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CITY OF DETROIT
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
BOPC VIRTUAL MEETING
March 24, 2022 at 3:00 P.M.

- 1 MS. WHITE: Good afternoon, again, honorable Board,
- 2 Assistant Chief LeValley, DPD executives, and attendees.
- 3 Thank you for attending the Board of Police Commissioners
- 4 meeting. Please note the following regarding the
- 5 emergency epidemic order issued by the health director.
- 6 In December 2021, the Board received the emergency order
- 7 from the Health Director, Denise Fair Razo, with the
- 8 procedures for returning to in-person meetings and
- 9 mandating remote access to public meetings through March
- 10 31st, 2022. As a reminder, as shared by the city's law
- 11 department, the state legislature did not act regarding
- 12 the open meetings act provisions that expired on December
- 13 31st. Therefore, the Board is required to meet in person,
- 14 beginning January 1st, 2022. In compliance with the
- 15 emergency order and state law, BOPC staff has distributed
- 16 all required notices and information to the public
- 17 regarding accessing today's meeting amid the public
- 18 health crisis. Please review the emergency order for more
- 19 information. And again, we thank you for your
- 20 understanding and cooperation as we work to protect
- 21 everyone's health, safety, and welfare.
- MS. WHITE: And also, if I could just share a few
- 23 reminders in regard to the public comments. Again, as a
- 24 reminder, please adhere to the Board's bylaws and Zoom's
- 25 policies of using this forum appropriately. Failure to



- 1 adhere to the policies will result in dismissal from the
- 2 meeting. Accessing zoom platforms requires adherence to
- 3 all policies. And again, the instructions for public
- 4 comments. The Board of Police Commissioners allows one
- 5 hour from three to four for the public to request to
- 6 speak during public comments or oral communications on
- 7 the agenda. You may make your request without Smartsheet
- 8 and also meeting participants may use the raise handing
- 9 icon on the website or press star nine on the telephone.
- 10 And each speaker will have two minutes to speak BOPC
- 11 staff will acknowledge each speaker. We ask that you
- 12 remain respectful and professional and refrain from
- 13 violating the Board's bylaws, Zoom's terms of service and
- 14 other relevant laws and ordinances, which are posted on
- 15 all meeting access forums. At this time, please silence
- 16 your cell phones and other background sounds to prevent
- 17 interrupting the meeting. And now, Chair Holley.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Thank you so much, Ms. White,
- 19 good afternoon, Jim Holley Chairperson of the Board of
- 20 Police Commissioners. Just before Chaplain Jimmy Clark
- 21 gives the invitation, I'd like to have just a few items
- 22 I'd like to bring to your attention. I'd like to thank
- 23 the honorable city council for allowing us to appear to
- 24 answer questions about the Board of Police Commission's
- 25 budget and the work that we perform to ensure



- 1 transparency, accountability, legitimacy within the
- 2 Detroit Police Department and the BOPC. We look forward
- 3 to the budget approval for the fiscal year 2022/2023 to
- 4 ensure a balanced budget toward appropriately performing
- 5 our charter mandated tasks, and to continue serving the
- 6 city and the community in the most transparent and
- 7 productive manner possible. We also attended Detroit's
- 8 Department of budget hearings for the City of Detroit.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Again, looking forward to the
- 10 budget approval of progress, ensuring the DPD is able to
- 11 perform quality public service to the residents and
- 12 visitors in the city of Detroit. We also look forward to
- 13 receiving from the Department a preliminary budget and
- 14 inquiries and responses provided to the honorable city
- 15 council, so the full Board is aware of those questions
- 16 posed by the city council, given our role involving the
- 17 department. At this time, I would just ask Chaplin Jimmy
- 18 Clark to have an opportunity, at this particular time, to
- 19 give the invocation. We thank you for being here,
- 20 Chaplain.
- 21 CHAPLAIN: Thank you. All mind cleared. Tremendous
- 22 and almighty God who created the heavens in the earth,
- 23 who is everlasting, and is forever God, who is in heaven.
- 24 On this day, bless the Detroit Board of Police
- 25 Commissioners and Chief White, with knowledge and wisdom.



- 1 All those who have come before the Board of Police
- 2 Commissioners may be faced with tough issues, giving them
- 3 clarity and integrity as they perform their duty.
- 4 Heavenly Father, I thank you for allowing transparency
- 5 between the Detroit Board or Police Commissioners and the
- 6 citizens of Detroit. Also, I would like to thank the
- 7 citizens of Detroit that their voice is heard with favor
- 8 from the Board of Police Commissioner. Bless all those
- 9 who participate in this meeting today, continue to bless
- 10 the great City of Detroit and its people. This, I pray in
- 11 the name of Jesus, amen.
- 12 COMMISSIONERS: Amen. Amen.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Thank you so much, Chaplain
- 14 Clark, thank you so much for being with us and thank you
- 15 for a beautiful spiritual prayer as well. At this time,
- 16 Interim Secretary White, would you please call the roll?
- MS. WHITE: Yes, sir. , through the Chair, Vice-
- 18 Chair, Bryan Ferguson Here.
- 19 MS. WHITE: Commissioner Linda Bernard Attorney
- 20 Linda Bernard, District 2, present and accounted for.
- 21 MS. WHITE: Commissioner Cedric Banks Here.
- MS. WHITE: Commissioner Willie E. Bell Present.
- 23 MS. WHITE: Commissioner E. Burton -
- 24 MS. WHITE: Commissioner Lisa Carter is enroute.
- MS. WHITE: Commissioner Ricardo Moore Present.



- 1 MS. WHITE: Commissioner Jesus Hernandez is also
- 2 enroute.
- 3 MS. WHITE: Commissioner Annie Holt Present.
- 4 MS. WHITE: Commissioner. QuanTez Pressley Here.
- 5 MS. WHITE: Mr. Chair, you do have a quorum.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Thank you so much, Ms. White,
- 7 thank you very much and thank all of you for being here
- 8 and certainly we are looking forward to the other
- 9 commissioners as they join us in a few minutes. I'd like
- 10 to entertain a motion for the approval of the minutes for
- 11 March 24th, 2022.
- 12 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: So moved.
- 13 COMMISSIONER FERGUSON: Support.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: It's been properly moved and
- 15 supported. Any discussion? There being no discussion, all
- 16 in favor, say aye.
- 17 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Opposed? The motion carries. The
- 19 minutes have been previously distributed to each and
- 20 every one of you, for March 17th, 2022. At this time, if
- 21 there are any corrections you would like to have at this
- 22 particular time in regard to those minutes? Hearing none,
- 23 then the minutes will stand has written. At this time, if
- 24 you don't mind, I'm sorry, is it Assistant Chief?
- 25 ASSISTANT CHIEF LeValley. Yes, sir.



- 1 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: I want to make sure. One thing I
- 2 always liked about Commissioner Bell, he knew the ranks
- 3 by the bars and everything else. I apologize. I just want
- 4 to make sure I got your title. We welcome you and thank
- 5 you for being here as well.
- 6 ASSISTANT CHIEF LEVALLEY: Well, thank you. I'm happy
- 7 to be here.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Can you give us an idea who is
- 9 with you today?
- 10 ASSISTANT CHIEF LEVALLEY: Today, present from the
- 11 Department is Commander Kari Sloan, Executive Manager,
- 12 Sheila McBride, Lieutenant Chadwick-Bills, Sergeant
- 13 Johnson and Captain Dietrich Lever and Lieutenant Mark
- 14 Young. I hope I didn't miss anybody else.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Thank you. Do we have one?
- ASSISTANT CHIEF LEVALLEY: Oh, Ms. Brown?
- 17 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Yes.
- ASSISTANT LEVALLEY: From civil rights.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Very good. Thank you so much,
- 20 Assistant Chief LeValley. Also, I'd like to have, if you
- 21 could, Ms. White, let us know who's with you and after
- 22 that also, do we have any special guests?
- MS. WHITE: Yes sir. Through the Chair, again,
- 24 Interim Board Secretary, Melanie White. To my immediate
- 25 right is Board Parliamentarian, Dr. Francis Jackson,



