate that the motion passed,
- 18 indicate that the motion passed.
- 19 MRS. WHITE: The motion passed, but Honorable Board,
- 20 I would ask and request for the clarity for the record to
- 21 please conduct a roll call vote.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Roll call vote, Ms. White, roll
- 23 call vote. Vice-Chair Holt.
- 24 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Yes.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District 2.



- 1 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: No.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District 3.
- 3 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Yes.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District 4. Yes. District 5.
- 5 District 6.
- 6 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Yes.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District 7.
- 8 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yes.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Hernandez.
- 10 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Yes.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Jones,
- 12 COMMISSIONER JONES: Yes.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Holley.
- 14 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Yes.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Ms. White.
- 16 COMMISSIONER BROWN: District 1, don't get a vote. I
- 17 mean, we went through this last week. You reading the
- 18 same paper.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District 1.
- 20 COMMISSIONER BROWN: No.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. Thank you.
- 22 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Burton is
- 23 calling from his phone. He wants to vote. I put him on
- 24 speaker. His device failed, he said.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Okay.



- 1 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: How do you need to vote?
- 2 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Yes, I'm going to follow the
- 3 order. Thank you.
- 4 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: What does that mean? Are you
- 5 voting yes or no?
- 6 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I didn't hear the motion and I
- 7 didn't hear how the vote came off.
- 8 COMMISSIONER BERNARD The motion is to approve the
- 9 policy as written.
- 10 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Okay. I guess he started with
- 11 District 1 first, right?
- 12 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: It doesn't matter what is your
- 13 position.
- 14 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I want to hear the Chairman. I
- 15 can't hear him.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner, just give me a yay
- 17 or nay. You up now for the vote. I called District 5.
- 18 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I didn't hear the Mr.
- 19 Chairman, I know we join virtually, my device has powered
- 20 out.
- 21 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Point of order.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON BELL: We're going to move on to the next
- 23 directive, please. We just say that he's absent from the
- 24 vote or abstaining. Thank you.
- 25 MRS. WHITE: Yes, sir. And just for the record, there



- 1 were 9=Yes votes and 1=No vote.
- 2 COMMISSIONER BROWN: 2 no votes.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Two no votes to Brown and Bernard.
- 4 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Right, Commissioner Brown and
- 5 Commissioner Bernard.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. Next directive.
- 7 MRS. WHITE: Okay. The next directive is the
- 8 promotional process. All of the documentation, the
- 9 departments' divisions, and the staff's review.
- 10 Basically, in this particular policy directive the
- 11 revisions including deleting several portions that are no
- 12 longer applicable as it relates to qualifications for our
- 13 lieutenants and sergeants. And also, the department
- 14 revised a section regarding the appeals process of
- 15 candidates who are no longer considered for promotions.
- 16 And so at this time, the motion or proposed
- 17 recommendation is to approve the policy directive as
- 18 provided.
- 19 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: So move.
- 20 COMMISSIONER JONES: Support.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON BELL: It's been properly moved and
- 22 supported. Discussion.
- 23 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Yes, Mr. Chairman.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes. Mr. Brown.
- 25 COMMISSIONER BROWN: I sent an email to the



- 1 Commissioners concerning this policy of things that I
- 2 felt should have been included in it, basically, either
- 3 with that or with a memorandum of understanding. I see
- 4 that one thing has been addressed about the disciplinary
- 5 action on there. But the other thing was about the time
- 6 and service where officers were having just two years on
- 7 the job being promoted to the rank of Sergeant. So, I've
- 8 gotten no feedback from the Board. I even submitted the
- 9 questions to the Board members, and I think it's very
- 10 important that we pay attention to having officers have
- 11 time on a job before they are eligible to attain the rank
- 12 of Sergeant. And also those that are, I think the
- 13 disciplinary piece of here needs to be tightened up that
- if they have active discipline, they shouldn't be allowed
- 15 to take the tests.
- 16 COMMISSIONER BROWN: And then if they get active
- 17 discipline, while they're in there, then I'm okay with
- 18 the language that's there, that they either go to the
- 19 bottom of the list and be retained. But I think that
- 20 that's something that needs to go into this policy or do
- 21 we need to research that as a memorandum of understanding
- 22 with the DPOA and to make sure that we're not violating
- 23 their CBA at collective bargaining.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Brown, the Director
- of Personnel prepares the eligibility list for the exam



- 1 that's approved by the department and also for this
- 2 Board. t's one thing you sent out to the membership, but
- 3 the Chair or the Secretary. So, we want to move on. It's
- 4 noted, but that is something that we cannot entertain at
- 5 this time to set a two-year requirement for a minimum or
- 6 whatever that is for a maximum.

