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23 sounds to prevent interrupting the meeting.

24 Thank you and now Chairperson Holley.

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1 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Thank you so much, Miss White.
2 Good afternoon each and every one of you. We thank God
3 for each one of you. And also, thank you so much for your
4 concern in regards to my health. I'm Jim Holley,
5 Chairperson of the Board of Police Commissioners. This
6 meeting will now come to order. We are so happy to have
7 Chaplain Richard Small with us this afternoon, and
8 certainly, we want you to know how grateful we are for
9 you to take time out and just invoke God's presence in
10 this meeting. Thank you for being here.

11 CHAPLAIN SMALL: Oh, you are welcome. Father God,
12 everybody listens to the Lord. Father God, we thank you
13 for the Board of Police Commissioners. Father, we thank
14 you and we ask you right now, Lord, that you join us in
15 this meeting father, and give us wisdom, give them
16 knowledge and understanding on how to do, when to do what
17 to do concerning the city and solving problems and even
18 to dwell in Detroit city in a righteous way. And we thank
19 you for that right now, Lord. We ask that you look over
20 all of us, Father in the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

21 COMMISSIONERS: Amen.

22 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Thank you so much, Chaplain
23 Small. Again, we appreciate your time being with us this
24 afternoon. Mr. Brown would you let us know - let the

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1 community know the mission of the Board of Police
2 Commissioner's.

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

1 and the public of BOPC activities and accomplishments.

2 Mr. Chair, the reading of the summary.

3 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Thanks you so much Mr. Brown, At
4 this time, Ms. White, would you give us the roll call,
5 please?

6 MRS. WHITE: Yes, sir. Through the Chair,
7 Commissioner Darryl Brown submitted an excused, absence
8 notification. Commissioner Linda Bernard.

9 VICE-CHAIR JONES: You're on mute.

10 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I'm sorry. Police
11 Commissioner, attorney Linda Bernard for District 2. Hi
12 everybody, it's good to see you.

13 MRS. WHITE: Commissioner Shirley Burch.

14 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Good afternoon, everyone. I'm
15 Commissioner Shirley Burch of District 3. Respect and
16 love where you live.

17 MRS. WHITE: Commissioner Willie E Bell.

18 COMMISSIONER BELL: Present. Thank you, District 4.

19 MRS. WHITE: Commissioner Willie E. Burton.

20 Commissioner Lisa Carter.

21 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Good afternoon, everyone. Lisa
22 Carter, District 6.

23 MRS. WHITE: Commissioner William M. Davis.

24 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Good afternoon, everyone. This
25 is Police Commissioner William M. Davis, District 7.

1 Officers, love where you work. Officers love where you
2 work. Thank you.

3 MRS. WHITE: Commissioner. Jesus Hernandez.
4 Commissioner Hernandez. I'll come back. Commissioner
5 Annie Holt.

6 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Good afternoon, Annie Holt, At
7 Large.

8 MRS. WHITE: Vice-Chair, Martin Jones.

9 VICE-CHAIR JONES: Good afternoon. Welcome to Chief
10 White and his executive staff, to all of the first
11 responders 911, and the Board operators from the Detroit
12 Police Department. We welcome you to our commissioners
13 meeting. My name is Vice-Chair, Martin L. Jones, At-
14 Large.

15 MRS. WHITE: Commissioner Hernandez is on zoom, but
16 we are still working with his technology. Commissioner
17 Burton. Commissioner, Willie E. Burton. We just received
18 notification that Commissioner Burton is here, but Mr.
19 Chair, you do have a quorum.

20 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Thank you so much, Ms. White.
21 Thank you each and every one for your presence and those
22 who are trying to get online as well. At this time, I'd
23 like to entertain the motion for the approval of the
24 agenda of September the 30th, 2021. Are there any
25 objections? Are there any additions?

1 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Did you say objections or
2 discussion?

3 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Yes.

4 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Under discussion, I have two
5 objections. One, the fact that we do not have a
6 designation in our bylaws, the city charter for At-Large.
7 We have elected and we have appointees. We do not have
8 any elected, so that's what our agenda should reflect.
9 Also, I have a concern with unfinished business by the
10 senior investigative position. I think that we should be
11 voting on, not deferring part of our process to staff.
12 That's what this Commission got in trouble for before.
13 Thank you.

14 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: All right. First of all, do I
15 have a second to the motion that Vice-Chair Jones made?
16 Who did the second?

17 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Second.

18 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Okay. Any discussion. And the
19 second part of the discussion Commissioner is really not
20 an objection to the agenda. It's a process and we'll get
21 to that process and be able to talk to the process later
22 on. But right now it's the agenda that I'm concerned
23 about. And I talked to the lawyer and parliamentarian.
24 At-Large or appointment is both appropriate. Both of them
25 are the same. So, I'm just saying to you that's what the

1 lawyer says, that's what the parliamentarian says. And so
2 otherwise we will look at that again. At this time, if
3 nothing else, any other objections to the agenda?

4 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: If they're not, we'll basically
5 (Audio Distortion) So at this time we basically will have
6 the... All in favor, say aye.

7 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

8 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Oppose.

9 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Oppose.

10 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Oppose.

11 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: With the understanding that we
12 will identify those to you, Commissioner Davis as well.
13 The agenda is adopted. Can I have the approval of the
14 minutes for September 23rd, 2021?

15 COMMISSIONER HOLT: I move that we approve the
16 minutes.

17 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Any corrections? Okay, the
18 minutes will be adopted as presented. Ms. White, can I
19 have the introduction of the staff?

20 MRS. WHITE: Yes, through the Chair, before going
21 into the introductions media services are attending
22 today's meeting and recording the Board's meeting today
23 and our court reporter is Mr. Don Handyside. The
24 following Board staff members are in attendance, Mr.
25 Robert Brown, Administrative Specialist, Ms. Teresa

1 Blossom, Community Relations Coordinator, Ms. Jonya
2 Underwood, Administrative Assistant, Investigator Tiffany
3 Stewart, our Parliamentarian, Dr. Francis Jackson,
4 Director Katrina Patillo, Director of Police Personnel,
5 Assistant Corporation Counsel Ericka Savage Whitley,
6 Interim Chief Investigator Lawrence Akbar, Supervising
7 Investigator Ainsley Cromwell, Acting Supervising
8 Investigator LiSonya Sloan, Acting Supervising
9 Investigator Rosalia Madrigal. And that concludes staff
10 introductions today.

11 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Thank you so much, Ms. White.
12 And also, I know Chief White is supposed to be joining
13 us, has he? Yes. He is there. Is he there yet? Ms. White?

14 MRS. WHITE: Yes, sir. Through the Chair, Chief White
15 is on the line.

16 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Very good. At this time, Chief
17 White, do you need help, based on where you are basically
18 to introduce the people there with you?

19 CHIEF WHITE: I do. I was trying to write down the
20 various names, but I couldn't get through to everybody,
21 on the call. So I'm here. I know my Chief of Staff
22 Michael Parish is here and I was unable to run through
23 the remaining. So if someone could help me, I would be
24 appreciative.

25 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Ms. White, can you help him?

1 MRS. WHITE: Yes. Through the Chair, Captain Derrick
2 Maye. And this is in reviewing the attendees' panelists.
3 Deputy Chief Charles Fitzgerald, Deputy Chief DeShaune
4 Sims, Captain John Serda, Lieutenant Richard Frisdon,
5 Lieutenant Sharon McClure, Lieutenant Mark Young,
6 President of the Lieutenant and Sergeants Association,
7 Director Reid Branch Wilson, Sergeant Tamar Banks, And
8 Captain Tonya Leonard Gilbert. Thank you.

9 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Thank you so much. Can you
10 continue with the special guests, VIP, elected officials,
11 Ms. White?

12 MRS. WHITE: Yes, sir. Through the Chair we have,
13 joining with us today, Miss Marie Overall of State
14 Representative Tyrone Carter's Office. I have
15 acknowledged Lieutenant Mark Young, President of the
16 Lieutenant and Sergeants Association and Community
17 Advisory Chair, Scotty Bowman. And that concludes those
18 introductions. Thank you, sir.

19 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: And I thank God for each and
20 every one of you, thank you for your presence. Each and
21 every one of you is special to us, and certainly, we do
22 everything we can to make sure that we acknowledge you.
23 So again, thank you so much for being with us. Let me
24 just take a few minutes.

25 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Chair Holley.

1 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Yes.

2 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Commissioner Hernandez's hand is
3 raised, so I'm sure it's to indicate that he is in the
4 meeting.

5 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: All right. Thank you so much,
6 Commissioner.

7 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Sure.

8 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Let me just take a few minutes
9 as always to give you some remarks and I will try to be
10 as brief as I possibly can. I just want to make you aware
11 of the FBI's national uniform crime report releasing the
12 2020 crime statistics this week. As the Board, we learned
13 from our public safety formed in March that COVID 19 has
14 helped cause the crime surge. Few people could be in
15 jail. The courts closed and then they sent the backlog of
16 cases for trials. This is still a concern. It affects the
17 protection of the community from violent criminals. We
18 look forward to receiving the update from the chief on
19 the FBI's 2020, a report of crimes that's now relevant to
20 the City of Detroit.

21 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Additionally, we'll look forward
22 to hearing about any new activities and initiatives or
23 status updates with the department in undertaking the
24 crimes. I also want to let you know that we are checking
25 and monitoring your emails for updates. I ask that you do

1 that on a regular basis. So much is going on in this
2 city, throughout, not only crime but all the other
3 activities, if we don't make sure that you have the
4 update on each and every one that we feel is important to
5 this Board. The Board members have expressed concerns
6 about retaining department members as once they received
7 expert DPD's police academy training. Last week, the
8 Chief and department shared some reasons why members
9 sometimes separate from the Detroit Police Department,
10 after receiving all kinds of training and certification.

11 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: The Board has approved
12 Resolutions to support recent efforts to State
13 legislation to change its pattern. And all our staff are
14 basically monitored and trying to make sure that we are
15 following if the bill passes through the Lansing
16 legislature. Our staff is also following up on the
17 Board's request to engage us in efforts that would help
18 retain our police officers. I also just want to remind
19 you that today we have our monthly office of a chief
20 investigator report. We receive updates on data relating
21 to citizen complaints and patterns and trends with police
22 misconduct. And so again, we are looking forward to that
23 report coming from the Interim Chief Investigator Akbar.
24 I also want you to know, as well, today I'm asking for
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1 our cooperation to vote to select a staff member to
2 the position of senior investigator with OCI.

3 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Last week, I basically requested
4 that all Commissions submit their two top preferred
5 candidates for the position of interim board secretary.
6 Mrs. White would then shadow those two candidates and
7 submit those today. In the interest of time, based upon
8 all we went through last week, I just felt this was the
9 best way to do this. And many of you did respond to it
10 and I'm very grateful that you have basically submitted
11 that. So we will take that matter up in a few minutes.
12 The top job posting for board secretary, chief
13 investigator, and citizens complaint investigator
14 basically has been closed. We are ready now to work with
15 HR in the process of putting this all together. I'm
16 hoping that we get everything to you Board members that
17 you'll be able to have these resumes and applications all
18 on October 14th, 2021.

19 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: And from that update, we would
20 basically schedule an interview for the respective
21 positions. The other thing I want to remind you of is
22 that the registration for NACOLEES is now going underway.
23 Also, remember that they're asking that each one of us is
24 vaccinated and prepared to provide confirmation for those
25 vaccinations. And so again, we want you to know that

1 those who you want booster shots, who are interested in
2 that, we would have that information for you as scheduled
3 as well. Our staff is clearly in the process of preparing
4 additional standing rules for the Board's consideration
5 and vote later this year regarding administrative office
6 policies and rules we need to really have in place. I'm
7 asking you to be patient with me as your Chairman I'm
8 really in overhauling the agenda, trying to make sure
9 that we look out for our public comments, look out for
10 presentations, how many we need to have, or should not
11 have, and also in terms of making sure that we do
12 everything timely and decently, in order, and also in the
13 professional way that I think all of you want it done.

14 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: So be patient as I make these
15 recommendations, as we move through the committee
16 structures, scheduling communications, and all these
17 kinds of areas that I think all of you have basically
18 mentioned to me that you want to have some changes.
19 Again, I just want you to know the Board staff
20 distributed a revised proposed bylaws amendments for your
21 review. No action will be taken today. However, please
22 review the documents and send any written feedback or
23 recommendations that you have, so we can approve the
24 final document within the next two weeks. Again, I'm just
25 asking that you send all of this in writing through Board

1 staff. Presentations, we will have them from the
2 department of chief neighborhood liaison, and also OCI
3 will be on the agenda for today. Again, I thank you for
4 your patience. Thank you for these few remarks that I've
5 basically given to you. And so this particular time, I
6 need to have a motion in regards to the agenda
7 appointment to the rank of commander to Captain John
8 Serda.

9 COMMISSIONER BURCH: So moved.

10 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: So moved.

11 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Who is it talking?

12 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Mr. Chairman, I said
13 Commissioner Burch said that.

14 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: No, I moved it, whatever I'll
15 second. Go ahead, Commissioner Burch, I'll second, your
16 motion.

17 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Thank you.

18 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: You're welcome.

19 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: It's probably moved and second.
20 Is there any discussion in regards to the recommendation?
21 Hearing no discussion, all the favor, say aye.

22 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

23 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: All opposed? All right. Thank
24 you so much.

25 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Mr. Chair.

1 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Yes.

2 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Mr. Chair, I would just like to
3 say that Captain Serda came from the 11th Precinct. So I
4 had connections with him. It's over 10 years ago that he
5 was at an event at the 11th Precinct to open up a new
6 McDonald's on Conant and Dequindre. So he's very
7 qualified. I'll just wonder why I'll just ask that to
8 Chief White, but it's a question. He should have been
9 promoted in my view a long, long time ago. That's all.

10 Thank you. Welcome

11 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Commissioner Holt, you had your
12 hand up?

13 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Yes. Chair Holley, you indicated
14 in your Chair report that we would be receiving
15 information about the COVID vaccination.

16 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Yes, ma'am.