- 1 Assistant Corporation Counsel Christopher Michaels, Ms.
- 2 Theresa Blossom, Community Relations Coordinator, Mr.
- 3 Robert Brown, Administrative Specialist, Ms. Jonya
- 4 Underwood, Administrative Assistant, Investigator Tiffany
- 5 Stewart, and Lieutenant Gerald. Hewitt sitting in for
- 6 Director Katrina Patillo, Director of Police Personnel,
- 7 Interim Chief Investigator Lawrence Akbar, Supervising
- 8 Investigator, Ansley Cromwell, Acting Supervising
- 9 Investigator LiSonya Sloan and Acting Supervising
- 10 Investigator Rosalia Madrigal and our VIPs and special
- 11 quests this afternoon Miss Marie Overall of State
- 12 Representative Tyron Carter's Office, Ms. Freda Butler,
- 13 Second Precinct Community Relations Council President,
- 14 and also former police commissioner William Davis. Thank
- 15 you.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: And thank you. And we thank all
- 17 of you, for being with us this afternoon. We think all of
- 18 you are very special. We thank you for being with us at
- 19 this particular Board meeting today. Just a moment to
- 20 give a couple announcements. We are glad to report that
- 21 the Chief has announced his 2022 community safety
- 22 strategy plan. We also received that plan in detail, the
- 23 Chief's strategy for, for each of the city's precincts,
- 24 based on the Chief's 5-Point plan, including police
- 25 presence, noise enforcement, traffic enforcement,



- 1 community engagement, crowd management and code
- 2 enforcement. This report also, basically complements the
- 3 Board's requests for the assessment by DPD's leadership
- 4 of precincts to ensure fair community policing and the
- 5 law enforcement operations that appropriately reflects
- 6 the needs of the community.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: I want to thank Chief White for
- 8 this important assessment and just a wonderful plan, and
- 9 how it has been really laid out to where, not only the
- 10 Board, but also the citizens of the city can really
- 11 understand it and not only understand it but see how it's
- 12 going to be implemented. And for that, please give to the
- 13 Chief, AC LeValley, our compliments once again, in regard
- 14 to the plan. Today you're also looking forward to
- 15 receiving the Chief's reporter on vital crime updates,
- 16 critical incidents and further updates that you might
- 17 have for us as well. We look forward to hearing the
- 18 presentation from civil rights regarding the body-worn
- 19 camera and conducted energy weapons, also known as
- 20 tasers, I'm sorry. Please note that the Board approved
- 21 the Department's policy on both the body-worn camera
- 22 system and conducted the energy weapons as a sensor
- 23 policy research in 2017. Since that, the Board continues
- 24 to receive ongoing reports regarding the effectiveness of
- 25 the body-worn camera system and the Department's use of



- 1 the taser. These updates in reports about this important
- 2 technology allow the Board and the community to continue
- 3 to evaluate the Department's use of the system and the
- 4 legitimacy and the safety of these tools. So I wanted
- 5 just to remind you of what's on the agenda for this
- 6 afternoon. I want to ask at this time Assistant Chief
- 7 LeValley, if you could give us a report from your office
- 8 at this particular time?
- 9 MS. WHITE: Excuse me, Mr. Chair, if I may
- 10 acknowledge, Police Commissioner Willie Burton did arrive
- 11 after roll call attendance, and so he is present and also
- 12 there was the mission statement for the Board of Police
- 13 Commissioner Ferguson. Thank you.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: And thank you so much. Let me do
- 15 it, if you don't mind, it's my fault. I'm just trying to
- 16 get through it and dismiss it, so I apologize for this.
- 17 Commissioner Ferguson, if you don't mind, let's give the
- 18 statement of the Board at this time. Thank you so much.
- 19 COMMISSIONER FERGUSON: Yes, sir. Through the Chair
- 20 Board of Police Commissioners Mission Statement. The
- 21 Board of Police Commissioners, BOPC is a civilian agency
- 22 that exercises supervisory control and oversight of
- 23 Detroit Police Department, DPD, as set forth in the city
- 24 charter. The Board has 11 members, 7 elected by District
- 25 and 4 appointed by the mayor with the consent of the city



- 1 council. The Board meets every week, including 12
- 2 community evening meetings in Districts. BOPC is the
- 3 oversight agency for the Detroit Police Department that
- 4 has several charter mandates, including, but not limited
- 5 to the following: reviews and approves departmental
- 6 policy, rules and regulations governing the Detroit
- 7 Police Department, which are jointly developed by the
- 8 mayor police chief and the Board, reviews and approves
- 9 the DPD budget pursuant to the charter, investigates non-
- 10 criminal citizens' complaints, receives and hears
- 11 disqualification appeals from police recruits, hoping to
- 12 enter the Detroit Police Academy, has subpoena power
- 13 under the charter that can be used for investigative
- 14 purposes and by charter, acts as a final authority in
- 15 imposing or reviewing the discipline employees of the
- 16 Department with exceptions, based on union collective
- 17 bargaining agreements. Finally, the BOPC makes an annual
- 18 report to the mayor city council and the public regarding
- 19 the BOPC's activities and accomplishments. Mr. Chair, the
- 20 reading of the Board's Mission Statement.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Thank you, Vice-Chair Ferguson.
- 22 At this time, Assistant Chief LeValley, I apologize but
- 23 at this time you can make the report, if you would please
- 24 for the Department.
- 25 ASSISTANT CHIEF LEVALLEY: All right. Thank you very



- 1 much. Through the Chair. I'll start off with an update on
- 2 injured officers. We currently have 3 members of the
- 3 Department who are disabled and recovering at home due to
- 4 on duty injuries. 1 sergeant from internal affairs, 1
- 5 sergeant from the second precinct and 1 police officer
- 6 from the tactical services section. COVID update, we
- 7 currently have four members that are quarantined or
- 8 isolated, and we have 2 members that are tested positive
- 9 at this time. Crime update, homicides this year, we are
- 10 at 54, last year on this date, we were at 62 that's 13%
- 11 down, nonfatal shootings, we were at 140, last year we
- 12 were at 174, that's 20% down. Robberies, we were at 252,
- 13 last year, we were at 314. That's 20% down. Total part 1
- 14 crime, right now we're at 7,363. Last year, we were at
- 15 7,116 and that's a 3% increase.
- ASSISTANT CHIEF LEVALLEY: We have no drag racing
- 17 activity to report for the year. Some significant
- 18 incidents to report on. The first is a fatal shooting, it
- 19 was a domestic violence incident. On March 19th at 4:12
- 20 PM, officers were dispatched to a shooting that took
- 21 place in the 14,000 block of Bringer. The victim in this
- 22 matter was conveyed to the hospital and later expired as
- 23 a result of his injuries. Officers were able to ascertain
- 24 that the offender in this matter is in a dating
- 25 relationship with the victim. The offender was identified



- 1 as Shanitra Newson, 29 years old. A photo of the offender
- 2 was provided to the media and after the information
- 3 regarding the offender was aired on local media stations,
- 4 she turned herself into police custody. Ms. Newson was
- 5 charged by the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office with
- 6 homicide, murder, second degree, and was issued a
- 7 \$250,000, 10% bond.
- 8 ASSISTANT CHIEF LEVALLEY: The second incident to
- 9 report on is a fatal vehicle pedestrian hit and run
- 10 accident. On March 20th at 8:29 PM, there was a large
- 11 disturbance in the 15,000 block of Manning that stemmed
- 12 from an argument via social media. During the incident,
- 13 the victim, a 40 year old woman was on the front lawn of
- 14 a home assisting with securing the safety of a young
- 15 child. The offender was driving a 2020 gray Nissan Murano
- 16 and intentionally left the roadway and struck the victim.
- 17 The victim was conveyed to the hospital and later
- 18 succumbed to her injuries. After a canvas of the area
- 19 associated with the incident, department members were
- 20 able to obtain images of a person of interest associated
- 21 with the vehicle that was utilized to strike the victim.
- 22 After further investigation, the identity of the offender
- 23 was obtained. Members from major crimes are actively
- 24 looking for the offender. Any information regarding this
- 25 matter is being reviewed by the Wayne County Prosecutor's



- 1 Office.
- 2 ASSISTANT CHIEF LEVALLEY: A third critical incident
- 3 to report on was a fatal shooting, and this was also
- 4 domestic violence. On March 22nd at 12:45 AM, officers
- 5 were dispatched to a fatal shooting incident that took
- 6 place in the 5,000 block of Haverhill. The victim in this
- 7 incident was discovered at the location suffering from a
- 8 gunshot wound to her head. Officers were able to receive
- 9 information that the offender was believed to be the
- 10 victim's husband. The offender was not at the location at
- 11 the time of the officer's arrival. Members from our major
- 12 crimes unit were able to locate and arrest the offender.
- 13 Charges against the offender are pending and will be
- 14 issued in the near future. A few other incidents or
- 15 activities to report on, is that on Monday, March 21st,
- 16 Chief White held a press conference at our real-time
- 17 crime center. Chief White highlighted a recent case where
- 18 a woman was the victim of a pedestrian hit and run
- 19 accident that resulted in her death.
- 20 ASSISTANT CHIEF LEVALLEY: He released a video and
- 21 still photos of a person of interest and talked about the
- 22 horrific nature of this crime. On Monday, March 21st,
- 23 neighborhood Police Officers, Wesley and neighborhood
- 24 Police Officer Sharp of the Eighth Precinct, went to a
- 25 local school where they had lunch with students and read