- 8 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Mr. Chairman.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir.
- 10 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: I believe Commissioner Bernard's
- 11 hand was raised, Commissioner Holley. I'm sorry.
- 12 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: You go ahead first Jim because
- 13 I was going to move to table the issue because I think
- 14 that Brown's comment is a good one is substantial.
- 15 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: I'm just going to ask Mr.
- 16 Chairman with Mr. Brown's comment. He asked for a
- 17 memorandum of understanding included. Can we do that?
- 18 CHAIRPERSON BELL: I would say it's out of order
- 19 because there's a process by contract in terms of the
- 20 promotional exam and criteria that's collectively bargain
- 21 on that process. So, we just cannot change it. We are not
- 22 involved with that process.
- COMMISSIONER BROWN: You're changing a policy now
- 24 with this.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON BELL: I don't think we can change the



- 1 policy. They don't work that way with collective
- 2 bargaining.
- 3 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Okay.
- 4 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Through the Chair.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, ma'am.
- 6 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: I'd like to ask the Commissioner,
- 7 when is it he sent that email out because. I would be
- 8 interested to read it.
- 9 COMMISSIONER BROWN: I would have to go back, through
- 10 the Chair. I would have to go back and check it. It was
- 11 sent out a few weeks ago. I sent it to the entire Board.
- 12 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: You did.
- 13 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Thank you.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Roll call vote.
- 15 COMMISSIONER BROWN: I second, the motion to table. I
- 16 second it.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON BELL: The motion to table this
- 18 resolution, roll call vote. Vice-Chair Holt.
- 19 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Yes to table.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District 1:
- 21 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Yes.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District 2.
- 23 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Yes.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District 3.
- 25 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Yes.



- 1 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District 4. No. District 5.
- 2 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Yes.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District 6.
- 4 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Yes.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District 7.
- 6 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yes.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Hernandez.
- 8 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Yes.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Jones.
- 10 COMMISSIONER JONES: Yes.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Holley.
- 12 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Yes.
- 13 The CHAIRPERSON BELL: The motion to table passes.
- 14 Ms. White.
- MRS. WHITE: Yes, sir. The last.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON BELL: We move on to the next directive.
- 17 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Thank you, Board.
- 18 MRS. WHITE: The last directive is drug and alcohol
- 19 abuse by department personnel policy. And again, you
- 20 received this directive, Honorable Board, at least three
- 21 months ago for your review. And the revisions of this
- 22 directive basically include adding definitions and also
- 23 clarifying employment impact and supervisory
- 24 responsibility, among other things.
- 25 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: So moved.



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- 1 COMMISSIONER JONES: Support.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON BELL: It's been properly moved, and
- 3 supported, Discussion. Roll call vote. Vice-Chair Holt.
- 4 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Yes.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District 1.
- 6 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Yes.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District 2.
- 8 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Yes.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District 3.
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- 18 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Yes.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Jones.
- 20 COMMISSIONER JONES: Yes.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Holley.
- 22 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Yes.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Ms. White.
- MRS. WHITE: Yes, the motion passed.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Outstanding. We'll move on to the



- 1 next item would be Ms. White, are we prepared for the
- 2 Chief Investigator interview?
- 3 MRS. WHITE: Yes, we do have Ms. Tamara Tarrance from
- 4 the City's HR Human Resources Division and also the first
- 5 candidate Mr. Marquis Scott. And if staff could ensure
- 6 that Ms. Terrance's microphone is enabled, please.
- 7 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Mr. Chairman.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir.
- 9 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Point of the procedure. Don't
- 10 you think we ought to have the comments first, and then
- 11 go to the interview?
- 12 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Good idea.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON BELL: It wouldn't be fair for the person
- 14 that's scheduled for the interview, sir. We gave her a
- 15 time and we are totally off track.

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- 17 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: But she wants us. We don't need
- 18 -
- 19 CHAIRPERSON BELL: But sir, I want us to stay on
- 20 track with her. We want to stay on time. Thank you.
- 21 COMMISSIONER BURCH: You all are something else.
- MRS. WHITE: If I may add Honorable Board, you
- 23 received all of the documentation in front of you that is
- 24 already embedded in the introductions that will be
- 25 provided by Ms. Tarrance. And so she will give those



- 1 brief introductions and then at your pleasure move
- 2 forward. Ms. Tarrance?
- 3 MS. TARRANCE: Can you hear me?
- 4 MRS. WHITE: Yes, now we can.
- 5 MS. TARRANCE: Is Mr. Scott on?
- 6 MRS. WHITE: We're working with his microphone, but
- 7 if you could please move into your introductions that
- 8 were included in the interview questionnaire, please.
- 9 MS. TARRANCE: Oh, I'm sorry. I missed that. I don't
- 10 have that in my questionnaire. Introductions, you said?
- MRS. WHITE: Yes, ma'am. It is right on the first and
- 12 second pages of the interview questionnaire and staff co-
- 13 hosts are still working to bring Mr. Scott on the line.
- 14 MR. SCOTT: I'm here.
- 15 MRS. WHITE: Okay. Thank you.
- MS. TARRANCE: Okay. I don't know if it was taken out
- of what I was just recently sent, but there's nothing on
- 18 here for introductions.
- 19 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Can't you do it?
- 20 MRS. WHITE: Okay. Honorable Board. I will go right
- 21 ahead with the introductions. So basically, you've again
- 22 received all of the information before beginning the
- 23 following structure interview there. Mr. Scott had his
- 24 resume provided and supplied to you. And you've also been
- 25 supplied with all of the various questions for this