17 COMMISSIONER HOLT: We received some information
18 yesterday.

19 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Okay, good.

20 COMMISSIONER HOLT: It's in our emails.

21 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Very good. Very good. Thank you
22 so much for that. At this time I have,

23 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Chair.

24 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Is it a question, I'm listening.
25 Somebody else called me. All right. At this time a

1 Resolution for Police Officer Joseph Corbett. Do I have
2 anybody to sign to that Ms. White?

3 MRS. WHITE: No, sir, not at this time, but we are
4 bringing the Resolution.

5 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Do you have it before you, Vice-
6 Chair Jones? Do you have it before you?

7 VICE-CHAIR JONES: Yes, I do.

8 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Would you help me with this?

9 VICE-CHAIR JONES: I would be honored to do so.

10 Resolution honoring Neighborhood Police Officer Joseph P
11 Corbett.

12 WHEREAS Joseph Corbett was appointed to the Detroit
13 Police Department on October 13th, 1997. Upon graduating
14 from Detroit Metropolitan Police Academy, Police Officer
15 Corbett began his career at the 7th Precinct, Patrol
16 Operations Section; and,

17 WHEREAS he dutifully serves the seventh Precinct
18 Northeastern District and the 7th Precinct again. On
19 March 18th, 2014, he was promoted to the rank of the
20 neighborhood police officer and served as an NPO until
21 the retirement; and,

22 WHEREAS during his law enforcement career, NPO
23 Corbett was a deserving recipient of both Consent to
24 Judgment Awards, the Major League Baseball All-Star
25 Recognition Award, the Rosa Parks, Funeral Recognition

1 Award, and Super Bowl XL Recognition Award, as well as
2 combinations from supervisors and numerous letters of
3 appreciation from citizenry; and,

4 WHEREAS NPO Corbett has tirelessly served the
5 Detroit Police Department, the citizens of Detroit, and
6 its neighboring communities for more than 23 years. His
7 professionalism, commitment to public service and
8 integrity, and dedication have been accredited to the
9 Detroit Police Department. He is highly respected as a
10 consummate professional.

11 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Detroit Board of
12 Police Commissioners, speaking for the citizens of
13 Detroit and Detroit Police Department awards this
14 Resolution and recognition of Neighborhood Police Officer
15 Joseph Corbett for more than 23 years of dedicated and
16 diligent service. His professionalism, integrity, and
17 lifelong commitment to the City of Detroit and its
18 citizens merit our highest regard. We thank and
19 congratulate you Neighborhood Police Officer Joseph P.
20 Corbett.

21 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Thank you so much, Vice-Chair
22 Jones. I thank you so much. Very well done as well. Is
23 there a motion to?

24 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Chair Holley.

25 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Yes.

1 COMMISSIONER HOLT: I moved that we adopt the
2 Resolution honoring Neighborhood Police Officer Joseph P.
3 Corbett and place it in the BOPC's archives.

4 VICE-CHAIR JONES: Support.

5 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Second. Thank you so much.
6 You've heard the motion. Any disagreement or any
7 questions? If not, all in favor, say aye.

8 COMMISSIONERS: Aye, aye.

9 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Opposed. Thank you so much.
10 Thank you both very much for getting me through that
11 police officer who really well deserved it. 23 years, and
12 we thank you for that. Chief is always good to have you
13 with us. We thank God for you. At this particular time,
14 would you want to make your report to us?

15 CHIEF WHITE: Good afternoon, once again, Honorable
16 Board.

17 COMMISSIONERS: Good afternoon

18 CHIEF WHITE: I'll start my crime stats report and
19 then get into some specifics with the department.
20 Currently, we are experiencing a 6% increase in homicide
21 in 2021. That's 242 homicides in 2021, as opposed to 229
22 in 2020. Our non-fatal shootings are up 1%, robberies are
23 down 20% and we're almost at even with total part 1 crime
24 for the year. Our traffic stops regarding drifting
25 continue to be a problem in the department, and we're

1 working through that. We've had some success with the
2 traffic stops and the citations issued and the vehicles
3 impounded, and we're going to continue that work. We've
4 done 58 traffic stops, and this is last weekend. 58
5 traffic stops, 87 citations issued. We also impounded 4
6 vehicles, 2 of those vehicles were stolen. We made 2
7 felony arrests and we recovered 14 weapons.

8 CHIEF WHITE: Our year-to-date stats. I will save the
9 year stats. I reported those before in the interest of
10 time because I know there'll be a number of questions
11 regarding the FBI statistics. We had a few significant
12 incidents. One is an off-duty Wayne County sheriff that
13 was fatally shot, a young man just starting his career in
14 1000 block of East Forest. The victim was at the location
15 inside of his vehicle when someone fired shots in his
16 direction. He was privately conveyed to the hospital
17 where he later succumbed to his injuries. Members of our
18 homicide task force are actively following up on leads
19 and we continue to request assistance from anyone that
20 has information on this incident.

21 CHIEF WHITE: Our second incident occurred on
22 September 19th at 1:00 AM where 3 people were shot at
23 Mandy's Jazz Cafe located on Conant Street. The ages of
24 our victims were 65, 27, and 25. The subject in this
25 matter was observed entering the location with two other

1 individuals. The same subject had an altercation inside
2 with our victims. He later left the location, he came
3 back a short time later, and fired shots. The subject has
4 been identified and the members are actively pursuing him
5 for arrest at this time. For the positives that have
6 happened... Before I get into the positives though, I
7 just got an update on some information regarding a young
8 man, a 16-year-old who was missing, and this is a very,
9 very complicated case that I want the Commission to be
10 aware of.

11 CHIEF WHITE: I started off with a 16-year-old
12 missing, he was missing for a couple of weeks, and a
13 missing report was filed a few days after he was
14 identified as missing. The officers responded to a run
15 where there was a shooting of a John Doe. It turns out
16 that this young man was shot at a gas station. The
17 homicide division did an incredible job of doing the
18 investigation and trying to identify who John Doe was. It
19 turns out, unfortunately, and sadly that this John Doe
20 was in fact, this missing 16- year-old. The only good
21 news from this case is that the homicide division did in
22 fact make an arrest in the homicide by identifying the
23 perpetrator who shot and fatally injured this 16-year-
24 old. And from that information, they gleaned additional
25 information to identify this juvenile who was in fact at

1 the morgue. So we are still in the midst of that
2 investigation, but the good news is you know, a violent
3 perpetrator who shot a 16-year-old.

4 CHIEF WHITE: It looks like it was another instance
5 of some type of conflict that occurred at this gas
6 station. So the matter was, it looks like at this point,
7 the investigation still continues that it was just some
8 conflict that resulted in the subject using a weapon to
9 resolve it. Moving on from that, yesterday, I'm sorry.
10 Yes, it was yesterday. A new prototype was issued
11 regarding some legislation that came down on juveniles
12 and I do not have it, so I'll be talking from memory.
13 Juveniles now will be defined as 17-year-olds and not 16-
14 year-olds. The provision to do the assessment on whether
15 or not they should be charged as an adult for certain
16 crimes still exists. It's walking into me now, so I'll
17 read it to you.

18 CHIEF WHITE: So this is effective October 1st,
19 various statutes have been amended such that juveniles
20 have been amended. An officer shall treat a 17-year-old
21 individual as they would treat a 16-year-old individual.
22 So I think that's a good thing and we will be issuing a
23 new policy and a teletype on that. Some of the positives
24 I do want to talk about on Tuesday, September 28th, one
25 hundred club awards, dinner was held at the Detroit

1 Athletic Club where 13 members of our department were
2 acknowledged and received Valor awards for their
3 courageous acts. And that's a really nice event, I
4 attended and the officers were very, very happy to
5 receive those awards. I will use the rest of the time to
6 talk about our stats with regards to the FBI and other
7 stats. As the Board is aware the report came out from the
8 FBI regarding crime stats around the country in 2020.

9 CHIEF WHITE: In 2020, 14,370 violent crimes, which
10 included assault, robbery, rape, and criminal homicide
11 were reported by the Police Department. And that's a
12 10.25 increase from 2019 when 13,034 violent crimes were
13 reported. To provide some context to this, this is per
14 100,000 residents when they look at these statistical
15 data sets. Homicides nationally jumped 29.4% from 2019 to
16 2020 and also violent crimes were up 5.6% and 2020 over
17 the previous year across the country. Specific to Detroit
18 murders rose 19.3% and aggravated assaults increased
19 21.7%. What we're seeing nationally is approximately 30%
20 Detroit 19%. And certainly, that is nothing to brag
21 about. I mean, that's still a significant increase though
22 we're on the lower end of the increase. As we've talked
23 about in detail, there are a number of factors that are
24 driving crime and in order for us to really make an

1 impact, I think we have to have some courageous
2 conversations about what's driving it.

3 CHIEF WHITE: I think regardless of where you are on
4 either side of where owning a weapon is, it's not about
5 weapon ownership, it's about illegal weapons. It's about
6 people using weapons to resolve simple disputes and
7 certainly you know, we can make an impact with patrol. We
8 can make an impact, you know, by getting the weapons off
9 the street, but we can't make an impact in the living
10 room when people are making poor decisions to use
11 weapons, to resolve disputes. And we're seeing a lot of
12 that, we're seeing a lot of violence, we're seeing a lot
13 of unnecessary conflict and weapon usage but the officers
14 continue to do amazing work. When we look at our current
15 stats in the Police Department, and I talked about the
16 homicides being up 6%. I talked about the non-fatal
17 shootings being up 1% just to provide you with some
18 context as to how the work is being shown. And in May of
19 this year, May 31st, 2021, our homicides were up 28% and
20 our non-fatal shootings were up 45%. Today, our non-fatal
21 shootings are up 1% and our homicides are up 6%. 1% is
22 certainly not where we want to be but we're seeing the
23 impact on the work that the men and women of this
24 department are doing and certainly, when you look at
25 that, I mean, a non-fatal shooting is a failed homicide.

1 So if you can make an impact on that number, you know,
2 you're saving lives. We continue to do the work
3 necessary, but it's not just the police as I've indicated
4 before. It's going to take, you know, the police and the
5 prosecutor's office and the courts and the community and
6 the clergy to get us where we need to be and not accept
7 crime as a way of life. I mean, we have to be sure not to
8 desensitize ourselves to the impact of crime in our
9 community. So with that, I will take any questions.

10 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Thank you so much, Chief. Thank
11 you for your, or your presentation. Vice-Chair Jones,
12 would you like to help me with this?

13 VICE-CHAIR JONES: Yes, I will. Thank you very much,
14 Mr. Chair. I also want to remind the Commissioners that I
15 will allow one question within the four minutes that you
16 have to speak. We have, I think, a closed session today,
17 so we want to be able to move the session right along.
18 The Vice-Chair recognizes Commissioner Darryl Brown. Do
19 you have any questions for the Chief? He's excused? The
20 Vice-Chair recognizes Commissioner Linda Bernard. Do you
21 have questions for the Chief?

22 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Yes. It's really just a
23 comment, Chief. Thank you for your report. I want to
24 congratulate you on selecting John Serda for a command
25 position. He's a lawyer, so, you know, I'm really excited

1 about this. He has his Juris doctorate from Wayne State
2 University, and he's a licensed attorney. He doesn't just
3 have the degree and he's also completed the FBI Academy.
4 So he's, you know, just a fabulous catch, obviously a
5 fabulous addition to our command staff. I agree with
6 Commissioner Shirley Burch. That's really my only
7 comment. And thank you for your comments regarding the
8 crime stats. You put everything in perspective in a
9 reasonable way, and I'm also happy about the fact that
10 juveniles are juveniles until 17 now. I mean, it never
11 made any sense. Either you're a child or you're an adult.
12 Let's make up our mind. It's like being pregnant. You
13 either are, or you aren't. So, you know, I'm glad we've
14 made some progress on that. And I actually think Senator
15 Bullock for that, I think he initiated that legislation.
16 He's my Senator, so that's quite a coup.

17 CHIEF WHITE: Thank you, ma'am.

18 VICE-CHAIR JONES: Alright, great. The Vice-Chair
19 recognizes Commissioner Shirley Burch, District 3. Do you
20 have any questions for the Chief?

21 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Yes, sir, thank you. Chief
22 White, I just want to say again, thank you for supporting
23 the love and respect where we live. Also, sir, what that
24 is doing is going to the gas stations. I think AC
25 Bettison is aware of the effort that we are going to the

1 gas stations with the NPOs, also with the community to
2 build a relationship with the gas station people.
3 Therefore, perhaps that might teach them not to have the
4 negative so much because of our presence. Also what I'm
5 speaking about, sir, we were involved with Neighborhood
6 Day. Two of your Precincts were honored to be a part of
7 the banner recognizing Neighborhood Day. And again, sir,
8 thank you for promoting John Serda. Excellent. Excellent.
9 I guess, I won't ask you but I'm going to say it, it
10 should have been a long time ago. It's been over 10 years
11 since I knew that man from No.11, Chief, so thank you.

12 CHIEF WHITE: Yes ma'am. Thank you.

13 VICE-CHAIR JONES: Thank you. All right. The Vice-
14 Chair recognizes Commissioner Willie Bell. Do you have
15 any questions for the Chief?

16 COMMISSIONER BELL: I don't have a question for the
17 Chief. I do want to accommodate the Chief, I mean,
18 commend him in reference to the effort they made in
19 Jefferson Chalmers. They were looking for the young man
20 that was involved in CSC that was wanted. And I want to
21 commend Commissioner Jones and Detroit 300 for their
22 door-to-door effort in my Precinct in Jefferson, which is
23 a key involvement going door-to-door. Thank you, Chief
24 and Commissioner Jones.

25 VICE-CHAIR JONES: Yes, thank you, sir.

1 CHIEF WHITE: If I may comment on that. Thank you for
2 bringing that up, Commissioner Bell. I was trying to run
3 through my list without taking up so much time, but
4 absolutely that community effort yesterday was fantastic.
5 Thank you, Commissioner Jones. The Detroit 300 had the
6 new recruits out doing their foot patrols yesterday,
7 which they were going to be doing anyway, but we thought
8 it was a great opportunity to get involved with some
9 community engagement and get those flyers out. And it was
10 just well received by the community. Got a lot of phone
11 calls today, and I appreciate your interview yesterday
12 and your comments, Commissioner have been well received
13 by the department as well as the community. So thank you.