- 1 to them. The students seemed to love it. It was certainly
- 2 the highlight of their day and the officer's day as well.
- 3 On Tuesday, March 22nd, Chief White attended the DPD's
- 4 women's luncheon: women leading today and tomorrow, Chief
- 5 White spoke about the wonderful contributions that women
- 6 have made to the Detroit Police Department. Chief White
- 7 individually recognized all the women in the room for the
- 8 role they played in taking DPD to new Heights. On
- 9 Tuesday, March 22nd, DPD's media relations team made a
- 10 post on Facebook in support of Women's History Month.
- 11 This particular post focused on civilian members of the
- 12 DPD. The caption was "As we celebrate the many
- 13 accomplishments of our DPD women, we'd like to
- 14 specifically thank the more than 400 civilian women in
- 15 our department" and on Wednesday, March 23rd, Chief White
- 16 did an interview with Vanessa Gagna of Scripts Corp.
- 17 Chief White discussed his community safety plan, and the
- 18 interview took place in our real time crime center. Thank
- 19 you.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Well, thank you, Assistant
- 21 Chief. Board members, what I'd like to do, if you don't
- 22 mind, is have one question, to the chief. If you have a
- 23 question, not a comment, not a commentary, just a
- 24 question. We've been requested by several members of the
- 25 Board that were just too long. We did try to start these



- 1 meetings, but by sorting our comments will help a whole
- 2 lot. Also, you see that we have any response from the
- 3 human resource department, any questions that you had
- 4 last week, we got them in there for you this week. So, if
- 5 you give me some questions, give Ms. White some questions
- 6 for whatever we don't get done today, you submit those
- 7 questions and we're going to get right back to you. We'll
- 8 make sure that you have what you need, but I need to also
- 9 know that we need to be more efficient, effective, and as
- 10 well as, I don't have any other words to say to rhyme
- 11 with that. So at this time, Commissioner Banks, do you
- 12 have a question for the...?
- 13 COMMISSIONER BANKS: No, I have nothing.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: All right.
- 15 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Not now. I'm sorry.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: No, no. I'm just messing with
- 17 you, Commissioner Burton.
- 18 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Yes. Mr. Chairman. The policy
- 19 committee would like to have a copy of the core report
- 20 when Officer John Bennett was on the core committee, we'd
- 21 like to see that core report, so the policy committee can
- 22 review it. Can we have that within 24 hours?
- 23 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Can you put it in writing for me
- 24 though today, before you leave?
- 25 COMMISSIONER BURTON: It's on the record, Mr.



- 1 Chairman.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Okay.
- 3 COMMISSIONER BURTON: We, the policy committee, would
- 4 like to see the report from the core report that was
- 5 taking place some years back.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: All right.
- 7 COMMISSIONER BURTON: So we can review.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: We've been in the meeting for 20
- 9 minutes, so we would do this. I don't want to go with
- 10 this. Did you get it?
- 11 ASSISTANT CHIEF LEVALLY: I got a note.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Very good. Thank you. Ms. White,
- 13 do you have it?
- MS. WHITE: Yes sir. Through the Chair.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Very good. And again,
- 16 Commissioner Holt, how are you today?
- 17 COMMISSIONER HOLT: I'm fine, thank you, Chair
- 18 Holley. No, I have no questions.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Thank you. Commissioner Bell.
- 20 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you, Chair. AC is there
- 21 something in the media in reference to a high profile
- 22 case that was solved about ShotSpotter?
- 23 ASSISTANT CHIEF LEVALLEY: I'm not sure of that, off
- 24 the top of my head. You're talking about on our Facebook
- 25 page?



- 1 COMMISSIONER BELL: No, the news reported an incident
- 2 of a shooting and ShotSpotter was very helpful in
- 3 apprehending the person. Could you look it up and report
- 4 back?
- 5 ASSISTANT CHIEF LEVALLEY: Yes.
- 6 COMMISSIONER BELL: I would like to report verbally,
- 7 you know, for the public to hear that and some of the
- 8 commissioners to hear that. Thank you.
- 9 ASSISTANT CHIEF LEVALLEY: Will do.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Commissioner Pressley.
- 11 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: No, Mr. Chair.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Commissioner Moore.
- 13 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
- 14 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Chief, did you hear about a
- 15 shooting that happened within the last 48 hours involving
- 16 the Wayne County Sheriff for anything of that nature?
- 17 ASSISTANT LEVALLEY: No, but if there is, are you
- 18 aware? No, I'm not aware of any.
- 19 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Something about a child in the
- 20 Wayne County Sheriff... okay, I'll further research it.
- 21 Thank you.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Commissioner Bernard.
- 23 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Hi again, Commander. Number
- 24 one, you mentioned that the Chief had attended several
- 25 events regarding Women's History Month. In the future,



- 1 can you let the women on this Board know, so that we can
- 2 also attend? And then secondly, in terms of the responses
- 3 that you gave to our questions, they were very good, but
- 4 one of the spreadsheets that you created related to the
- 5 demographics on separations within the Department. You
- 6 did a five year line. Of the five years, they were all
- 7 together. There were 88, I'm sorry, 78 people who
- 8 separated within five years. Of that 78, I think 66 were
- 9 white males. 12 were white females. In terms of the
- 10 African American separations, there were 12 black males
- 11 and 1 female. So there were 13 black folks who left, who
- 12 just sort of got the training and left.
- 13 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: And then there were 78 white
- 14 people who did that. I'm just interested in how you guys
- 15 are going to address this situation because apparently,
- 16 we are being farmed, if you will, for the suburban
- 17 departments, and this is a problem. And when you break it
- 18 down, as you did, this is your report, not mine, from a
- 19 racial standpoint, you see it very clearly. So, although
- 20 we're supposed to be one community in one department,
- 21 apparently that's not happening. So if you could follow-
- 22 up on that, I sure would appreciate it. Thank you.
- 23 ASSISTANT CHIEF LEVALLEY: Will do. ,
- 24 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Thank you, Commissioner.
- 25 Commissioner, Vice-Chair Ferguson.



- 1 VICE-CHAIR FERGUSON: Through the Chair. Now this may
- 2 be a union question, I'm not sure, but I guess if you can
- 3 sit in on union talks, this might help out. I've been
- 4 talking to some officers and like Commissioner Bernard
- 5 said, they're leaving, right, and they're leaving for
- 6 pay. So...
- 7 COMMISSIONER BERNRD: More than that.
- 8 VICE-CHAIR FERGUSON: One thing they told me that
- 9 would get them to stay, right. It's really easy. They
- 10 said, if you let us or through the union, if we can do
- 11 our 25 years and then we can get our pension, no matter
- 12 what age they are, they do 25 years and get their
- 13 pension. Because we're finding out now, you start at 18
- 14 years old, by the time you turn 55, you got about 40
- 15 years in, right, or close to it. That's a long time for
- 16 some of these officers to be out there running around
- 17 chasing people. Right. So I don't know if you can do
- 18 anything about that because we all know we don't get a
- 19 chance to sit in on talks.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Right.
- 21 ASSISTANT CHIEF LEVALLEY: So, I do know that is a
- 22 contractually negotiated item, but it was changed when
- 23 the city went through bankruptcy and there's provisions
- 24 of the bankruptcy that prevent us from addressing pension
- 25 issues until a certain date. And I'm not certain what