- 1 interview. The candidate, Mr. Scott will be asked a
- 2 series of questions, designed to measure how well he fits
- 3 with the department and the job. Each question asks him
- 4 to think about and describe a time or situation in his
- 5 past. When responding to the questions Mr. Scott, please
- 6 be as specific and concise as possible in your answers,
- 7 in particular, the Board is most interested in hearing
- 8 what the specific situation was, what you did, and what
- 9 happened as a result. When responding to the questions,
- 10 please try to use work-related examples rather than
- 11 examples from your personal life. However, if you are not
- 12 able to think of a work-related example, you can describe
- 13 a school or other personal situations. Also, during the
- 14 interview, Honorable Board, please take notes so that you
- 15 can remember his responses. If there are any questions
- 16 prior to beginning the interview, this would be the time
- 17 to ask those questions of Ms. Tarrance.
- 18 MS. TARRANCE: I just want to apologize. I'm sorry.
- 19 You said introduction, not instructions. That's why I was
- 20 looking for it something with the introductions. Okay,
- 21 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Chairman, I know you're tired
- 22 of me.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir.
- 24 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: How much time does each one of
- 25 these you know, how much time Mr. Scott has. My concern



- 1 is how much time we are going to have. What's the time
- 2 for the Commission as well?
- 3 CHAIRPERSON BELL: This format, I think will take 15
- 4 minutes, then we got announcements and oral
- 5 communication. It all depends on the Board. We should
- 6 take into consideration when we start at 3 o'clock. When
- 7 we go for an hour with the Deputy Chief et cetera, et
- 8 cetera, and we go so time, the clock is ticking. I try
- 9 not to put restrictions on it, but we have to have that
- 10 cooperation, but we want to be fair to this process. So,
- 11 let's get underway.
- MRS. WHITE: Through the Chair, Honorable Board. Ms.
- 13 Tarrance will be asking the question and then there will
- 14 be a follow-up period for the Honorable Board to ask any
- 15 additional questions outside of what has already been
- 16 supplied.
- 17 MS. TARRANCE: Okay.
- MRS. WHITE: Ms. Tarrance, if you want to go right
- 19 ahead?
- 20 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Excuse me, Melanie, just a
- 21 point of information. We're talking about Patrick Scott,
- 22 the gentleman who was a CPL instructor. Is that what
- 23 we're talking about right now?
- MRS. WHITE: Ms. Tarrance, could you please clarify
- 25 Mr. Scott's name?



- 1 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: The CPL instructor.
- MS. TARRANCE Yes, this is Mr. Scott.
- 3 MR. SCOTT: I'm not a CPL instructor.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. Thank you. Let's move
- 5 forward with Mr. Scott, please.
- 6 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I'm looking at it right here.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Let's move forward to Mr. Scott,
- 8 please.
- 9 MRS. WHITE: Ms. Tarrance, please move forward. Thank
- 10 you.
- 11 MS. TARRANCE: Okay. Mr. Scott, the first question we
- 12 have for you is if you could just briefly explain how
- 13 your previous experience and your education has prepared
- 14 you for this position. When you explain your experience,
- 15 give us your qualifications and your knowledge of
- 16 investigations, police misconduct, civilian oversight,
- 17 substantive, and procedural, criminal procedures and laws
- 18 for the State of Michigan.
- 19 MR. SCOTT: As far as experience, I'm a retired
- 20 member of the Detroit Police Department. The majority of
- 21 that time, I was a supervisor. Also, the majority of that
- 22 time as a supervisor, I was responsible for police
- 23 officers and supervising IOU investigators. In my early
- 24 days as a Sergeant.
- 25 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Back to probably McAllister.



- 1 MR. SCOTT: In my early days as a Sergeant, I was
- 2 responsible or I should say appointed as a Precinct Staff
- 3 Sergeant because of my work as a patrol supervisor. I was
- 4 responsible for recommending writing and reviewing
- 5 misconduct.
- 6 MS. TARRANCE: Thank you. Does anybody have any
- 7 follow-up questions to that? I'll move on to the next
- 8 question. What is your experience with techniques of
- 9 interviewing, employment contract administration, labor
- 10 relations, negotiations, database management, data
- 11 analysis, and metrics, mediation, conflict resolution,
- 12 employee discipline, and performance management and
- 13 supervising a multi-member organization?
- 14 MR. SCOTT: Excuse me. Can you repeat that? That was
- 15 a bit long.
- MS. TARRANCE: Absolutely. Tell us what your
- 17 experience is with techniques of interviewing. Let me
- 18 break it down. Let me break it into two parts for you.
- 19 Give us your experience with techniques of interviewing
- 20 employment, contract administration, and labor relations
- 21 negotiations.
- 22 Interviewing. I am Reid and Wicklander certified.
- 23 The department actually paid for that training. I
- 24 appreciate that. I interviewed I guess thousands of
- 25 citizens and police officers. I've also taken those same