14 VICE-CHAIR JONES: No, thank you, sir, I appreciate
15 it. The Vice-Chair recognizes Commissioner Willie Burton.
16 Do you have any questions for the Chief?

17 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Absolutely, yes. Chief, I'm
18 concerned about the dispatch response to a senior
19 building in my District today, which is 1325 Shane. I
20 want to personally thank Commissioner Davis for reaching
21 out to get someone over to that senior building. There
22 were a few calls to 911. One of the calls came from
23 Commissioner Davis, but also from a few of the tenants in
24 the building. A senior fell, bust her head wide open. I
25 believe she just recently got out of the hospital is what

1 I'm hearing from tenants but it took a long time for her
2 to have medical response dispatch to that building. At
3 the time I was notified, they called 911 20 minutes ago,
4 but the moment Commissioner Davis made some calls, they
5 were out there within five minutes. So I do have concerns
6 about the response time, especially for society most
7 vulnerable, which is our senior population. Also, I
8 didn't hear you mention anything about sexual assault
9 numbers in your report.

10 CHIEF WHITE: I'll start with the issue with the
11 senior citizens. I'm going to look into that and see what
12 time EMS got the call and what delayed the call. I want
13 to assure you though it could have been just a time issue
14 with Commissioner Davis calling versus yourself calling.
15 They may have already been on the way and that may have
16 contributed to why it was only five minutes after he
17 called as opposed to something more nefarious. I assure
18 you we're not participating in that type of behavior, but
19 I will look at the call and find out exactly what
20 happened. With regards to the criminal sexual conduct or
21 sexual assaults, we continue to see an uptick. We are up
22 19% and we look at those numbers that we've had a number
23 of meetings regarding... I'll go ahead and give you all
24 the numbers.

1 CHIEF WHITE: 19% uptick year-to-date in criminal
2 sexual assaults. I gave the homicide numbers, the
3 aggravated assault numbers are up 9%, we're down 20% in
4 robberies and down 2% in carjackings but back to the
5 sexual assaults. I've asked the team to take a look at
6 the sexual assaults, and we've been doing a deep-dive
7 into what's driving the uptick. 2020 was an anomaly and a
8 year that when you benchmark it and try to measure
9 against it, there are factors that were present in 2020
10 that preferably, they will never be replicated again. But
11 one of those factors is the sheltering in place that
12 occurred where people were not out, they were not going
13 to the doctors the way that they were, they were not
14 interacting with school systems. And so what I've asked
15 the team to do is see if the uptick is a reporting uptick
16 or if the uptick is actually predatory. What they've
17 returned thus far is that it is not an individual
18 predator.

19 CHIEF WHITE: We do not have a situation where we
20 have individual predatory conduct, but certainly we have
21 situations where we have people victimized and some of
22 those are being victimized are people they know, some of
23 this is occurring during domestic violence. So there are
24 a number of different things driving, you know, the
25 uptick but not one specific thing that's driving the

1 uptick. So I've asked the team to unpack that data
2 further and to be prepared to provide me a report, a
3 comprehensive report and I'll be more than happy to
4 publicly or privately share that report or give you a
5 copy of the report or publicly provided to the Board in
6 one of these meetings. That report should be completed in
7 the next 14 days and we can have a more detailed
8 discussion, an informed discussion about what's driving
9 our numbers, but we do have a 19% increase in sexual
10 assaults.

11 VICE-CHAIR JONES: All right. Thank you very much,
12 Chief. The Vice-Chair recognizes Commissioner Lisa
13 Carter. Do you have any questions for the Chief?

14 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Yes. I sure do. Thank you, Mr.
15 Vice-Chair. Good afternoon, Chief. Quick question. Well,
16 first of all, congratulations to Commander Serda on a
17 well-deserved promotion. And my second point is I want to
18 get some clarification on the barricaded gunman
19 situation, wherein the prosecutor sent back the warrant
20 request. I think that's what was reported in the news. So
21 it's my understanding that a private security company was
22 hired to evict this gentleman out of the home and the
23 gentleman barricaded himself and Detroit was called out.
24 My concern is that there were shots fired of course, by
25 the gentlemen as reported in the news. This is another

1 situation where a squatter is being put out illegally,
2 and I know that Detroit didn't start it, but I just want
3 some further clarification on exactly, how did we get
4 there or why did we get there?

5 CHIEF WHITE: Through the Chair, yes, and I do as
6 well. The understanding that I had initially in this case
7 was that we had a person who was barricaded in a home who
8 took a shot at the homeowner. As the investigation
9 unfolded as you've indicated, ma'am the facts were a
10 little bit different. The homeowner apparently hired a
11 company as you indicated to move the subject out, which
12 is not legal. And so rightfully the prosecutor denied the
13 warrant. You know, there are squatter's rights and we
14 typically don't get involved in those types of issues,
15 but when shots were fired at a subject and we were
16 informed that shots were fired, we have a duty and
17 responsibility to the community to keep it and make it
18 safe. Once the shots were fired it was no longer safe. So
19 the officers' engagement was appropriate. What the
20 officers didn't know but later learned is that the
21 information that we received was not as reported.

22 CHIEF WHITE: And that's where we found ourselves
23 with the case. We are doing some more work in that case.
24 The detectives are updating that information and getting
25 more information. But at this point I'm not confident

1 that it's going to change to a point where that warrant
2 is going to be realized at any point. So it's an
3 opportunity to make sure that we clean up our processes a
4 little bit more but based on the emergent issue of
5 someone's firing shots, and then the quick information
6 that we received from the homeowner, we have to act, I
7 don't want the officers overthinking these situations and
8 making them even more volatile, but yes, this was not a
9 good situation.

10 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Okay. Thank you.

11 VICE-CHAIR JONES: Thank you for your question,
12 Commissioner Carter. The Vice-Chair recognizes District
13 7, Commissioner William Davis. Do you have any questions
14 for the Chief?

15 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Absolutely. Chief, two things.
16 One, I understand there's a lawsuit related to a case
17 from early August where a police officer in an unmarked
18 car shot an individual in the back and that's now a major
19 lawsuit associated with that, and two, do you know why it
20 is it, the City of Detroit is the second most violent
21 city in America? What is it that the City of Detroit is
22 not doing that other places are doing? Because you know,
23 this is horrible, crime is rampant in the city, and as
24 you know, perhaps you got some ideas about what we could

1 do to make things better so that people can feel safe on
2 our streets?

3 CHIEF WHITE: Through the Chair, with regards to the
4 lawsuit we were served a lawsuit. Some of the factors in
5 the lawsuit are not as we see them and there's an
6 investigation that has taken place already. And you know,
7 I'm not going to speak publicly about the details of the
8 lawsuit, but it will go through the process and the
9 department and the city will bring the evidence that they
10 have on the lawsuit to the courts at the appropriate time
11 and through the depositions and other parts of the
12 processes as with discovery and all. But, you know, yes,
13 to answer your question, there has been a lawsuit filed
14 against the City of Detroit with regards to that
15 incident. Moving to violence. I mean, I've spoken out on
16 it and I continue to speak on it.

17 CHIEF WHITE: You know, I can assure you that we at
18 this police department are going to do everything we
19 possibly can to reduce crime. But there are a lot of
20 factors that drive crime. I mean, there are a lot of
21 factors that are beyond policing. We respond to crime, we
22 get 500 or so guns off the street a month. We present
23 warrants to the prosecutor's office, as you've read, the
24 prosecutor was very transparent about some of the
25 struggles and challenges that she's having with getting

1 some of these cases reviewed. You look at the court
2 systems the court dockets are behind due to COVID and
3 other factors. So, we are one part of a multitude of
4 things that have to work, right. And in order for crime
5 to be reduced and then it's also community
6 responsibility. I mean, that's a really big part.

7 CHIEF WHITE: We talk about issues with mental
8 health. We talk about the fact that violence is a choice,
9 but it's the choice that many people are gravitating to,
10 to resolve conflict. And you find yourself statistically,
11 the second, most violent city in America, second only to
12 I believe Memphis.

13 CHIEF WHITE: So yes, you know, I would love to have
14 some think tanks on this, but it's all of our problem.
15 It's all of our problem. It's not just a police problem.
16 We need the community and I know the community is tired
17 of it. I hear from them daily. They're tired of the
18 violence, they're tired of, of being the second, most
19 violent city, like you are, sir. So I'm looking forward
20 to implementing new practices and policies. Yes.
21 implementing you know, increasing our community footprint
22 and making sure that we're engaged, our neighborhood
23 policing program is strong and making sure that we
24 continue to drive those programs, but they are all for
25 naught, if we don't get a handle on quick poor decision-

1 making and we need our criminals. I know this sounds
2 somewhat awkward, but make better decisions, you're
3 shooting up a house because you're mad with one person.

4 VICE-CHAIR JONES: Yes.

5 CHIEF WHITE: Yes. I mean, it's absurd at this point.
6 So when you look at what happened, sir, within the last
7 couple of days, looking for the sexual predator with
8 Detroit 300 and other members of the community. Pastor
9 Mo, our own Commissioner Jones, you see the community's
10 outrage and frustration. They were out there in numbers,
11 you know? Yes, we got most of the attention because we
12 had the uniforms, but they were out there in numbers. So
13 we're going to do everything we can to impact crime. But
14 this isn't a sporting event. I mean, I can't get you more
15 wins than the previous coach. We need the community to
16 assist us in making the city safer, and I'm going to do
17 everything in my power, but I'll partner with anybody
18 that wants to bring down crime and impact behavior.

19 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Do you think that the cities
20 that have residency have lower crime? It appears that way
21 from my studies.

22 CHIEF WHITE: I would like to see that study. As you
23 know that's beyond my control, to where the officers
24 live. I think that, when I look at the work that these
25 officers do, I don't see a drop-off based on where they

1 live. I see them getting out there every day and every
2 night working until 3, 4 in the morning and going to
3 barricaded gunman overnight sometimes 2 or 3 days. And
4 it's not broken out by residents. The people that are on
5 those command posts that are on those crime scenes that
6 are saving those children's lives, they live all over the
7 State.

8 CHIEF WHITE: I think the real issue in driving down
9 crime evolves around or revolves around decision-making
10 and people with a sense of hopelessness that using a gun
11 to resolve a dispute is an alternative. And I think it's
12 a mental illness. If we really want to drive down the
13 impact of crime with mental illness, you have to treat
14 mental illness. Something's have to start in order for us
15 to get to a conclusion and we're not starting anything,
16 but we're talking about starting everything. So the
17 police will do the police work, but let's get the
18 mentally ill help because, you know, 75% of our mentally
19 ill or our barricaded gunman are mentally ill people, the
20 last one who wanted to kill himself and kill his
21 girlfriend that went on for 2 days, had just left a
22 psychiatric facility and not taking his medication. So
23 there's so many different factors, but I don't think that
24 residency is one.

1 VICE-CHAIR JONES: Okay. Thank you very much, Chief.
2 And thank you also, Commissioner Davis, for your
3 question. The Vice-Chair recognizes Commissioner Jesus
4 Hernandez. Do you have any questions for the Chief?

5 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Through the Chair, none at
6 this time, just an extended congratulations to Commander
7 Serda.

8 VICE-CHAIR JONES: All right. Thank you very much,
9 Commissioner Jesus. Vice-Chair recognizes Commissioner
10 Annie Holt. Do you have any questions for the Chief?

11 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Thank you Vice-Chair Martin
12 Jones. A couple of comments obviously to commend the
13 promotion that all of us have made mention and also Chief
14 White, each time you are asked the question involving the
15 homicide rate in the City of Detroit, you offer so many
16 variables and if we, as a community, if we, as citizens
17 of the City of Detroit, were to listen to all the
18 variables that you offer, maybe some, and you've even now
19 say you want to engage in a think tank. We as a
20 community, we, as citizens of Detroit have to be more
21 engaged in impacting the homicide rates here in Detroit.
22 And again, we continue to ask you that question, that
23 question was asked of you during your press release by a
24 national news reporter. And your response was, when you
25 were a kid in high school and you were duking out, the

1 next couple of days, you and your friends were back
2 friends.

3 COMMISSIONER HOLT: You did not go someplace and pick
4 up a gun. So of course that sort of dissipated his
5 enthusiasm for you to bombard saying, you know, we here
6 in Detroit is a violent city and all of our citizens
7 carry guns. But again, back to the major point of my
8 whole discussion, you offer variables that we, as a
9 community, could easily implement if we were to get
10 involved as a community and not position ourselves and
11 the whole Detroit Police Department solely responsible
12 for impacting these homicide rates. So thank you so very
13 much. Chief James White, for your discussion relevant to
14 the homicide rate here.

15 CHIEF WHITE: Thank you, ma'am and let me just say
16 very briefly, I appreciate your words and I am very
17 excited for Commander Serda. I don't know if you all
18 voted already.

19 COMMISSIONERS: We did. It was unanimous.

20 CHIEF WHITE: All right. So thank you very much for
21 your support of my recommendation. Commander Serda is
22 deserving and will be a great addition to our command
23 team. So thank you for that. With regards to your
24 comments, I really appreciate them. I absolutely despise
25 deficit thinking, meaning that we can't, or here's why we

1 can't or because we live in Detroit or because, because,
2 because, because, you know, that's just not my
3 philosophy. I think we have to start from a place of yes,
4 we can, but here is how we do it because I'm also not
5 going to be pie in the sky and tell you everything's
6 going to be easy and fixed tomorrow. But I think if we
7 move away from deficit thinking, you don't have to deal
8 with violence because you live in Detroit.

9 CHIEF WHITE: If you own the condition and make the
10 change and work in partnership with all of us, because we
11 all want this change. You know, the officers are working
12 12, 15 hours some days and they want the city to be
13 safer. I want the city safer and I know that this
14 Commission wants the city safer. So let's work together
15 and I'm looking forward to some ideas of some things that
16 we can do, but again, I'm going to do everything in my
17 power to ensure that we're visible, that we're
18 constitutional and that we're driving, changing, getting
19 crime down in this community. So thank you.

