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CITY OF DETROIT
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
BOPC VIRTUAL MEETING
August 26 2021 at 3:00 P.M.

- 1 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Good afternoon. Jim Holly,
- 2 Chairperson of the Board of Police Commissioners, the
- 3 meeting will come to order. The invocation will be given
- 4 about Chaplain Hunt, Chaplain Hunt?
- 5 MRS.WHITE: Mr. Chair, Chaplain Assistant Chief Devay
- 6 Myatt will provide the invocation. We just received that
- 7 update.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Very good. Thank you for being
- 9 here.
- 10 ASSISTANT CHAPLAIN MYATT: Thank you, sir. Good
- 11 afternoon to all.
- 12 COMMISSIONERS: Good afternoon.
- ASSISTANT CHAPLAIN MYATT: Let's pray. Heavenly
- 14 Father, we thank you again for the opportunity to come
- 15 before you. We thank you for this Board and for this
- 16 community as we approach the days ahead of us. We thank
- 17 you for your strategy. We thank you for wisdom, but most
- 18 of all, we thank you for the spirit of unity. We ask your
- 19 blessings upon this Board, City of Detroit, our Chief of
- 20 Police, our mayor, governor. And so we ask these things
- 21 in Jesus' name, amen, and in God.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Thank you so much. Thank you for
- 23 being here and filling in. I appreciate it so much. At
- this time, I ask Mr. Brown, would you give us the mission
- 25 statement?



- 1 MR. BROWN: Good afternoon, Mr. Chair, this Honorable
- 2 Board and citizens of Detroit. The reading or the Mission
- 3 Statement for the Board of Police Commission. The Board
- 4 of Police Commission, BOPC is a civilian agency that
- 5 exercises supervisor control and oversight of the Detroit
- 6 Police Department DPD as set forth in the charter. The
- 7 Board has 11 members, 70 elected by District, 4 appointed
- 8 by the mayor with the consent of the Detroit City
- 9 Council. The Board meets every week as a committee of the
- 10 whole, including 12 communities/evening meetings in the
- 11 district. The BOPC is the oversight agency for the
- 12 Detroit Police Department. That department policy rules
- 13 and regulation governs the Detroit Police Department is
- 14 jointly developed by the mayor, chief of police, and the
- 15 Board. The Board has subpoen apower under the charter
- 16 that can be used for investigative purposes. The
- 17 commissioners also review and approve the DPD budget
- 18 pursuant to the charter, investigate non-criminal citizen
- 19 complaints, acts as the final authority in opposing and
- 20 reviewing the discipline of employees of the department,
- 21 receives and hear disqualification appeals from police
- 22 recruits hoping to enter the Detroit Police Academy. The
- 23 BOPC makes an annual report to the mayor, city council,
- 24 and the public of BOPC activities and accomplishments.
- 25 The reading of the summary, Mr. Chair.



- 1 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Thank you very much, Mr. Brown.
- 2 At this time Ms. White would you give us a roll call?
- 3 MRS. WHITE: Yes, sir. Through the Chair, At-Large
- 4 Vice-Chairperson, Commissioner Martin Jones.
- 5 COMMISSIONER JONES: Good morning or good afternoon
- 6 everyone. I'd like to welcome DPD's Chief of Police,
- 7 Chief White and his executive staff. I also want to
- 8 welcome the community to our meeting, our weekly meeting
- 9 that we're having today. I also want to acknowledge the
- 10 first responders, the men, and women of the Detroit Fire
- 11 Department, and their crew, especially, I think it is
- 12 engine number 59, for their work and their services.
- 13 Martin Jones, At-Large, present.
- 14 MRS. WHITE: Thank you. At-Large, Commissioner Jesus
- 15 Hernandez.
- 16 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Good afternoon, present.
- 17 MRS. WHITE: At-Large, Commissioner Annie Mae Holt.
- 18 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Good afternoon, present.
- 19 MRS. WHITE: Chairperson Reverend Jim Holley.
- 20 District 1, Commissioner, Darryl Brown.
- 21 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Good afternoon, everyone.
- 22 Commissioner Brown, present.
- 23 MRS. WHITE: District 2, Commissioner Linda Bernard.
- 24 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Attorney Linda Bernard,
- 25 present.



- 1 MRS. WHITE: District 3, Commissioner Shirley Burch.
- 2 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Good afternoon. Shirley Burch
- 3 from District 3. Respect and love where you live.
- 4 MRS. WHITE: District 4, Commissioner Willie E. Bell.
- 5 COMMISSIONER BELL: Good afternoon. Present.
- 6 MRS. WHITE: District 5, Commissioner Willie E.
- 7 Burton.
- 8 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Commissioner, Willie E. Burton,
- 9 present.
- 10 MRS. WHITE: District 6, Commissioner Lisa Carter.
- 11 District 7, Commissioner William M. Davis.
- 12 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Good afternoon, everyone. This
- 13 is Police Commissioner William M. Davis. Officers love
- 14 where you've worked. Officers love where you work.
- MRS. WHITE: Mr. Chair, you do have a quorum.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Thank you so much. At this time,
- 17 the Chair will entertain a motion for the approval of the
- 18 agenda for August 26th, 2021.
- 19 COMMISSIONER BROWN: So moved.
- 20 VICE-CHAIR JONES: Support.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: It's been moved and properly
- 22 supported. Any discussion? Those in favor, say aye.
- 23 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Those opposed.
- 25 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Aye.



- 1 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: The motion carries. The minutes
- 2 of the previous meeting had been distributed to each and
- 3 every one of you, August 12th, 2021. Are there any
- 4 corrections to the minutes? Hearing none, can I have a
- 5 motion?
- 6 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Support.
- 7 COMMISSIONER BROWN: So moved.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: All in favor, say aye.
- 9 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Oppose. Thank you so much. At
- 11 this time, Mrs. White can I have an introduction of the
- 12 staff?
- MRS. WHITE: Yes. Through the Chair, the Department
- of Innovation and Technology is on the zoom call today
- 15 and also Media Services is monitoring and recording
- 16 today's Board Meeting. Our court reporter is Mr. Don
- 17 Handyside and the following staff members are in
- 18 attendance, Mr. Robert Brown, Administrative Specialist,
- 19 Ms. Theresa Blossom, Community Relations Coordinator, Ms.
- 20 Jonya Underwood, Administrative Assistant, Director
- 21 Katrina Patillo, Director of Police Personnel, Assistant
- 22 Corporation Counsel Ericka Savage Whitley, Interim Chief
- 23 Investigator Lawrence Akbar, Supervising Investigator
- 24 Ansley Cromwell, Acting Supervising Investigator LiSonya
- 25 Sloan, and also Acting Supervising Investigator Rosalia



- 1 Madrigal. Thank you, sir.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: And thank you. Chief White, it's
- 3 good to have you with us today, and on the other days as
- 4 well. If you could just take time out and introduce the
- 5 executives that are with you today.
- 6 CHIEF WHITE: Good afternoon, Honorable Board, it
- 7 will be my pleasure. Thank you for having me here today.
- 8 With me is, and I didn't bring my glasses, Captain
- 9 Liddell, actually two of the hardest working captains we
- 10 have. We've got Captain Liddell from Internal Controls
- 11 and we also have Captain May from Homicide, just doing
- 12 amazing work, both of them have been very, very busy.
- Obviously, we have my staff member here, Sheila McBride.
- 14 And, is there anyone else I've missed from my team? I
- 15 think everyone else is with us virtually. Thank you
- 16 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: And we thank you. What about
- 17 special guests, Ms. White? Do we have any special guests
- 18 here today?
- 19 MRS. WHITE: Through the Chair. I have not received
- 20 any notification just yet, sir.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Okay. Thank you so much. Board
- 22 members, please forgive me, but I need Ms. White to help
- 23 me with some of these remarks if you don't mind. So I'll
- 24 ask her to start out with the public health order issued
- 25 on August 25th, 2021.



- 1 MRS. WHITE: Yes sir. Through the Chair, on behalf of
- 2 the Chairperson, the Honorable Board recently received
- 3 the emergency public health order declaring a public
- 4 health emergency due to COVID-19. Therefore remote
- 5 meetings will resume starting September 1st, 2021 through
- 6 December 31st, 2021 as allowed by the public health
- 7 order, unless further orders are designated by the city's
- 8 chief public health director. Denise Fair, based on the
- 9 Michigan public health code and the open meetings act.
- 10 Also today, the Honorable Board will take a vote to
- 11 determine whether to hold virtual meetings only or hybrid
- 12 meetings consisting of in-person and virtual access. As a
- 13 reminder, the Honorable Board will not meet on September
- 2nd, 2021 due to the Labor Day holiday. And the Board
- 15 will continue to adhere to local State and CDC
- 16 guidelines, as well as the open meetings act for public
- 17 meetings.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: I thank you so much. I'd like to
- 19 congratulate Chief White on the mayor's appointment to
- 20 the Chief of Police. You might want to have just a moment
- 21 of remarks as the Chief of Police.
- 22 CHIEF WHITE: Just to say thank you. I'm humbled and
- 23 certainly honored. This has been the highlight of my 25
- 24 year policing career to serve the citizens. And I look
- 25 forward to continuing to work with each and every one of



- 1 you, as well as serving our citizens. Thank you.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Thank you so much. We're
- 3 certainly looking forward to the city council
- 4 confirmation within 30 days from the date of your initial
- 5 appointment. So we'll be looking forward to that. I'd
- 6 like to also just let you know that today, we welcome two
- 7 new investigators to the OIC, Office of the Chief
- 8 Investigators, which is the investigative division of the
- 9 Board. We welcome Investigator Counts and Investigator
- 10 Williams. They will have the oval office immediately
- 11 after my remarks. Please also note on September 9th of
- 12 this year, we will hold interviews for the position of
- 13 senior investigator with the Office of Chief
- 14 Investigator. I'm asking Ms. White, would you help me
- 15 with the following remarks?
- MRS. WHITE: Yes, sir. Through the Chair, the Board
- 17 currently has 4 candidates which they will interview on
- 18 September 9th as indicated. We'll hold 20-minute
- 19 interviews for each of the 3 candidates, excuse me, 3
- 20 candidates. And the candidates will receive an invitation
- 21 from city HR and the BOPC administrative staff, inviting
- 22 them to interview and also providing instructions for
- 23 coming to the meeting based on the meeting format.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: We continue?
- MRS. WHITE: Yes, sir. Then with regards to Board



- 1 staff vacancies, there are 4 remaining citizen
- 2 complaints, investigator vacancies, and as an update, the
- 3 Board is working very diligently to fill those vacancies
- 4 by November 2021. The posting will be up by week's end
- 5 for those persons interested in the position of citizen
- 6 complaint investigator and also police commissioner
- 7 investigator. And again, the Board is working with city
- 8 HR to advance through this process. Regarding other staff
- 9 vacancy positions, city HR is in the process of reposting
- 10 the positions for a secretary to the board and for the
- 11 chief investigator, which should be posted by the end of
- 12 this week. Also, the attorney to the Board position will
- also be posted to the city's website at a future date,
- once all HR requirements are met. Again, the Board is
- working with city HR to ensure the recruitment selection
- 16 and hiring process meets all city policies and charter
- 17 mandates.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Will you continue, please.
- 19 MRS. WHITE: Yes. Through the Chair, regarding
- 20 NACOLES conference webinars and this year's conference.
- 21 As a reminder to the Honorable Board, you have received
- 22 notification regarding the NACOLES conference webinars to
- learn more about what is taking place around the country
- 24 regarding effective practices and trends in civilian
- 25 oversight. The Board will have reports and



- 1 recommendations to have for their consideration and also
- 2 to share with the department regarding law enforcement,
- 3 civilian oversight, community bridges, and public safety.
- 4 And again, thank you for your participation on behalf of
- 5 the Chairperson. And regarding today's meeting
- 6 presentation reports, Chief of Police report, the Board
- 7 looks forward to receiving various important updates
- 8 regarding the homicide stats that were shared earlier and
- 9 various other critical incident updates, as well as an
- 10 update on the previous pig recruitment initiative
- 11 regarding the resolution for Corporal Kahlil Biddle, the
- 12 Board will honor today, Corporal Kahlil Biddle regarding
- 13 his service and commitment to the city and the
- department. In terms of presentations today, the Board
- will hear presentations from DPD, Chaplain Corps, Chief
- 16 Chaplain, Linnell Caldwell and executive team, and also a
- 17 presentation from the Office of the Chief Investigator
- 18 presented by Interim Chief Investigator Lawrence Akbar
- 19 and facial recognition technology update from
- 20 Commissioner Burton. Mr. Chair is requesting and the
- 21 Honorable Board is looking forward to a report on facial
- 22 recognition today from Commissioner Burton.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Thank you so much, and thank you
- 24 for your patience with me in regards to having Mrs. White
- 25 to help me with these remarks and I appreciate it very



- 1 much. At this particular time, I'd like to have Ms.
- 2 Counts and Ms. Patel come up for the oath of office.
- 3 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Mr. Chair.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Yes.
- 5 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: My mic isn't working.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: I noticed that when you were
- 7 talking, I thought it was just your mask.
- 8 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: No, I think it's because I'm
- 9 the black quy.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Okay. So can you help me with
- 11 Commissioner Hernandez?
- 12 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: I can use my preacher's voice,
- 13 you can use my mic.
- MRS. WHITE: We will work to get that resolved, Mr.
- 15 Chair.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Okay.
- 17 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: We can share one.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Okay. Bring your name tag by Ms.
- 19 Carter. Just bring it over here if you could. She's not
- 20 here. Ms. Patel, and, there you go, come right up.
- 21 COMMISSIONER BELL: Mr. Chair, why don't you stand,
- 22 you know, to get the camera, to the side, and then they
- 23 can see you.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Can you raise your right hand,
- 25 please. I solemnly swear or affirm and the laws of the



- 1 State of Michigan and the Charter of the City of Detroit,
- 2 and I will faithfully and impartially (Audio distortion)
- 3 according to the law and the best of my ability.
- 4 Understand that it's all in the heart. I want you to know
- 5 that. Thank you so much. I want to present you with your
- 6 badge. Again, congratulations to you on the right one.
- 7 All right. Congratulations to you. Looking forward to
- 8 working with you.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Mr. Akbar, won't you take a
- 10 picture with them. I don't want to bring the
- 11 commissioners up because of COVID and I don't know if you
- 12 have been vaccinated or not.
- 13 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: You should be in the picture.
- MRS. WHITE: Honorable Chair and Honorable
- 15 Commissioners, please be mindful of the cords on the
- 16 floor, so, please be careful.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Let's give them another big
- 18 hand. I've done my duty for today.
- 19 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Excuse me, Mr. Chairman.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Yes.
- 21 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Some people are standing.
- 22 Maybe we can bring some chairs in, there's more than
- 23 enough space.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: There's one over here. Miss
- 25 Georgia, I got a chair right over here, waiting for you.



- 1 I told them to save it for you.
- 2 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: You can bring in some more
- 3 chairs and there are some more people too.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: At this time Chief, I would like
- 5 to have your report coming from you today. Thank you for
- 6 your patience with me.
- 7 CHIEF WHITE: No problem, one second here. Okay, very
- 8 good afternoon once again, Honorable Board.
- 9 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Good afternoon.
- 10 CHIEF WHITE: I will start off with an update on our
- 11 injured officers. Currently, we have 3 officers that are
- 12 disabled and recovering at home due to on-duty injuries.
- 13 1 sergeant from the 7th Precinct, 1 sergeant, I'm sorry,
- 14 1 sergeant from the 7th Precinct, 1 police officer from
- 15 the 7th Precinct, and 1 police officer from the 11th
- 16 Precinct. Also, sadly tomorrow we lay to rest Corporal
- 17 Biddle. He's a 24 year veteran of our department. He
- 18 passed away on August 17th. His funeral will be tomorrow
- 19 at 10:30 at Straight Gate International Church. Very,
- 20 very sad circumstances surrounding what happened with him
- 21 as I reported to the Board last week, on vacation with
- 22 his family and had a stroke and succumbed to the stroke.
- 23 And sadly, he will be late to rest tomorrow.
- 24 CHIEF WHITE: I will talk a little bit about our
- 25 COVID stats. We have 23 members who are currently



- 1 quarantined or isolated, 14 are quarantined or isolated
- 2 members who have tested positive. We have seen an uptick
- 3 in COVID exposure as well as positives. Again, we are
- 4 closely monitoring it and making adjustments. We've put a
- 5 few things out in hopes of curtailing some of it. One is
- 6 masking less again in buildings and we've also put an end
- 7 to any unnecessary travel and for those that are
- 8 traveling for training, we asked that they're vaccinated.
- 9 Moving to the crime data, we are experiencing a 6%
- 10 increase in homicides. We are at 210 homicides year to
- 11 date. Last year, at this time we were at 198. That
- 12 uptick, however, shows certainly an uptick, but we are
- 13 actually experiencing a downturn, which is excellent
- 14 overall.
- 15 CHIEF WHITE: And so we're hoping to zero out that
- increase and go even beyond that and have some actual
- 17 reductions. Non-fatal shootings, it's 4% increase. We
- 18 were in the thirties a few months back as far as an
- increase goes, again showing an increase. We're moving in
- 20 the right direction with the decrease, and again, we want
- 21 to zero those numbers out as well. And that's a testament
- 22 to the incredible work that the men and women are doing
- in the department. I had set a very ambitious 10% crime
- 24 reduction upon arrival and they have surpassed that. But
- 25 again, these numbers are nothing to brag about at all.