- 1 skills and use them with the military where I'm retired
- 2 as a Lieutenant Colonel and use them countless times. As
- 3 far as contract labor relations, while I was a member of
- 4 the DPOA, I was an assistant, a union steward. So, I am
- 5 very familiar with how the contracts work and that
- 6 particular process...
- 7 MS. TARRANCE: Thank you. So next, the last part,
- 8 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: I have a question. Is it
- 9 permissible?
- 10 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir, yes, sir.
- 11 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Mr. Scott. So, if you used to
- 12 work with the police department, you're going to come
- 13 over basically to access the situations with the police
- 14 department. How do you feel, you don't feel like that's a
- 15 conflict of interest?
- 16 MR. SCOTT: No, sir.
- 17 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Can you just give me one minute
- 18 of why you don't think so?
- MR. SCOTT: Well sir, I'm glad you asked that
- 20 question. That goes back to when I was a Precinct Staff
- 21 Sergeant, I probably reviewed, changed, and edited
- 22 probably one hundred misconduct reports. And I personally
- 23 made sure that the report was fair, thorough, and
- 24 complete, and that we are guided by the evidence, not any
- 25 personal feelings. And that's why I was selected for that



- 1 job despite being a junior sergeant.
- 2 COMMISSIONER JONES: Through the Chair, I have a
- 3 quick question. Through the Chair.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Jones.
- 5 COMMISSIONER JONES: Okay. Probably just one question
- 6 because as you know a lot of what we're dealing with now
- 7 and what we will be dealing with in the future is
- 8 technology-based policing. Have you familiarized yourself
- 9 with a lot of the policies concerning ShotSpotter,
- 10 concerning body-worn camera, the other things that
- 11 provide evidence for you to be able to come to a just
- 12 conclusion?
- MR. SCOTT: Yes, sir, particularly body-worn cameras.
- 14 I think the public expects that and that if I am selected
- 15 as Chief Investigator, I would insist that that
- 16 particular evidence is reviewed and if necessary made
- 17 available.
- 18 COMMISSIONER JONES: Okay. Another one too, and I
- 19 believe you said that you had some experience with
- 20 dealing with collective bargaining agreements or unions
- 21 where some of the employees were concerned because I've
- 22 come to find out that some of the people that you may be
- 23 in charge of are members of the UAW. Had you ever had any
- 24 dealings with the UAW?
- MR. SCOTT: Yes, sir. As a supervisor, I was in



- 1 several dealings with UAW, mainly in personnel.
- 2 COMMISSIONER JONES: In what nature?
- 3 MR. SCOTT: Being in personnel. They needed
- 4 discipline.
- 5 COMMISSIONER JONES: Okay. That's it. That's all.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. Commissioners, I'm
- 7 going to ask you to pause on your questions. I want to
- 8 finish with HR and then we'll go back to you. Can we
- 9 continue that format? Get through with HR. That's she's
- 10 here. Thank you.
- 11 MS. TARRANCE: The last part of the question is what
- 12 is your experience with database management, data
- 13 analysis, and metrics creation, conflict resolution,
- 14 employee discipline, and performance management,
- 15 supervising a multi-member organization.
- MR. SCOTT: Okay. The first part of the second part,
- 17 the database management, and technology, I am also a
- 18 certified network computer network professional. Part of
- 19 that training involves taking Microsoft Office
- 20 certifications, such as Excel, Access, relational
- 21 databases using SQL language. As far as the second part
- of the second part of the question, I'm also a 30-year
- 23 veteran of the United States Army and Army Reserve. And
- 24 at the tail end of my career here, I was assigned to the
- 25 8th Army Career Unit where we had approximately 20,000



- 1 military personnel and family members. And part of my job
- 2 was to recommend policy to the commanding general
- 3 concerning various subjects. And I'm also certified in
- 4 customer relations.
- 5 MS. TARRANCE: Okay. Are there any follow-up
- 6 questions before I move on?
- 7 CHAIRPERSON BELL: The Commissioners are not going to
- 8 ask follow-up questions at this time. Go ahead and
- 9 continue your format.
- 10 MS. TARRANCE: Describe your knowledge of current
- 11 civilian oversight policies, HR strategies, policy, and
- 12 procedure, employee rights, workplace safety, and how
- 13 they are applied in supervision and administration.
- MR. SCOTT: Let's see. Well, the civilians have a
- 15 contract and we have to follow the guidelines to that
- 16 contract but basically what I would do is just use basic
- 17 leadership principles in interacting with civilians, you
- 18 know, usual basic leadership principles, big on example,
- 19 be honest with what you say and do, have written policy
- 20 quidance that everybody knows about and is in agreement
- 21 with. You typically very few problems and just
- 22 concentrate on communication and that typically will take
- 23 care of most issues.
- 24 MS. TARRANCE: Can you discuss your experience and
- 25 your qualifications, where you with public boards,