- 1 that date is. I believe it's sometime in 2024. So until
- 2 that point, I don't believe we can change the retirement
- 3 benefits, but I do agree that when you put an age
- 4 restriction on your benefits when somebody can collect
- 5 their benefits, that it does have an impact on who wants
- 6 to stay in the Department, how long they stay or what
- 7 decisions they make. Personally, I was impacted. I
- 8 started in the Department when I was 18. And so when
- 9 those changes took place throughout bankruptcy, it caused
- 10 you to have to make a much longer commitment. So it is
- 11 definitely something that we want to address, the entire
- 12 benefits package. It all relates to retention, Officer
- 13 Morale, Office of Productivity. So, we're just now
- 14 getting into contract talks with the LSA and we'll be
- 15 starting with the DPOA very soon and we hope to have a
- 16 lot of positives that come out of that.
- 17 VICE-CHAIR FERGUSON: Okay. Thank you.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Thank you, Vice-Chair. Thank
- 19 you, Chief LeValley. Thank you so much. At this time, I'm
- 20 going into presentations. At this time, I'd like to have
- 21 civil rights, body-worn cameras...
- 22 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Through the Chair.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Yes.
- 24 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Through the Chair. I'm sorry. I
- 25 did pass on my opportunity, but to piggyback on the



- 1 comment that was made by Commissioner Bernard, in terms
- 2 of us being invited to various events, I too was
- 3 thinking, wow, we missed that one. But then on the
- 4 positive side, we did get an invitation for the walkathon
- 5 that the female officers conducted very early on in their
- 6 recognition of Women's Month.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Well, while you're making a
- 8 comment, look in your package there and let them know
- 9 that if you didn't get to their event, they can get to
- 10 your event on Monday. Can you announce that?
- 11 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Now or later?
- 12 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Go on down...
- COMMISSIONER HOLT: Okay. Thank you for this
- 14 opportunity. Yes, the staff has created an opportunity
- 15 for the three women on the Board of Police Commissioners.
- 16 Of course, Commissioner Linda Bernard, Commissioner Lisa
- 17 Carter and I, Commissioner Annie Holt to be a part of the
- 18 Women's History Month event and at that event, one of our
- 19 keynote speakers will be the president of Ann Arbor to be
- 20 oversight. And her name is, Ms. White?
- 21 MS. WHITE: Dr. Lisa Jackson.
- 22 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Dr. Lisa Jackson. That event will
- 23 be held March the 28th, 2022 at 2:30, and it will be held
- 24 here at... no it's going to be on six mile. Oh, I
- 25 would've gone to the wrong place. It's going to be at the



- 1 Merrill Plaisance, which is 900 Merrill Plaisance. Thank
- 2 you, Chair.
- 3 MS. WHITE: Through the Chair. That is the office of
- 4 the chief investigator's unit. So that is where the event
- 5 will be held. Thank you so much.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: So, even though we can't get to
- 7 theirs, they can get to ours that's what we're trying to
- 8 say, that's all.
- 9 MS. WHITE: Yes, yes, it is an open invitation.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Just make a note, if you would,
- 11 please, and thank you so much. At this time, the Chair
- 12 will continue with the presentation. We thank you so
- 13 much.
- 14 MS. WHITE: Mr. Chair.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Yes.
- MS. WHITE: Before the commanding officer comes
- 17 before us for the body-worn camera and conducts the
- 18 energy weapons, if I can just share a few points and
- 19 reminders about today's presentation.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Sure.
- 21 MS. WHITE: Today's presentation is on the
- 22 Department's civil rights division, reviewing and
- 23 evaluation of the body-worn cameras and conducting the
- 24 energy weapons. The civil rights division will provide an
- 25 overview of its findings regarding random audits and



- 1 evaluation that it performs, regarding the BWC and the
- 2 taser use. The Board will recall that in 2017, the Board
- 3 in collaboration with the Department conducted extensive
- 4 research and analysis, engaged in various meetings and
- 5 policy discussions among other key initiatives and
- 6 activities to develop sound comprehensive policies that
- 7 reflect best practices regarding the body-worn cameras
- 8 and the conducted energy weapons. Regarding some of those
- 9 key recommendations just to place that on the record, the
- 10 Board and the Department worked to include and to require
- 11 that members continue recording during all police-citizen
- 12 encounters, including, but not limited to cases involving
- 13 search warrants, arrest warrants or exigent
- 14 circumstances. The policy also included prohibiting off-
- 15 duty use and allowing the use of BWCs by members approved
- 16 for secondary employment and ensuring the policy was in
- 17 compliance with state and federal laws, such laws such as
- 18 the law enforcement body-worn camera policy or privacy
- 19 act, which governs the distribution of BWC evidence
- 20 through the public through the freedom of information
- 21 act.
- 22 MS. WHITE: And also, with respect to the taser
- 23 policy, the Board recommended and worked with the
- 24 Department to develop key policy provisions, prohibiting
- 25 the use involving members of our special population,



- 1 including pregnant women or women who are believed to be
- 2 pregnant, persons with medical conditions and other
- 3 special considerations. So, there were a number of policy
- 4 recommendations that the Board and the Department worked
- 5 together to make sure that the policy was comprehensive.
- 6 Overall, these policies include best practices,
- 7 constitutional protections, and safe measures that
- 8 protect both the Department and the public's interest.
- 9 This present presentation is based on the Board's request
- 10 to receive updates on the Department's BWC and conduct
- 11 the energy weapons used. The Board again, thanks the
- 12 Department for sharing the presentation in advance and
- 13 looks forward to learning more information and also the
- 14 PowerPoint presentation will be available online. Thank
- 15 you.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: And thank you, Interim Secretary
- 17 White. Thank you so much for your patience with me. Just
- 18 to let us know, your name and who is with you, if you
- 19 have someone else with you?
- 20 LIEUTENANT CHADWICK-BILLS: Through the Board. Good
- 21 afternoon.
- 22 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I can't hear you.
- 23 LIEUTENANT CHADWICK-BILLS: Can you hear me? Can you
- 24 hear me?
- 25 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Louder, okay. Thank you.



- 1 LIEUTENANT CHADWICK-BILLS: Through the Chair.
- 2 Greetings to the Board as well as Assistant Chief. There
- 3 are a few members here from the civil rights division
- 4 with me. Captain Lever is here as well as Sergeant
- 5 Johnson. Also attending are my performance and compliance
- 6 analyst, Ms. Brown and Ms. Johnson.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: We welcome all of you.
- 8 LIEUTENANT CHADWICK-BILLS: I am Angelique Chadwick-
- 9 Bills, again, Lieutenant of the civil rights division and
- 10 I am going to go over the body-worn camera and conduct an
- 11 energy weapon auditing. Was the PowerPoint provided?
- MS. WHITE: Yes, ma'am.
- 13 LIEUTENANT CHADWICK-BILLS: Okay. Do we have it
- 14 or...?
- MS. WHITE: Yes, it is showing at this time.
- 16 LIEUTENANT CHADWICK-BILLS: Very good. Thank you so
- 17 much, ma'am. Body-worn camera policy. It is the policy of
- 18 the Detroit Police Department to increase member safety,
- 19 protect the Department from unwarranted citizen
- 20 complaints and ensure exceptional police service by
- 21 members of the Detroit Police Department by using BWC
- 22 systems to securely record policing activities on video
- 23 audio media, the use of BWC does not replace the
- 24 requirement to provide thorough written documentation of
- 25 an incident. All data images, video, and metadata



- 1 captured recorded or otherwise produced is the property
- 2 of the Detroit Police Department and is subject to state
- 3 and local law and city policies regarding retention of
- 4 record. Recording the shift, members shall activate their
- 5 body-worn cameras to record all significant contacts with
- 6 citizens, which are, or could be reasonably determined as
- 7 pertinent regarding the performance of their official law
- 8 enforcement duties, such as cause for service, vehicle
- 9 stops, execution of search and or arrest warrants,
- 10 citizen encounters, which necessitate police involvement.
- 11 Once a body-worn camera is activated, the device shall
- 12 remain on until the event is completed in order to ensure
- 13 the integrity of the recording,
- 14 LIEUTENANT CHADWICK-BILLS: The auditing process. The
- 15 body-worn camera office of the civil rights division
- 16 selects a random date. The individual commands are
- 17 directed to submit their daily details and all members'
- 18 activity logs for the specified date. First, the auditor
- 19 reviews the provided daily details and the members'
- 20 activity logs. Next, the members' online watch our
- 21 evidence library for an event profile that is reviewed
- 22 for the selected date. Then the profile is reviewed for a
- 23 video introduction and body-worn camera synchronization
- 24 with the In-Car system.
- 25 LIEUTENANT CHADWICK-BILLS: Lastly, the auditor