- 1 One homicide, one shooting is one too many. Robberies at
- 2 26% decrease. Again, that's the visibility, that's the
- 3 officers doing their work, ensuring that our community is
- 4 safe. Why that number is incredibly significant is,
- 5 you're seeing a decrease in robberies when you have
- 6 people returning to the street, returning to engage
- 7 opportunities.
- 8 CHIEF WHITE: So you actually got more people this
- 9 year than you did last year at the same time. They're
- 10 engaging in activities that historically could lead to
- 11 robberies and those types of things. So just great work
- 12 from the men and women of the Detroit Police Department.
- 13 Total part one crime we're at a 3% overall decrease. So,
- 14 again great work. Drag racing, drifting enforcement
- 15 stats. We have really turned the heat up on this drift
- 16 and constitutionally doing great work out there, just the
- 17 stats from last weekend, 119 traffic stops, 96 citations,
- 18 18 vehicles impounded, 7 felony arrests, 2 misdemeanor
- 19 arrests and 4 weapons recovered. And that was just
- 20 amongst the drifters. Overall year to date stats 2,145
- 21 traffic stops, 2,553 citations issued, and vehicles
- 22 impounded 214, stolen vehicles recovered 16, felony
- 23 arrest 114, misdemeanor arrest 15, and 85 weapons
- 24 recovered.
- 25 CHIEF WHITE: During that time, I mean, we talk about



- 1 you know, the work of the officers and we certainly have
- 2 seen some, some incidents highlighted, but when you put
- 3 it in context and you look at the consistency of
- 4 professionalism that the officers are operating with,
- 5 something that we all can be proud of. So, you know, the
- 6 goal here is not to write a bunch of tickets, the goal
- 7 here is to not have to write tickets. So, we don't want
- 8 to see people drifting in our community. We have a huge
- 9 problem with Vassar and Outer Drive that we've been able
- 10 to put to rest. But oftentimes it just means they just
- 11 move to another location. So we continue to use all the
- 12 resources we have including air support helicopters so
- 13 that officers don't have to get into these high-speed
- 14 chases and both the perpetrator and the officers are
- 15 safe. Moving on to significant crime issues reporting to
- 16 me since I've been sitting here is a 5-year-old in the
- 17 9th Precinct that apparently, preliminary information, so
- 18 this is subject to change.
- 19 CHIEF WHITE: It appears though that preliminary, she
- 20 has found her father's weapon, or let me correct that, a
- 21 member of the household's weapon and shot herself. The
- 22 good news is, the text that I got, it looks like the
- 23 child will recover. But again, another senseless tragedy
- that did not have to happen with responsible gun
- ownership. Last night, even more tragic situation, a 4-



- 1 year old in the 9th Precinct at a gas station was hit
- 2 while a young man pumping gas drove off, struck the
- 3 child, and the child later died. He did leave the scene.
- 4 Our crime intelligence unit did a phenomenal job getting
- 5 his image out. It happened at a greenlight gas station,
- 6 so we had clean pictures of him. We posted those pictures
- 7 immediately on our social media, as well as in the media,
- 8 and within about 15 minutes as he turned himself in. It
- 9 doesn't appear it was intentional. I think after the
- 10 incident happened, he just got nervous and ran. But he
- 11 was in custody and the tragedy is what it is,
- 12 unfortunately. Obviously, the saddest day of that
- 13 parent's life occurred last night in our city at a gas
- 14 station in the 9th Precinct. Moving on from that,
- 15 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Let me ask you, I'm sorry, I
- 16 know this is usual. Let me ask you this. So the child was
- 17 hit in the gas station by a car, a five-year-old. There
- 18 was nobody beside him, on both sides of him. I mean, how
- 19 does one car miss the other people?
- 20 CHIEF WHITE: So the federal squad, through the Chair
- 21 of the federal squad is investigating it now. But what it
- 22 appears is that the child may have followed behind the
- 23 parent and ran in front of a truck and the truck was
- 24 gasping up, saw the adult pass did not visually see the
- 25 child. And the case is wide open, so I don't want to say



- 1 too much, but the child was struck.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: I'm sorry.
- 3 CHIEF WHITE: No, I totally understand.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: It's the preacher in me. I'm
- 5 sorry.
- 6 CHIEF WHITE It's a very, very sad situation for all
- 7 involved, even the officers are really taking this case
- 8 very, very hard as you can imagine. So moving on to an
- 9 incident on August 16, 4444 Central Avenue at Red's bar,
- 10 4 individuals were shot and we talked about that, we went
- 11 back and we shut that business down. We found out about
- 12 the business operating illegally.
- 13 CHIEF WHITE We had another situation at State Fair
- 14 and Haynes, 3 individuals shot. One of them fatally, the
- 15 ages were 23, 25, and 27. The shooting appears to be
- 16 random. Based on the video, it appears that the victims
- 17 and suspects... it was a typo, I apologize. The shooting
- 18 was not random. Based on the video, it appears that the
- 19 suspects did know each other before the shooting. And
- 20 there was some type of argument and we're looking for
- 21 dark gray, 2015 or 2016 Chrysler 300 that was seen in the
- 22 area. We had a couple of incidents involving shootings in
- 23 a silver Chrysler, 300 of that year. So, anyone that has
- information on that vehicle, we are very interested in
- 25 any information that you may have. Again, that's a dark



- 1 gray, 2015 or 2016 Chrysler 300. Another incident
- 2 occurred in a 20,000 block Cherrylawn in the 12th
- 3 Precinct where 3 people were shot.
- 4 CHIEF WHITE One of the victims fatally. The ages of
- 5 these victims are 43, 45 and 56. There was a party at the
- 6 location, unknown persons fired shots into the crowd from
- 7 a distance. We have a number of prior contacts in that
- 8 area and a number of contacts at that location. Homicide
- 9 is actively working that investigation, but still needs
- 10 assistance from the community. Anyone that has
- information, we are asking for help in that particular
- 12 case. Pivoting to some positives, and certainly, you
- 13 know, it's a hard pivot coming out of some of the
- information I've just given you. We did, well actually,
- 15 this isn't a positive. I'm going to give you one more
- 16 that has to do with the graduating students from last
- 17 week's class. As the Board is aware, we had a very
- 18 disappointing situation with one of the graduates last
- 19 week. Even after I spoke with the entire class
- 20 personally, and advised them that they will be held to a
- 21 higher standard and that, you know, they are to keep
- 22 being mindful of anything that they get involved in.
- 23 CHIEF WHITE But more importantly, this is your
- 24 graduation day. We know you're going to celebrate but do
- 25 so responsibly. Despite that, one of the students engaged



- 1 and at the very least appears to be disorderly conduct,
- 2 but as the investigation continues, perhaps, even more,
- 3 I'm extremely disappointed, my commitment to this body
- 4 and this community is to have a resolution on this case
- 5 in 7 days. 7 days is Monday. My intentions are to have
- 6 this case button up as of Monday, one way or the other.
- 7 And I'll be more than happy to report back the outcome of
- 8 that to this body the next time we meet. Moving on and
- 9 pivoting to positives the rest of the class has
- 10 graduated, is very happy to be a part of our police
- 11 department and earn the right to wear their privileged
- 12 badge. We have them doing various foot patrols in our
- 13 community as well as working specialty details and things
- 14 like that for a while, for the first few weeks of their
- 15 training, and then we will put them in the Precincts.
- 16 CHIEF WHITE: And the idea behind that is twofold.
- 17 One is we want them to get to know the community. So
- 18 we're doing that off, but unfortunately, they're not too
- 19 happy because of the humidity they've been experiencing
- 20 in the past three days with these hot temperatures, but
- 21 we're keeping them hydrated and we want them to introduce
- themselves in the community. I'll be out there with them
- 23 this weekend. So I'll be sweating right along with them,
- 24 but it's important that they see the community, walk the
- 25 streets, and get to know them before they get inside the



- 1 scout cars. In addition to that, they're able to work the
- 2 details that are coming up with the lions' games, the
- 3 baseball games, and things like that. And that allows us
- 4 to keep our veteran officers in the Precinct, providing
- 5 those much-needed services to the neighborhoods.
- 6 CHIEF WHITE: Yesterday we did our third walk-a-mile
- 7 Wednesday in the community. I was out there with our
- 8 ceasefire group and a number of people from our Northwest
- 9 area. We'll continue to do that. We will be monitoring it
- 10 though for COVID restrictions, so we may have to just
- 11 shut it down, but our goal is to be out there again next
- 12 Wednesday in a different community. So look for us, come
- out and walk with us. Walk-a-mile Wednesday, it starts at
- 14 6:00 PM every Wednesday, until further notice. Tomorrow
- 15 we have a recruiting event down at the 5th Precinct from
- 16 8 to 4. Actually, it's in the Maheras Gentry Baseball
- 17 Park and anyone that knows anyone that wants to be a
- 18 police officer, please come out, and please apply. We'd
- 19 absolutely love to have you. That concludes my report. I
- 20 am available for any questions.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Thank you very much Chief. At
- 22 this time Vice-Chair Jones will do the round-robin.
- VICE-CHAIR JONES: Alright, thank you, Mr. Chairman.
- 24 We're going to start off with At-Large Commissioner Annie
- 25 Holt. Do you have any questions for the Chief?



- 1 COMMISSIONER HOLT: I'd just like to make a comment
- 2 and thank you. Chair Holley and Vice-Chair Jones. Soon
- 3 after the graduation last Friday we were approached by
- 4 Captain Haley, Mrs. White?
- 5 MRS. WHITE: Deputy Chief Hayes. Okay. And he invited
- 6 Vice-Chair Jones and me to contact the office so that we
- 7 could set up the neighborhood with the police officers.
- 8 So I'm excited to have the offices over on Schoolcraft
- 9 between South Beale and Evergreen, as soon as those
- 10 arrangements have been made. And if, unfortunately, we
- 11 reflect on some of the incidents that have happened in
- 12 the last year. You're aware that Schoolcraft was one of
- the places where two teenagers were killed as a result of
- 14 an incident involving road rage. So we're looking forward
- to that walk, Chief White in our neighborhood. And thank
- 16 you.
- 17 VICE-CHAIR JONES: Vice-Chair recognizes. Jesus
- 18 Hernandez. Do you have any questions for the Chief?
- 19 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Just congratulations again
- 20 on your appointment and pending confirmation. More of a
- 21 comment. I think I've heard from lots of folks in the
- 22 community around just the activity that's going on with
- 23 businesses. So more than anything, just very
- 24 appreciative. That's what the community is, at least
- 25 telling me in the sense of these businesses that are



- 1 operating without the proper permits, without the proper
- licensing. So great work to you and the department.
- 3 CHIEF WHITE: Thank you, sir.
- 4 VICE-CHAIR JONES: All right. The Vice-Chair
- 5 recognizes Mr. William Davis, do you have any questions
- 6 for the Chief
- 7 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Commissioner William Davis.
- 8 VICE-CHAIR JONES: Pardon. Commissioner William
- 9 Davis.
- 10 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Right, young man. Okay. Yes, my
- 11 question to you, sir, is this, I had expected you to
- 12 mention the WXYZ story about complaints against the
- 13 police department being up 20%. And I know also that
- 14 since we had our last full time Chief investigator, I
- 15 know we've lost a lot of people, but can you comment on
- 16 the fact that complaints are up dramatically.
- 17 CHIEF WHITE: Through the Chair, I'm often looking at
- 18 data and complaints throughout the department. We did see
- 19 an uptick as a result of a lot of the protest last year.
- 20 But without really looking at the data that is referenced
- 21 in that report, I could not give you an intellectual
- 22 response without doing some additional work. I know
- 23 though again, that there has been an uptake, but I
- 24 haven't had an opportunity to parallel that investigation
- 25 with any facts in the department as of yet. But I know



- 1 that there are a number of complaints that have come in.
- 2 We've taken some time recently to look at the
- 3 department's complaint system, how we are handling
- 4 complaints. We're also in a process as a result of
- 5 something that was brought to my attention shortly after
- 6 my arrival of putting in some improvements as it relates
- 7 to how we internally investigate complaints, and our
- 8 interactions with the Office of Chief Investigator, as
- 9 well as a risk management component. We're not there yet.
- 10 We're getting close. And when we do get there, which I
- 11 anticipate will be in the next two to three weeks I have
- 12 a comprehensive report that I'm preparing for the Board
- of Police Commissioners that I will have presented to you
- 14 and be available to answer any questions that you may
- 15 have, and it will include the uptick in complaints,
- 16 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Looking forward to seeing it.
- 17 Also Commissioner Burch says she's waiting to be called
- 18 too. She's having problems with the system.
- 19 VICE-CHAIR JONES: Okay. All right. The Vice-Chair
- 20 recognizes District 6, Commissioner Lisa Carter. Do you
- 21 have any questions for the Chief?
- 22 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Thank you, Mr. Vice-Chair. Good
- 23 afternoon, everyone. And good afternoon, Chief. The past
- 24 couple of weeks, I've been reviewing cases from the
- 25 Office of the Chief Investigator. And my concern comes



- 1 when I've viewed, like last week I had 9 cases and two of
- 2 them involve notifications to families who had been
- 3 victims of crime or relatives who had been killed in an
- 4 accident or whatever. And the family was not being
- 5 notified. Could you either walk me through the process of
- 6 notification or provide the policy for notifications when
- 7 someone experiences a death or someone experiences their
- 8 car being towed and their car is eventually told, sold at
- 9 auction? How are they notified? I experienced that, like
- 10 I said, in a couple of cases last week that I read.
- 11 CHIEF WHITE: No problem, ma'am. Through the Chair. I
- 12 can have Captain May speak to the notification process on
- 13 homicides and fatalities. And I will speak to the policy
- 14 with vehicles being impounded and towed.
- 15 COMMISSIONER CARTER: And one more thing, not on your
- 16 watch, but I experienced the same thing in an incident
- 17 that happened to my house. Someone ran into my house and
- 18 that person passed away and their family was looking all
- 19 around the city, making, you know, calling the morque and
- 20 things like that. And they didn't find out until an
- 21 actual Facebook post. And I just find that very
- 22 disturbing.
- 23 CHIEF WHITE: Yes.
- 24 COMMISSIONER CARTER: So I'm sorry for interrupting,
- 25 but I just wanted to make that... That's why it's so



- 1 important for me to know the process and that people are
- 2 being notified when things happen.
- 3 CHIEF WHITE: Yes, ma'am. Captain May?
- 4 CAPTAIN MAY: Good afternoon, Honorable Board.
- 5 Captain Derek, May of Homicide. So basically when we have
- 6 a scene or an individual, the first thing we have to do
- 7 is identify that person. Now, a lot of times, family
- 8 members get wind of what happened and we actually talk to
- 9 them at the scene, but when we don't, we have to identify
- 10 them. And our first process is to go to their last known
- 11 address, to try to contact a family member. Basically, we
- 12 generally get in touch with somebody and we go from
- 13 there.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Well, what I hear her saying,
- 15 Captain, excuse me.
- 16 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Go ahead, sir.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: What I hear her saying my friend
- 18 is that the families are not notified at all. That's what
- 19 I hear her saying. How can that happen if somebody has a
- 20 heart attack or shot on the street, the family is not
- 21 notified? That's what I'm hearing her saying.
- 22 CHIEF WHITE: Through the Chair. So the families are
- 23 notified. There are sometimes that the families are not.
- 24 What I can do is just bring you an analysis at the next
- 25 meeting as to how that process goes with regards to when



- 1 they cannot notify. So the expectation is that if there's
- 2 a homicide and we identify the person that the next of
- 3 kin is notified, okay. And that's done through any
- 4 identification that they have on them. In times past, we
- 5 have sent people to their homes, you know, and to notify
- 6 whomever is at the house, we've gone on social media. Now
- 7 candidly, I have not looked at that process since I've
- 8 been back. So I don't want to speak if in fact, what I'm
- 9 expecting to be done is in fact being done. But I will
- 10 look at it and I will report back to the Board. But the
- 11 expectation is that every effort is made to notify
- 12 someone when we encounter a fatality. And if that's not
- happening, then that's a concern and we will address it.
- 14 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Thank you. Thank you, Mr.
- 15 Chair.
- 16 CHIEF WHITE: And very similarly, through the Chair
- 17 as it relates to impound vehicles. So depending on the
- 18 nature of the impound, if the vehicle is impounded from
- 19 the street, generally speaking, if it's not illegally
- 20 parked, it's tagged as a 48 hour notice that's put on the
- 21 vehicle so the owner has an opportunity to move the car.
- 22 48 hours later the vehicle is towed, put into the lien
- 23 system. Now here's what should happen when you call 911
- 24 and say, my car's missing, they should run it and say,
- 25 it's impounded by the City of Detroit Police Department.