20 VICE-CHAIR JONES: Okay. Thank you very much, Chief
21 White. Commissioner Martin Jones, and I definitely want
22 to give my comments. I guess some of my colleagues had
23 kind of beaten me to the punch about their display
24 yesterday. We had Commander Kyra Joy Hope that was on
25 scene that did a very good job of helping to coordinate

1 the effort. Eric Fords, Detroit 300 and also Pastor Mo.
2 Nothing more could be said about the job that was done as
3 far as making the community aware of what had been taking
4 place right there within their boundaries outside of the
5 school that many children now pass by. So we were
6 actively engaged and it just reminds me that we're all
7 community stakeholders no matter where you live, if
8 something happens on the other side of town, it impacts
9 you as well.

10 VICE-CHAIR JONES: So again, thank you to all those
11 persons that were mentioned. I'm especially appreciative
12 of the answers that you gave the last Commissioner with
13 regards to our approach to community policing and to the
14 events that are taking place. We all are community
15 stakeholders, and we all need to stand up, take that
16 chance, do our due diligence, mastermind some kind of
17 role in this thing, whether it's math, whether it's
18 mentoring children in the neighborhood, whether it's
19 going to the school, we all have a role in this thing and
20 how it turns out. It did not get like this overnight. It
21 will not change overnight. So if we assume our roles,
22 that's going to make a way for us to travel and it's
23 going to reduce crime, altogether, I feel, within the
24 City of Detroit. Those are the comments that I wanted to
25 make. I wanted to express my thanks to the other

1 community leaders and I'm looking forward to seeing this.
2 There's one particular gentleman brought to justice, and
3 we came up with some good information that he will be
4 brought to justice very soon. And I thank you so much,
5 Chief White. I appreciate you, and also congratulations
6 again to John Serda on his promotion. That's something
7 that we can all appreciate. I thank you very much, Chief
8 and Mr. Chair, I turn the meeting back over to you.

9 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Thank you so much, Vice-Chair
10 Jones, and thank you, Commissioners as well. Chief White,
11 the second Detroit No. 2 in homicide. So what they call
12 them, murder capital of the country is because of
13 population. In other words, it's based on population. Am
14 I not, right? We number two based on the population.

15 CHIEF WHITE: Well, we're No. 2 based on the fact
16 that it's per 100,000 residents, but I mean the numbers,
17 I mean, that's the same measuring that everyone else -

18 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: I'm just saying, if I got 500
19 homicides in Chicago, then they ought to be based on the
20 population, they are not in this mix. So I'm just saying
21 to you, I think it's, as you're right, both of you're
22 right. I'm just saying that we've got to make sure we
23 understand that this is based on the population of
24 700,000 people. Let me ask you this, the person that shot
25 the young boy of 16, how old was he?

1 CHIEF WHITE: I don't have his age. Commander
2 McGinnis, maybe.

3 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: That's okay. But I'm just trying
4 to see if it's an adult or it's just another kid. The
5 other thing I'm asking is,, if I got 700,000 people in
6 the City of Detroit, what's the ideal police force that
7 we should have to service a community like the population
8 of 700,000.

9 CHIEF WHITE: Sir, we studied that often. And I'll
10 give you a quick answer. That number is based on a lot of
11 different things. So though we have 700,000 documented
12 residents, meaning you could have people move into the
13 city you know, after the census is done, right. So we
14 also are impacted by the fact that our population changes
15 based on our stadiums and, you know, we have population
16 density. You just look at what happened a couple of weeks
17 ago, you had the Lions up, you had the Tigers up, you had
18 the Fox, not the Fox, you had another venue up and then
19 we had activities in Greektown and also in the Riverwalk.
20 So when you look at those numbers, that's another 80 to
21 one hundred thousand people on top of the residents in
22 the 3rd Precinct and in the 7th Precinct that generally
23 pass through downtown.

24 CHIEF WHITE: So when you look at the numbers, you
25 have to look at the density and how many officers you

1 need to control, and then you have to have a baseline of,
2 which is almost impossible. No crime with maximum
3 enforcement numbers. So we know we're not going to get
4 there but just know that we are working to identify what
5 the best number is. I met with two deputy chiefs today.
6 And what we're talking about is the ideal Precinct DC
7 Sims and Deputy Chief Fitzgerald east and west side,
8 deputy chiefs. And they came up with a fantastic idea
9 that we're going to be looking at. And that is looking at
10 two Precincts and Commissioner Burch, you will be very
11 happy to hear that one of those Precincts is number 11
12 and the other Precinct is number 10. And what we'd like
13 to do is maximize the resources in both of those
14 Precincts, in the detective bureau and the patrol force
15 and measure the effectiveness of maximizing the resources
16 and then using those two Precincts based on how we were
17 to respond to crime, the response time investigations and
18 use that as a basis for deployment citywide. And that's
19 something we're going to be implementing very soon. And
20 that'll give us an idea of what that real number looks
21 like for deployment, and I'll get back with you and the
22 rest of the Commission on that number.

23 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Which means are you saying then
24 that if I had 700,000 population, and if I was able to
25 recruit the number that you need, that's the number I'm

1 looking for? How many police officers do I need to serve
2 and protect a community of 700,000? The other thing I'm
3 asking is their statistics, based upon people that you
4 arrest. Do they have another warrant or have committed
5 another crime? In other words, are we basically arresting
6 the same, help me, help me, help me, the same criminals
7 over and over again. That's what I need to know. And
8 because you, and I know we try to put a presentation here
9 to understand that we are backed up from the courthouse,
10 the prosecutor, we don't have enough people and are
11 servicing the court system and everybody is blaming
12 COVID.

13 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: COVID this, COVID that. And in
14 some societies, we have to understand, we have a serious
15 problem here, Chief, that's more than just community
16 related. It has to do with the whole system. That we got
17 a basic, and I don't want you to try to say anything that
18 I..., My frustration is that you came here to put this on
19 me or you, it's the whole system that we got going on
20 here, and then otherwise, if we don't do something, then
21 we're not going to be able to get this crime under
22 control.

23 CHIEF WHITE: Yes, sir. I'll answer your question
24 regarding the recidivism report. And that is the people
25 who are reoffending and we also have a report that

1 identifies those offenders, who re-offend and have
2 warrants upon arrest, I think was your question. So I can
3 provide the Commission with that report relatively
4 easily. We'll bundle that report together and I'll have
5 Commander Parish put that information together for you,
6 but yes, we already have it. We also know those offenders
7 who have offended, who were in custody, released and
8 reoffended.

9 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Chairman, in
10 terms of that report, can you eliminate things like child
11 support and things that are essentially civil you know,
12 infractions that have become the subject of an arrest,
13 because I mean, the number of people who haven't paid
14 their child support gives everyone a warrant, but they
15 could be arrested for something of substance.

16 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: I'm talking about criminals.

17 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: That's what I'm talking about.
18 Yes, that's what I want to make this clear, not just a
19 warrant, not a warrant for shoplifting, you know,
20 misdemeanor stuff.

21 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Chief White. I see Mr. McGinnis.
22 Do you want to ask him anything before I go on?

23 CHIEF WHITE: Just real quick, I just want to clarify
24 something. So we're talking about violent crime. So that
25 report will only contain violent crime and because of

1 procedures that report will be anonymized. So you will
2 know that it was, you know, three males, five females,
3 but you won't know beyond that. And Commander McGinnis, I
4 think that the question I have for you sir, was there was
5 a question by the Commission on the age of the
6 perpetrator for the 16-year-old that was fatally shot a
7 couple nights ago.

8 COMMANDER MCGINNIS: Yes, sir. Through the Chair, the
9 suspect in that case is 17 years old.

10 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Chief, if you're through, I'm
11 through. You, okay, now?

12 CHIEF WHITE: Yes, sir. Thank you.

13 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: And I thank you all. I thank you
14 for your time and as always, and your staff. Thank you
15 Commissioners for your questions. At this particular
16 time, I need to move to the neighborhood liaison and try
17 to be brief if you could please, I apologize. I can
18 always bring you back later. But if you could, so that I
19 may even have three Commissioners ask questions so we can
20 move on, but the chief neighborhood liaison, if you can
21 basically identify yourself.

22 COMMANDER HOPE: Okay, good.

23 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Hey, how are you?

24 COMMANDER HOPE: I am well, sir, just waiting for our
25 PowerPoint.

1 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Okay. Very good.

2 COMMANDER HOPE: So, through the Chair. Greeting to
3 the Honorable Board of Police Commissioners, I am
4 Commander Kyra Joy Hope of the Support Services Division
5 and the Chief's Neighborhood Liaison is under this
6 umbrella. I also have with me today; Sergeant Gwendolyn
7 Stokes and she is from CNL and she will be assisting me
8 with this presentation and we'll begin. The chief's
9 neighborhood liaison, our organizational structure. James
10 E. White, our Chief of Police, Todd A. Bettison, our
11 First Assistant Chief. Office of Support Operations. Mark
12 Bliss, our Deputy Chief, Support Services, Bureau, Kyra
13 Joy, Hope, Commander, Support Services, Division,
14 Gwendolyn Stokes, Kirk Kelsey, Curtis Perry, all
15 sergeants of our Chief's Neighborhood Liaison. The
16 responsibilities. The Chief's Neighborhood Liaison, CNL
17 provides innovative proactive services to improve the
18 quality of life of our citizens in the City of Detroit,
19 the prevention of crime and community engagement are the
20 primary goals of this office. It is composed of the
21 following units, the Chaplains Core the Explore Program,
22 Police Athletic League, PAL, our Traffic and Safety
23 Junior Police Cadets, Detroit Youth Prevention
24 Initiative. Our LGBTQ Plus Liaison Police Reserves, our
25 Citizens Radio Patrol and our Squatters Action Team. CNL

1 also oversees the Neighborhood Police Officers, the NPO
2 program, where there are 59 NPO citywide and the NPOs
3 focus on rebuilding community trust, neighborhood,
4 problem solving and quality of life issues.

5 COMMANDER HOPE: Our Chaplain Corps is under this
6 umbrella and they assist with providing spiritual and
7 emotional support. They serve our police and their
8 families. They bridge the gap between the police and the
9 community. They also assist at crime scenes to comfort
10 our families of victims. They respond to death notices of
11 our DPD officers and family members.

12 SERGEANT STOKES: The Explorer program provides
13 positive and meaningful real world career experiences.
14 The leadership development opportunities for all
15 teenagers and young adults in their chosen field of
16 interest. Our PAL unit from the Detroit Police Athletic
17 League is a non-profit community-based organization in
18 partnership with the Detroit Police Department and
19 community volunteers, will mentor the youth and assist
20 them to find their greatness through athleticism, teen
21 concept, academics, leadership development, and programs.
22 Our Traffic Safety Unit consists of sworn officers and
23 civilian crossing guards responsible for elementary
24 school aged children safety while crossing the street to
25 school and from. Our junior police cadets complete

1 training programs, learn law enforcement basics, perform
2 various duties that assist police officers. And they're
3 employed during the summer months.

4 COMMANDER HOPE: And our Detroit Youth Violence
5 Prevention Initiative, which is an outstanding program DY
6 VPI. And we serve at risk youth programs. They mentor,
7 they're mentor focused for young males and females and
8 developing positive identities and commitments to
9 collective responsibility for each other and their
10 community. The programs are the Children in Trauma
11 Intervention Camp. That's our (C.I.T.I Camp), our
12 Brotherhood and our Sisterhood: NO BOUNDARIES program.
13 We're in six different high schools. Our Drive to Thrive,
14 our Detroit Police Explorer Programs. And we are in
15 partnership with SAY Detroit with our Better Together
16 Initiatives as well. Also, under our umbrella is our
17 LGBTQ Plus Liaison. This liaison serves as the buffer for
18 the LGBTQ community and the Detroit Police Department. It
19 serves to ensure our policies and our procedures are
20 followed upon our police contact. Awareness and
21 education. They also provide resources and advocacy for
22 our Detroit community.

23 COMMANDER HOPE: We also have under the umbrella our
24 Police Reserves. We have approximately 115 dedicated
25 volunteers deterring crime, visibility in the community.

1 They serve on traffic details, crowd control, and
2 citywide special details. Also, we are so proud to have
3 our citizens' radio patrol. This is a citywide community
4 volunteer group. They serve as our extra eyes and ears in
5 our community. The partnership with the Detroit Police
6 Department in deterring crime, they are a suspect
7 vehicle, identification trained as well. And then we have
8 our Squatters Action Team. And this is led by Detective
9 Lestine Gilbert, and they receive complaints of
10 unauthorized residency of properties, reviews the
11 documents, provides guidance as to what is civil and
12 what's criminal and provides awareness for the proper
13 legal procedures for proper closure.

14 COMMANDER HOPE: There are several ongoing
15 initiatives and programs that help bridge the gap and
16 build relationships with DPD and the community. To name a
17 few, our Citizens Police Academy, our Project Piece
18 Peddlers, the Chief's Senior Cupid Ball and Holiday
19 Soiree We have our annual showdown in Motown. That's a
20 huge car and bike show. We have our quarterly LGBTQ Plus
21 community conversations. We have our Motor City Pride,
22 our Hotter than July. We have our Detroit Citizens,
23 Police Academy, Alumni, Annual Picnic and Holiday events.
24 We have our Neighborhood Halloween outings. We have our
25 Detroit Police Field Day, our cars and our bikes and our

1 coffee. We have bowling fundraisers. We have our
2 Juneteenth, the first for this year, and also we have our
3 second National Faith in Blue weekend, which will
4 commence on October 8th through the 11th. And with that,
5 any questions through the Chair.

6 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Thank you so much, Commander
7 Hope and also to the Sergeant. Is it Sergeant, is that
8 right?