- 1 commissions, and, or other oversight agencies and law
- 2 enforcement agencies.
- 3 MR. SCOTT: Can you repeat that one more time?
- 4 MS. TARRANCE: Yes. Discuss your experience and your
- 5 qualifications working with public boards, commissions,
- 6 and or other oversight agencies and law enforcement
- 7 agencies.
- 8 MR. SCOTT: As far as oversight commissions, I've
- 9 never had a job that dealt with that. I've always had
- 10 supervisors and going from commanders to general officers
- in the military and I've taken the good points from them.
- 12 And I applied them to what I do. As far as law
- 13 enforcement experience, I was previously in the Detroit
- 14 Police Department for 26 years and we always followed the
- 15 directives of the Board f Police Commissioners.
- MS. TARRANCE: Thank you. So, the Office of the Chief
- 17 Investigator Board of Police Commissioners, as an
- 18 oversight entity, it's been in existence since 1974,
- 19 investigating police misconduct. What qualifications do
- 20 you have and believe are important for the Chief
- 21 Investigator in today's climate?
- MR. SCOTT: Leadership, that's the short answer. I
- 23 operate from a principal of the one-minute management
- 24 type format, communication, setting the example, being
- 25 thorough, complete, having been customer service oriented



- 1 worked for the Board. But we also work for the citizens
- 2 of Detroit, making sure that each and every complaint if
- 3 I'm so chosen, I would make sure that each and every
- 4 complaint is thoroughly investigated according to what's
- 5 expected and what is not expected as well.
- 6 MS. TARRANCE: Thank you.
- 7 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Chairman, how many more
- 8 questions does she have?
- 9 CHAIRPERSON BELL: I think we're about to wrap it up.
- 10 MS. TARRANCE: These are the questions that were sent
- 11 to me from you guys. These are the technical questions
- 12 that were submitted. So, there's one last technical
- 13 question here. Do you have any experience with working
- 14 under the department of justice consent no. Actually,
- 15 that was the last question.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Commissioners, any
- 17 questions?
- 18 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Through the Chair.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, ma'am.
- 20 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Coming directly from Mr. Scott's
- 21 resume where he gives one of his professional
- 22 experiences, gain knowledge of many investigative
- 23 techniques through training with recovery agents. Mr.
- 24 Scott, may I know what is a recovering agent?
- MR. SCOTT: A recovery agent would be well, one of



- 1 the last assignments that I had before I retired for the
- 2 last four years, I was the only fraud investigator for
- 3 the entire city. So, one of the things that I had to do
- 4 was work with banks and other financial institutions to
- 5 recover funds.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.
- 7 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Thank you, Chair Bell.
- 8 COMMISSIONER JONES: Thank you. Commissioner Jones?
- 9 COMMISSIONER JONES: Just one last question. COVID-19
- 10 changed the game for everybody. It didn't matter what
- 11 business or what industry that you were in. How has
- 12 COVID-19 impacted your ability to perform the jobs that
- 13 you've listed? How would you think it would impact the
- 14 jobs that you listed?
- 15 MR. SCOTT: I think it would impact the communication
- 16 aspect. I personally like being face-to-face. As an
- interrogator and interviewer, I pick up clues from face-
- 18 to-face communication. That helps me communicate and not
- 19 being able to do that slows me up to a certain extent, it
- 20 doesn't stop me, I can go through it, but I like meeting
- 21 face-to-face.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON BELL: If there are no other questions
- 23 from the Commissioners, I like to end this interview at
- 24 this time. Thank you.
- 25 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Through the Chair.



- 1 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: I don't know, but Commissioner
- 2 Burton's hand is raised. Commissioner Brown has a virtual
- 3 hand.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Brown, speak.
- 5 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Thank you for your time today,
- 6 sir. But with all the experience that you have with the
- 7 military and the police department, I don't see any of
- 8 that listed on your resume. I was just wondering if I
- 9 have a complete copy of your resume. And also, when they
- 10 were looking to identify who you were, and they were
- 11 asking if you were the CPL instructor and you stated that
- 12 you are not a CPL instructor. Is this your resume, sir?
- MR. SCOTT: I can't tell you, sir. I can't see what
- 14 resume you're looking at.
- 15 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Okay. You, you are Patrick
- 16 Scott, correct?
- 17 MR. SCOTT: No, sir.
- 18 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Okay. So I have the wrong
- 19 resume. Okay.
- 20 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I apologize for that
- 21 COMMISSIONER BROWN: I think we all had it. I
- 22 apologize, Mr. Scott. I think we all had the wrong resume
- 23 here.
- MR. SCOTT: My first name is Marquis, M A R Q U I S.
- 25 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: On Vassar Street. That's the