- 1 I will tell you that that is an area that I have found to
- 2 be deficient since I've been back. That does not happen
- 3 routinely. It happens sometimes, but not all the time.
- 4 The policy is, it happens all the time. So when we looked
- 5 into that, I was told that we've got a number of
- 6 different things.
- 7 CHIEF WHITE: Of course, everybody puts COVID in and
- 8 says, COVID happened. We kind of plugged that into
- 9 everything these days. But also in addition to COVID
- 10 happening, we lost a number of employees and had to
- 11 reassign employees from towing. We are now stepping that
- 12 up. We have an extremely dynamic HR director that is
- doing amazing work for us. I'm very proud of her and
- 14 happy to have her on the team. And so she's gotten our
- 15 civilian employee numbers. Now, I think it's 80, some odd
- 16 percent higher, ma'am is that correct? And some of those
- 17 employees are specifically going to be assigned to that
- 18 task. So we do need some time to fix the problems there.
- 19 We're not there yet. But as recent as yesterday,
- 20 Commander Parish and myself talked about this. A tow yard
- 21 reached out to us because we had vehicles that weren't
- 22 being taken out of lien. So we do have some problems and
- 23 we are working on them and I will be prepared again, to
- 24 report back to the Board once that process is in place.
- 25 And the timeline on that it's about 30 days, because



- 1 we've got to get the employees onboard and trained and
- 2 put into those seats.
- 3 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Thank you.
- 4 VICE-CHAIR JONES: All right. The Vice-Chair
- 5 recognizes District 5, Willie Burton. Commissioner Willie
- 6 Burton. Do you have any questions for the Chief?
- 7 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Yes. Chief, congratulations,
- 8 and also congratulations with your new recruitment class
- 9 that you have on the streets. A request from our
- 10 residents in District 5, is that senior citizens, they
- 11 want to feel just as safe, equally safe as those at gas
- 12 stations and liquor stores. You know, they would like to
- 13 see some type of presence where officers even just, you
- 14 know, once a day, probably come onto their lot of their
- 15 senior building, or even just wave or just sit for a
- 16 couple of minutes or something. They just like to see
- 17 some visibility from officers. I know that you are
- 18 stretched real thin with department resources, you know,
- 19 far as officers and stuff, but the last request is coming
- 20 from, you know, being a Commissioner for 8-years looking
- 21 at my Lafayette Park community, which is in District 5,
- 22 it falls in the 7th Precinct. The park is wide open.
- 23 COMMISSIONER BURTON: It's an historical landmark.
- 24 So, you know, there have been upticks and over the years,
- 25 I can't speak to it right now, but there have been



- 1 upticks in cars being vandalized along Lafayette, Art
- 2 Tatum and Revere for years. And so, you know, they will
- 3 love to see rookie officers, you know, to know their way
- 4 around that community, especially through the park. There
- 5 are so many different openings. A person can commit a
- 6 crime and run through the park and they can be on their
- 7 way. It would really make a big difference if we can have
- 8 our officers, learning around Lafayette Park communities,
- 9 so many different openings.
- 10 CHIEF WHITE: Through the Chair, Lafayette Park, this
- 11 year, Commander Giaquinto has done a really good job of
- 12 keeping those issues that you speak of down to the data.
- 13 And you indicated that you don't know if it's, we've seen
- 14 the uptick this year that they did last year. He's done a
- 15 really good job with this team of officers over there,
- 16 keeping that park managed very well, that area managed
- 17 very well. With regards to the visibility. I'm hoping
- 18 that the Commission and the community is seeing more
- 19 visible officers in the vehicles, driving through
- 20 neighborhoods. That's a mandate that this administration
- 21 put out that we want to see officers driving through the
- 22 neighborhoods, not just going to run. I've heard that we
- were seeing that. The fact that you're saying that we're
- 24 not, I'll reach out to the commander, and I'll also talk
- 25 to him about reaching out to you personally, to talk



- 1 about if there's something... We have some programs at
- the various Precincts where going into the senior homes 2.
- and talking to the seniors is something that we can do 3
- perhaps with our chaplains, as well as our NPL. So that's 4
- doable. I'll make sure I reach out and have them contact 5
- 6 you.
- COMMISSIONER BURTON: Thank you, Chief. And I know 7
- that Lafayette Park community was, at some point in time, 8
- I'm not sure if they still are, participating in 9
- 10 secondary employment.
- 11 CHIEF WHITE: Yes, they were. I don't know if they
- 12 still are. I know when I left they were, but again I know
- 13 that a lot of the problems, you know, we meet on these
- 14 issues a lot, probably more than folks want to. And they
- really have done a good job this year, this summer. We're 15
- 16 controlling a lot of the problems. And as I indicated
- with the downturn in larcenies, a lot of what was driving 17
- those larceny numbers in the past, where those beenie 18
- 19 autos, those larcenies from autos and things like that.
- So let me connect the dots with the commander and I'll 20
- have him reach out to you. 21
- 2.2 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Thank you, Chief.
- 2.3 VICE-CHAIR JONES: Okay. Vice-Chair recognizes
- District 4, Willie Bell. Do you have any questions for 2.4
- the Chief Commissioner Willie Bell? 25



- 1 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you, Vice-Chair, Chief
- 2 Craig, Let us just try that again. Chief White.... strike
- 3 that from the record.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Commissioner Turner?
- 5 COMMISSIONER BELL: On a serious note, this question
- 6 I'm dating myself. It might be before your time, but I
- 7 thought I heard that, and in reference to these bars or
- 8 liquor stores, we didn't know if they were valid business
- 9 places. Back in the day, there was monitoring in each
- 10 Precinct mostly by the sergeant doing liquor inspection.
- 11 That's something that is falling off the radar, or do we
- 12 have a different approach to that?
- 13 CHIEF WHITE: Through the Chair. It is not before my
- 14 time, sir. In fact, it was one of the questions that we
- 15 asked when we started looking at these facilities. So it
- 16 was, as you remember, it's the responsibility of the
- 17 supervisor at the Precinct to do those liquor
- inspections. We are resurrecting that, and you know, the
- 19 reality of it is, you know, in a large department, things
- 20 fall off the radar. Other things become a priority. And
- 21 if you don't inspect what you expect, things are no
- 22 longer a priority. With the uptick in violence at these
- 23 businesses, and then we go out, we look, as we have said
- 24 time and time again, if you invite us to your house,
- 25 we're going to look around. If we find something, you're



- 1 not supposed to be open, we're going to close you. And
- 2 you got kids getting shot at 4 o'clock in the morning at
- 3 18 years old, who shouldn't have even been in a bar
- 4 period.
- 5 CHIEF WHITE: You know, there are rules to this
- 6 stuff. I mean, there's a timeframe that kids can actually
- 7 legally be in a bar, but I believe after 10:00 PM, they
- 8 cannot. So things such as that. And I don't know, don't
- 9 hold me to that, but I think it's around 9 or 10. I know
- 10 when I did the inspections, there was a timeframe if they
- 11 served food. So we're bringing that back and we're going
- 12 to do those inspections because, you know, it's not a
- 13 good idea to go in these bars and shut them down after
- 14 the fact. I mean, it plays well for five seconds, but the
- 15 logical question is why didn't you know before something
- 16 happened. So we're finding out before something happens.
- 17 And to that end, we actually found out about an incident
- on an inspection a few days ago, where an 18 year old was
- 19 being illegally served. There were people who were
- 20 dancing, nude dancing in the facility and they found this
- 21 out on an inspection in the 4th Precinct and they were
- 22 able to shut it down prior to a shooting, prior to an
- incident. So we're bringing that back. We're going to
- 24 mandate it out of my office, that each Precinct does a



- 1 number of inspections throughout the week and submit them
- 2 at the end of the week.
- 3 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you, sir.
- 4 VICE-CHAIR JONES: All right. The Vice-Chair
- 5 recognizes Commissioner Shirley Burch, District 3. Do you
- 6 have any questions for the Chief? Shirley Burch,
- 7 Commissioner Burch? Vice-Chair recognizes,
- 8 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: She said she had a question. I
- 9 don't know if there is a communication issue.
- 10 MRS. WHITE: She may be still experiencing technical
- 11 difficulties.
- 12 VICE-CHAIR JONES: Okay. The Vice-Chair recognizes
- 13 District 2.
- 14 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Thank you. Vice-Chairman.
- 15 Before I ask you the 3 little points I want to ask you
- 16 about in terms of your report, Chief, I would appreciate
- it if, with the permission of the Chair, if we could all
- take a moment of silence, and quite frankly, if we're
- 19 able to stand. 10 United States marines were killed today
- 20 in Afghanistan, and several others are dying and 60
- 21 Afghans were killed and, of course, a hundred of them are
- 22 injured as a result of this attack, really on the United
- 23 States, excuse me, this afternoon. It's a major, major
- 24 issue in if you don't mind, Mr. Chairman, those of us who



- 1 are able to stand, can we stand for our servicemen and
- 2 women?
- 3 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. And
- 4 especially in recognition of our personnel director, who
- 5 is a retired United States army Colonel. I thought of her
- 6 immediately today when this happened. So I'm very happy
- 7 that you allowed us to do that. Chief again,
- 8 congratulations on your appointment. Three things just
- 9 real quick. First of all, when you talk about impounding
- 10 and notice to people, I would appreciate it if your staff
- 11 might consider drafting a policy concerning that, that we
- 12 could take a look at, I too have reviewed cases just as
- 13 Lisa has where a man's car was actually... he got the
- 14 notice the same day his car was sold. And so, I mean, he
- 15 was really upset and they sold it and they sent him a
- 16 check for \$250, which was, I guess, the lien fee. It was
- 17 a thousand dollars for the sale. The lien fees were like
- 18 750, but they sold it for a thousand.
- 19 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: So they sent him a check for
- 20 250, but that begs the question. I thought that the
- 21 complaint should be sustained in that particular case,
- 22 because it was, we had the car for almost 3 months. He
- 23 got the notice. The notice was dated the day of the sale,
- 24 actually. Secondly, so if you would consider that I would
- 25 appreciate it. Secondly regarding the issue that Lisa



- 1 raised as well regarding notification concerning dead
- 2 people. You said they will go to the house. Well, if
- 3 you're a single person, you come to my house, I'm not
- 4 there, nobody's there. So I think the Chairman indicated,
- 5 just a policy, doesn't have to be a big deal, but we
- 6 should have a structure, I think, for those things.
- 7 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: And then finally, in the
- 8 reports that you gave us today, there was a fatal
- 9 accident at the Sunoco gas station. It's a Greenlight
- 10 location, 11603 East 7-mile. And your circumstances,
- 11 state quote, "the victim and his two brothers were
- 12 standing on the curb at the Sunoco gas station when the
- 13 suspect jumped the curb and struck the victim with his
- 14 vehicle, fatally injuring him. The suspect got out of his
- 15 vehicle, picked the victim up and handed them to his
- 16 brother." Like it was a dog or something. The suspect got
- 17 back into his vehicle and fled the scene going north on
- 18 Roe. Platoon 3 responded to this incident. Is there
- 19 anything that, you know, this is unbelievable to me, how
- 20 do you run over a human being, get out, pick up the
- 21 person, hand them to their brother and leave?
- 22 CHIEF WHITE: Through the Chair? I believe you're
- 23 reading the immediate notification from the child that
- 24 was struck. I'll confirm that, but those are the initial



- 1 circumstances of the child. The information that I have
- 2 is what...
- 3 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Oh, that's what you were
- 4 talking about. It didn't say that the victim was 4 or
- 5 anything like that, all right. I heard your report on
- 6 that earlier, but he handed it to him.
- 7 CHIEF WHITE: Yes, ma'am he did.
- 8 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: And then left.
- 9 CHIEF WHITE: Yes, ma'am.
- 10 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Thank you. I didn't know that
- 11 that was the child.
- 12 CHIEF WHITE: But I will check.
- CAPTAIN MAY: Chief, I made that scene last night. I
- 14 could clarify.
- 15 CHIEF WHITE: I think we're beyond that now, but I do
- 16 want you to clarify the notification process.
- 17 CAPTAIN MAY: Right? So what happens when we do
- 18 attempt to notify family members of the victims? Like you
- 19 said.
- 20 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Can you speak up, if you don't
- 21 mind, I can't hear you. Thank you.
- 22 CAPTAIN MAY: Sometimes we're not able to identify
- 23 the person right away, and then when we do identify them,
- 24 we go to their last known address. If that address is
- 25 vacant, it kind of presents a tough time for us to



- 1 actually locate the family. So we do everything we
- 2 possibly can, make every last known address of this
- 3 person in order to try to make a notification. And for me
- 4 to actually take a deep dive into it, I would have to
- 5 look into each case and see why this family wasn't
- 6 notified because I don't get a whole lot of non-
- 7 notification complaints. I have an open door policy. I
- 8 talked to victims, family members almost every day.
- 9 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: But what I'm suggesting is
- 10 perhaps you have a... you go to the house, nobody
- 11 answers. Then you go to the neighbor's house. I mean,
- 12 there should be a practice, you know, sort of a
- 13 wraparound if you will. It is a human being and we need
- 14 to handle this.
- 15 CAPTAIN MAY: Yes, ma'am, and we do do that. We do
- 16 care.
- 17 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Okay.
- 18 CHIEF WHITE: I think the question, through the
- 19 Chair, is what the policy looks like, and if we're
- 20 following it. And so what I'm committed to doing is
- 21 providing you an analogy of, if in fact, we're following
- 22 the policy. We will look at the last 25 to 50
- 23 notifications. Did we in fact follow our policy? If we
- 24 did not, what are the improvements we're going to make to
- 25 it? Then we'll look specifically at the case in question



- 1 and come back and tell you where the breakdown occurred.
- 2 We'll just need a little bit of time to do that. I think
- 3 two weeks should be fine.
- 4 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: 30 days would be fine.
- 5 CHIEF WHITE: All right. Thank you.
- 6 VICE-CHAIR JONES: The Vice-Chair recognizes District
- 7 1, Commissioner Darryl Brown. Do you have a question for
- 8 the Chief?
- 9 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Yes, I do, just a couple of
- 10 comments. I hate to beat that dead horse, but my nephew
- 11 was killed a year ago in a shooting. I still have not
- 12 been notified of anything concerning that shooting and
- 13 they know who I am. And I've talked to the homicide
- 14 detectives when they were here, and I haven't been
- 15 notified of anything
- 16 CHIEF WHITE: Through the Chair, just for
- 17 clarification. Are we talking about the notification of
- 18 the incident or an update to the investigation?
- 19 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Both.
- 20 CHIEF WHITE: Okay.
- 21 COMMISSIONER BROWN: I wasn't even notified that he
- 22 was involved, but I don't want to beat that horse. We can
- 23 talk about it later on, but I'm just telling you as a
- 24 Commissioner, sitting here, have experienced that, and



- 1 there was no notification. So secondly, on a lighter
- 2 note, congratulations.
- 3 CHIEF WHITE: Thank you.
- 4 COMMISSIONER BROWN: And then secondly, I just want
- 5 to commend you and the men and women of the 8th Precinct
- 6 under the leadership of Commander Patterson and the group
- 7 over there, they are patrolling the neighborhoods and
- 8 whoever the officer was on Grand River in the black SUV,
- 9 he needs a medal.
- 10 CHIEF WHITE: Yesterday?
- 11 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Yes. Because he was writing
- 12 tickets. He was slowing that traffic down.
- 13 CHIEF WHITE: He was.
- 14 COMMISSIONER BROWN: He was doing his job. And by me
- 15 being a business owner out there with several buildings
- on that corridor, it's like I have to get in on the
- 17 passenger side some time and slide over to the steering
- 18 wheel, because I'm thinking I might get hit getting into
- 19 my vehicle. So wherever he was, he needs to be commended
- 20 because he was actually doing his job and I could see the
- 21 slowdown and traffic coming through there when they knew
- 22 that he was out there but thank you. And they are in the
- 23 neighborhoods. I see them in the community patrolling the
- 24 neighborhoods.
- 25 CHIEF WHITE: Thank you.