9 SERGEANT STOKES: Yes, sir.

10 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Okay. And Sergeant Stokes, thank
11 you so much. Commander, quickly, if I could if. If a
12 police officer is hurt or gets fatal on the job, how's
13 that family notified? And also if a 16 or 17-year-old kid
14 is involved in a chemical act, how is the family
15 notified? Is the family notified or some other, how is
16 that done?

17 COMMANDER HOPE: In trying to answer your question,
18 through the Chair, sir, I'll take your first one. If
19 there's an injury, there is a protocol that we have
20 through our notification process and under the Chief's
21 Neighborhood Liaison, I'm not sure if you're saying that
22 with peer support or chaplains. I don't know if that's
23 the direction that you're going into, but chaplains are
24 part of this umbrella and they are notified and they
25 assist with that particular process.

1 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Thank you. I've assumed that
2 there are no other questions, Commissioners, so I can
3 move on.

4 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Just one question, Mr.
5 Chairman. I just want to know what the budget is for the
6 chief's neighborhood liaison office. Do you know Kyra?
7 Great, great presentation, incidentally. And thank you
8 for the materials.

9 COMMANDER HOPE: Thank you, Commissioner. Through the
10 Chair I don't have that total information with me, but I
11 can get that for you, Commissioner.

12 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Okay. Thank you.

13 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Thank you. And it's a beautiful
14 presentation. I do want to say that and the presentation
15 you gave us in our package explains a whole lot as well.
16 I thank you. Any other questions. If not,

17 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Mr. Chair, I just want to say to
18 expedite the time I won't go into everything that I could
19 say. So, we want to go on to the closed session.

20 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: I thank you very much.

21 VICE-CHAIR JONES: And through the Chair.

22 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Yes, go ahead, sir.

23 VICE-CHAIR JONES: Well, first of all now, that I can
24 speak with you directly, I definitely want to thank
25 Commander Kyra Hope for your efforts and all your help in

1 coordinating the effort on yesterday evening and the
2 search for a molester. So that was something that was
3 key. It was very important and you are to be commended
4 for your efforts. I really enjoyed hearing about all the
5 different programs that you had that were available to
6 you for the youth. With so many programs available, you
7 would wonder why they would lack mentors and leadership.
8 Do you have opportunities open and available for
9 volunteerism within the different aspects of all the
10 things that you covered in your presentation?

11 COMMANDER HOPE: Through the Chair. For some of them,
12 we absolutely do Commissioner and I would be happy to
13 share those with you if you're interested or if anyone
14 else is interested.

15 VICE-CHAIR JONES: Okay. Thank you.

16 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Thank you. Any other questions,
17 Commissioners?

18 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Through the Chair, Holley, just to
19 say, to Commander Hope and thank you Commander, Hope for
20 this past summer, when you allow my granddaughter to
21 experience the bomb squad exhibition I too would like to
22 be made aware of those volunteer opportunities. And thank
23 you again for your presentation and Sergeant Stokes, you
24 as well.

25 COMMANDER HOPE: Thank you for the Chair.

1 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Thank you. Thank you so much.
2 Thank you each and every one of you. And thank you once
3 again, Commander and also Sergeant. Thank both of you.

4 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Thank you very much for being
5 here. At this time, I'm asking that we move on to the
6 Office of the Interim Chief Investigator, Mr. Akbar.
7 Thank you.

8 MR. AKBAR: Okay, I'm trying to start this video up.
9 Somebody cut me off. All right, I'm ready to go.

10 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: We're waiting for you to go.

11 MR. AKBAR: Okay. I know the way for me to go.

12 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Mr. Chairman.

13 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Who is that?

14 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Linda?

15 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Yes, Commissioner.

16 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Because we don't have a hard
17 copy of the report, is it okay with you if we put it off
18 until next week? Because it's helpful to go through the
19 report, I mean, his report on complaints and so forth
20 when we have the actual hard copy. So can we do it next
21 week with your permission and the permission of the
22 Board?

23 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Is that a consensus of the Board
24 or you want me to move on? There is permission to
25 postpone. Is that the consensus of the Board?

1 VICE-CHAIR JONES: Not for myself. I would like to
2 see the presentation.

3 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: What's going on?

4 COMMISSIONER BROWN: I believe Commissioner Holt was
5 making a motion.

6 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Very good. Is there a motion?

7 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Chair Holley.

8 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Yes.

9 COMMISSIONER HOLT: I know that we accept the
10 suggestion made by Commissioner Bernard to do the
11 presentation next week when we'll have hard copies of the
12 presentation.

13 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Support.

14 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Postpone the presentation. Any
15 objections?

16 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Discussion.

17 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Okay. Commissioner Burch, and
18 then Commissioner Davis. Commissioner Burch.

19 COMMISSIONER BURCH: No, I was agreeing with the
20 motion.

21 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Commissioner Davis, discussion.

22 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: For discussion, I think it
23 should be a policy then whenever we have in the
24 presentation, we should always have a handout that makes
25 it look like this is a professional organization.

1 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: All right. Any other discussion
2 on the motion? Otherwise, all in favor, say aye.

3 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

4 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Can we do a roll call vote, Mr.
5 Chairman.

6 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: It's not really necessary. You
7 can make the motion to have that if you want to. But I
8 think everybody's saying, okay. Let me just move on. But
9 if you want to make the motion, Commissioner Burton,
10 you've got a right to do that, to vote roll call. So
11 otherwise the motion is all opposed? So at this time we
12 basically are postponing to another time, okay.

13 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Yes.

14 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Thank you so much. Thank you for
15 your patience with me as well. At this time, I'd like to
16 have the Interim Secretary make her presentation.

17 MRS. WHITE: Yes, sir. Through the Chair. Good
18 afternoon, Honorable Board, DPD executives, and meeting
19 attendees. Please note the incoming information for this
20 week, which is noted on the agenda for today. The first
21 item was a weekly DPD facial recognition technology
22 report. Also the Board received the budget response from
23 agency CFO, Nevrus Nazarko responding to the inquiries
24 the Board posed a couple of weeks ago. The Board also
25 received information from Director Katrina Patillo,

1 Director of Police Personnel regarding training academy
2 costs and also demographics of new hires year-to-date.
3 And the Honorable Board also received two police lawsuits
4 that were referenced earlier. The case number is 21-
5 010925 and also case number 21-CV-11686. The Honorable
6 Board received various updates on the NACOLEES conference.
7 And then also please note that the virtual conference is
8 still underway. And that conference date is until October
9 7th, 2021.

10 MRS. WHITE: And please note the following
11 information regarding upcoming presentations from the
12 Board of Police Commissioners staff. The Board will
13 receive a presentation next week from the Board's
14 community outreach regarding initiatives and efforts the
15 Board has been engaging in, in terms of community
16 outreach, the community outreach coordinator BOPC admin
17 staff, Ms. Theresa Blossom will provide an overview of
18 recent outreach efforts and goals and objectives for next
19 year regarding the Board of Police Commissioners
20 initiatives in that regard. Also, you will receive a
21 policy presentation that is upcoming regarding various
22 DPD policies that are forthcoming and current policies
23 that are still within the Boards per view. If there are
24 no questions that conclude my report. Thank you.

25

1 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Thank you Ms. White. Is there
2 any unfinished business?

3 COMMISSIONER HOLT: We need to make a motion.

4 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: For what?

5 COMMISSIONER HOLT: For the unfinished business item,
6 the position of investigator, senior investigator
7 position.

8 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: You're absolutely right.

9 COMMISSIONER HOLT: I moved that we narrow the
10 candidates, but senior investigator to the top two
11 candidates

12 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Support.

13 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Give me those names, please? In
14 the motion, give me those names in the motion.

15 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Okay. The two top candidates are
16 Markita Stanton and Hanna Hiller.

17 MRS. WHITE: Hanna Hiller.

18 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Support.

19 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: And what's the other one?

20 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Markita Stanton.

21 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Okay, it was supported.

22 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Support.

23 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Is there any discussion in
24 regards to the motion? Any discussion?

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1 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Just one question. Those are
2 the top two people that we came up with?

3 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Those are the two that are on
4 the survey that the Commissioners gave us.

5 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

6 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Okay. We're closing them. All in
7 favor, say aye.

8 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

9 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: The nays have the same
10 privilege. Opposed? Okay, the motion is carried.

11 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Through the Chair.

12 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Yes.

13 COMMISSIONER HOLT: I move that we appoint Hannah
14 Hiller to the position of senior investigator with the
15 Office of the Chief Investigator, Board of Police
16 Commissioners.

17 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Second.

18 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Any discussion? Hearing none,
19 let's have a roll call please.

20 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Mr. Chairman.

21 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Yes.

22 COMMISSIONER BROWN: This is Commissioner Brown. How
23 do we move from selecting the top two candidates to go
24 right into selecting a candidate?

25 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Questionable.

1 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Because she made a proper
2 motion.

3 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Yes. There's only one position
4 that's open so we can hire one person.

5 COMMISSIONER BROWN: But you just made a motion to,

6 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Fill that position.

7 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Right. Which means if it fails,
8 then we go to the next person.

9 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Through the Chair, the tally
10 would reflect this motion

11 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the Chair, I call that
12 we postpone this section until we can bring back both
13 candidates to give us their final argument at the next
14 BOPC meeting.

15 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Okay, thank you.

16 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Chairman, if I may?

17 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Commissioners, let me get
18 through this. I think I got this, okay. So is there a
19 second to this motion that the Commissioner just made to
20 postpone it?

21 COMMISSIONER BROWN: I second that motion. Mr.
22 Chairman.

23 COMMISSIONER BELL: Mr. Chair.

24 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Mr. Chairman, may I respond
25 too?

1 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Yes, all of you can do it, but
2 let me just get to that point, to the motion to postpone
3 to discussion. Commissioner Bell and then Commissioner
4 Bernard.

5 COMMISSIONER BELL: I would ask you to check with the
6 parliamentarian. You could only have one motion on the
7 floor at a time. And that motion is on the floor.

8 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: I'll let her tell you that. Tell
9 you it's different. Go ahead.

10 DR. JACKSON: The motion to postpone is of a higher
11 rank than the motion that was originally made. So it
12 would have to be taken first.

13 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you.

14 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: That's what I thought. And
15 that's the motion I want to respond to. There is no such
16 thing as candidates for a job quote, making a final
17 argument. It has nothing to do with the candidates at
18 this point. The candidates have been interviewed, they
19 have been vetted, both by the personnel department of the
20 city, as well as by members of the Board of Directors.
21 When you apply for a job, you don't get an opportunity to
22 go back and make a final argument to get the job. It
23 doesn't make any sense. The Board was solicited to give
24 its top two recommendations. The Board did that and now
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1 we have to vote. I mean, it's time to move on. This
2 position is open, we need to fill it.

3 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: So at this particular time, I'm
4 just going to have a roll call on those who basically
5 will say no to postponing this, and yes, to postponing
6 it. Yes, for the postponing it or no to not postponing
7 it.

8 MRS. WHITE: Commissioner Darryl Brown. = Yes.

9 MRS. WHITE: Commissioner Linda Bernard = No.

10 MRS. WHITE: Commissioner. Shirley Burch = No to
11 postponing.

12 MRS. WHITE: Commissioner. Willie E. Bell = No.

13 MRS. WHITE: Commissioner Willie Burton = Yes.

14 MRS. WHITE: Commissioner Lisa Carter = No.

15 MRS. WHITE: Commissioner William M. Davis = Yes.

16 MRS. WHITE: Commissioner Jesus Hernandez = No.

17 MRS. WHITE: Commissioner Annie Holt = No.

18 MRS. WHITE: Vice-Chair Martin Jones = No.

19 MRS. WHITE: Chair Holley = No.

20 MRS. WHITE: There were 3 = Yes votes and 8 = No
21 votes.

22 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: The motion failed. Let's go to
23 the main motion, which is, we'll have a roll call on
24 Hanna Hiller.

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1 COMMISSIONER HOLT: On the appointment of Hanna
2 Hiller.

3 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Roll call please. Yes, yes, yes
4 or no.

5 MRS. WHITE: Commissioner Darryl Brown= No.

6 MRS. WHITE: Commissioner Lisa, excuse me. Linda
7 Bernard = Yes.

8 MRS. WHITE: Commissioner Burch = Yes, ma'am.

9 MRS. WHITE: Commissioner Bell = Yes.

10 MRS. WHITE: Commissioner Burton = No.

11 MRS. WHITE: Commissioner Carter = Yes.

12 MRS. WHITE: Commissioner Davis = No.

13 MRS. WHITE: Commissioner Hernandez = Yes.

14 MRS. WHITE: Commissioner Holt = Yes.

15 MRS. WHITE: Vice-Chair Jones = Yes.

16 MRS. WHITE: Chair Holley = Yes.

17 MRS. WHITE: There were 8 = Yes votes and 3 = No
18 votes.

19 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: The motion is adopted to appoint
20 Ms. Hiller to the senior investigator position.

21 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Mr. Chairman.

22 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Yes, Commissioner Burton.

23 COMMISSIONER BURTON: May I weigh in please. You
24 know, this was really just blatantly how disrespectful
25 this whole process was. You know, many of us in the

1 Detroit community would have loved to see the two
2 candidates come back at all later meeting for later
3 interview, whether it's next week or (Audio Distortion]
4 Mr. Chairman it's really blatantly disrespectful to the
5 people..

6 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: But I'm just saying it to you
7 Commissioner.

8 COMMISSIONER BURTON: How these types of matters are
9 rushed.

10 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Commissioner, Commissioner,
11 Commissioner. I'm just saying to you, the motion has
12 basically been adapted. I'm just saying to you, it was
13 done,

14 COMMISSIONER BURTON: It was tiller, the process was
15 tainted. It's unfair, Mr. Chairman.

16 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: it's always unfair. I'm just
17 saying to you, Commissioner, that the rules of democracy
18 have prevailed. You lost this one and you may win the
19 next one. Right now, the motion has basically been
20 adopted. I appreciate your comment, but to say it's
21 unfair, because I'm not going to take this personally,
22 I'm trying not to, but I made every effort to make sure
23 that everybody had their voice in the process. So I'm
24 just going to continue to go through this stuff. So I'm
25 just saying it to you again, the motion is, has been

1 adopted. I'm going to new business. Any new business, any
2 new business.