- 1 selects an event from the member's activity log and
- 2 compares it to their profile to ensure the citizen
- 3 encounter was recorded in compliance with policies. This
- 4 means that the body-worn camera office checks to ensure
- 5 that officers conduct a video introduction, sync their
- 6 BWCs to their vehicle and meet event compliance
- 7 standards. Audit recording and reporting. The auditor
- 8 findings are documented in a spreadsheet and the results
- 9 are calculated through Excel. So, overall findings are
- 10 reported at CompStat. Individual's commands with members
- 11 found not to be in compliance with the Department's body-
- 12 worn camera policy receive notification by way of a
- 13 corrective action notice or CAN. The command is then
- 14 responsible for providing a response regarding any
- 15 subsequent investigation and action in the form of a
- 16 corrective action plan or CAP.
- 17 LIEUTENANT CHADWICK-BILLS: 2021 BWC compliance rate.
- 18 The event captured compliance rate for 2021 was 98.5%
- 19 overall. Introduction compliance, 97%, synchronization
- 20 compliance, 99%. And the combined introduction and
- 21 synchronization compliance rate was 96.3%. A total of
- 22 16,560 events were reviewed for the year 2021.
- 23 LIEUTENANT CHADWICK-BILLS: Conducted energy weapon
- 24 policy. The taser X2CEW is the only Department approved
- 25 CEW. No other CEW or comparable device may be carried



- 1 while a member is on duty or working secondary
- 2 employment. Only those members who have been trained may
- 3 carry and use the taser X2CEW. Force used by members
- 4 shall be in accordance with the DPDs use of force
- 5 policies. All on duty members shall be equipped with the
- 6 Department approved CEW. Those members assigned to field
- 7 assignments such as investigations or patrol shall carry
- 8 the Department approved CEW at all times. Those members'
- 9 assigned to administrative duties such as desk or records
- 10 must have the Department approved CEW available. Subject
- 11 to the objectively reasonable standard set forth in
- 12 Graham v. Conner and discussed above the taser or X2CEW
- 13 may be discharged against purposes who are actively
- 14 resistant, actively aggressive or self-destructive.
- 15 Members shall target the lower center mass of the body on
- 16 the front of the body and below the neckline of the back
- 17 because clothing is usually tighter across the back. If
- 18 the suspect is wearing loose or heavy clothing on the
- 19 upper body, the legs may also be a target.
- 20 LIEUTENANT CHADWICK-BILLS: Conducted energy weapon
- 21 definitions. Beneficial use: Unholstering the CEW with
- 22 the intent of discharging it, warning a subject of
- 23 imminent CEW discharge against them. The utilization of
- 24 warning arcs and or acquiring a target with a CEW.
- 25 Discharge: the act of pulling the CEW trigger to



- 1 discharge the probes or to utilize the drive stun mode.
- 2 LIEUTENANT CHADWICK-BILLS: CEW auditing. All reports
- 3 and notifications made necessary by nature of taser
- 4 deployment or taser discharge shall be completed
- 5 immediately to document the actions by each individual
- 6 officer. The involved members' parent shift command is
- 7 responsible for reviewing all documents and available
- 8 video of the incident. To that end, the parent shift
- 9 command is responsible for completing a supervisory
- 10 endorsement regarding preliminary findings on a CEW
- 11 tracking form. This form is to be emailed directly to the
- 12 civil rights division as soon as possible, following the
- 13 incident. The civil rights division reviews the document
- 14 for completeness and discrepancies before cataloging it
- 15 in a Smartsheet for future reference. The performance and
- 16 compliance office of the civil rights division is the
- 17 depository for all use of force investigations completed
- 18 at the command level. Performance and compliance audits
- 19 to determine if commands are ensuring that the required
- 20 investigations are being completed in compliance with
- 21 Department, policy, state, and constitutional laws. If
- 22 exceptions to the Department policy are found, auditors
- 23 communicate that to the individual commands by way of
- 24 corrective action notice or CAN. The command is then
- 25 responsible for a response regarding any subsequent



- 1 investigation and action in the form of a corrective
- 2 action plan or CAP.
- 3 LIEUTENANT CHADWICK-BILLS: The performance and
- 4 compliance office of the civil rights division provides a
- 5 monthly use of force audit to the chief of police, as
- 6 well as quarterly review statistics for the Board of
- 7 Police Commissioners. Updates and CEW reporting. As of
- 8 October, 2021 CEW was added to the use of force or
- 9 detainee injury report as an intermediate weapon
- 10 category. This document is tracked in the management
- 11 awareness system. The document now easily identifies the
- 12 following CEW incident types: discharge took effect,
- 13 discharge did not take effect, discharge accidental,
- 14 acquire a target, un-holster target, not acquired. CEW
- 15 statistics. As we look at CEW deployment for beneficial
- 16 use in 2021, officers deployed their CEW with or without
- 17 acquiring a target at nearly the same frequency. In 89
- 18 instances, officers did not acquire a target, in 86, they
- 19 did. Similarly in 2022, we are at 15 events with no
- 20 acquired target and 16 events in which a target was
- 21 acquired with the CEW device. In 2021, there were a total
- 22 of 180 CEW discharges. Two of those discharges were for a
- 23 dangerous animal. Here in 2022, there have been a total
- 24 of 31 CEW discharges. In summation officers utilize a CEW
- 25 175 times for beneficial use in comparison to 180



- 1 discharges during the year 2021.
- 2 LIEUTENANT CHADWICK-BILLS: CEW 4th quarter
- 3 statistics. Focusing on the last quarter of 2021 alone,
- 4 there were a total of 54 deployments for beneficial use.
- 5 In 29 of those deployments, a target was acquired. As for
- 6 CEW discharges in the 4th quarter of 2021, there were 53.
- 7 Of those 53 discharges, 27 took effect and 23 did not.
- 8 The remaining three discharges were accidental with no
- 9 intended targets or sustained. Citizen complaint records.
- 10 In 2020, there were 9 complaints with taser findings,
- 11 with two taser findings. In 2021, there were 11
- 12 complaints with one taser finding. So far, in 2022, there
- 13 has been one complaint with the investigation still
- 14 pending. Of the three findings, 2 of the concerns were
- 15 force, and one was procedure. None of the concerns
- 16 resulted in a sustained finding indicating a departmental
- 17 policy violation.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Now, when I went over this at
- 19 breakfast this morning, I was just really impressed in
- 20 terms of the detail in this report. I mean, it's just
- 21 unbelievable how you keep these figures and it's very
- 22 well done and very well put together. I want you to know
- 23 that. Let me ask you this before I ask the commissioners.
- 24 A couple years ago, we had something in the office where
- 25 I was, when a police officer was charged with the taser,



- 1 was there anything that you guys did differently or
- 2 basically, did you learn anything out of that, that
- 3 perhaps we might be able to, you might want to ask us or
- 4 recommend to us how we can maybe, put a policy together
- 5 to make sure that we covered everything else, but we
- 6 there's something we may not have? Am I making sense to
- 7 you?
- 8 LIEUTENANT CHADWICK-BILLS: Were you referencing a
- 9 specific incident?
- 10 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: What was it LeValley, the young
- 11 lady that used the taser in Minneapolis somewhere?
- 12 ASSISTANT CHIEF LEVALLEY: I think you're talking
- 13 about when she used the taser instead of the gun?
- 14 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Right, and I'm asking when you
- 15 see things like that, do you make any changes? Is there
- 16 something that maybe we should have... we want to make
- 17 sure nothing like that happens with us.
- ASSISTANT CHIEF LEVALLEY: So, for us, I think that
- 19 our taser policy is very strong, training is definitely a
- 20 component that is involved there. You know, the taser is
- 21 worn on the opposite side of the body so that you prevent
- 22 incidents like that from happening. But I think one of
- 23 the keys to making sure that that takes place is,
- 24 repeated training with it, and repeated muscle memory,
- 25 because when you have an incident that occurs on the



- 1 street, you have to act quickly. And so muscle memory is
- 2 what you end up relying on, because there's not a lot of
- I time to think through, you know, should I do this? Should
- 4 I do that? You have to do what you trained.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: So, in other words, there's
- 6 nothing we need to learn out of that situation that we
- 7 basically...
- 8 ASSISTANT CHIEF LEVALLEY: We didn't need to update
- 9 our policy.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Thank you for helping me with
- 11 that. Commissioner Pressley.
- 12 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: Thank you. Through the Chair,
- 13 two questions. First, I agree, the report is very
- 14 thorough, I appreciate that. Relative to the random
- 15 selections for the video cam footage, is there a set
- 16 amount of dates in a year that you want to do those
- 17 reviews? So say for instance, I know they're random, but
- 18 you say, you at least have to do that, 12 times in a year
- 19 or 30 times in a year?
- 20 LIEUTENANT CHADWICK-BILLS: So in 2020, I'm sorry,
- 21 can you hear me?
- 22 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: Yes.
- 23 LIEUTENANT CHADWICK-BILLS: In 2021, we selected
- 24 approximately two dates per month, in which we conducted
- 25 an audit department wide.