- 1 VICE-CHAIR JONES: Well, Chief, congratulations
- 2 again. This Is Vice-Chair Martin Jones. I want to tell
- 3 you it's been an honor working with you on some different
- 4 projects out in the community. And in talking with
- 5 citizens, wherever, I've been given quite a few
- 6 compliments about your appointment to Chief of Police and
- 7 they are pleased to see you sitting in that seat. Two
- 8 things, I wanted to find out if there was any update on
- 9 the ShotSpotter program, because we haven't really been
- 10 hearing anything about any results or any different raids
- 11 or the shutdown of any operations within any of the
- 12 communities around the city. I was wondering if you could
- 13 speak to that a little bit.
- 14 CHIEF WHITE: Through the Chair. Yes. ShotSpotter has
- 15 proven very effective. We've made a number of arrests
- 16 and, and literally save lives, getting there so quickly
- 17 from ShotSpotter. I do not have that data with me today.
- 18 But just in the updates that I get on ShotSpotter and
- 19 then looking at the feasibility of expanding it, the
- 20 conversations that I've had with the 8th and the 9th
- 21 Precinct is that it's quite an effective tool.
- VICE-CHAIR JONES: Okay, great. Your Captain May, if
- 23 I could have him return to the podium, please?
- 24 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Do we have to go through you to
- 25 ask him to do that?



- 1 CHIEF WHITE: No, not at all.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: You say, to the Chair? I want to
- 3 know what to say to the Chief.
- 4 VICE-CHAIR JONES: Okay. Thank you, Captain May, for
- 5 coming back to the podium. In recent weeks or whatever
- 6 I've taken note of your work and the community trying to
- 7 look into, or get some kind of information out to
- 8 different families that have been victims of a homicide.
- 9 You've come out, you've taken names, and you've taken
- 10 telephone numbers. And my information is that you've
- 11 gotten back with them to give them an update about their
- 12 case, possibly, you know, helping to bridge that gap in
- 13 the community between the police department and the
- 14 community itself. Can you speak on that a little bit?
- 15 CAPTAIN MAY: Yes. It is a best practice for the
- 16 homicide section to have a good relationship with the
- 17 community, and especially the families of the victims is
- 18 something I take pride in and is something I want my unit
- 19 to do a much better job at going forward. And these are
- 20 the basic rules that we have. Generally, when we have a
- 21 victim, we identify one person who is the next to kin. So
- 22 if the victim was married, that would be the spouse,
- 23 unmarried. It would be the mother or the father. And we
- 24 choose that one person and that's who we communicate with
- 25 directly. So sometimes we have a victim and the mother



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- 1 and father are separated, no longer together. You may
- 2 contact the mother, but the father would be upset that we
- 3 didn't contact him. We would prefer that they would share
- 4 the information between each other, but sometimes that
- 5 doesn't happen and I have had those instances, and I
- 6 would explain to the other parent, and I would explain to
- 7 my OIC, update this person also, so it is a work in
- 8 progress, but we are continuing to build on it. And like
- 9 I say, that's something that's very important to me that
- 10 the victim's family understand that we do care and we do
- 11 take this seriously.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Thank you.
- VICE-CHAIR JONES: All right. Thank you, sir. Do we
- 14 have Commissioner Shirley Burch, District 3? Was she able
- 15 to get back on with us?
- 16 MRS. WHITE: She's available.
- 17 VICE-CHAIR JONES: She's available. All right. The
- 18 Chair recognizes Commissioner Shirley Burch. Do you have
- 19 any questions for the Chief?
- 20 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Can you hear me, Co-Chair?
- VICE-CHAIR JONES: Yes, we can hear you just fine.
- 22 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Much better.
- COMMISSIONER BURCH: Very good. I apologize for this
- 24 technology but I also want to thank Commissioner Davis. I
- 25 also want to think of Mr. Davis, I'm going to have to be



- on somebody's phone to be able to respond to what's going
- 2 on. To Chair Holley and to my colleagues, especially to
- 3 you, Chief White. Congratulations on your position.
- 4 CHIEF WHITE: Thank you.
- 5 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Now I want to start first with
- 6 you, Chief White, the positive side. Okay. Can you hear
- 7 me?
- 8 CHIEF WHITE: I can, ma'am.
- 9 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Very good again, I want to say
- 10 regarding the traffic Officer Robbins that is assigned
- 11 over in the 11th Precinct. He does a fantastic job, but
- 12 whenever he leaves Chief White, it's like the criminals
- 13 are aware he's gone and they come back and still do their
- 14 speeding and their donuts. So it's unfortunate we do not
- 15 have more like Commissioner Brown was saying about the
- 16 officer over there giving tickets, tickets, tickets. So
- 17 the criminals are very smart and knowing that when
- 18 Officer Robbins is not there Chief White, they come right
- 19 back and start their same routine.
- 20 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Okay. So I don't know what your
- 21 solution is to stop that. Now, the other thing about
- 22 recruiting, I spoke to Sergeant Hall. Excellent,
- 23 excellent conversation about the recruiting that I
- 24 reached out to him, which he already knew that there are
- 25 many businesses, especially the supermarkets that can



- 1 utilize the front of their store, where they can have a
- 2 table to register citizens. So we're out of here to help
- 3 you Chief White, but you got to recognize your help, just
- 4 like Captain Blackwell is working very good with the
- 5 community. This is why we wanted to speak to you again,
- 6 Dr. Griffin and Reverend McBride about the weakness in
- 7 number 11. So here's the negative, where we are trying to
- 8 serve, blend in the gas station with our beautification
- 9 project. Captain Blackwell is aware. You just heard
- 10 Commissioner Bell speak above the gas station. There's a
- 11 way to hold them accountable, but in a very nice way, not
- 12 a mean way, but we have letters out from the mayor's
- 13 office.
- 14 COMMISSIONER BURCH: We have letters from the
- 15 community that we want you to be a part of our community.
- 16 Speaking to that gas station manager also AC LeValley. So
- 17 sir, we're here to help you. I want you to be aware that
- 18 we are not trying to take things from you. So this is why
- 19 Dr. Griffin, and I want to make it perfectly clear with
- 20 you that leadership starts at the top like you. And
- 21 that's why we speak about number 11 so much that now I'm
- 22 sorry to hear sir, about what's his name Lieutenant?
- 23 What's his name that got in trouble, assault and he was
- 24 suspended? Duncan, Lieutenant Duncan. I'm sorry to hear
- 25 that, but he has done what he has done and I know you're



- 1 going to take care of it. Now, I would like to hear your
- 2 response to what I said, please, Chief White. Thank you.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Thank you, Commissioner Burch.
- 4 CHIEF WHITE: Through the Chair, Commissioner. So my
- 5 expectation for the command is regardless of which
- 6 officer is doing the enforcement that you have the same
- 7 consistency in policing. Certainly, the officer has to
- 8 take some time off. But if it's a problem that is, you
- 9 know, 16 hours long, and we've only had 8 hours of
- 10 coverage, then we need to speak with that command
- officer. And in addition to that, as you're aware, ma'am,
- 12 we met two weeks ago and we have a follow-up meeting
- 13 upcoming to discuss our outcomes from the previous
- 14 meeting. So I'll be looking forward to talking to you.
- 15 And I apologize, there were two other people on the call
- 16 but I cannot remember the names right now. But I mean, no
- 17 disrespect with that. I just got... What is it? Pastor
- 18 Griffin, and then there was one other pastor.
- 19 COMMISSIONER BURCH: It was Reverend McBride.
- 20 CHIEF WHITE: Yes. So I look forward to meeting with
- 21 you again, because remember this next meeting is to talk
- 22 through what has happened since the time we've last met.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Thank you. Thank you very much.
- 24 VICE-CHAIR JONES: Through the Chair. I turn the
- 25 meeting back over to you.



- 1 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Thank you. Thank you Vice-Chair
- 2 Jones. Thank you all Commissioners as well. Just quickly,
- 3 it's a bit long, and I appreciate your patience with all
- 4 of us, but there are 2 or 3 kids that have been killed
- 5 because of malfunction, all the buttons gone. I raised
- 6 about \$60,000 a couple of years ago. I came to the police
- 7 department asking, I wanted to use it to buy back guns.
- 8 My understanding was that the department felt like it
- 9 just doesn't work. And I respect whatever you guys say,
- 10 but I gave it back. The other thing is, so if you're not
- 11 going to let me buy back guns, Commissioner Linda, then
- 12 why can't we do something about giving triggers, what are
- 13 they calling them Mr. Bell?
- 14 COMMISSIONER BELL: Gun locks.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: And see if we can do that. And
- 16 try, you know, we did 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, or 11 years ago,
- 17 but in other words, we have to do something and I know we
- 18 can't do everything and I can understand, but tell me
- 19 your feelings about buying guns back and I'm okay with
- 20 that. I think Commissioner Linda will be okay with that.
- 21 But what about at least trading off for trigger locks?
- 22 CHIEF WHITE: Through the Chair? I think the trigger
- 23 locks are fantastic ideas. Statistically, the buyback
- 24 programs just don't prove valuable. We find people are
- 25 truly not taking the guns, who they're going to use to



- 1 make poor decisions or leave unsecure for children. And
- 2 those are not the weapons that we're getting back in gun
- 3 buybacks. Those are just simply not the case. We look at
- 4 the data and see the impact to the community right after
- 5 the buyback program. And it just doesn't bear out the
- 6 value add. However, what does work is education and gun
- 7 locks and statistically that works. And what we have,
- 8 particularly with this young child today, who I just
- 9 updated will in fact survive. We just have poor gun
- 10 ownership. I mean, people are making poor choices. I
- 11 mean, you just can't leave a gun around a kid, the kid
- 12 finds it and pulls the trigger. So gun locks help you
- 13 know, at least for a while, gun safes, help and
- 14 education.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Would you like for us to help
- 16 you with that. Do we have the money for that? Do you want
- 17 us to try to get the money for you?
- 18 CHIEF WHITE: We have some, we've given them out when
- 19 we go on foot beats, and we pass them out, knock on doors
- 20 and give them the people. But we can host an opportunity
- 21 to come into your church or other churches and other
- 22 community areas and give out gun locks.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Will you think about that, i see
- 24 Commissioner Bell ---
- 25 CHIEF WHITE: I'm already done thinking about it. I



- 1 think it will work, but the other piece of it is
- 2 education.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Sure, it goes with it, no doubt
- 4 about it.
- 5 CHIEF WHITE: I mean, a public service announcement,
- 6 talking through the statistics of how many kids are
- 7 killed by finding their parents' guns. You know, kids are
- 8 super smart, you know, we don't think so, but they know
- 9 that it's under the bed. They know that it's in the
- 10 nightstand and you leave them at home. Then they start
- 11 playing around and you know, there, you have it.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Thank you so much,
- 13 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Mr. Chair.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Who is speaking?
- 15 COMMISSIONER BELL: Mr. Chair, I wanted to,
- 16 COMMISSIONER HOLT: I was speaking.
- 17 COMMISSIONER BELL: Go ahead. Go ahead, you have the
- 18 floor.
- 19 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Thank you. Chair Holley, if we
- 20 can revisit, earlier this year, Commander Hope was very
- 21 aggressive in the gunlock program. And I know over in our
- 22 district in Precinct 8, we had several events whereby she
- 23 was supporting neighbors coming into various places and
- 24 collecting the gun locks. So my point here is that it's
- 25 all ongoing.



- 1 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: I guess what I'm trying to say,
- 2 Chief, and to Commissioner, sometimes you just need to
- 3 put it on a priority list. You know, in other words, do a
- 4 campaign, you know what I mean?
- 5 CHIEF WHITE: I do.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: We do it, but we need to do it,
- 7 do it. Do you know what I mean? So I'm just saying to
- 8 you, this is the best I can say to you that you're doing
- 9 it, but we need a campaign. Commissioner Bell.
- 10 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Absolutely.
- 11 COMMISSIONER BELL: Mr. Chair, I just want to put
- 12 this gun back to rest. It comes up in 4 or 5 meetings.
- 13 And I agree with the Chief. I took a deep dive in the
- 14 research in reference to that matter. It does not work.
- 15 It's as simple as that. So we need to just move on and
- 16 buyback programs. If it worked we would've used it a long
- 17 time ago, but it doesn't work. And gun locks are out
- 18 there, every setting almost in the community. So they are
- 19 pushing hard on that. But ownership of guns is extremely
- 20 high in the black community. Now, according to another
- 21 study for some females buying more guns. So it's there,
- 22 but the Chief indicated awareness, education, but a whole
- 23 lot of people just are not responsible anymore. Thank
- 24 you, Mr. Chair.

1 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Thank you very much. Thank you,

- 2 Chief.
- 3 CHIEF WHITE: Finally, one last thing. I'd be remiss
- 4 if I didn't mention I'm going to do it quickly. It's been
- 5 a long meeting. 50 officers, including police officers,
- 6 lieutenants, various command officers and a deputy chief
- 7 started Cleary University yesterday in pursuit of their
- 8 undergrad and graduate degrees. Could not have been
- 9 prouder. We partnered with Cleary. We did something out
- 10 of the box. We've got classes being held off duty at our
- 11 academy. So the officers are able to get off of work and
- 12 go right to our academy and get educated. And as we all
- know, there's no more of an empowering moment than when
- 14 you received that degree. And I want to publicly thank
- 15 Lieutenant Mark Young, who is just so incredibly
- 16 passionate about education. It was him who brought Cleary
- 17 to the table. We had a quick meeting, we signed the
- 18 agreement and these officers will have their degrees in a
- 19 year. It's just so incredible.
- 20 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Chief White, I'm cheering.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Thank you so much. Thank all of
- 22 you. A presentation at this particular time. And if you
- 23 could please in terms of the police chaplain.
- MRS. WHITE: Through the Chair.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Yes.



- 1 MRS. WHITE: Yes, sir. The Resolution for Corporal
- 2 Khalil J. Biddle.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Okay. So it's not on me, I'm
- 4 sorry. That's not on me, but who did you give it to?
- 5 MRS. WHITE: Commissioner Hernandez has volunteered
- 6 to read.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: I don't mind that, he's a good
- 8 reader. Commissioner.
- 9 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Through the Chair.
- 10 Resolution honoring Corporal Kahlil J. Biddle
- 11 posthumously.
- 12 WHEREAS, Khalil J. Biddle was appointed to the
- 13 Detroit Police Department on May 12th, 1997. Upon
- 14 graduating from the Metropolitan Police Academy. Officer
- 15 Biddle began his career at the 10th Precinct; and,
- 16 WHEREAS Officer Biddle dutifully served the 10th
- 17 Precinct Western District and the 10th Precinct, again.
- 18 Officer Biddle displayed tremendous knowledge and
- 19 leadership skills as an officer and earned promotion to
- 20 the rank of corporal on October 18th, 2018. On Tuesday,
- 21 August 17th, 2021 Corpora Kahlil Biddle, badge 4298
- 22 passed away; and,
- 23 WHEREAS during his law enforcement career, Corporal
- 24 Biddle was the deserving recipient of many honors. His
- 25 recognitions include a Chief's Unit Award, the Aretha



- 1 Franklin Funeral Recognition Award, both Consent Judgment
- 2 Awards, The Major League Baseball All-star Recognition
- 3 Award, The Rosa Parks Funeral Recognition Award, The
- 4 Super Bowl XL Recognition Award and numerous letters of
- 5 commendation from citizens and superiors; and,
- 6 WHEREAS Corporal Biddle passionately served the
- 7 Detroit Police Department and the citizens of Detroit,
- 8 his professionalism, commitment to public service,
- 9 integrity and dedication were credited to the Detroit
- 10 Police Department. He was highly respected by his peers
- 11 as a consummate professional.
- 12 NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Detroit Board
- of Police Commissioners speaking for the citizens of
- 14 Detroit and the Detroit Police Department awards this
- 15 Resolution posthumously in recognition of Corporal Kahlil
- 16 Biddle and his more than 24 years of dedicated and
- 17 diligent, public service. His professionalism, integrity,
- 18 and standard of commitment to the City of Detroit and its
- 19 citizens merit our highest regards. We salute Corporal J.
- 20 Biddle for a job well done.
- 21 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Through the Chair.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Yes.
- COMMISSIONER HOLT: I move that we adopt the
- 24 Resolution just shared by Commissioner Hernandez in honor
- 25 of Corporal Biddle.