3 COMMISSIONER BELL: Mr. Chair.

4 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Who is that now, I'm listening?
5 Commissioner Bell.

6 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Yes, sir.

7 COMMISSIONER BELL: I just want to ask the Interim
8 Board Secretary, perhaps at the end of this month or next
9 month to address an issue that we keep beating the horse
10 to death. The issue about crime and the role of the
11 police department. James E. Craig said the same thing.
12 James E. White is elaborating more so, and we keep posing
13 the same question over and over again. Keep in mind we
14 have a million people in the City of Detroit. We have
15 5,000 police officers. We were the murder capital of the
16 United States of America at one time. So I think the
17 issue is that we need to have a psychologist, a
18 psychologist, and a social worker from Wayne State or
19 Michigan State come in and weigh in on black-on-black
20 crime. Some people don't want to use that term for those
21 types of homicide victims. So I would ask if this Board
22 would consent to that, to get a little bit deeper dive
23 because psychological, James E. White, said the criminals
24 need to do better. Hey, we're in a gangster mentality,
25 you shoot, before you do anything else, that's the

1 reality. It's in my home city, Memphis, Tennessee, it's
2 in Chicago, St Louis. We can go on and on, Mr. Chairman.
3 So, I would hope that we can take a deeper dive and we
4 can put this to rest.

5 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Thank you so much. Thank you
6 Commissioner. Any other new business?

7 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Mr. Chair?

8 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Yes, Commissioner Davis.

9 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: I think that we should get an
10 updated report on what this Board is spending on these
11 NACOLEs ongoing presentations, these zoom things. It
12 appears as if we're spending a whole lot of money, you
13 know, like it appears as if the City of Detroit is
14 spending a disproportionate amount of money on this than
15 any other. It almost looks like somebody was trying to
16 buy some votes.

17 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: So what do you want me to do,
18 Commissioner? You want me to

19 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: I want to know how much we are
20 spending and how much do we normally spend.

21 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: I'll get that for you. Anything
22 else Commissioner Burch, Bernard?

23 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Commissioner Bernard was first.

24 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Just quickly. I think the
25 issue of us looking at the issue of black-on-black crime

1 is a credible one. I'm interested in that. And I'd be
2 interested in a summary either from the university or
3 someone of that ilk who can give us the real substantive
4 data and see if there's any, you know, things that we
5 could do to try to address that problem. I think it's a
6 good idea.

7 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: That's an excellent idea. I just
8 wanted to let you know that there's going to be a
9 presentation in terms of why the crime basically is
10 backed up. Number two, a part of the presentation, what
11 Commissioner Bell asked for and what you're asking for,
12 is to come back-to-back. So we are putting that together
13 for you. Okay. It's very important. Commissioner Davis, I
14 will get that to you. I get that to you, Commissioner
15 Davis, and I'm not going to... Mr. Burton, you had your
16 hand up and I want you to make your announcements while I
17 got you.

18 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Commissioner Burton to you.

19 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: What did you say, what did you
20 say?

21 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Oh, Commissioner Burton, Come on
22 now.

23 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: What'd he ask me?

24 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Never mind, Chair Holley,

25 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Commissioner Burch.

1 COMMISSIONER BURCH: I just want to say that I concur
2 with everything that everybody is saying, but the main
3 thing that Chief Whites said is unity. We have to work
4 together when we see programs that are going good, back
5 it up. I want to let you all know that love and respect
6 is going very well. You all are not understanding what
7 those words mean. No matter where you live, you must
8 love, you must respect. You may not see it now, but I
9 know I'm going to ask Chief White to put the liaison for
10 the Police Department as Commander Parish, but I know
11 he's too busy. So I'm going to ask him for somebody else
12 to work with those signs. We are doing very well. So
13 you'd do your thing where you are, but we should come
14 together like the Pastor's saying, and like, Chief White,
15 you have to do it together.

16 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Got you. Commissioner Burton.

17 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Mr. Chairman, I call for a
18 record roll call vote for the following two motions. I'm
19 going to say the first motion right now. I move to call
20 for the Board of Police Commissioners to create a
21 resolution in support of officers' residency and bring it
22 back to the City of Detroit.

23 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: It's really, I'm just saying to
24 you,

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1 COMMISSIONER BURTON: The motion was properly
2 recorded, Mr. Chairman, but

3 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: You can have five

4 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Calling for the Board to create
5 a resolution and support and bring him back officers'
6 residency right here in the City of Detroit. That
7 resolution can go to the State, but the resolution must
8 come, at this climate that we are in the resolution must
9 come from the Board,

10 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: It's been properly moved and
11 second. All in favor, say aye.

12 COMMISSIONER BURTON: No, I call for a record roll
13 call vote, Mr. Chairman.

14 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: All right, you have to have a
15 motion for that.

16 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I called for the motion.

17 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Okay, so you want us to have a
18 resolution supporting the residency, right? All right. So
19 Ms. White, let's move on, let's have a roll call. Yes for
20 the motion and No, not to pass it. Okay. And I'm just
21 saying to you, Commissioner, you know, it's a legal
22 issue. Why are you wasting our time on this? It's a legal
23 issue. You know that.

24 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Detroiters like to see officers
25 living in their community. They like to see that we bring

1 residency back, and they like for the Board of Police
2 Commissioners to adopt a resolution.

3 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: You want it.

4 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Wherever that resolution goes,
5 whether it's to city, council or State,

6 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Let's go to the vote, let's go
7 to the vote, my friend

8 COMMISSIONER BELL: Can we have further discussion on
9 the motion?

10 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: No, go ahead. Let's vote. No, on
11 the motion.

12 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Commissioner Bell wants to
13 have a discussion.

14 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Go, go ahead, Commissioner Bell,
15 go ahead.

16 COMMISSIONER BELL: We have drafted Ms. White to do
17 the research. We have drafted a resolution in the past,
18 the counsel, everybody on record to this issue. So it
19 served no purpose. The Chair could say it's out of order
20 because we have

21 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Point of order, Mr. Chairman.
22 The motion has been properly made and supported by a
23 fellow colleague and I call for the vote Mr. Chairman.

24 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Commissioner. Commissioner, you
25 have to look. The beautiful thing about me sitting over

1 here, you have to come through me. So I'm just asking you
2 until he's through, I'll come back to you. Commissioner
3 Bell, finish your comment, please.

4 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I just want
5 to indicate that we're already on record with a
6 resolution supporting a past bill in Lansing by a State
7 Rep and State Senator. Ms. White can probably share that
8 with you in the future. So we don't have to revisit this
9 issue.

10 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Commissioner Burton, do you want
11 me to continue with this?

12 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Mr. Chairman, I call for the
13 vote.

14 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Very good. Let's give it a roll
15 call vote. Yes, for the resolution. No for resolution,
16 okay.

17 MRS. WHITE: Commissioner Brown = Yes.

18 MRS. WHITE: Commissioner Bernard = Yes.

19 MRS. WHITE: Commissioner Burch. If it's already been
20 done,

21 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Just do it again.

22 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Why do you keep repeating?

23 MRS. WHITE: Commissioner Bell = No.

24 MRS. WHITE: Commissioner Burton = Yes.

25 MRS. WHITE: Commissioner Carter = No.

1 MRS. WHITE: Commissioner Davis = Definitely Yes.

2 MRS. WHITE: Commissioner Hernandez = No, it's been
3 done.,

4 MRS. WHITE: Commissioner Holt: No, it's already been
5 done.

6 MRS. WHITE: Vice-Chair Jones = No.

7 MRS. WHITE: Chair Holley = No,

8 MRS. WHITE: There were 4 = Yes votes and 7 = No
9 votes. The motion fails.

10 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: What's your next proposal,
11 Commissioner Burton?

12 COMMISSIONER BURTON: All right. So I just want you
13 all to know that the citizens of Detroit are watching
14 this and they see how you all are voting down to bring
15 residency back in the City of Detroit in America's
16 blackest, poorest city.

17 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Commissioner Burton, what's your
18 next motion?

19 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Mr. Chairman, I move to call
20 for a one year moratorium on the use of facial
21 recognition.

22 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Support.

23 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Davis, why do you keep this.

24 VICE-CHAIR JONES: Chairperson Holley, I move that we
25 table that discussion because that ability on that facial

1 recognition is improper to begin with and it needs more
2 study. I would vote to table that discussion for the time
3 being.

4 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Support.

5 DR. JACKSON: You can move to postpone indefinitely.

6 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Postpone.

7 DR. JACKSON: The proper motion would be to postpone
8 indefinitely.

9 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: The proper motion would be to
10 postpone it indefinitely.

11 DR. JACKSON: Yes.

12 VICE-CHAIR JONES: Okay, then our motion today is
13 that we postpone that decision on that.

14 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Is that a motion?

15 VICE-CHAIR JONES: It's a second.

16 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Yes, it's a second.

17 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Lisa Carter was.

18 COMMISSIONER BURTON: You cannot postpone a motion
19 indefinitely. That motion can be brought up each week.
20 The motion was properly supported by Commissioner Davis.
21 We're calling for one year moratorium on the use of
22 facial recognition and Commissioner Martin Jones,

23 VICE-CHAIR JONES: You're not supposed to call me by
24 my name.

25 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Commissioner, Commissioner

1 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Well, Commissioner Martin Jones
2 basically made a statement -

3 VICE-CHAIR JONES: Point of order. You're not
4 supposed to call me by my name.

5 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: All of you please, you're
6 embarrassing me. Are you talking to me? Are you talking
7 to me?

8 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Chair Holley, Chair Holley.

9 VICE-CHAIR JONES: I'm not going to get into an
10 argument with you.

11 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Chair Holley.

12 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Let me just... Ms. Holt, I can
13 handle this, Commissioner Holt.

14 COMMISSIONER HOLT: No, I'm not dealing with your
15 management. I'm just trying to say that Commissioner
16 Hernandez's hand is raised.

17 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Yes. I'm just saying to you
18 again, because you said indefinitely it doesn't mean you
19 can't bring it up again.

20 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Sure.

21 COMMISSIONER BURTON: My motion was properly
22 supported, Mr. Chairman.

23 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: We're going to go with this.
24 Commissioner Hernandez, did you have your hand up? I
25 don't see it, did you?

1 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Yes.

2 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: I got you. I see you now. Go
3 ahead. Go ahead. I'm sorry.

4 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Through the Chair. If
5 there's confusion, if we could get our parliamentarian to
6 provide final guidance,

7 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: She has done it right here.

8 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: I don't think my colleague
9 fully listened or understood what was said. And then if
10 we could just call the question and call the vote.

11 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Okay.

12 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Thank you.

13 DR. JACKSON: Commissioner Hernandez, what is your
14 question for the parliamentarian?

15 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Mr. Hernandez?

16 COMMISSIONER HOLT: You're on mute.

17 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Sorry, I was on mute.
18 Through the Chair, whether a motion to postpone
19 indefinitely is an order?

20 DR. JACKSON: The motion to postpone indefinitely is
21 a higher ranking than the main motion. The motion to
22 postpone indefinitely doesn't mean it's postponed
23 forever. It means it's postponed for the rest of this
24 meeting. You can always renew the motion at the next
25 meeting. So postpone indefinitely does not mean... What

1 it means is this is something that ... the term postponed
2 indefinitely basically means that the Commission, if you
3 adapt it, that the commission does not wish to deal with
4 this issue at this time. That's what it means.

5 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Through the Chair, I
6 appreciate you. Thank you.

7 DR. JACKSON: And let me just say one other thing.
8 The motion to postpone is often confused with the motion
9 to table. And so when one of the Commissioners said to
10 use the word table, I advised the Chair that the proper
11 motion was the motion was the motion to postpone. And
12 since it was not postponed to a definite time like next
13 week or next month, then the proper motion would be to
14 postpone indefinitely, which means for the rest of this
15 meeting, this issue would not be renewed.

16 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: May I? What's the difference
17 between that and the motion to table?

18 DR. JACKSON: The motion to table is a very misuse
19 motion. The motion to table is used when something more
20 urgent has interrupted your business. So for example, if
21 the mayor was speaking and he's late, and now he arrives,
22 you would table what you're dealing with because
23 something more urgent has interrupted your business. But
24 when you want to not deal with something, then the proper
25 motion is to postpone indefinitely.

1 DR. JACKSON: Or if you don't want to deal with it at
2 this time, then the motion to postpone to a certain time,
3 which you would identify. So if you want to deal with it
4 next week, like you did with this other matter, with the
5 investigative report, you move to postpone it to next
6 week. But the motion to the table is when you've been
7 interrupted with something of a more urgent nature. And
8 it's a very high-ranking motion because of its
9 characteristics. So this motion to postpone indefinitely
10 is saying for the rest of this meeting, we don't want to
11 deal with this.

12 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Thank you, Chair Holley and the
13 parliamentarian. And that was explained at the training
14 we had this past summer.

15 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: All right. So we'd go with the
16 motion that is on the table. And so I'm asking that to
17 postpone indefinitely yes, to postpone it indefinitely
18 and no, it's not. Okay. That's the second motion. So
19 we're dealing with that first. That would determine
20 whether there will be another vote for the first motion.
21 So let's go now, roll call, please. I know you're going
22 to ask for it, so let me go with it.

23 MRS. WHITE: Commissioner Brown = So, I voted No.
24 Brown.

25 MRS. WHITE: Commissioner Bernard = Yes.

1 MRS. WHITE: Commissioner Burch = Yes.
2 MRS. WHITE: Commissioner Bell = Yes.
3 MRS. WHITE: Commissioner Burton = No.
4 MRS. WHITE: Commissioner Carter = Yes.
5 MRS. WHITE: Commissioner Davis = No.
6 MRS. WHITE: Commissioner Hernandez = Yes.
7 MRS. WHITE: Commissioner Holt = Yes.
8 MRS. WHITE: Vice-Chair Jones = Yes.
9 MRS. WHITE: Chair Holley = Yes.
10 MRS. WHITE: There were 8 = Yes votes and 3 = No
11 votes.