- 1 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: Okay, great, thank you. And
- 2 then the second question, again, is relative to the body-
- 3 cam. Again, the being 96, 97, 98, amazing. I'm really
- 4 encouraged to see that. But is there any way that you
- 5 capture, for those who have the CAN and CAPS that are
- 6 repeat offenders, if you will. So, if they were flagged
- 7 as not being compliant, is there a separate advisory that
- 8 you have of them, or do they also continue to get
- 9 reviewed under the random selection?
- 10 LIEUTENANT CHADWICK-BILLS: So, we do capture people
- 11 who are repeat offenders in our Smartsheet, so that that
- 12 can be addressed.
- 13 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: Okay, thank you.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Yes, go ahead.
- ASSISTANT CHIEF LEVALLEY: I'd like to just provide a
- 16 little bit more information on both of those topics. The
- 17 first one on how often the audits are done, just to
- 18 clarify. So, this civil rights division is part of the
- 19 professional development office in the Police Department.
- 20 And they're focusing on department wide audits. So, they
- 21 select certain dates and they look at everybody who was
- 22 working in the whole Department on that day. But at every
- 23 command throughout the Department, there's a policy in
- 24 place that supervisors have to do random audits daily of
- 25 body-worn camera footage. So sergeants on patrol are



- 1 selecting random events from the previous day for the
- 2 officers that were working on, on their shift, pulling up
- 3 body-worn camera footage and looking at it to make sure
- 4 that the officers demeanors are appropriate and that they
- 5 were acting within policy on how they conducted
- 6 themselves.
- 7 ASSISTANT CHIEF LEVALLEY: So this is just one piece
- 8 of body-worn camera reviews. We actually review much,
- 9 much more often than that. And then the second...
- 10 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: Repeat offenders.
- 11 ASSISTANT CHIEF LEVALLEY: Oh yes, repeat offenders.
- 12 So, yes, we do and we have many discipline cases. So at
- 13 the command level, supervisors will issue, it's called a
- 14 counseling register entry, which is basically your first
- 15 official warning that you haven't done something properly
- 16 but then when that person repeats not using their body-
- 17 worn camera that initiates a misconduct. And so we have
- 18 many misconduct cases that we've adjudicated, involving
- 19 an officer not turning on the body-worn camera. So they
- 20 do receive written reprimands for that.
- 21 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: Thank you.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Commissioner Moore.
- 23 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Yes. Mr. Chairman. So I guess,
- 24 Chief, you just answered one of my questions. So the
- 25 minimum discipline would be a written reprimand.



- 1 ASSISTANT CHIEF LEVALLEY: Yes.
- 2 COMMISSIONER MOORE: For the body-worn camera not
- 3 being on. So going to the taser, any tasers lost or
- 4 stolen?
- 5 ASSISTANT CHIEF LEVALLEY: I acknowledge that
- 6 question. I don't know, off the top of my head.
- 7 COMMISSIONER MOORE: And how do you accidentally
- 8 discharge a taser?
- 9 ASSISTANT CHIEF LEVALLEY: Accidentally discharge?
- 10 COMMISSIONER MOORE: There were three in the
- 11 category, so they accidentally discharged. So how does
- 12 that happen? You accidentally pull all the tasers and...
- ASSISTANT CHIEF LEVALLEY: Well, you probably already
- 14 have it out and accidentally pull the trigger. I mean, it
- 15 discharges by trigger pull, the same with accidentally
- 16 discharging a firearm.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: I guess I think the question is,
- 18 did it happen on the person?
- 19 ASSISTANT CHIEF LEVALLEY: I don't know. Do you know
- 20 if those took effect?
- 21 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Thank you, Mr. Chair.
- 22 LIEUTENANT CHADWICK-BILLS: No, none of those took
- 23 effect. Unintentional discharge is just that, and
- 24 officers are required to check their equipment daily. And
- 25 so we have to do a taser function test. And so if you're



- 1 not careful, you're not following, you know, the
- 2 protocol. If you pull that trigger, you will discharge.
- 3 COMMISSIONER MOORE: I quess my concern is because
- 4 the taser is right next to a handgun as far as an
- 5 intermediate daily force. Do we have any handguns
- 6 accidentally discharged where officers accidentally
- 7 discharged their guns?
- 8 ASSISTANT CHIEF LEVALLEY: Yes. Oh yeah. It happens.
- 9 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Last question.
- 10 ASSISTANT CHIEF LEVALLEY: We are not aware of
- 11 anybody that was shot, but we do get accidental
- 12 discharges.
- COMMISSIONER MOORE: Got you. Okay. Do we have any
- 14 cameras on the tasers? And is that in the plan to have
- 15 one?
- 16 LIEUTENANT CHADWICK-BILLS: Some of the tasers do
- 17 have cameras on them. Any member who works the
- 18 specialized unit that doesn't normally wear a body-worn
- 19 camera, does have a camera on their taser. I have a
- 20 camera on my taser.
- 21 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Thank you very much.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Good questions. Commissioner
- 23 Banks.
- 24 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Yes. Through the Chair. This
- 25 question is for the Assistant Chief, right here. How long



- 1 is a taser designed to neutralize an individual and what
- 2 is a taser designed to do when it neutralizes an
- 3 individual, what is it doing to that individual? What is
- 4 it...?
- 5 ASSISTANT CHIEF LEVALLEY: So the taser, I don't
- 6 know, off the top of my head, what the exact amount of
- 7 time that the electricity flows, I'd have to get that for
- 8 you and get it back to you but basically the system sends
- 9 an electrical flow through the two probes that
- 10 incapacitates the person's muscles.
- 11 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Oh, their muscles.
- 12 ASSISTANT CHIEF LEVALLEY: I'm not the expert on the
- 13 terminology, but I think there's a difference between
- 14 voltage and watts, right? So, it's not designed to where
- 15 the person is electrocuted, but it's designed to where it
- 16 incapacitates their ability to use their muscles. So,
- 17 they tense up and they can't fight and then they would be
- 18 handcuffed right there.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: It's not aggressive.
- 20 ASSISTANT CHIEF LEVALLEY: It could stop aggressive
- 21 behavior as well, yes.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: So, I'm saying that's what it
- 23 was designed to do. Commissioner Bernard.
- 24 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: A couple of things. First of
- 25 all, I'd like the Board to know that one, it's an



- 1 excellent report and thank you very much, but secondly,
- 2 this report is based on an audit of two days a month, as
- 3 I understand it, that you examined the data. So actually,
- 4 the issue regarding tasers as I think Chief LeValley just
- 5 indicated are much greater based on what happens in the
- 6 precincts because the commanders in the precincts are
- 7 addressing this whenever a taser is discharged. Secondly,
- 8 my question to you Miss is, if your report could also
- 9 include, in the future, any medical attention that people
- 10 had to have as a result of the taser use or
- 11 hospitalizations, against obviously people in the
- 12 community. And as well as, the actual citations that
- 13 Chief LeValley just mentioned regarding the misconduct
- 14 stats, the number of officers who have discharged their
- 15 weapon, been reprimanded or warned or whatever it is,
- 16 regarding this because use of force is paramount,
- 17 obviously important within the community. And we want to
- 18 stay on top of this, as well as the camera issue, both
- 19 issues, taser use, camera issues because they're handled
- 20 at the command level, as you say, as well as a result of
- 21 your audit, but that's what, two times a month, 24 times
- 22 a year, 24 days a year that you're looking at it.
- 23 LIEUTENANT CHADWICK-BILLS: Through the Chair. With
- 24 reference to the two days a month, that's with a body-
- 25 worn camera, not for the tasers directly and I can look