- 1 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Second.
- 2 VICE-CHAIR JONES: Support.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: It's been properly moved and
- 4 second. All in favor, say aye.
- 5 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Oppose. It is so ordered and
- 7 will be put in the record. I have no further... if I go
- 8 down to the presentation with the chaplain Corps. Thank
- 9 you for being here.
- 10 SENIOR CORPORAL BARTELL: Good evening. Police
- 11 Commissioner. My name is Senior Corporal Douglas Bartell
- 12 and I'm the liaison for the chaplain Corps. We have the
- 13 best chaplain Corps, far none.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: That's great. Are you a
- 15 preacher?
- SENIOR CORPORAL BARTELL: No, I'm not a preacher, but
- 17 I have family members as preachers.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: That's good. The other two
- 19 people with you are preachers.
- 20 SENIOR CORPORAL BARTELL: Yes, they're ministers.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: I'm just saying, they got 10
- 22 minutes.
- 23 SENIOR CORPORAL BARTELL: Yes, we know.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: I do want to make sure they
- 25 don't start hooping and going on. They got 10 minutes.



- 1 Okay.
- 2 SENIOR CORPORAL BARTELL: I just want to acknowledge
- 3 them for the good work that they have done and I get all
- 4 kinds of calls during the middle of the night and I
- 5 called them and they were Johnny-on-the-spot. But I just
- 6 want to get a little small synopsis of what they do. For
- 7 instance, on August 3rd, they had the national night out
- 8 and that was one of the big things we had in the city.
- 9 And they were at all of the Precincts. Also on August
- 10 10th, at 23600 Grand River there was a shooting where
- 11 there was a deceased person on the ground. All 3 or 4
- 12 chaplains were there. August 21st, Corporal Biddle came
- in from Florida. They were there at the funeral home
- 14 awaiting his remains. We had about 10 chaplains there.
- 15 The 25th of this month, back to school prayers at the old
- 16 Tiger stadium, we had 8 chaplains there, the 25th also,
- 17 which was yesterday at Henry Ford Hospital, we had an
- 18 officer that was ill, we had 5 or 6 chaplains there. And
- 19 then yesterday we're on the 21st. she had also made her
- 20 transition, the chaplains were there. Every time they
- 21 call me from notification to control, I call my chaplains
- 22 and they are there on the spot. So I just want to
- 23 congratulate them and they're going to report out. Thank
- 24 you.



1 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: What is your name for the

- 2 record?
- 3 SENIOR CORPORAL BARTELL: My name is Senior Corporal
- 4 Douglas Bartell.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Very good.
- 6 SENIOR CORPORAL BARTELL: Chief neighborhood liaison.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: All right. And I see on your
- 8 handout, you got character commitment and chemistry. I
- 9 know of character, I know of commitment, but what is
- 10 chemistry?
- 11 SENIOR CORPORAL BARTELL: Chemistry is how they
- 12 interact with the citizens in the City of Detroit, the
- officers, the command structure, and with themselves.
- 14 That's what chemistry is all about.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: It's relational.
- 16 SENIOR CORPORAL BARTELL: Yes, it is.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Okay. Thank you so much.
- 18 CHIEF CHAPLAIN CALDWELL: Good evening to our
- 19 distinguished Police Commissioners. We thank you.
- 20 Protocol has been established and we thank God for this
- 21 opportunity to present the Corps to you. Today, I have my
- 22 First Assistant Chief Avis Taylor here and also my
- 23 Assistant Chief, Deputy Chief Devay Myatt. I mean
- 24 Assistant Chief Devay Myatt which our protocol, which
- 25 are... I had this perfect sermon, and I just found out I



- 1 couldn't preach it. So I want to yield my time to our
- 2 Assistant Chief Devay Myatt.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: But I see you run it like most
- 4 churches, you have so many assistants with you.
- 5 ASSISTANT CHIEF MYATT: Amen. Thank you, Chief
- 6 Lennell Caldwell certainly appreciate you and this
- 7 Honorable Chair, Honorable Board. We thank God for each
- 8 of you. Of course, we always thank God for our new Chief.
- 9 We want to publicly congratulate him. As I make the
- 10 presentation, we know that our time is short. Our First
- 11 Assistant is going to pass out the complete PowerPoint to
- 12 you. And I'm going to share with you in part. I'm not
- 13 sure,
- 14 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Ms. White, you will have
- 15 somebody...
- MRS. WHITE: Yes, it is posted.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: It's posted.
- ASSISTANT CHIEF MYATT: All right. Amen. Thank you so
- 19 much. Once again, we certainly thank God for our
- 20 community as well as the City of Detroit. But simply the
- 21 leadership of the Detroit Police Department and the
- 22 Detroit Police Chaplain Corps, of course, our whole aim
- 23 is to acquire those who are committed and have the
- 24 chemistry and character that president just spoke of. And
- 25 I'm just speaking in general to some of this, because I



- 1 know that our time is short. So I'm just going to move
- 2 right along. Our mission statement is promoting a more
- 3 positive relationship between members of the Detroit
- 4 Police Department and community aiding and fostering a
- 5 personal growth of law enforcement officers, rendering
- 6 spiritual guidance where it is needed. Of course, that's
- 7 our whole objective is to make that connection with not
- 8 just our police department, but of course our community.
- 9 Our Chief has a vision statement that is very clear and
- 10 simple, but yet profound.
- 11 ASSISTANT CHIEF MYATT: It is. I believe he says that
- 12 we have a perfect machine in place to run our chaplain
- 13 Corps. My role as Chief Chaplain is to enhance the vision
- 14 that we have and to tweak what components that are not
- 15 working effectively so that we can operate in the spirit
- of excellence. We must raise the bar high to accomplish
- 17 these goals. We aim to make a mark in the lives of others
- 18 that will never be erased. And of course we do take the
- 19 time to honor our okay, our rank and file, and of course,
- 20 the order that was reordered for us is out of order based
- 21 upon what is showing there. Okay. So again, I thank you
- 22 so much First Assistance, but our vision is very clear.
- 23 Of course it has just been shared with you, moving
- 24 forward. Again, we do thank God for our new Chief and
- 25 these are the individuals that we're reporting to



- 1 directly.
- 2 ASSISTANT CHIEF MYATT: And of course, you had an
- 3 opportunity to hear from our Liaison, Corporal Douglas
- 4 Bartell, who was a great instrument as it relates to the
- 5 Chaplain Corps, being able to do what she's able to do.
- 6 And of course you had a chance as well to meet our Chief,
- 7 Chief Lennell Caldwell and our First Assisted Avis
- 8 Taylor. And sir, we certainly thank God for you. Of
- 9 course, you see me at the end there. I've had a little
- 10 haircut to modify some things. All right. I do want to
- 11 add that our structure for the Chaplain Corps is set up
- 12 to mimic the Detroit Police Department in every Precinct.
- 13 We cover all 12 Precincts. At each Precinct we have one
- 14 deputy chief. One deputy chief covers 2 Precincts. We
- 15 have a commander at each Precinct and in each Precinct we
- 16 have approximately 4 to 8 chaplains that cover all roll
- 17 calls.
- 18 ASSISTANT CHIEF MYATT: So all roll calls are covered
- 19 by our Chaplain Corps. Moving right along here, our
- 20 history is very complete. We began in 1949 with 3
- 21 chaplains that were appointed by the Board of
- 22 Commissioners. Of course police chaplains were made
- official by the city ordinance by January, 1975. And of
- 24 course so many people don't know that, that we are part
- of the city ordinance. To date, we have approximately 102



- 1 chaplains that are part of our Corps. In fact, making us
- 2 one of the largest chaplain Corps in our nation. To date,
- 3 we have 2 police chaplains who have been killed or die in
- 4 the line of duty. And we do take the time to pause and
- 5 thank God for each of them. Chaplain William Paris and
- 6 Chaplain Commander Valerie Parks who served our Chaplain
- 7 Corps until her death.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Can you give me like 60 seconds
- 9 on how a chaplain gets killed in line of duty?
- 10 ASSISTANT CHIEF MYATT: Yes. In this particular case,
- 11 they were a part of the Chaplain Corps when they were
- 12 deceased. So we consider them as they were...
- 13 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Oh, okay. All right. Gotcha.
- 14 ASSISTANT CHIEF MYATT: All right. The Detroit Police
- 15 Chaplain qualifications for the Board's knowledge, all of
- 16 our chaplains have to have 5 years ordination of their
- 17 faith. There is a federal and department criminal
- 18 background check for each of them. They must have a valid
- 19 driver's license, 3 character reference letters, letters
- 20 from the ministry covering interviews from our executive
- 21 team, one year probation before they receive a Detroit
- 22 Police chaplain badge. And then of course, after that,
- 23 we're looking for that commitment, character and
- 24 chemistry that you so eloquently say, sir. The training
- 25 that is required for all of our chaplains, not some, all



- 1 102 of our chaplains have gone through these trainings,
- 2 CPR, mental health awareness, gunshot wound, and
- 3 tourniquet, Narcan, firearm, ceasefire, schisms,
- 4 debriefing, pulse, military drilling, senior abuse and
- 5 aging training, domestic violence. And then of course,
- 6 one of our favorites is aftercare. So our chaplains are
- 7 well-trained and qualified for this. And let me just add
- 8 that these pastors and elders and ministers that are part
- 9 of the Corps, that does not complete the core, of course
- 10 we have Imans, we have priests that are part of the Corps
- 11 as well.
- 12 ASSISTANT CHIEF MYATT: Continuing on the course, let
- 13 me add to the Detroit Police roles and responsibilities.
- 14 Of course, the number one role is to bridge the gap
- 15 between police and community, to exhibit the ministry of
- 16 presence, to serve our officers, our police and their
- 17 families, to assist at crime scenes and to comfort
- 18 families of the victims, to render prayer at police board
- 19 commission meetings weekly. And then of course, to
- 20 respond to the death notice of the Detroit Police
- 21 Department and to pray at roll call, which include every
- 22 Precinct and headquarters and to officiate funerals,
- 23 weddings of the Detroit Police Department. So as you see,
- 24 we are quite stretched.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: That's good.



- 1 ASSISTANT CHIEF MYATT: Our Precinct assignments, of
- 2 course, I just shared with you earlier is that we cover
- 3 all Precincts with all ranks and files, but not only
- 4 that, but all of our chaplains are committed to 16 hours
- 5 per month that they log in at the Precincts. And this
- 6 does not include the scene calls that they're called to,
- 7 the emergency calls that they receive on a regular basis.
- 8 Just to recap for a work day in the life of a chaplain,
- 9 of course, we attend all visual, prayer visuals of
- 10 officers and victims of crimes. We attend all police
- 11 academy, graduations and promotions to render invocation
- 12 and even sing the national anthem, complete minimum
- 13 again, 16 hours at Precincts and the headquarters. We're
- 14 called to crime scenes, hospital runs, hostage
- 15 negotiation, and barricades. We attend debriefings with
- officers for crimes and shootings. And of course complete
- 17 aftercare to all victims that we serve. At this time, if
- 18 there are any questions from this Honorable Board, we
- 19 will address and take that at this time. Thank you for
- 20 your time in allowing us this privilege.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Any questions Commissioners?
- 22 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Mr. Chairman, I just have a
- 23 comment.
- 24 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Me too.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Let me get to Bell and then I'll



- 1 come right back to you.
- 2 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I just
- 3 think we need to clarify Chaplain Park's death. It was in
- 4 the line of duty, if I recall. I'd like the source to do
- 5 a little research. If I recall it was more or less at a
- 6 crime scene, barricade and gun situation. So I don't want
- 7 that to go past, let's make sure we clarify that
- 8 particular matter. That was a heroic act on his part
- 9 being at a crime scene.
- 10 ASSISTANT CHIEF MYATT: That is correct, sir. You're
- 11 absolutely correct.
- 12 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Commissioner Brown.
- 14 COMMISSIONER BROWN: I just wanted to thank them and
- 15 let the public know the wonderful job that the chaplain
- 16 Corps does. At the death of my nephew, they came here in
- 17 this very room, they prayed with me, they prayed for my
- 18 family and I believe Chief Taylor was even at the
- 19 funeral. And I really appreciate that and I never forgot
- 20 it. And my family were very comforted by their presence.
- 21 And I really appreciate that. And just thank you.
- 22 Continue doing the work that you're doing.
- ASSISTANT CHIEF MYATT: Thank you, sir.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: There's a chaplain, his last
- 25 name is Bush?



- 1 ASSISTANT CHIEF MYATT: Yes.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: So can you go through the
- 3 Secretary, let her know what's going on with that and let
- 4 me know through her what's going on. Just let me know
- 5 what's going on.
- 6 ASSISTANT CHIEF MYATT: Awesome.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Okay.
- 8 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Chairman?
- 9 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Yes, just quickly. I just want
- 10 to thank you for your presentation and for being so
- 11 tremendously professional. No one has brought us a
- 12 package and a pen so that we could take notes as you
- 13 continued. It was truly... I know your men and women of
- 14 the cloth, but this was truly a corporate presentation.
- 15 Thank you so much.
- ASSISTANT CHIEF MYATT: Thank you.
- 17 VICE-CHAIR JONES: Through the Chair.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Sure.
- 19 VICE-CHAIR JONES: Just a quick comment, whatever.
- 20 Out in the field, out in the streets, I have had several
- 21 experiences where I did work with the chaplain Corps.
- 22 They showed up, they comforted the family and was able to
- 23 basically just give some order, do a prayer visual, and
- 24 order to a Memorial service or whatever. So I want to
- 25 thank you for the job that you do out in the community,



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- 1 each and every one of you for what you do. It's wonderful
- 2 work or whatever. God bless you and continue to do work
- 3 that serves the community.
- 4 ASSISTANT CHIEF MYATT: Thank you.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: If you stay in any longer I'm
- 6 going to have to charge you, okay.
- 7 MRS. WHITE: Mr. Chair,
- 8 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Yes.
- 9 MRS. WHITE: Commissioner Burch has questions as
- 10 well.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Commissioner Burch, you have a
- 12 question?
- COMMISSIONER BURCH: I'm sorry to laugh, but I just
- 14 want to say to the Chief Chaplain Caldwell, I had the
- 15 honor of speaking with you. I don't think we ever met
- 16 face to face, but I met you through a phone call
- 17 regarding the 11th Precinct, when we did what we call the
- 18 senior drive by. Do you remember that conversation? And
- 19 we needed chaplains?
- 20 CHIEF CHAPLAIN CALDWELL: Yes, ma'am I do.
- 21 COMMISSIONER BURCH: I want to thank you for that
- 22 because I was unaware of how that role is played in a
- 23 Precinct. So you shared so much with me and then sir,
- 24 your Assistant Chaplain Taylor that is an excellent
- 25 superb lady that has attended our functions at Dad Butler



- 1 Park. She is so open, so beautiful. Isn't she the one
- 2 with the angelic voice?
- 3 CHIEF CHAPLAIN CALDWELL: Yes, she is.
- 4 COMMISSIONER BURCH: I just wanted everybody to know.
- 5 You don't know who you're dealing with. This is about the
- 6 best Chaplain Corps you're ever going to see. And I'm the
- 7 one that was pushing it, sir. That's how you all should
- 8 get compensated. So maybe Reverend Holley can work
- 9 something out that even if it's twice a year, give you
- 10 something monetarily.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: All right. Thank you,
- 12 Commissioner. Thank you so much.
- 13 COMMISSIONER BURCH Thanks you Chaplain. And then
- 14 let's talk later about Whitepaul. I want to talk about
- 15 Cedric Whitepaul. I thank you so much Chair for being
- 16 patient.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Thank you so much as well.
- 18 Commissioner Burton.
- 19 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Yes. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
- 20 Chief Caldwell. I love your presentation that you and
- 21 your team had put together to share with the Board of
- 22 Police Commissioners today. I'm very familiar with your
- 23 work that you and your team often provide here in the
- 24 City of Detroit. I really love what you are doing. Please
- 25 keep up the good work and I am so proud of each and every



- 1 one of our Police Chaplains and especially you Chief
- 2 Caldwell. Thank you.
- 3 CHIEF CHAPLAIN CALDWELL: Thank you, sir.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: I thank all you very much. Thank
- 5 you so much. Thank you very much. You can take your
- 6 picture. A presentation from the Office of the Chief
- 7 Investigator. Thank you, Ms. Blossom. Mr. Akbar.
- 8 FIRST ASSISTANT CHIEF CHAPLAIN TAYLOR: In closing, I
- 9 just want to let you know that we do have a manual that
- 10 we have put together for every chaplain so that when they
- 11 come in, they know, and we have a directory of bio on
- 12 every chaplain.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Is it here?
- 14 FIRST ASSISTANT CHIEF CHAPLAIN TAYLOR: No, we need
- 15 funds to have these printed, but we have a directory and
- 16 a bio of every chaplain in the Corps and so we wanted to
- 17 present that to you when we get them printed.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Thank you.
- 19 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Thank you.
- 20 FIRST ASSISTANT CHIEF CHAPLAIN TAYLOR: And then
- 21 we're also waiting for the Baltimore Police Chaplains to
- 22 come and they're asking us to train them and they'll be
- 23 here on the weekend of September the 17th. There are 20
- 24 of them that are coming.