12 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: The motion of postponement is
13 adapted. Therefore the former motion is now gone.

14 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Mr. Chairman, I call

15 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Commissioner Burton, I'm not
16 going to deal with nothing else, right now. I've other
17 things I have to deal with here, other than,

18 COMMISSIONER BURCH: It's over.

19 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I'll wait for old business
20 then, I'll wait for old business.

21 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: I'm not going to call it.

22 COMMISSIONER HOLT: There is no old business.

23 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Well, Mr. Chairman, Mr.
24 Chairman, I have a final motion to make today, sir. Of
25 the people, the 700,000 people in the City of Detroit,

1 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: You don't represent

2 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I have a final motion, Mr.
3 Chairman. Can I make the final motion?

4 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Go ahead, go ahead, son.

5 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I call to table this motion
6 until the next BOPC meeting, which is next week on the
7 call for the one-year moratorium on the use of facial
8 recognition in America's blackest, poorest and dangerous
9 city in Detroit, Michigan.

10 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: We've already voted on that. You
11 can't bring it back up again. You can't do nothing. We
12 can talk about it next week, but you can't deal with it
13 now because we've already voted on that. You can come up
14 with it next week, which you most likely will do, but
15 right now it's a motion that's already been done. You
16 can't redo that. So I'm ruling it out of order.

17 COMMISSIONER BURTON: My final motion,

18 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Commissioner,

19 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I called to remove the Chair.

20 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Oh Lord. No you didn't. No, you
21 didn't.

22 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I call to remove the Chair.

23 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Oh, you want to go to bedrock.

24 COMMISSIONER BURTON: For the 700,000 people that
25

1 live in the City of Detroit. I call to overrule the
2 Chair.

3 VICE-CHAIR JONES: 700,000 people didn't vote for
4 you.

5 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: All right. Is there a second?

6 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Don't give

7 COMMISSIONER BROWN: But none of them voted for you.

8 COMMISSIONER BELL: Mr. Chair, don't ask -

9 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I got a second on that motion.

10 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Yes. And I'm ruling it out of
11 order.

12 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you.

13 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: I have not done anything to
14 deserve that.

15 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Don't be voting on something
16 like that.

17 COMMISSIONER BURCH: I called to overrule, to remove
18 the Chair, and that motion was second.

19 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Chair Holley. No, I'm speaking.
20 This is Commissioner Burch. You do not embarrass yourself
21 that way, Commissioner Burton that is disrespectful.
22 Disrespectful what you're doing, Mr. Burton. Don't do
23 that.

24 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Well ask the people. Let the
25 people decide in public comment.

1 COMMISSIONER BURCH: You do not speak [Multiple
2 speakers at once]

3 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Ladies and gentlemen, can I have
4 your attention please? Can I have your attention please?

5 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Yes, sir. Yes sir.

6 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Please, right. Just stay where
7 you are. I'm going to take a five minutes recess, five
8 minutes. So don't go anywhere.

9 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Thank you.

10 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Mr. Chairman.

11 COMMISSIONER BURCH: I suggest we pray. Take 5
12 minutes and pray.

13 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: I'm looking up the law right
14 now, and then I'm going to be looking up, just five
15 minutes, five minutes. I'm looking up the law right now.
16 He's a Commissioner and I've got a right to dismiss him
17 too. So let's go back. Just five minutes, okay.

18 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Thank you, Chair Holley.

19 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Don't go anywhere. Board
20 members, everybody, I have your attention.

21 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Yes, sir.

22 The bylaw says that a Board member... I'm going to
23 let the parliamentarian read it. Okay.

24 DR. JACKSON: I have the Board of Police Commissioner
25 bylaws in front of me, and it's on page 11 of 17. And

1 this is article 4, officers of the Board. And this is
2 section 7, removal. So this is on page 11, of your
3 bylaws, article 4, section 7. Any officer may be removed
4 by the Board by majority vote, whenever in its judgment,
5 the best interest of the Board would be served. Now I've
6 been advised that the legal department has given an
7 opinion on this matter. And that opinion is that such a
8 motion must be in writing and that you have to state the
9 reasons for making that motion. I cannot speak to what
10 that legal opinion is. First of all, I've not read it or
11 seen it. I can only speak to what the bylaws said. Thank
12 you.

13 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Thank you. Attorney Whitley, are
14 you there? Attorney Whitley, are you there?

15 COMMISSIONER HOLT: She's on mute, but she's here.

16 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Okay. Can you unmute yourself,
17 attorney Whitley?

18 ASSISTANT CORPORATION COUNSEL WHITLEY: Hello, Mr.
19 Chair. I'm here.

20 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Did you hear what's going on?

21 ASSISTANT CORPORATION COUNSEL WHITLEY: Yes, I did,
22 sir.

23 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Did you hear what the
24 parliamentarian said about the bylaws? We also felt like
25 this was brought up in the last administration and you

1 there's a little opinion that was dealt with this. So can
2 you share that with us? Or you want to just go with what
3 we have?

4 ASSISTANT CORPORATION COUNSEL WHITLEY: I am not
5 personally familiar with their opinion. I'm assuming that
6 it was in writing. And I did not prepare for that. It
7 sounds like it was prior to my assisting the Board, but I
8 can locate it. But from what I'm hearing right now, from
9 what the bylaw says, it still says the judgment of the
10 Board, so, it would still not be a unilateral decision.
11 You all would have to actually act as a Board and act on
12 the motion. So if there was some additional details about
13 a writing and things like that, I would have to actually
14 look at the legal opinion and see the context of it
15 because often there are things that we're not aware of,
16 other bodies of law, other things, other case laws and
17 things that interpret things in a different way. So I
18 apologize, I wasn't prepared to deal with that today, but
19 I can get it,

20 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: I wasn't.

21 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Through the Chair.

22 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: I wasn't ready for it. Let's
23 wait a minute, wait a minute. Wait a minute. So
24 Commissioner Holt, go ahead.

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1 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Yes, please. I move that we
2 postpone indefinitely, the motion that was made or
3 suggested that we remove the Chair.

4 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Let me just, first of all,
5 Commission Holt, let me because your motion is out of
6 order right now because Commissioner Burton made the
7 motion but it has not been second. So is there a second
8 to the motion of Commission Burton?

9 COMMISSIONER BELL: Mr. Chair, you should not solicit
10 a second for any motion. What you did is right.

11 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Correct.

12 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Look, I'm going by the bylaws.

13 COMMISSIONER BELL: Bylaws do not seek a second.
14 That's not your job.

15 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: So I hear no second.

16 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: The motion fails.

17 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: I hear no second, so the motions
18 fail for the lack of a second. Thank you very much for
19 your confidence. At this particular time. I'm going to
20 ask Mr. Brown to come in quickly and make the
21 announcements.

22 MR. ROB BROWN: Good afternoon, Mr. Chair and this
23 Honorable Board. The next BOPC virtual meetings are
24 October 7th, 2021 at 3:00 PM and October 14th, 2021 at
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1 3:00 PM with the 7th Precinct. And Mr. Chair, from
2 there, I have 12 speakers for public comments.

3 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Very good.

4 MR. ROB BROWN: Your first 3 speakers will be
5 Community Advisor Council Chair, Mr. Scotty Bowman,
6 followed by Ms. Bernice Smith, followed by Steven Ball.
7 Mr. Bowman.

8 MR. BOWMAN: Yes, first of all, I will make sure that
9 all of the residents of District 4, learn that their
10 representative on the Board of Police Commissioners voted
11 against simply expressing an opinion in favor of a
12 residency requirement. The fact that one was asked a
13 question before is not a reason to give an opposite
14 answer later. In fact, usually when someone answers yes
15 to a question and later the answer is no, that would mean
16 one either changed his mind or that he simply is lying
17 and can't keep his story straight. So it's one of the
18 two. I support the residency requirement and I will make
19 sure all of Mr. Bell's constituents know, and my
20 constituents as Chair of the Community Advisory Council
21 know that Mr. Bell is opposed to it. Secondly, when he
22 even tried to intervene on a vote. Secondly, I wish to
23 address the matter of the departure of Andre Spivey here
24 in District 4. As many people know, he pled guilty to a
25 crime involving taking in exchange for favors on towing.

1 I don't think the investigation by the FBI should end
2 with the city council. I know of at least one
3 Commissioner who has accepted money from the owner of a
4 towing company and who has headed up a towing company.
5 And that is Commissioner Willie Bell.

6 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Scotty, Scotty.

7 MR. BOWMAN: Sorry, I have 21 more seconds. Also I
8 would hope that our new city council president honors the
9 advisory council as well, he should, or she should.

10 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Scotty, let me just say to you
11 and anybody else, when you come here with this kind of
12 slander and accusations like this, I'm going to basically
13 go to the legal department and keep you from coming on.
14 I'm telling you, you cannot do this, say things about
15 anybody, not by a commissioner or anybody else. You can't
16 do that. So I'm just saying to you, again, I'm asking
17 you, if you want to continue to have comments, you have
18 to make sure that you do it appropriately, and free of
19 slander. You can't do that. I'm just saying it to you,
20 please, if you want to continue, and I value your
21 opinion, but I don't value your accusations on anybody
22 and especially a commissioner. So let's go to the next
23 person, Mr. Brown.

24 MR. ROB BROWN: Ms. Bernie Smith.

1 MS. SMITH: Good afternoon. You all have worn me out
2 today. I'm telling you, I mean, I'm 89 years old but I'll
3 be done if I'm not worn out by your arguing going on and
4 you won't give no kind of... That's all right. Let me go
5 on and tell you what I have to tell you. Well, Reverend
6 Holley, yes, I was on my duty again this weekend. And I
7 do know one thing that happened Sunday down at Greektown.
8 That's my duty on Friday and Saturday, I happened to go
9 Sunday and there were very little police down there. And
10 I found out later from one of the sergeants, she told me
11 that most of them were at the ballpark and the football.
12 So I can excuse them for that, but still the same thing
13 happened as normally happens with the loud noise.

14 MS. SMITH: I would like for us to have an ordinance
15 to be in regards to the loud noise and the motorcycles
16 with their loud noise and the unnecessary cursing going
17 on and, and talking dirty under your clothes as you know,
18 what I'm talking about. But anyway there was only one
19 policeman that was doing the traffic and making sure that
20 the traffic was going the best he could, but they still
21 stopped where they normally stopped between Beaubien and
22 Auburn and made the lights be flashing, like, they're
23 waiting for some food to be coming out. But the fact is
24 the police need a raise guys. One police officer told me,
25 he said, mother, I wish you would help me because I had

1 worked from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM that night. They need a
2 raise, please. I wish White would make that on his agenda
3 to help him out because they are working long hours and
4 they do need to be appreciated because it is a job that
5 we all should appreciate. And I do because I'm down there
6 and I see what they're doing. You don't know all the
7 things that they have to go through with the people that
8 they have to deal with. I know it's their job, but give
9 them

10 MR. ROB BROWN: Mr. Chair, I don't see Mr. Ball, so
11 I'm going to go to the next 3 speakers, Minister Eric
12 Blunt, followed by Ms. Diane Bukowski and followed by Ms.
13 Brenda Hill. Minister Blunt.

14 MINISTER BLUNT: Can you hear me Board?

15 Mr. ROB BROWN: Yes, sir.

16 MINISTER BLUNT: Yes. This is Minister Eric Blunt
17 from Sacred Heart Catholic Church. There's a spirit of
18 corruption on this Board and a spirit of frustration by
19 the residents of this city. It is not surprising that
20 Commissioner Jones motion to postpone facial recognition,
21 technology suspension. Recall that in this meeting last
22 week, Commissioner Jones strongly stated that he knows of
23 no bias concerning facial recognition technology. At the
24 least he is being misled. Secondly, nearly all
25 commissioners questioned the Chief at length on crime,

1 even a deep dive on black-on-black crime. Really, the
2 reasons for crime and crime fighting is not the purpose
3 and the reason for the existence of this Board. Each
4 commissioner must be reminded that this Board exists to
5 address police misconduct. This meeting never even came
6 close. Again, this week Commissioner Davis' right to
7 reject the agenda due to the appointees, being awarded a
8 title of At-Large, a title they did not earn. And a title
9 that is intentionally deceiving. It's a trick. Again, if
10 the leadership of this Board cannot demonstrate truth and
11 transparency in the small things, how in the world can
12 anyone trust this Board with anything else? So, Chairman
13 Holley's statement that the lawyer and the
14 parliamentarian okayed this trick, must be questioned.
15 Please know that neither the lawyer, nor the
16 parliamentarian, both that are on this call, never
17 weighed in on this issue.

18 MR. ROB BROWN: Ms. Bukowski. I'm not hearing her,
19 I'll go to Ms. Brenda Hill. Ms. Hill.

20 MS. HILL: Yes, can you hear me?

21 MR. ROB BROWN: Yes.

22 MS. HILL: Yes. So, you know, I'm down for a fight
23 and I know the revolution will not look pretty, but what
24 we just saw and heard, you all should be ashamed of
25 yourselves. First of all, if the Chair does not

1 understand percentages, when it comes to ratios, when it
2 comes to reporting on crime statistics he should step
3 down and he or Martin Jones should step down, anyway,
4 they've not been elected. And for Martin Jones yet in
5 another week to utter a statement about voters, when not
6 one voter has voted for you, you've been appointed. And
7 yes, and the stickler of, At-Large, if there's one
8 citizen that does not appreciate you all saying that,
9 don't say it, say appointee because that's what you are.
10 We know that we don't need a parliamentarian. We don't
11 need a lawyer.

12 MS. HILL: You are an appointee, say that and be done
13 so we can move on, but no, you all want us to get bogged
14 down and BS. And another thing about Martin Jones and
15 this whole misogynistic way you all do things. I stood
16 right next to Martin Jones out there looking for the
17 assaulter of that child. He didn't mention my name or any
18 of the other women who were out there doing the work. He
19 knows that Mo can barely walk, let alone walk up some
20 stairs and pass out flyers. But yet he avoided mentioning
21 any woman's name except the one

22 MR. ROB BROWN: Mr. Chair, I go back to Ms. Bukowski.

23 MS. BUKOWSKI: Hello?

24 MR. ROB BROWN: Yes.

25 MS. BUKOWSKI: Okay.

1 COMMISSIONER HOLT: She's muted herself, Mr. Brown.

2 MS. BUKOWSKI: Oh, I'm not sure how to do it. Okay. I
3 should be unmuted now, is that correct?

4 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Correct.