- 1 into the numbers as far as hospitalizations, as well as
- 2 misconduct stats.
- 3 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Thank you.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Thank you. Commissioner Holt.
- 5 COMMISSIONER HOLT: No, thank you. And I do
- 6 appreciate the very thorough report, which has already
- 7 been mentioned.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Thank you. Commissioner Bell.
- 9 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you, Chair. My question
- 10 relates to Commissioner Bernard's concern. When a person
- 11 is taser, is there normally some type of medical
- 12 attention that person receives, to some extent?
- 13 LIEUTENANT CHADWICK-BILLS: Yes. Anytime a taser
- 14 takes effect, a person always receives medical attention.
- 15 ASSISTANT CHIEF LEVALLEY: Yes. Through the Chair,
- 16 our policy is that medical personnel remove the probes.
- 17 So, every time we use a taser on somebody, they have EMS
- 18 come, or we take the person to the hospital to have the
- 19 probes removed.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Very good. Thank you for this.
- 21 Excellent follow-up question. Commissioner Vice-
- 22 Chairperson Ferguson.
- VICE-CHAIR FERGUSON: Yes. Through the Chair, I have
- 24 in my hand, a body-worn camera, all right. Couple of
- 25 things I see wrong already. Well, not wrong, but can be



- 1 updated. First of all, that little clip that holds the
- 2 body- camera on, it breaks; that little clip breaks, and
- 3 they have to send them in to put a new clip on there. I
- 4 mean, you just can't slide it off and slide a new one on
- 5 right. The battery light, sometimes it lasts a long time,
- 6 sometimes it doesn't; it depends on what the officers are
- 7 doing, how long they're out there. I know I'm throwing a
- 8 lot at you. The cost, how much does it cost for each body
- 9 camera and the footage, can it be... upload time quicker,
- 10 you know, the upload time? Can that be a little quicker?
- 11 And my last one is, can officers have their own body
- 12 cams? Can they get their own? Because they're not losing
- 13 them, but sometimes they get lost in the shuffle. They
- 14 may do some special ops and they may not turn them back
- 15 in at the same time. In that way that'll cut down on them
- 16 trying to punch their number in, and the sergeant's going
- 17 through; it'll be right there and that footage would go
- 18 right there. And that would help our chief investigator
- 19 out. Because if he knows an officer's name, he could just
- 20 pull body cam footage up right there, you don't have to
- 21 go through a lot of steps. So, I'm just wondering when we
- 22 are going to upgrade and update these, right?
- 23 ASSISTANT CHIEF LEVALLEY: So, I'll take that one.
- 24 Through the Chair that. The body-worn cameras that we
- 25 currently have, right there, are approaching their



- 1 maximum life. They're almost five years old. And so in
- 2 our plans for the next year, we plan to replace those
- 3 body-worn cameras with new ones. And so like any other
- 4 technology, it advances quite a bit over five years, it
- 5 would be like comparing a five year old laptop to a brand
- 6 new one. So, a lot of those issues will be addressed
- 7 through purchasing new body-worn cameras. Awesome. Now
- 8 whether or not every officer will be issued a camera or
- 9 not, I can't answer that right now. I think it'll depend
- 10 on what the cost is. If we can do it, certainly, giving
- 11 somebody their own piece of equipment that they have
- 12 ownership and responsibility of is better. We did that
- 13 with radios years ago, you used to check out a radio and
- 14 now every officer gets a radio. Other equipment, we do
- 15 the same thing. So we're going to look at all those
- 16 issues, the upload speeds. I do know that these go into a
- 17 docking station and it takes time to upload. But we've
- 18 seen some of the new systems that are out now and they're
- 19 much more advanced. So, when we purchase something in the
- 20 next year, it'll be something that's much more current
- 21 and up-to-date. In five years from now, it probably won't
- 22 be, we'll buy something new again.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Excellent presentation. Great
- 24 questions for the commissioners and also excellent
- 25 answers to those questions. And I thank you so much.



- 1 LIEUTENANT CHADWICK-BILLS: Thank you.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: At this time, Ms. White, can I
- 3 have the next presentation?
- 4 MS. WHITE: Yes, sir. Through the Chair, the next and
- 5 last presentation for today is regarding NACOLES and
- 6 honorable Board, you have received a copy of the
- 7 presentation in your packet, and we are posting that for
- 8 the zoom audience to also view it via zoom. Today's
- 9 presenters are myself, Interim Board Secretary, Melanie
- 10 White, Commissioner, Linda Bernard, Commissioner, Lisa
- 11 Carter, Commissioner Annie Mae Holt and also, BOPC staff,
- 12 Miss Theresa Blossom, Community Relations Coordinator,
- 13 and we will be providing updates from NACOLES 2021
- 14 conference that was held this past December. The
- 15 objective for this presentation is to provide information
- 16 about the NACO organization, outline the 13 principles of
- 17 civilian oversight as recommended by the NACOLES,
- 18 describe the NACOLES 2021 conference tracks, and assess
- 19 the NACOLES conference. As I just identify and also
- 20 provide best practices and recommendations stemming from
- 21 the NACOLES conference.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Now, I know you have 10 minutes,
- 23 you have 10 people almost, so I just want to know how you
- 24 are all going to do this?
- MS. WHITE: We will be very brief.



- 1 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: I'm a little bit on edge but
- 2 graduating a little bit, then you have Commissioner
- 3 Bernard on there. You know, she's a Matlock, so she just
- 4 said we have to, so go ahead.
- 5 MS. WHITE: Yes, sir.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: How are you planning on doing
- 7 that? I'm asking, so I can...?
- 8 MS. WHITE: Each presenter has been given a...
- 9 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: I got you. You have it
- 10 organized. What are you trying to tell me? You got it
- 11 organized. Okay.
- MS. WHITE: And so we can move right along. So on
- 13 slide 4, the BOPC, as I mentioned earlier, is a proud
- 14 NACOLES member and has been a member of the national
- 15 oversight agency since 2003. And again, the NACOLES
- 16 organization serves as a community resource for civilian
- 17 oversight agencies, law enforcement, public officials,
- 18 practitioners, and anyone interested in civilian
- 19 oversight of law enforcement. The NACOLES mission
- 20 statement and purpose are outlined on slide five.
- 21 Established in 1995, the national association for
- 22 civilian oversight of law enforcement is a 501 C3
- 23 nonprofit organization that works to create a community
- 24 of support for independent civilian oversight entities
- 25 that seek to make their local law enforcement agencies,



- 1 jails, and prisons, more transparent, accountable, and
- 2 responsive to the communities they serve. To further our
- 3 mission, the NACOLES hold an annual conference that
- 4 brings together the growing community of civilian
- 5 oversight, practitioners, law enforcement officials,
- 6 journalists, elected officials, students, community
- 7 members, and others to meet and exchange information and
- 8 ideas about issues facing civilian oversight and law
- 9 enforcement. And so, the Board of Police Commissioners
- 10 routinely attend the annual conference.
- 11 MS. WHITE: The 13 principles of civilian oversight
- 12 are outlined on page six and all of the details are on
- 13 NACOLES website. And we do have the NACOLES website
- 14 embedded in the Board of Police Commissioners website, as
- 15 well to signify that the Board again is a proud member
- 16 and utilizes the best practices from NACOLES. The 13
- 17 principles are as follows: Number one, independence
- 18 clearly defined and adequate jurisdiction and authority,
- 19 unfettered access to records and facilities, access to
- 20 law enforcement executives and internal affairs, staff
- 21 for cooperation sustained stakeholder support, adequate
- 22 funding and operational resources, public reporting, and
- 23 transparency, policy and patterns in practice analysis,
- 24 community outreach, community involvement,
- 25 confidentiality, and anonymity and protection from



- 1 retaliation and procedural justice and legitimacy. And
- 2 again, this is recommended by the NACOLES. And we can
- 3 confidently say that the Board of Police Commissioners
- 4 adheres to all of these principles of civilian oversight
- 5 and works effectively, comprehensively, and very closely
- 6 with the Department to make sure the oversight is
- 7 effective and is of quality by nature.
- 8 MS. WHITE: The conference tracks that were aligned
- 9 for this past conference, again, the theme was civilian
- 10 oversight as a permanent part of public safety. The
- 11 conference tracks were as follows: reform and innovation,
- 12 jail, and prison oversight, strengthening the work of
- 13 oversight and collaboration. For today's presentation. We
- 14 will just focus on the three conference tracks, reform
- 15 and innovation, strengthening the work of oversight in
- 16 collaboration and the commissioners and staff. We will
- 17 share feedback from the conference sessions. I will start
- 18 with Miss Theresa Blossom in regard to one of the
- 19 conference sessions that focused on reform and innovation
- 20 and discuss the partner partnerships between law
- 21 enforcement and other external stakeholders. Miss
- 22 Blossom.
- MS. BLOSSOM: Good afternoon, honorable Board.
- 24 Through the Chair, the Board of Police Commissioners has
- 25 been very fortunate in the last few years to have had