- 1 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Thank you. Thank you very much.
- 2 I thank you very much for your patience. Mr. Akbar, you
- 3 may begin and make your introductions.
- 4 INTERIM CHIEF INVESTIGATOR AKBAR: Good afternoon
- 5 Honorable Board.
- 6 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Good afternoon.
- 7 INTERIM CHIEF INVESTIGATOR AKBAR: I'm Lawrence
- 8 Akbar, the Interim Chief Investigator. In your package,
- 9 you have the Office of the Chief Investigator, July, 2021
- 10 citizen complaint report.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Who is with you?
- 12 INTERIM CHIEF INVESTIGATOR AKBAR: Acting supervisor,
- investigator Madrigal. As a matter of fact, if it hadn't
- 14 been for her, I wouldn't be able to put this with this
- 15 stuff together.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Can you speak a little louder?
- 17 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Your microphone is not...
- 18 INTERIM CHIEF INVESTIGATOR AKBAR: Okay, is this
- 19 better?
- 20 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Yes.
- 21 INTERIM CHIEF INVESTIGATOR AKBAR: Okay. Great. The
- 22 first slide OCI received 102 complaints during July of 20
- 23 21, 8 less than July of 2020. This chart shows how and
- 24 where citizens file complaints. OCI received the most
- 25 telephone complaints. Most of theirs are telephone



- 1 complaints. 38 out of 56 calls during July. This chart
- 2 shows the number of complaints filed against commands. Of
- 3 the two large two largest commands in terms of receiving
- 4 complaints are the 6th and the 8th. 67 complaints were
- 5 closed in July, involving 78 allegations. The top two
- 6 allegations are procedure violations and demeanor
- 7 violations
- 8 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: What is the procedure about,
- 9 give me an example?
- 10 INTERIM CHIEF INVESTIGATOR AKBAR: Procedure
- 11 violations are traffic stops where the complainant led
- 12 citations, where unjustly issued, situations where
- 13 complainants claimed that the police stopped them for no
- 14 reason. And people complained that they didn't like the
- 15 way the police department handled their particular
- 16 situation, when they responded to their home.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Thank you.
- 18 INTERIM CHIEF INVESTIGATOR AKBAR: 30 incidents were
- 19 closed in July involving a DPD member equipped with a
- 20 body-worn camera. 25 were captured by the body-worn
- 21 camera in the month of July. I'm going to go over briefly
- 22 with you, letting you know the violations of DPD policy
- 23 that our members have committed in the past. Members fail
- 24 not to turn on their body-worn cameras during an
- 25 incident, members fail to turn their body-worn cameras



- off. They turned their body-worn cameras off before they
- 2 completed their investigation. Members failed not to
- 3 report a malfunction to a supervisor, failed to obtain a
- 4 functional body-worn camera and last but not least the
- 5 member failed to document the malfunction on their
- 6 activity log sheet. If an officer violates department
- 7 body-worn camera policy, they may be subject to
- 8 discipline, including, but not limited to termination.
- 9 INTERIM CHIEF INVESTIGATOR AKBAR: 79 DPD members
- 10 identified in the 67 complaints closed in July, looking
- 11 at the pie chart concerning rank. We have 58 police
- 12 officers, 9 lieutenants and 6 sergeants. Seniority wise,
- 13 23 police officers had less than 2 years. 19 members had
- 14 3 to 4 years, 11 members had 5 to 9 years, and then it
- 15 shoots back up. 17 officers had 20 to 29 years, received
- 16 complaints.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Do you remember what the claim
- 18 was about the commander? Do you remember that?
- 19 INTERIM CHIEF INVESTIGATOR AKBAR: No, not often. DVD
- 20 calls for service complaints closed in July. 48 DPD
- 21 members working the afternoon shift during the time of
- their incident, 3 to 4 years seniority, we had 16
- officers, less than two years, 16 officers. The majority
- 24 of the complaints that I'm having with these officers are
- 25 occurring on the afternoon shift and the power shift,



- 1 which is the power shift generally runs from 7:00 PM to
- 2 3:00 AM. And those officers are not in full uniform. They
- 3 wear a modified uniform. In the old days, we called them
- 4 the 30 series. I'm going to give you an update on the OCI
- 5 staff and case status report. As of August the 26th,
- 6 2021. OCI staff on rotation. We have 12 investigators and
- 7 supervisory staff dealing with cases. As you well know,
- 8 we just hired two investigators and they started on
- 9 August the 23rd, 2021. And the thing that I'm really
- 10 proud of is one of the investigators, now she started
- 11 Monday, okay. She completed the case, and turned it in
- 12 today. The other investigator has worked her case, and
- 13 she should be turning her case in, in the next couple of
- 14 days.
- 15 INTERIM CHIEF INVESTIGATOR AKBAR: HR has reposted
- 16 the OCI investigator positions, Chair Holley and the
- 17 Board of Police Commissioners are looking forward to
- 18 conducting the interviews of qualified candidates,
- 19 identified HR. And we're also going to be going out into
- 20 the community and recruiting potential police
- 21 commissioned investigators working along with Reverend
- 22 Holley to go into the Arabic community, to attempt to add
- 23 more diversity to our office. OCI status, statistics as
- 24 of August 26th and August, 2021, excuse me, we received
- 25 80 CCRS, 45 and we closed. In 2021, we received up to



- 1 this date, 862 CCRS received 531 CCRS closed, 646
- 2 complaints are pending investigation.
- 3 INTERIM CHIEF INVESTIGATOR AKBAR: At this time we
- 4 have 369 complaints that are over 90, 280 cases open due
- 5 to staff separation, 144 of those were over 90, just to
- 6 clear up matters to let the commission though, and also
- 7 the residents in the City of Detroit, particularly our
- 8 customers. With respect to cases that are over 90, I want
- 9 you to be assured that in the beginning of the
- 10 investigation, all associated documents, such as the
- 11 body-worn camera daily activity logs, et cetera,
- 12 immediately are downloaded and saved into our OCI server.
- 13 So as soon as they get the case, the first thing the
- 14 investigators do is obtain those documents, obtain that
- 15 body-worn camera footage and download it. Complainants
- 16 are mailed an initial OCI letter acknowledging their
- 17 complaint along with a copy of their complaint form and
- 18 the assigned OCI investigators contact information.
- 19 Investigators, contact complainants and witnesses are
- 20 identified.
- 21 INTERIM CHIEF INVESTIGATOR AKBAR: Non-responsive,
- 22 complainants and witnesses are sent a certified letter.
- 23 So in the beginning of the case, we try to obtain
- 24 statements from the complainant and also identify
- 25 witnesses, and interview those witnesses right away. Last



- 1 but not least, which is very important to the community.
- 2 There are 5 different ways that you can file a complaint
- 3 with my office. You can do it in person by appearing at
- 4 900 Merrill Plaisance. It's located in Palmer Park. You
- 5 can also register a complaint by phone. You can call us
- 6 at (313) 596-2499, (313). There will be someone there at
- 7 our complaint desk to take your complaint between the
- 8 hours of 8 and 4. And you still can leave your name and
- 9 your telephone number on our voicemail. And the next
- 10 business day, my investigators will contact you. You can
- 11 also fax your complaint to area code (313) 596 2482. You
- 12 can also file a complaint online at
- 13 www.detroitmi.gov/bopc. And you also can file a complaint
- 14 at any Detroit Police Precinct bureau or section, but
- 15 please ask to speak to a supervisor and he will take you
- 16 to a private space within his organization and take your
- 17 statement. At this time, I thank you for your patience
- and time, and if you have any questions, I'll be honored
- 19 to take them.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Do you have any questions,
- 21 Commissioner Davis?
- 22 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yes, I have one question. Can
- 23 you hear me?
- 24 INTERIM CHIEF INVESTIGATOR AKBAR: Yes.
- 25 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: As we bring on more



- 1 investigators, do you anticipate bringing down the number
- 2 of cases over 90 days?
- 3 INTERIM CHIEF INVESTIGATOR AKBAR: Yes. Yes.
- 4 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: That's it.
- 5 COMMISSIONER BELL: Mr. Chair.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Yes, Mr. Brown, Commissioner
- 7 Bell, excuse me. I'm sorry.
- 8 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you, sir. I just want our
- 9 Interim Chief Investigator and his staff for doing an
- 10 excellent job. Unfortunately Ross Jones, Channel 7 did an
- 11 extensive interview with the chief investigator. I mean
- 12 Interim Chief Investigator and a Commissioner, and that
- 13 went out, metropolitan in the State of Michigan and some
- 14 facts, which you just stated to, we pull those tapes
- 15 right away. We do A, B and C, and it's unfortunate that
- 16 we have a Commissioner that speaks to something that he
- 17 doesn't have any knowledge of. And we can't get a
- 18 retraction on this setting here. So it's just really, I
- 19 would hope that in the future, you speak to something
- 20 that you're not an expert or have some working knowledge
- 21 on it. You refer to somebody else and give us an
- 22 opportunity. So once the information is out we can't
- 23 withdraw it, we don't get a recheck with Channel 7.
- COMMISSIONER BELL: And I spoke to Mr. Jones. So



- 1 excellent job on the interview, under the circumstance,
- 2 but that information went out, we got to do better. And
- 3 Commissioner Davis, the second issue you raised with the
- 4 Chief, we are the authority in reference to this matter
- 5 but I think that the question should more... The charter
- 6 indicates that all complaints should come to the Board of
- 7 Police Commissioners. That is not the case. Historically,
- 8 complaints come to the Chief's Office. Is that correct?
- 9 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Yes.
- 10 COMMISSIONER BELL: And we don't have any knowledge.
- 11 So that's something we're trying to resolve because the
- 12 charter states we handle all complaints, not necessarily
- 13 want to handle it, but I think we need to know the
- 14 results and who's making the complaints.
- 15 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: At least.
- 16 COMMISSIONER BELL: I think there should be a mix and
- 17 I think we are having a conversation with Chief White on
- 18 that particular matter. Is that correct?
- 19 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Yes.
- 20 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you, Mr. Chair.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Thank you so much again. Yes,
- 22 Commissioner Jones. I'm sorry.
- VICE-CHAIR JONES: Good afternoon, sir. And I want to
- 24 thank you for the great work that you do over at OCI.
- 25 Just like pretty much any other department, any of the



- 1 businesses, any place else that you would go to in the
- 2 City of Detroit COVID-19 has had an impact on how things
- 3 are run, the attendance of employees, work production. I
- 4 mean, any number of things. It covers all areas because
- 5 the investigators, as I understand it, they have to pull
- 6 the body-worn camera information. They have to go out to
- 7 the sites where the person made the complaint scan for
- 8 witnesses to anything that may have happened. And, you
- 9 know, a lot of times from what I read the person's not at
- 10 home. You leave messages, you send registered letters,
- 11 any number of things that you do to raise the attention
- 12 of the person that's
- making the complaint.
- 14 VICE-CHAIR JONES: So I understand how bad it can
- 15 kind of slow the process up if you get someone that's not
- 16 cooperating with the process. Do you imagine that with
- 17 the addition of these two new investigators that you'd be
- 18 able to, even before the impact, any kind of cases that
- 19 are kind of left hanging in the wings right now, and
- 20 until we can get some resolution, how do you respond to
- 21 that?
- 22 INTERIM CHIEF INVESTIGATOR AKBAR: I have no problem.
- 23 I have all the confidence in the new people that we
- 24 hired. Like I stated earlier, they hit the ground
- 25 running. Acting Supervisor, Investigator LiSonya Sloan is



- 1 training them and we're training them on real cases and
- 2 they're moving right along. It jumped right in the pool,
- 3 the deep end and they're swimming.
- 4 VICE-CHAIR JONES: Thank you for the job you're
- 5 doing.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: No, thank you.
- 7 MRS. WHITE: Mr. Chair.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Yes.
- 9 MRS. WHITE: Commissioner Burch has questions.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Commissioner Burch, I'm sorry. I
- 11 can't see you.
- 12 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Okay. Can you hear me?
- 13 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: I can hear you though.
- 14 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Chair Holley. Can you hear me?
- 15 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Yes, we can.
- 16 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Okay. Very good. I wanted to
- 17 address this to Mr. Akbar that as far as I've asked the
- 18 question and thank God you answered it today about the
- 19 body-worn cameras that if not wearing it, they would be
- 20 somehow penalized, right?
- 21 INTERIM CHIEF INVESTIGATOR AKBAR: Correct.
- 22 COMMISSIONER BURCH: That's good. Now, Mr. Akbar, I
- 23 asked the question before that, how do we handle
- 24 citizens' complaints as far as calling in to a Precinct.
- 25 So we know customer service is the best thing we can



- 1 have, because that's what Chief White said. So if
- 2 customer service, if there's a recording of the
- 3 conversation with the officer and the citizen is on
- 4 record. So could you tell me now if that's true, does
- 5 each Precinct have a recording? And then I got one more
- 6 question.
- 7 INTERIM CHIEF INVESTIGATOR AKBAR: The phones that,
- 8 from my understanding that are recorded at the precinct
- 9 are at the front desk, the front desk phones, and
- 10 particularly the supervisor's station.
- 11 COMMISSIONER BURCH: They are recorded?
- 12 INTERIM CHIEF INVESTIGATOR AKBAR: They're recorded.
- COMMISSIONER BURCH: Okay. Very good. Now the next
- 14 thing is Mr. Chair.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Yes, ma'am.
- 16 COMMISSIONER BURCH: I just want to say to my good
- 17 friend, Commissioner Bell that I love the way that he
- 18 supports Mr. Akbar. So I'm just asking you Commissioner
- 19 Bell, would you support me with your Precinct, trying to
- 20 speak to the captain about the gas stations that we have
- 21 in District 3. So could you support me and have that
- 22 captain call me? That's a favor to Commissioner Burch,
- 23 Commissioner Bell.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: He stepped out, Commissioner.
- 25 COMMISSIONER BURCH: He stepped out. Well, give it to



- 1 him when he comes back, all right.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: I will, I'll make sure Ms. White
- 3 gives it to him, okay? Thank you so much, Commissioner.
- 4 Thank you. Thank you so much.
- 5 INTERIM CHIEF INVESTIGATOR AKBAR: Thank you.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Commissioners. I really want to
- 7 fill all these positions by November 1st. If you can just
- 8 help get these positions filled. The lawyer, the
- 9 secretary of the investigators, all of that, so we can
- 10 really move forward. I think we can do that and do it
- 11 aggressively, but at the same time, with integrity. So I
- 12 just ask you to help me with that. And I met with several
- 13 people that I feel will be appreciative if we do this.
- 14 And so I'm just asking you, if you would, please help me
- 15 with that. I thank all of you for your questions. And
- 16 also for the time that you spent here. Madam Secretary,
- 17 you may make your report.
- 18 MRS. WHITE: Yes sir. Through the Chair.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: We don't have a closed session,
- 20 do we?
- 21 MRS. WHITE: Yes sir, there is a closed session.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: You kidding me?
- MRS. WHITE: Yes. Just Honorable Board. The incoming
- 24 information and reports are listed on the agenda for
- 25 today for the public's viewing. And I will not go into



- 1 specific details, but just drawing your attention to the
- 2 lawsuits that came in from the City of Detroit Law
- 3 Department, items 3 through 5 lawsuits filed by Michael
- 4 Robinson versus City of Detroit, Danielle Deisch vs
- 5 Careema Michelle Yopp, and Carol Galloway vs. City of
- 6 Detroit. Also the Honorable Board, we received DPD
- 7 recruitment, flyers for distribution, and as well as
- 8 Mayor Duggan's letter of appointment for Chief of Police,
- 9 James E. White. And just to note, a few updates regarding
- 10 the NACOLES 2021 conference update. The conference is
- 11 underway, it's in its second week. The conference theme
- 12 this year is Civilian Oversight as a Permanent Part of
- 13 Public Safety, where over 32 conference trainings are
- 14 taking place Monday through Friday until October 7th,
- 15 2021.
- MRS. WHITE: And the Board's staff has shared a
- 17 summary highlights from this week's conference sessions,
- 18 covering a range of topics under the themes of reform and
- 19 transformative change and policing innovations in
- 20 oversight, strengthening the work of civilian oversight
- 21 and international oversight, as well as jail and prison
- 22 oversight. So please check your inboxes for that
- 23 information. And lastly, in keeping with the theme stated
- 24 earlier regarding civilian oversight as a permanent part
- of public safety, this week Chief White invited the



- 1 Board's administrative staff to meet with the
- 2 department's new executive manager of policy, Ms. Raven
- 3 Alford. During that meeting, we discussed the Board's
- 4 policy approval process, strategies for enhancing the
- 5 department and the Board's work on DPDs policies and
- 6 procedures and alignment with section 7-803 of the city
- 7 charter and other key updates. So we are remaining busy
- 8 with respect to DPD policy and making sure that you have
- 9 the information that you need. Please note that the Board
- 10 still has 4 policies that are waiting for approval and
- 11 they will be scheduled for approval for the September 9th
- 12 Board meeting. And that concludes the incoming
- 13 information for this week.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Thank you, Ms. White.
- 15 Commissioner Bell, there's a conference coming up at the
- 16 end of the year.
- 17 COMMISSIONER BELL: Yes, sir.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: And I'm concerned when I look at
- 19 the budget, I'm concerned where we are. So can you work
- 20 with Mrs. White, let's find out who wants to go and
- 21 report it to to me, and then I might be able to show it
- 22 to the, to the Commissioners, but you have the seniority
- 23 around here, so if you and Ms. White, I just want to make
- 24 sure who wants to go and who don't want to go, can't
- 25 move, those kind of things because the money is short. We



- 1 may have to move some stuff around. I don't know, but I
- 2 looked at the budget and I just don't want to wait until
- 3 the last minute and then try to work this thing out. Yes
- 4 Commissioner Brown.
- 5 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Mr. Chairman, I need to be
- 6 excused.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Okay. You've done very well
- 8 today. I'm very proud of you.
- 9 COMMISSIONER BELL: Mr. Chair. I think Ms. White has
- 10 an action item that we need to address. Is that correct?
- 11 MRS. WHITE: Correct. Regarding remote meetings,
- 12 whether to continue or we zoom remote meetings or have
- 13 hybrid meetings, which would consist of this format, the
- in person and remote. So it's two options that you have
- 15 to choose from.
- 16 COMMISSIONER BELL: Mr. Chairman, if it's
- 17 appropriate, I'd like to make a motion that,
- 18 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Can I hear it first, before you
- 19 make it?
- 20 COMMISSIONER BELL: I'm supporting virtual meetings.
- 21 All virtual meetings.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Okay.
- 23 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Second.
- COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Sorry, what did he say?
- 25 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: He wants virtual meetings.