- 1 gentleman that we thought you were, lived on Vassar
- 2 Street.
- 3 COMMISSIONER BROWN: I have no questions, Mr.
- 4 Chairman.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Do we have a discrepancy in terms
- of the person that's being interviewed?
- 7 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Yes. I mean, yes. I don't have
- 8 the resume for the gentlemen that's in this packet and I
- 9 have the ones that we had, and this is not in the packet.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Well, we'll do a follow-up on it.
- 11 We'll do a follow-up and we're going to end this.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON BROWN: I apologize, Mr. Scott, through
- 13 the Chair.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Okay. We're going to move on.
- 15 MR. SCOTT: Can I give you a short version?
- 16 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Sir, we got to move on. We will
- 17 probably have to review this matter. Thank you. We're
- 18 going to move on. You have the meeting scheduled, so I'm
- 19 like Commissioner Holley's concern. I want to move right
- 20 on the public comments. Mr. Brown.
- 21 COMMISSIONER BURCH: So, what about new business?
- 22 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Any other new business?
- COMMISSIONER BURCH: Yes, the new business is, I'd
- 24 like to make a recommendation, Mr. Chair, that once a
- 25 week, when we meet, if you could give each Commissioner



- 1 15 minutes to speak directly about their issues and for
- 2 the officers to address it at the next meeting of what
- 3 happened, because a lot of times, they say we give good
- 4 suggestions, but we want to know how you are implementing
- 5 them in each Precinct. I recommend that if we need to
- 6 take a vote, please, if each Commissioner gets 15 minutes
- 7 to share the concerns in their particular Precinct and
- 8 District.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Burch and let us take
- 10 that up at another time. That would really extend our
- 11 time for trying to connect this meeting.
- 12 COMMISSIONER BURCH: No, sir. Excuse me. I was going
- 13 to say that we need to delete some of the other reports
- 14 that are so wrong, sir. But we don't really address the
- 15 concerns of our citizens.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Well, let us entertain that. Mr.
- 17 Brown, would you move on?
- 18 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Mr. Chairman, Commissioner
- 19 Burton wants to address something for new business, sir.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON BELL: We are just going to address Mr.
- 21 Brown, would you move on at this time?
- MR. ROB BROWN: Yes sir. Good afternoon, Mr. Chair,
- 23 and this Honorable Board. These are your announcements.
- 24 BOPC virtual meeting. The next virtual meeting is May 13,
- 25 2021, at 3:00 PM with the 8th Precinct presenting, and



- 1 after that May 20, 2021, at 3:00 PM. Mr. Chair, I
- 2 currently have 10 speakers for oral communication. I'll
- 3 call them three at a time. LSA President Mark Young, CAC
- 4 Chair, Mr. Scotty Bowman, and Ms. Bernie Smith. LSA
- 5 President Young, go ahead.
- 6 PRESIDENT YOUNG: Can you hear me?
- 7 MR. ROB BROWN: Yes, sir.
- 8 PRESIDENT YOUNG: Good evening. I'm very troubled,
- 9 I'm very troubled. The Board passed this policy and they
- 10 didn't have a conversation with the DPOA or the LSA. The
- 11 piece about promotions, nobody knows what it is. You
- 12 didn't give us a preview, nor did you have a discussion
- 13 with us, nor were we informed, intended, and unintended
- 14 consequences. We are not the enemy. We are the people
- 15 that clean up the mess. I want to say thank you to the
- 16 men and women under the Detroit police department, your
- 17 courage, your commitment, your sacrifice, your dedication
- 18 has not gone unnoticed, not just for the last year, but
- 19 throughout your career. While we don't support all
- 20 the (Audio distortion). We do not support bad cops or bad
- 21 conduct. We also don't support, encourage and empower
- 22 criminality, either; expungement, low bonds,
- 23 compassionate release narratives that empower violence
- 24 and criminality against law enforcement, injuries,
- 25 deaths, 16 hours of violence, every day. These men and



- 1 women face working doubles. They digest a lot in 16
- 2 hours, more than some digest in a lifetime. You talk
- 3 about demeanor, it should start right here, the demeanor
- 4 of the Board, but then you can talk about the demeanor of
- 5 the members, other members talk to other people, how do
- 6 you talk to each other?
- 7 PRESIDENT YOUNG: Unintended consequences. The Board
- 8 has never really sat down with either of the unions and
- 9 had a discussion, yet you implement a policy like it's
- 10 M&Ms, and I'm not understanding that intended, unintended
- 11 consequences.
- MR. ROB BROWN: DAC Chair, Mr. Bowman.
- 13 MR. BOWMAN: Hello Board, I heard a bit of bad lack
- of, or I should say a lack of adherence to parliamentary
- 15 procedure repeatedly. I heard the Chair on multiple
- 16 occasions when it didn't suit him or how he thought the
- 17 meeting should be flowing. He simply would ignore motions
- 18 or say for people to bring them up later. Meanwhile, a
- 19 significant amount of time was used to discuss other
- 20 things. It's been about two hours of meeting. I've heard
- 21 longer ones. We had a Commissioner trying to find out
- 22 what was being voted on because of audio troubles. And
- 23 instead of making it clear to that person what he was
- voting on, he was simply counted as an abstention, which
- 25 was inaccurate. This is exploiting the COVID situation