5 MS. BUKOWSKI: You can hear me.

6 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Yes, we can.

7 MS. BUKOWSKI: Okay. Thank you. This is a different
8 zoom than others I've dealt with, but anyway I'm Diane
9 Bukowski, I'm the editor of the Voice of Detroit an
10 online newspaper. I want to give appreciation to Minister
11 Blunt, also to Commissioner Davis for speaking about the
12 issue of police misconduct. Commissioner Davis did raise
13 the lawsuit that the City of Detroit is facing, a 20
14 million lawsuit filed by David Robinson. And there is a
15 story on Voice of Detroit, as of yesterday. You go to
16 voiceofdetroit.net and I've also emailed a link to the
17 story, to the commission, because I would like comments
18 as a reporter, but that has the entire lawsuit there with
19 all the details.

20 MS. BUKOWSKI: There was no factual discussion of it
21 when Commissioner Davis raised it and the Board is
22 supposed to be dealing with misconduct. This is
23 misconduct of the worst kind. The lawyer here says the
24 young man was murdered, a 19-year-old man named Michael
25 Contrell Adams, III. If you want to read the lawsuit,

1 it's linked in the story. Okay. The other thing that I
2 wanted to raise is that there have been a total now of
3 7killings by police in Detroit, since July of 2021. Not
4 one of those the police department has disclosed the
5 names of the officers, the names of the people that were
6 killed, the other information on it. Several happened
7 after the killing of Hakeem Littleton in July. And then
8 several more happened just before the verdict on Derek
9 Chauvin here, when there was an atmosphere of... anyway,
10 you need to be dealing with all that and this.

11 MR. ROB BROWN: Mr. Chair, your next 3 speakers will
12 be Overwith, followed by Catherine, followed by Mona City
13 Room. Overwith.

14 OVERWITH: To keep on the [02:08:16 inaudible]. Well,
15 hey, I heard the Minister speak, Mr. Blunt. Thank you so
16 very much. The lady that just presented herself so
17 eloquently and it's dissident, you spelled it out.
18 Reverend Jim Holley, it is time, man. You ain't never
19 called me back. So here it goes. Hey, the question I want
20 to ask you is why you never told any of the other
21 commissioners that you hadn't been getting those
22 communiques I sent over to you and you went and you
23 [Audio Distortion]. You never said anything to any of the
24 other commissioners because you knew I called you and you
25 said, no, I haven't received anything.

1 OVERWITH: Melanie White was the one who was
2 intercepting the [Audio Distortion]. You know all this
3 Melanie White, Jonya Underwood, Willie Bell, Lawrence
4 Akbar, you all are recording, disrespecting the city
5 charter and Reverend Jim Holley, you know what you have
6 to do now, man, you have to go and get out the way man,
7 I'm coming through. Keneisha Coleman's murder is going to
8 be dealt with in the City of Detroit right now, right
9 here, right now, right away in the City of Detroit
10 because I'm sick of you doing this to this lady. You all
11 are going to destroy her. Now she is back to a state of
12 mind where she can function a little bit. You all are
13 going to leave her alone and get to the bottom [Audio
14 Distortion) not this time. I did this about 1997, 24
15 years ago. I'm going to do it again this time

16 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Mr. Chairman, I call that we
17 give this gentleman another 30, 40 seconds because 30 40
18 seconds was lost on this zoom call. And this is what the
19 community is dealing with when we are virtual. So I call
20 that we give this gentleman another 30, 40 seconds
21 because of time lost.

22 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I move that we give this
23 gentleman another 30, 40 seconds. He lost 30, 40 seconds
24 of what he was trying to share with this commission
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1 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Commissioner, based upon what's
2 going on, you're out of order. Let's go, Mr. Brown.

3 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Mr. Chairman, the gentleman
4 didn't even get his full of two minutes. Mr. Chairman.

5 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: That's not my fault.

6 COMMISSIONER BURTON: That is out of order.

7 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: You're out of order, you're out
8 of order. You are personally out of order.

9 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I'm asking for 30, 40 seconds
10 that was lost.

11 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Because it's on him.

12 COMMISSIONER BURTON: It is a virtual meeting that he
13 lost 30, 40 seconds. That's out of order, Mr. Chairman.

14 VICE-CHAIR JONES: Point of order, Mr. Chairman.

15 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: If you won't come to order, I'm
16 going to mute you. Now you keep on acting like this. I'm
17 doing my best to try to get through this. I don't know
18 what you had today, but I'm telling you, this is not...
19 you're out of order. So I'm saying Mr. Brown move on.

20 MR. ROB BROWN: Mr. Chairman, your next speakers will
21 be

22 COMMISSIONER BURTON: You're out of order for how you
23 shut down citizens' voices. This gentleman should get
24 another 30, 40 seconds because he lost time on this call,

1 Mr. Chairman. And he was explaining something to this
2 commission that some of us may not have been aware of.

3 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: He comes back next, Mr. Brown.
4 Okay, let's go.

5 MR. ROB BROWN: Catherine.

6 CATHERINE: Well good evening. I'm a resident of
7 District 2 and my question is for Linda Bernard. I never
8 got a response two weeks ago and I wanted to know, have
9 you ever received any campaign dollars or monies from
10 their representatives or their lobbyists that work for
11 tow truck companies paying for things that involve your
12 campaign?

13 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: No.

14 CATHERINE: And then I also want to know, how can the
15 citizens trust you, you being a former attorney who was
16 let go from the Board of Police Commissioners. Now you're
17 running for the Board of Police Commissioners when you're
18 able to manipulate the system?

19 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Is this somebody running in your
20 District, Commissioner Linda

21 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Obviously, someone is running
22 in my District and this is designed to discredit me,
23 which is ridiculous. And the answer to the question
24 regarding contributions is, no.

1 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Miss, you got 50 seconds. Go
2 ahead.

3 CATHERINE: So have you ever done any misuse of
4 funds?

5 Misuse of funds?

6 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: This is not the forum for this.
7 This is about your opinion about what we have done today.
8 The oversight of the police department.

9 CATHERINE: I don't think the citizens will be able
10 to trust her, a former attorney.

11 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: I'm saying this is not the forum
12 for this Miss. It's not the forum. It's not the forum for
13 this. So I'm just saying to you, you have a chance to do
14 that on the campaign. So let's move on Mr. Brown and
15 let's go.

16 MR. ROB BROWN: Yes, Mr. Chair, your next 3 speakers
17 will be Ms. Keneisha Coleman followed by Mr. Kevin
18 McKenzie followed by Anthony Agnew. Ms. Coleman.

19 MS. COLEMAN: 30 seconds would've been appropriate,
20 but right about now,

21 MR. ROB BROWN: Mr. Chair, your next speaker will be
22 Kevin Agnew.

23 COMMISSIONER: Mr. Chairman, you're going to allow
24 this citizen

25 MR. ROB BROWN: I mean, Kevin McKenzie.

1 COMMISSIONER BURTON: to be shut down in a public
2 meeting, Mr. Chairman. You have the power to do
3 something. This gentleman needs to be heard and 30
4 seconds, he should have that, sir. You are going to allow
5 this man's voice, first amendment rights to be shut down
6 in the public meeting. Mr. Chairman?

7 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Commissioner Burton, right now
8 I've given you three warnings. It's their job to put this
9 on this zoom, it's their job, not my job. So I'm just
10 saying to you, again, again, if you continue this, I'm
11 going to have to mute you. Let's go to the next person
12 please, Mr. Brown.

13 MR. ROB BROWN: Kevin Agnew. I mean, Kevin McKenzie,
14 I'm sorry.

15 OVERWITH: Yeah, [Audio Distortion] 30 seconds,

16 MR. ROB BROWN: Mr. Chair, your next speaker will be
17 Anthony Agnew.

18 OVERWITH: You all can't keep [Audio Distortion]. I
19 want them 30 seconds

20 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Find out what he wants, because
21 they don't have the proper... Mr. Brown, where are we?

22 MR. ROB BROWN: Mr. Agnew?

23 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Mr. Agnew?

24 MR. AGNEW: Yes, sir. Yes, sir.

25 MR. ROB BROWN: Go ahead.

1 MR. AGNEW: Hello?

2 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Yes, you on the air.

3 MR. AGNEW: Yes, sir. I'm calling today in reference
4 to a situation of my own. On, let's see here, what was
5 it? The 6th of September, appropriately at 3:00 AM in the
6 morning, Chair. I was pulled over by the Detroit Police
7 Department. I don't know. I believe the officers were
8 from the 6th Precinct, I believe. And they pulled me over
9 after I left out of the gas station. They boxed me in or
10 whatever. A car was in front of me, I guess they were
11 trying to, I don't know, they were trying to box that car
12 in as well or whatnot. But that car took off sped down
13 Plymouth. They continued to box me in and they said that
14 I was spectating, drag racing, or some sort of some sort
15 of drag racing or something like that. They made me and
16 the young lady who was in the car get out of the car.
17 They had guns drawn to the cylinder, has got the car,
18 whatnot, I was totally baffled by the situation.

19 MR. AGNEW: I had just left out of the service
20 station, had my receipt in hand and everything. Explain
21 that to the officers or whatnot or whatever. It was
22 raining at the time. I never heard people drag racing
23 during the rain or anything like that. I don't know
24 anything about it. I guess that's a thing now. I don't
25 know. As we proceeded to take us out of the car and

1 whatnot, they drove us to the police station drove the
2 vehicle down there as well. When we got there, they
3 continue to ask me like, okay, so you have insurance and
4 everything for your vehicle and whatnot. I tell them, no,
5 I don't. It's my work vehicle. It's not a car that you
6 can do any type of drag racing or any type of donuts or
7 anything like this. It's an all-wheel drive vehicle, I
8 guess,, because it's a charger, I guess, for some odd
9 reason that, you know, I guess it makes it look as if it
10 possibly does do those things or something like that. I
11 have no idea.

12 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Before you go, let me just say
13 this to you. I don't know if you've reported the incident
14 but I have First Assistant Chief Bettison on the line. He
15 heard your concern. I also want to give you a number that
16 you can call to make sure that you put your complaint in.
17 I'll give it to you twice, 596 2499, 596 2499. And if you
18 don't get that, you can call here at the Police Board and
19 we'll give it to you again, but you want to make sure
20 that you put those complaint in. But as I said before the
21 First Assistant Chief Bettison is online. And again,
22 we'll get to the bottom of this. So, please do this. Do
23 what I've asked you to do 596 2499 so that you concern
24 can be properly handled. Thank you so much for that. Next
25 person.

1 MR. ROB BROWN: Mr. Chair that was your last speaker.

2 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Move to adjourn, Mr. Chair.

3 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Second.

4 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: I just want to mention if you
5 don't mind, I just want to say again about facial
6 recognition. We did this all last year and we understand
7 that again, to those of you who keep bringing this up and
8 you've have a right to do it. That is that the city
9 council approves the contracts. We are overseer. We are
10 the overseer. That's what we do. We oversee. We don't we
11 don't basically disapprove something that council has
12 already done. It is out of our jurisdiction. The other
13 thing is this, and that is, this whole thing about At-
14 Large or appointee, I don't know why that is such a big
15 concern when everybody knows both of them are the same,
16 but I do have the lawyer working on this. I'll take a
17 vote from the 4 people that are appointed and see how
18 they want to be addressed.

19 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: I don't think it matters to us
20 one way or the other, I just feel like the little stuff
21 that you guys bring up each day, each week, it could be
22 handled in such a way of just acknowledging, but this
23 whole thing in terms of us trying to make sure your
24 concerns are heard, that's what it's all about, and
25 basically how we will address that. And so, again, I just

1 say to you, I'm very, very disappointed in myself. Not
2 you Commissioners or the community. I'm disappointed in
3 myself has being Chairman. This is the worst day I've
4 ever had as Chairman. And I want to try to do better, but
5 I'm just saying, I'm very disappointed on myself.

6 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: And it's me, I'm the problem
7 today, but I will work on this for the next five or six
8 days to make sure I'm better the next time. But I'm
9 saying to you again that we are going to be respectful to
10 you. I want you to be respectable to us. We do this and
11 we do it on basically for everyday, no other committee in
12 the City of Detroit comes to a meeting like this. City
13 council don't, we do it every week, except for the
14 holidays and so forth. And I just feel like somehow some
15 kind of way that we deserve better than what we've got
16 today. And so, again, but you have a right, and again,
17 I'm just saying to you, Commissioner Burton, understand
18 that again, that you are a special person on this Board,
19 you represent a District.

20 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: And I'm asking you to understand
21 when I got this stuff, good research about you and how
22 you basically, how you did there. I'm just saying, we got
23 to understand, we need to be professional. We need to
24 have some respect for each other. And if I do anything to
25 disrespect, any of you, please let me know, because I

1 want to be very respectful, but I want to also let the
2 community know that we do everything we can to do our
3 job. I don't like things that somebody you say about
4 corruption and all this kind of stuff and stopped it.
5 It's not fair. It's not fair, especially when you don't
6 have nothing but opinions. So I'm just saying to you,
7 again, it's on me today. It's really on me today. I'm
8 really disappointed in myself to allow something like
9 this to happen on my watch. So again, I would take the
10 motion for the adjournment and see you again in a couple
11 of weeks.

12 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Yes, sir. May I say something
13 before we adjourn?

14 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: The meeting is adjourned.

15 (Meeting Adjourned at 5:32p.m.)

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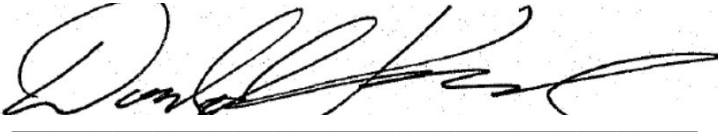
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