- 1 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Oh, virtual. I didn't
- 2 understand.
- 3 COMMISSIONER BELL: That would be.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: How long you want it. I just
- 5 don't like it, but I'll do what the people say.
- 6 COMMISSIONER CARTER: September to December 2021.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Can we do a hybrid?
- 8 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Hybrid would be lovely.
- 9 COMMISSIONER BELL: I think that the situation that
- 10 we are dealing with, all the meetings would be virtual in
- 11 terms of the reality, look what we have here, nobody's
- 12 here.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: But they're online.
- 14 COMMISSIONER BELL: That's the point. They have a
- 15 hundred people online.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Okay. I'm sorry.
- 17 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Are you doing a motion?
- 18 COMMISSIONER BELL: Yes. I'm speaking of that, we
- 19 have all virtual meetings in compliance with the director
- 20 of health for the City of Detroit that we have that
- 21 opportunity. That is my motion.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Okay. Is there a second?
- 23 COMMISSIONER HOLT: I second it.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: You second it?
- 25 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Yes, sir.



- 1 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Why do you always have to second
- 2 it? You've heard the motion, what's your readiness?
- 3 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Discussion.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Yes.
- 5 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Okay. Discussion. I think if
- 6 people are elected or appointed to a position, they
- 7 should be willing to do the job and not hide from the
- 8 public. And that's why I think if you're voting for just
- 9 virtual meetings, I think you're trying to hide from the
- 10 public.
- 11 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Through the Chair.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: But at this point though,
- COMMISSIONER CARTER: Through the Chair, it's not
- 14 hiding from the public. I think that it's being in line
- 15 with the city health director, Denise Fair.
- 16 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: It is hiding if there is an
- 17 option.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: You made your point, she's
- 19 making her point.
- 20 COMMISSIONER CARTER: It's not hiding. It's being in
- 21 line with the health director.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Are there any other concerns?
- 23 Are there any other discussions?
- 24 COMMISSIONER BELL: Yes, sir.



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- 1 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: I know, not you. You already
- 2 made the motion that's on. Go ahead, go ahead.
- 3 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, you
- 4 know, since, since I've been here,
- 5 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Can you do 30 seconds or so?
- 6 COMMISSIONER BURTON: So Mr. Chairman, you know, we
- 7 are following compliance here, as far as the Board, even
- 8 with our in person meeting. I think Commissioners meeting
- 9 in person should be the ideal model, especially when you
- 10 come in, you're going through the hand sanitizer check
- 11 and the temperature check, and most of us are wearing our
- 12 masks here today. So I feel that we should, we should
- 13 continue to meet in person and to otherwise you know, for
- 14 those Commissioners that choose to be virtually, allow
- 15 them the opportunity to go virtually. But, you know, we
- 16 should not discontinue our meeting in person. Not long
- 17 ago, Mr. Chairman, I raised the virtual meetings. I have
- 18 not had a pleasant experience because they were using the
- 19 mute button as the gravel. And so that's when you shut
- 20 down democracy, when the citizens of Detroit elected you
- 21 to do a job. And I agree with Commissioner Davis that we
- 22 should not run from the public. We should, we should be
- 23 showing up at these meetings, doing the job that we were
- 24 elected to do.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Commissioners, let's vote. Okay.



- 1 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Can I have 10 seconds.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Sure you can, you're a
- 3 Commissioner. Yes you can.
- 4 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Thank you. My personal
- 5 preference will always be in person. I also recognize
- 6 that it's not about me and my personal preference. It's
- 7 about the citizens. We have a directive in order. It's
- 8 about the wellbeing of the community. And I would ask
- 9 that each of you consider that it's not about individual
- 10 preference, its collective safety.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: So what are you advising us
- 12 then? I don't know, it's like you are doing both sides.
- 13 COMMISSIONER CARTER: No, it's about safety.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: What is he saying?
- 15 COMMISSIONER CARTER: It's about safety?
- 16 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: My vote will be based on
- 17 safety, not my own personal views.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: I get what you're saying, I got
- 19 you. Any other
- 20 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I call for a legal opinion from
- 21 the law department and also all correspondence from this
- 22 body and the city health director, and see where they
- 23 recommend we also have the meeting in person.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: They already have. Let's have a
- 25 roll call.



- 1 COMMISSIONER BELL: Yes, sir.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Madam Lawyer, you're here. Are
- 3 you trying to say something?
- 4 ASSISTANT CORPORATION COUNSEL WHITLEY: I don't have
- 5 to.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Okay, very good. Roll call,
- 7 please.
- 8 MRS. WHITE: District 1, Commissioner Darryl Brown.
- 9 MRS. WHITE: District 2, Commissioner Linda Bernard =
- 10 Abstain.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: You can't do that.
- 12 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I can't abstain?
- 13 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: I want you to vote.
- 14 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I agree with what my fellow
- 15 Commissioner Hernandez said. I think in the interest of
- 16 public safety in view the health department's ruling on
- 17 this, which you provided in our package, that we should
- 18 go back to virtual meetings. Although I enjoy seeing you
- 19 quys personally = Yes.
- 20 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: So do I.
- 21 MRS. WHITE: District 3, Commissioner Burch.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Commissioner Burch?
- 23 COMMISSIONER BURCH: I'm sorry. I really didn't hear
- 24 the motion.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Okay. Ms. White is going to tell



- 1 you what the motion is.
- 2 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: It's what you're doing right
- 3 now, it's being
- 4 virtual.
- 5 COMMISSIONER BURCH = Yes.
- 6 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Okay.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: You're virtual anyway, right?
- 8 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: She's virtual.
- 9 MRS. WHITE: District 4, Commissioner Willie Bell =
- 10 Yes.
- 11 MRS. WHITE: District 5, Commissioner Burton = No. I
- 12 did call for a legal opinion from our city law department
- 13 as well as all communications from this Board to the city
- 14 and State director pertaining to us meeting in person.
- 15 You know and so I'd like it if we really postpone this
- 16 until we review all correspondence, not just a one pager.
- 17 I want to see all correspondence, but also like to hear
- 18 from the attorney who happens to be present today.
- 19 MRS. WHITE: Commissioner Carter = Yes.
- 20 MRS. WHITE: District 7, Commissioner Davis = No.
- 21 MRS. WHITE: Commissioner Jesus Hernandez = Yes.
- 22 MRS. WHITE: Commissioner Annie Mae Holt = Yes.
- 23 MRS. WHITE: Vice-Chairperson Martin Jones = Yes.
- MRS. WHITE: Chairperson Holley = Abstain.
- 25 COMMISSIONER BELL: There's no abstain.



- 1 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Yes.
- 2 MRS. WHITE: Through the Chair, there were 8 = Yes
- 3 votes and 2 = No votes. The motion passed.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Okay. But I liked what you said,
- 5 Commissioner Hernandez. I don't like it, but I think it's
- 6 in reference to health and that's what the health
- 7 departments indicated. And we gave it in your package. At
- 8 this time, Mr. Brown, announcements, please. And again,
- 9 Commissioner Burton, your comments have been noted. I
- 10 just want you to know that I want to have a conversation
- 11 but I just want you to know it's been noted and recorded.
- 12 It will be in the minutes, okay.
- 13 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Refers to the presentation
- 14 today?
- 15 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: No. In terms of the hybrid and
- in terms of the motion itself. I just want you to know
- 17 your remarks have been noted.
- 18 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to be
- 19 excused. I actually have two meetings that's going on
- 20 right now. Its community related. And so I need to really
- 21 talk to them.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: I know if you're leaving, there
- 23 must be a good reason. So I would excuse you.
- 24 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Absolutely. Senior citizen,
- 25 disabled, vulnerable society. So excuse me let me go to



- 1 my meetings.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Thank you.
- 3 MRS. WHITE: Announcements, sir. If there are no,
- 4 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Mr. Brown, announcements.
- 5 MR. ROB BROWN: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Burch has an
- 6 announcement.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Commissioner Burch.
- 8 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Yes, Co-Chair, I mean, Mr.
- 9 Chair. I have an announcement and it's very simple. I
- 10 just want to, since this is Thursday, the first time I'm
- 11 able to say happy birthday to my granddaughter, Serena.
- 12 She's 15. Love from your Medea. Thank you.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Yes. Thank you. Mr. Brown, make
- it be known how to spell my last name. I really take an
- 15 issue with that, okay.
- MR. ROB BROWN: Will do, sir.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: At this time, Mr. Brown.
- MR. ROB BROWN: Mr. Chair, the announcements.
- 19 Upcoming Board's BOPC meetings. Thursday, September 9th,
- 20 2021 at 6:30PM, hosted by the 4th Precinct. Oh, that's
- 21 right. Sorry, Mr. Chair. Thursday, September 9th at 3:00
- 22 PM virtual and the next meeting after that will be
- 23 September 16th, 2021 at 3:00 PM. And Mr. Chair, please
- 24 note that the meeting for September 6th, 2021 is
- 25 cancelled due to observance of Labor Day.



1 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Okay. Very good. And how many of

- 2 our guests,
- 3 MR. ROB BROWN: Mr. Chair, I currently have 7
- 4 speakers.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Okay.
- 6 MR. ROB BROWN: The first speaker will be the
- 7 Community Advisory Council Chair, Mr. Scotty Bowman,
- 8 followed by Ms. Bernice Smith followed by Minister Eric
- 9 Blunt. We'll go to Ms. Smith until we get it right, Miss
- 10 Smith.
- 11 MS. SMITH: Good afternoon.
- 12 COMMISSIONERS: Good afternoon.
- MS. SMITH: It's good to be here again and see you in
- 14 person. And what I want to say is going to be very brief
- 15 because I don't want the Reverend to say my time is up.
- 16 This past week, we all saw on TV, the recruit that this -
- 17 really, he did something that we do not approve of as a
- 18 policeman. He got drunk and he performed down there at
- 19 Greektown. My suggestion is we don't have to go through
- 20 any formalities or anything. He should be fired. The next
- 21 thing is, I want to know when the young lady was on top
- 22 of the car, the police car, where was his partner and how
- 23 did she get up there? And what was the result of that
- incident? Then I want to know, because most of you know
- 25 that I'm usually down there at Greektown, observing



- 1 what's going on the weekends. I want to know what is
- 2 going on in regards to the large loud noise that we have.
- 3 Is there something that the police can do about it with
- 4 the cars coming down the street and they have the loud
- 5 noise and they're cursing? Well, the records that they
- 6 have is profanity, and then you have the motorcycles that
- 7 are also having loud noise. One police officer, he did
- 8 flash his flashlight at him. That curtailed that noise.
- 9 So I just want to know what is our position in regards to
- 10 the noise being portrayed down at a Greektown, and could
- 11 we do something about it, especially by giving maybe the
- 12 tickets or have it be known that we will not tolerate the
- 13 profanity out of the cars and the noise of the
- 14 motorcycles?
- MS. SMITH: That's my concern right now. Also one
- 16 last thing. On West Grand Boulevard between Warren and
- 17 Buchanan, we have a race going on the weekends,
- 18 especially.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: You get around now, don't you?
- MS. SMITH: I'm a civilian.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: I got you.
- MS. SMITH: And I care about my city.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: I hear you.
- MS. SMITH: All right. West Grand Boulevard is where
- 25 I raised my children. They're on Hancock and I go to my



- 1 son's house on Sundays for dinner. And while we're
- 2 sitting on the porch after dinner, we see all of the cars
- 3 racing down and the motorcycles racing down. I would like
- 4 to have a squad car there in observance at Buchanan and
- 5 the Boulevard because they go through the stop sign. I
- 6 think it's my time. I thank you so much for your
- 7 attention.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: And we thank you so much for
- 9 coming.
- 10 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: As the officer takes note of
- 11 her concerns.
- 12 MS. SMITH: Thank you very much.
- 13 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Thank you, officer.
- MR. ROB BROWN: Mr. Bowman.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: And speak through the Chair,
- 16 woman.
- 17 MR. ROB BROWN: Mr. Bowman.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Mr. Bowman, I'm trying to find
- 19 you. Can we go to Mr. Blunt? Mr. Blunt? That's why I
- 20 don't like this kind of stuff.
- MR. ROB BROWN: Mr. Bowman?
- MR. BOWMAN: I'm here. Hello.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Yes. I can hear you.
- MR. BOWMAN: Okay, good. Now, first of all, the
- 25 meeting by the charter is required to take place next



- 1 week, Labor Day. And the observed extension of the
- 2 holiday is not on a Thursday and the charter does specify
- 3 which days the meetings may be canceled. And also it says
- 4 that otherwise, meetings are once a week. Secondly, of
- 5 course, we have ongoing problems not cleaning houses and
- 6 we, you know, we've been hearing more cases on the news
- 7 complaints against officers, not resulting in improper
- 8 accountability. And in some cases some individuals are
- 9 just simply not suited for this profession, are not
- 10 qualified to remain police officers in Detroit, but
- 11 remain there anyway, including, of course, the man who
- 12 beat up a woman in a hospital on duty and somehow got a
- 13 promotion. Okay, well maybe the legal wrangling enabled
- 14 him to get the promotion, but that doesn't mean you can't
- 15 fire him.
- MR. BOWMAN: And you don't need a criminal conviction
- 17 of a fire person on the Board of Police Commissioners.
- 18 And then of course, we also knew we have a lack of
- 19 response time in a number of communities. There's been
- 20 shootings over the city airport, and some of these in
- 21 residency homes and the people who are responsible, who
- 22 live in the neighborhood and have remained there and have
- 23 not been arrested in cases where, you know, human life
- 24 was put in danger. These things need to be attended to, I
- 25 think we need stronger civilian oversight. We need to



- 1 treat most of the police better and give them all a raise
- 2 and make good on those pensioners who got, you know,
- 3 burned back during the bankruptcy deal of a steal. So
- 4 thank you very much for your time and I yield.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: And thank you. Mr. Blunt, are
- 6 you there?
- 7 MINISTER BLUNT: Can you hear me Board?
- 8 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: We sure can.
- 9 MINISTER BLUNT: Good. This is Minister Eric Blunt
- 10 from Sacred Heart Church. I cannot believe this Board
- 11 spent time to vote on the adherence to a health director.
- 12 It's akin to whether or not to stop at a red light.
- 13 Commissioner Bell's comments of the gun buyback program
- 14 and how it just does not work. This analysis could have
- 15 easily been done with all of these surveillance systems.
- 16 Facial recognition technology just does not work. This
- 17 should have been the statement from this oversight Board,
- 18 once it was known that this system misidentified people
- 19 of color, and this was known before the vote by this
- 20 Board on facial recognition technology and still, after
- 21 two black men were arrested and falsely identified by
- 22 facial recognition technology. Again, there are so many
- 23 bizarre behaviors in this meeting that I will cite as
- 24 many as I can in the short time allowed.
- 25 MINISTER BLUNT: Chief White, how do you come before