- 1 and exploiting the fact that you have a virtual meeting
- 2 as has happened on multiple occasions to ignore the
- 3 proper process and to ignore the voice of those who
- 4 represent the residents. Finally, as always, it's time to
- 5 fire Dwayne Jones and set Shelby Smith free. There's no
- 6 reason why an abuser should be getting a promotion while
- 7 his victim who has been found guilty of no crime is being
- 8 held indefinitely and detained. I yield because I'm
- 9 really keeping it brief. Not that there isn't more to say
- 10 there's a lot more to be done.
- MR. ROB BROWN: Ms. Smith.
- MS. SMITH: Good afternoon Commissioners. I just want
- 13 to let know and remind you what Sunday is Mother's Day,
- 14 I'm a mother and a grandmother and a great-grandmother.
- 15 But yesterday morning when I woke up, I was crying, and I
- 16 couldn't understand why I was crying. But then I thought
- 17 about what's happening in our city, and in other cities,
- 18 the shootings from cars here in Detroit, shooting these
- 19 youngsters and going after someone that it doesn't make
- 20 any sense. Also shooting in your homes. When will all of
- 21 this stop? I cannot understand. Why can't we love each
- 22 other and stop shooting and killing each other? It
- 23 doesn't make any sense. Detroit is a wonderful city to
- live in, but we're making it worse each day, and each
- 25 night we listen to the news. Black men and young black



- 1 teens are being shot daily. I hate to hear the results
- 2 when you come on and tell us what's going on. It's right,
- 3 and it's running rapid, it's not stopping. When will we
- 4 stop shooting with the guns and stop shooting each other
- on a highway? That's another thing that's getting popular
- 6 now. You cannot go down the expressway without you having
- 7 someone being shot at, or you have to get out the way of
- 8 the speeders and it doesn't make any sense. You're going
- 9 to get there. Why I do all the speeding and try to take
- 10 up the whole of the roadway. I'm very upset, very upset.
- 11 And I'm glad to know that I'm here for another Sunday of
- 12 Mother's Day. And I wish all the mothers a happy Mother's
- 13 Day and talk to your children. We need to talk to our
- 14 children more and see if we can understand what their
- 15 problems are. I raised five and I'm very proud of mine.
- 16 They all work, three in the plants, one is a
- 17 MR. ROB BROWN: Mr. Chair, your next I don't see
- 18 Minister Blunt. So, your next three callers would be
- 19 caller with the last three numbers, 915. Mr. Rhuben
- 20 Black, Ms. Brenda Hill. Caller with the last three
- 21 numbers 915? Caller 915 Mr. Chair, I go to Mr. Rhuben
- 22 Black.
- MR. BLACK: Wow, incredible. On today, I take my hat
- 24 off, if I had one on, to Commissioner Shirley Burch,
- 25 Third District. Whoa. Hey, I liked that. That was my hat



- 1 goes off to you ma'am, today. Coincidentally, I talked to
- 2 you on the phone and you surprised me today. I'm going to
- 3 let you know that publicly. I could have never seen it
- 4 coming from you, but this city charter review commission
- 5 is about to change some things up in the City of Detroit,
- 6 and it's going to be great for all of us. But today looms
- 7 large, these audio recordings of Melanie White, the Board
- 8 Secretary lying on audio recordings and Jonya Underwood
- 9 on recordings, and the recording of Willie Bell. He
- 10 doesn't like to talk about things on the phone. He just
- 11 hangs up the phone and says, wow, things he believes are
- 12 true. I don't know what's in the records that you are all
- 13 looking at, but I'm going to tell you the truth. You are
- 14 all running around, taking all these brothers and giving
- 15 them cases, running upon them for no reason, patting them
- 16 down. You know, they got sticks on them. That's their
- 17 protection tools. They not trying to rob nobody. So, the
- 18 judges need to keep giving them personal byes. The judges
- 19 know what's going on. How come you all can't see it, that
- 20 you are all running up only the ones trying to protect
- 21 themselves, and you are not messing with the ones that
- 22 are doing all this stuff. And you all got all that money
- 23 to do nothing. You know what it is. Now, Melanie White
- 24 doesn't need to be at anybody's office lying like she is
- on these tapes and y'all need to get rid of her.



- 1 MR. ROB BROWN: Mr. Chair, I don't see Ms. Brenda
- 2 Hill, so your next three callers would be caller with the
- 3 last three number 402, Ms. Tawana Petty and Ms. Michelle,
- 4 George. Caller with the last three, number 402.
- 5 CALLER 402: Can you hear me?
- 6 MR. ROB BROWN: Yes, ma'am.
- 7 CALLER 402: You can?
- 8 MR. ROB BROWN: Yes.
- 9 CALLER 402: Okay. Welcome to this Honorable Board. I
- 10 look forward weekly to be able to speak with you and the
- 11 support and to encourage you in all of the great things I
- 12 hear you're doing. Down through the years, that's all
- 13 that I have heard for 9-years and more. Keep doing such a
- 14 great job and Commissioner Bell, special Honorable
- 15 mention to you, as Chairperson as well as to Chief Craig
- 16 and the rest of the DPD. I am so proud of each one of you
- 17 and the graduates, the honorable ones who will be
- 18 promoted. I missed the promotion, but at least I was able
- 19 to hear it today. Even without the program. I'm very
- 20 proud as if it were my own children. So, you all continue
- 21 to do the great job that you are always doing. That's all
- 22 I can say. I want to promote only the good in everyone
- 23 out there.
- MR. ROB BROWN: I don't see Ms. Petty, so your last
- 25 speaker would be Miss Michelle George. Ms. George.



- 1 MS. GEORGE: Oh, yes, sir. Hi, Mr. Brown.
- 2 MR. ROB BROWN: Hi.
- 3 MS. GEORGE: To Chair Bell, and to the Honorable
- 4 Board, and also to the Assistant Chief. I wanted to
- 5 comment briefly on facial recognition. One of the reasons
- 6 I know the Assistant Chief mentioned the policies because
- 7 there was a pushback from the community. Facial
- 8 recognition is known as a racist policy on darker skin
- 9 African Americans. Now, they use facial recognition on
- 10 those Capitol rioters in Washington, DC. So, one of the
- 11 things, if a community asked not to have facial
- 12 recognition, all we asked that they honor, the officers
- 13 honor that. My understanding, I think I recall Prosecutor
- 14 Worthy stating that they cannot use that tool in a
- 15 conviction. So other communities in the suburbs said they
- 16 didn't want facial recognition. We said we didn't want
- it. So why do I have to stay here? That's because as I
- 18 always say, Detroit is an apartheid city. I wanted to
- 19 come on Lieutenant Young to have officers working 16
- 20 hours overtime with all of this stress stops at Chief
- 21 Craig. Mayor Duggan. I've been working on trying to get
- 22 the officers more money. It stops at Chief Craig. And I
- 23 don't know if AC Bettison is listening, I would like to
- 24 have another meeting with Chief Craig and the Mayor it
- 25 stops they are the head. I was on an NAACP call. The



- 1 Chief of Police was in another state, said a lot of power
- 2 is at the Chief of Police. Chief Craig and Mother
- 3 Bernice, we have a lot of this violence with this
- 4 legalization of marijuana, with all of the speedings,
- 5 while Mayor Duggan was up there grinning with James Tate.
- 6 They put all these dispensaries in a black city that we
- 7 can't even get in other communities. So I yield my time,
- 8 we still have all of these missing young ladies. So you
- 9 will be seeing on national news, hopefully soon with all
- 10 these missing.
- MR. ROB BROWN: Mr. Chair that was your last caller.
- 12 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: Through the Chair
- 13 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Chair Bell, Chair Bell.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, ma'am.
- 15 VICE-CHAIR HOLT: I move to adjourn.
- 16 COMMISSIONER BURCH: No, no. Before you move, I have
- 17 something to say. Ms. Annie, please. Mr. Bell, may I do
- 18 announcements, please?
- 19 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, ma'am, go ahead.
- 20 COMMISSIONER BURCH: I thank you. I want everybody to
- 21 know that this weekend coming next week on the 15th is
- 22 going to be motor city makeover to show you about the
- 23 unity that we can have in this city. Detroit and Warren
- 24 is coming together to clean up the area of Vandyke and 8-
- 25 mile, all the way down to Belmont shopping center and Dad



- 1 Butler Park. I wanted to say this sir, also that when I
- 2 make the recommendation in writing for next week, that we
- 3 have to change the way we're running a meeting, that we
- 4 are supposed to be meeting the needs of the people, also.
- 5 I am always for both police, but we are forgetting about
- 6 the citizens that we are servicing. And when the
- 7 gentleman, I think his name is Bliss, Commander Bliss
- 8 said that help us with solutions. I've given so many
- 9 solutions, but sir, until we implement them, we can't
- 10 move forward. So I will put it in writing. Maybe that's
- 11 the best way for you all to announce this next week. We
- 12 cannot continue to live the way we are living in our
- 13 neighborhoods. I thank you for the time, sir, and
- 14 everybody Happy Mother's Day and love, really love where
- 15 you live.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Holt.
- 17 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Mr. Chairman.
- 18 COMMISSIONER Holt: Yes, again. I move that we
- 19 adjourn.
- 20 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Supported.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON BELL: It's been properly moved and
- 22 supported. Those in favor, aye.
- 23 ALL: Aye.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON BELL: We stand adjourned.
- 25 (Meeting Adjourned at 5:08p.m.)



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