- 1 this oversight Board in charge of police officer's
- 2 misconduct and not know and not have a response to the
- 3 fact that complaints are up 20%. How do you prepare for
- 4 this meeting, which purpose is to address police officer
- 5 misconduct? Chairperson Holley, please demand
- 6 Commissioner's comments and questions are directly
- 7 related to police officer misconduct. Commissioners
- 8 repeatedly hijack this meeting, which is the fault of
- 9 leadership. Case in point, Commissioner Bernard's moment
- 10 of silence had nothing to do with police officer
- 11 misconduct. If it was for unarmed citizens, killed by
- 12 police officers then it would have been related. I can go
- on and on, but this is the glaring
- MR. ROB BROWN: Mr. Chair, the next 3 speakers will
- 15 be Ms. Brenda Hill, followed by Ms. Joy, followed by Ms.
- 16 Michelle, George.
- MS. HILL: Yes. My name is Brenda Hill and today on
- 18 my way into the Precinct, I was asked for my ID again. We
- 19 spent over a year going over the fact that you cannot ask
- 20 for ID at this meeting. They were rude downstairs and
- 21 very disrespectful to me. In fact, they said you are just
- 22 making a problem for me, just give me your ID and just go
- 23 ahead. We'll figure it out later on and on and on. And I
- 24 said, no, you need to figure it out now and call
- 25 upstairs. Oh, they couldn't get their boss. And so we



- 1 went over this, it took over a year that we went back and
- 2 forth on this. And now that we're back, we have people
- 3 downstairs that don't know. I told them, even after the
- 4 fact, after you figure it out, then I'll give you my ID.
- 5 I don't have a problem, but that's not the rule. And
- 6 we're here in the police station where we abide by the
- 7 rules. Another ridiculous thing is that you all at the
- 8 end said that you don't want to be in the meeting, but
- 9 you don't even have masks on.
- 10 MS. HILL: That's just ridiculous to me, not that you
- 11 can say that the health department requires something
- 12 different, but however, to sit there and say that you
- 13 feel like you might get COVID when you don't even have a
- 14 mask on. It's just crazy. Just doing stuff, just to pick
- on other Commissioners. This thing that happened in front
- of Roy McAllister's house was deliberate to show that he
- 17 ain't crap. When they stood there for hours and hours and
- 18 one police car, it's a viral sensation. One police car
- 19 from a police station, less than two minutes away, there
- 20 were hundreds of cars that just kept coming. Somehow
- 21 Detroit has become the place for this crap to go down
- 22 because somebody isn't doing their job. I respect the
- 23 Chief, but however, something, somebody, someone doesn't
- 24 respect him and the job that's being done around here,
- 25 Mr. Chairman, can we find out what she was talking about?



- 1 MR. ROB BROWN: Ms. Joy.
- 2 MS. JOY: Can you hear me?
- 3 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Yes, ma'am
- 4 MS. JOY: Well, welcome to everyone. I'm honored to
- 5 speak and give comments. Thank the Lord for the prayers
- 6 and all of the support for the police department and I
- 7 was thinking about being a part of you all, because I've
- 8 been coming there. I just don't have the credentials for
- 9 it, like the training or it. And who do I speak to?
- 10 MS. JOY: And also I wanted to, pardon.
- 11 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: You don't have to be trained
- 12 to come before the Police Commission. You can come as a
- 13 member of the public.
- 14 MS. JOY: I don't have to be, say that again.
- 15 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I said, you don't have to be
- 16 trained in anything to come before the Police Commission.
- 17 You're a member of the public. We welcome your comments
- 18 and your interaction. And if there's something that you
- 19 want to place on the agenda for the Police Commission,
- 20 then you will notify the Acting Board Secretary, and she
- 21 will discuss it with the Chairman and it could be put on
- 22 the agenda.
- MS. JOY: Actually, okay. But I was speaking about
- 24 employment as well.
- 25 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Oh, you want to work for the



- 1 Police Commission?
- 2 MS. JOY: I guess I'm not explaining clearly.
- 3 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: You want to work for the
- 4 Police Commissions?
- 5 MRS. WHITE: Mr. Chair, excuse me.
- 6 MS. JOY: Well, I guess I'm not explaining clearly I
- 7 could do either if I'm trained .
- 8 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: This is about comments. Let me
- 9 ask you this. Just call tomorrow.
- 10 MS. JOY: General comment. Okay. Also, I'm expressing
- 11 condolences to the loss of lives posthumously to the
- 12 different officers, as well as the civilians and offer
- 13 prayers for the families. And also I noticed some good
- 14 things about honorable commander Gardner. She's a very
- 15 honorable officer and commander, and all of the work that
- 16 she's done down through the years. I just wanted to say
- 17 that about her and all of the commissioners. I appreciate
- 18 every one of you and the work she's done down to the
- 19 years as well. Very honorable, very honorable. Thank you
- 20 for letting me speak.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: And we thank you for being
- 22 there.
- MR. ROB BROWN: Ms. Michelle George.
- 24 MS. GEORGE: I just want to, through the Chair
- 25 Holley, and to the Honorable Board, to the deputy chief,



- 1 I just want you to take some notes for Chief White, if
- 2 you don't mind. You got it right there. Thank you so
- 3 much. I wanted to comment, first of all, what Ms. Hill
- 4 stated. I had made a comment about it a few weeks ago
- 5 about over 60 cars or Outer Drive shooting and being
- 6 viral. So we're just hoping that would be taken care of,
- 7 because it went viral, we all saw it on Facebook. Also,
- 8 maybe at the police Precinct, we can do a life screening
- 9 for the police officers to make sure we know their blood
- 10 pressure is... there is a program called life screening
- 11 to see if they have any blockage in their carotid
- 12 arteries.
- MS. GEORGE: Because we've been seeing a lot of
- 14 officers lately passing from heart attacks and strokes.
- 15 So I'm wondering maybe I can work with you on that to
- 16 make sure we get some like a health fair done at the
- 17 Precinct. Also, we have so many young black women
- 18 vanishing. It pops up on my phone every other day. It's
- 19 something going on. We cannot take advantage of that.
- 20 That could be a serial killer. I know, some people were
- 21 telling me, I don't know if this was true. There were
- 22 some people snatching girls and putting them in a white
- 23 van. I don't know. We have to do something about this.
- 24 The other day on Lester Holt, they were talking about
- 25 Native American, young children vanishing, and nobody



- 1 heard their cry, two year old, just vanished. It was on
- 2 the news the other day because of the disparities of
- 3 race.
- 4 MS. GEORGE: And we see what's happening with black
- 5 girls. There's no white girls who can take out the trash,
- 6 14 and they just vanished. We are going to have to do
- 7 something about that. So it really bothered me to see
- 8 that. I can get all the pictures. There should be about
- 9 over 40 girls in the last year. Also the State law, there
- 10 needs to be a law about drag racing. There are no
- 11 consequences. That's why they're doing it. So maybe as
- 12 citizens, we have to make it a State law. That it should
- 13 be a felony. They should have to spend some prison time
- on what's happening. Also the Chaplain Corps, we have to
- 15 make sure with the Chaplain Corps, they need to be, they
- 16 get the same police training. They do a lot. They need to
- 17 have guns at the site. I heard a story at the Precinct.
- 18 One of the commanders talking about one of the Chaplain
- 19 Corps almost got in a dangerous situation, especially
- 20 with domestic violence. I know I talked to Assistant
- 21 Chief Bettison about it. Our Chaplain Corps will have to
- 22 go through training. So thank you.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Thank you.
- MR. ROB BROWN: Mr. Chair, your next 3 speakers will
- 25 be ---



- 1 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: 3, I thought we had 7.
- 2 MR. ROB BROWN: Mr. James McKay followed by Mr.
- 3 Markus William followed by Mr. Robert Dunlap. Mr. Mackey.
- 4 Mackey, I should say.
- 5 MACKEY: For weeks now that you know, things have
- 6 been said about the Detroit Police Department. And this
- 7 goes directly to Chief White. Today, she even took
- 8 another message again, for me regarding Sergeant Pedusco
- 9 over at the 11th Precinct. Because she's going to forward
- 10 the information to some unknown Lieutenant that works in
- 11 the Chief's Office. Sergeant Pedusco over there,
- 12 interfering with investigations in her capacity. No, we
- 13 just heard Interim Chief Lawrence Akbar. He's on his
- 14 recording and it's playing right now. At the time his
- 15 boss was Willie Bell, Reverend Holley, you, Jim Holley
- 16 you're the Commissioner now. You're the Chair of the
- 17 Commission. You had a seat. I'm still trying to file the
- 18 same 3 complaints I've been trying to file for years.
- 19 Now, I don't know how the Interim Chief can put out a
- 20 memo about me filing a case when it's the chartered
- 21 mandated duty of the OCI to accept police officer
- 22 misconduct, complaints that don't rise to the level of
- 23 criminality. Now, Lawrence Akbar you've been dodging me
- 24 for over a year. Their complaint against is valid 100%
- 25 accurate and all the way through. Will somebody on this



- 1 Board say something today that that complaint can be
- 2 found and looked into by the OCI or the Board?
- 3 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Thank you so much. The next
- 4 discussion.
- 5 MR. ROB BROWN: Mr. Marcus Williams.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Mr. Williams, Marcus Williams.
- 7 Can we go to the next one and come back? Go to Mr. Robert
- 8 Dunlap.
- 9 MR. DUNLAP: Good evening. Can you hear me?
- 10 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Yes, we can.
- MR. DUNLAP: Yes, sir. I just wanted to pop in and
- 12 once again thank you and every member of the Commission,
- 13 as well as the mayor and all the folks in the City of
- 14 Detroit who one, gave me the opportunity to interview for
- 15 the police chief's job. Although it didn't turn out the
- 16 way that I hoped, I just want to assure you all that I am
- 17 grateful for the opportunity and I still have much faith
- 18 and confidence in the City of Detroit. And I will do my
- 19 part as a citizen of the City of Detroit and as a member
- of law enforcement, remember the Wayne County Sheriff's
- 21 Office, to do all we can to make our city, the city that
- 22 we want it to be. And so to all of you, I say thank you.
- 23 To the mayor, I say thank you and to Chief White wish you
- 24 well, thank you.



- 1 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Thank you, Mr. Dunlap. Thank you
- 2 very much.
- 3 MR. ROB BROWN: Mr. Chair that was your last speaker.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: You want to go back to the one
- 5 we just missed.
- 6 MR. ROB BROWN: Mr. Williams, Marcus Williams.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: One more time. Just ask him one
- 8 more time.
- 9 MR. ROB BROWN: Mr. Williams.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Thank you so much. Okay. Can I
- 11 have a motion to go
- 12 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Mr. Chair.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Yes.
- 14 COMMISSIONER HOLT: I move that we go into closed
- 15 session pursuant to section 8A of the open meetings act
- 16 MCL 15.268A regarding administrative leave without pay
- 17 but with medical benefits for Lieutenant Willie Duncan,
- 18 badge L-321, assigned to the 11th Precinct.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Is there a second?
- 20 VICE-CHAIR JONES: Support.
- 21 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Support.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: All in favor, say aye.
- 23 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Oppose.
- MRS. WHITE: Roll call vote, sir.



- 1 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: There ought to be a roll call
- 2 vote for that.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Just tell me how, don't mess
- 4 with me.
- 5 COMMISSIONER CARTER: But you're here.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Roll call please. I'm sorry. To
- 7 the right, you have Commissioner Davis, and Ms. Lawyer.
- 8 MRS. WHITE: Through the Chair, Vice-Chairperson
- 9 Martin Jones = Yes.
- 10 MRS. WHITE: Commissioner Linda Bernard = Yes
- 11 MRS. WHITE: Commissioner Shirley A. Burch = Yes
- 12 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Ms. Burch, are you going to stay
- 13 here for the closed session?
- 14 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Chair Holley, I'm going to try
- 15 my best to get on it by myself.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: All right. We're going to help
- 17 you. Miss Blossom is going up to you.
- 18 MRS. Commissioner Bell = Yes.
- 19 MRS. WHITE: Commissioner Burton =
- 20 MRS. WHITE: Commissioner Carter = Yes
- 21 MRS. WHITE: Commissioner Davis = Yes.
- 22 MRS. WHITE: Commissioner Hernandez = Yes.
- 23 MRS. WHITE: Commissioner Holt = Yes.
- 24 MRS. WHITE: Chairperson Holley, the motion passed.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Okay. Thank you so much.



- 1 COMMISSIONER BELL: Mr. Chair.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Go ahead.
- 3 COMMISSIONER BELL: The Charter requires a two-
- 4 thirds?
- 5 MRS. WHITE: Yes, sir.
- 6 COMMISSIONER BELL: So we need to have the proper
- 7 representation to make a decision. I mean, we can meet,
- 8 but in terms of voting, if we vote, you have to have two-
- 9 thirds of the body.
- 10 MRS. WHITE: Through the Chair, it is two-thirds to
- 11 go into closed session. But a majority vote is only
- 12 needed for the actual item that you're voting on.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Right, ma'am
- MRS. WHITE: Yes. So there is a two-thirds for both.
- 15 COMMISSIONER BELL: For both. We can check it out,
- 16 but I'm just letting us know that we need to be a body in
- 17 there.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Okay. I see the lawyer is in,
- 19 we're okay. That's what the lawyer's saying. I just had
- 20 one walk out. What am I going to do now?
- 21 COMMISSIONER BELL: They're going to the restroom.
- VICE-CHAIR JONES: He voted already.
- COMMISSIONER BELL: We can go to another.
- 24 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: The motion passed, right?
- 25 COMMISSIONER BELL: Yes.



- 1 MRS. WHITE: Mr. Chair, just so you know, the closed
- 2 session is taking place in the Skyler Herbert room, in
- 3 here. It is not down the hall. It's here.
- 4 COMMISSIONER BELL: You got to leave?
- 5 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: So I have to ask everyone to
- 6 leave?
- 7 MRS. WHITE: Yes. Those that are not participating in
- 8 the closed session, please exit, through the Chair.
- 9 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Mr. Chair.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Yes.
- 11 COMMISSIONER CARTER: I moved that we go back into
- 12 open session.
- 13 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Second.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: It's been second and supported.
- 15 All in favor, Aye.
- 16 COMMISSIONERS: Aye. Aye. Aye.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Oppose.
- 18 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I propose that we end this
- 19 meeting.
- 20 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Through the Chair. That
- 21 emotion that BOPC concurred with Chief White's change of
- 22 duty status for Lieutenant Willy Duncan to administrative
- 23 leave without pay, but with medical benefits pending the
- 24 outcome of his criminal proceedings.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Is there a second?



- 1 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Second.
- 2 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Second.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Discussion hearing no
- 4 discussion. All in favor, say aye.
- 5 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Oppose.
- 7 COMMISSIONER BELL: Role call.
- 8 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: We're doing it wrong.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Roll call.
- 10 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: We should.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Okay.
- 12 MRS. WHITE: Commissioner Linda Bernard.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: You have to say it with your
- 14 name.
- 15 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Linda Bernard = Yes, Mr.
- 16 Chairman.
- 17 MRS. WHITE: Commissioner Shirley Burch = Yes.
- 18 MRS. WHITE: Commissioner Willie Bell = Yes.
- 19 MRS. WHITE: Commissioner Lisa Carter = Lisa Carter
- =Yes.
- 21 MRS. WHITE: Commissioner William Davis -
- 22 Commissioner William Davis =Yes.
- 23 MRS. WHITE: Commissioner Hernandez -. Jesus
- 24 Hernandez Yes.



1 MRS. WHITE: Commissioner Annie Mae Holt -2. Commissioner Annie Mae Holt = Yes. MRS. WHITE: Vice-Chair Martin Jones - Vice-Chair 3 Martin Jones = Yes. 4 5 MRS. WHITE: Chair Holley - Chair Holley = Yes. MRS. WHITE: 9 = Yes votes. The motion passed. 6 7 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Mr. Chair. 8 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Yes. 9 COMMISSIONER CARTER: I move for adjournment. 10 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Support. 11 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Second. 12 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: I know you do. All in favor, say 13 aye. 14 COMMISSIONERS: Aye. 15 COMMISSIONER BELL: You don't need any roll call for 16 that. 17 18 (Meeting Adjourned 5:32p.m.) 19 20 21 22 23 24

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