- 1 several proposals, accepted by NACOLES for presentation
- 2 at conferences. Sometimes they were strictly Board
- 3 presentations and partnership with DPD, and sometimes
- 4 we've asked our community stakeholders to do proposals
- 5 because they are really good innovative programs. The
- 6 Board is very familiar with the Northeast guidance center
- 7 now, CNS, you've had several meetings there on the east
- 8 side and the Fifth Precinct. We were there in August for
- 9 the chief of police interviews for those who need a
- 10 location reminder. We had asked them before, in 2020 to
- 11 do a proposal on their mental health work with DPD and
- 12 then, of course, DPD expanded its collaboration and co-
- 13 response model.
- MS. BLOSSOM: And they had that proposal accepted for
- 15 the 2021 conference. Lieutenant Gordon Moore and the
- 16 supervisor for the Detroit crisis intervention team was
- 17 DeShawn Kirkland from CNS, presented at that conference
- 18 and it was very well received because the co-response
- 19 model does allow for more effective intervention and it
- 20 supports from the Board's goal and the community goal of
- 21 stopping the criminalization of mental illness. Northeast
- 22 guidance center has long been active in that area. They
- 23 were one of the leaders in implementing the CAPA program,
- 24 the community and police partnership advocacy program
- 25 with DPD, and the mental health agency. And the good news



- 1 from that co-response model is that it continues to be
- 2 implemented throughout Detroit. And just this past
- 3 Monday, I believe it started at the Seventh Precinct. So,
- 4 it continues to expand and go precinct to precinct. And
- 5 we're looking forward to having additional community
- 6 stakeholders' work in partnership with us to get the good
- 7 programs that have that community component, in front of
- 8 the NACOLES audiences, which tend to not just be
- 9 national, but also international and benefit from those
- 10 proven practices. Thank you.
- MS. WHITE: Thank you. And now we can move to the
- 12 feedback, the conference session. We are going to start
- 13 with Commissioner Annie Holt.
- 14 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Thank you, Ms. White. Yes, it was
- 15 very informative and I had the opportunity to interact
- 16 with the commissioners from, well, in some regards
- 17 international, because I do believe we had membership
- 18 from, for example, Mexico, and I want to say, someplace
- 19 in Europe. So, it did provide the opportunity and, and
- 20 what was, um, what was sort of humorous as it relates to
- 21 the commissioners from Mexico? Their focus was how to
- 22 combat the drug agencies that were negatively impacting
- 23 their community. Ms. Blossom and I set at a round table
- 24 whereby there was the discussion of the youth advisory
- 25 council, which, I don't know if I'm jumping ahead, but we



- 1 are planning for Board of Police Commissioners to lead
- 2 the charge to institute a youth advisory council with the
- 3 assistant of Commissioner Carter, Ms. Blossom, of course,
- 4 and Ms. White and myself, and at the round table again
- 5 with Ms. Blossom and I, we had the opportunity to get
- 6 into dialogue with one young commissioner from Tennessee,
- 7 an Asian young man that was very prolific in his
- 8 understanding, his entire dialogue was to defund the
- 9 police. And when asked, if we're gonna defund the police,
- 10 then what would be our recourse in terms of security? He
- 11 said, the community people would look out for each other
- 12 and therefore we wouldn't need the negative oversight of
- 13 law enforcement. So I believe I can pass the mic to
- 14 someone else.
- 15 MS. WHITE: Thank you so much, Commissioner Holt, and
- 16 Commissioner Bernard.
- 17 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Hi, ladies and gentlemen. The
- 18 person that was most impressive to me, was an African
- 19 American woman by the name of Susan Hutson, H U T S O N.
- 20 Chief, she is the NACOLES past president and she's a
- 21 former investigator. She does what Akbar does here in
- 22 terms of our investigative group. But what made her so
- 23 impressive was the fact that number one, she was also the
- 24 monitor, like, you know, we had the consent decree in
- 25 Detroit where she was the official federal monitor for



- 1 the City of New Orleans. So, she had investigated the
- 2 police department. She's not a lawyer, she's not a cop,
- 3 and she's none of the above. She is a very, very smart,
- 4 articulate person that's a leader and very well trained.
- 5 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: But Mr. Chairman, what was
- 6 most impressive about her was that she subsequently ran a
- 7 grassroots campaign in the City of New Orleans, which is
- 8 one of my favorite cities and she was elected as sheriff.
- 9 She's not a cop, she's not a Benny Napolian, none of that
- 10 stuff. She is the elected sheriff of the parish, the
- 11 whole city of New Orleans. And she ran on a platform as a
- 12 civilian that included only three things. One was to
- 13 provide for the humane, ethical, psychological, and
- 14 medical treatment of incarcerated persons. So she's
- 15 totally outside the box of law enforcement. And then her
- 16 second platform was that she wanted to have housing for,
- 17 i.e. prisoners, which is what we do with the detention
- 18 center, for those experiencing loss of liberty due to
- 19 sentencing trials awaiting or other circumstances. And
- 20 then finally, she decided that she was going to take
- 21 charge of the behavior and surroundings of incarcerated
- 22 persons and ensure that each person was safe. I mean, she
- 23 wasn't command and control, you know, excuse expression,
- 24 and beat the hell out of them, none of that stuff or that
- 25 they could just be treated like animals and fed like



- 1 animals and all that kind of stuff.
- 2 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: She was a very petite girl, a
- 3 very attractive woman, very impressive. She won. She won
- 4 against the incumbent sheriff who had been elected for a
- 5 number of years. So, we talk for a while and everything
- 6 and I'd really like to, you know, get her to Detroit,
- 7 obviously to speak about her experience. And of course,
- 8 most of their prisoners are African Americans, et cetera.
- 9 So she was the gem for me for the entire presentation.
- 10 And I look forward to having her come to Detroit and
- 11 introducing her to all of us here, to our Chief, to our
- 12 Sheriff Washington over there and everyone else because
- 13 she's a whole new paradigm.
- MS. WHITE: Thank you so much, Commission Bernard and
- 15 just very lastly, Commissioner Carter did share some of
- 16 her feedback and takeaways from the conference. One being
- 17 from the oversight and collective bargaining session that
- 18 took place where oversight agencies discuss their
- 19 challenges that they have with the local unions within
- 20 their respective jurisdictions. But we were able to
- 21 again, take some information from that conference and
- 22 we've already implemented some of those measures. The
- 23 leadership has recently met with the various local police
- 24 unions here and have engaged in providing the Board of
- 25 Police Commissioners recommendations as it relates to the



- 1 collective bargaining agreements. And so the Board of
- 2 Police Commissions and the Department is always moving in
- 3 a very progressive state in comparison to a lot of other
- 4 civilian oversight agencies and continues to be the model
- 5 in civilian oversight and law enforcement.
- 6 MS. WHITE: And then if I may just share the last of
- 7 the presentation, the best practices and recommendations
- 8 that were taken away from the conference includes the
- 9 following, and I should say it's not limited to this, but
- 10 it does include: reforming and transforming change in
- 11 policing by developing the BOPC youth advisory council,
- 12 which was previously mentioned, strengthening the work of
- 13 civilian oversight by enhancing the BOPC's use of digital
- 14 media platforms and IT data analysis component for public
- 15 engagement, education and information about the BOPC, the
- 16 Department and civilian oversight. The third
- 17 recommendation was to continue collaborating with local
- 18 law enforcement agencies, the local, civilian oversight
- 19 agencies, police unions, and other external stakeholders
- 20 by enhancing lasting effective relationships that promote
- 21 professional collaborative and cooperative efforts while
- 22 maintaining independence. And then lastly, highlighting
- 23 and recognizing the Board of Police Commissioners
- 24 contributions and accomplishments locally and nationally,
- 25 given its historical standing in civilian oversight and



- 1 public safety. And so that concludes the presentation.
- 2 Thank you.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Thank you so much. Thank you.
- 4 Interim Secretary White and thank all of you very much,
- 5 very educational. If you could take two minutes
- 6 Commissioner Bell and basically thank them and why it was
- 7 important for us to say something to the community, since
- 8 you guys go there on behalf of the City of Detroit.
- 9 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you, Chair Holley. I just
- 10 want to say that it was an excellent report by Madam
- 11 Secretary and the Commissioners. I appreciate that, to
- 12 enlighten the public that this is not just a local
- 13 entity, it is a national issue. That most focal point of
- 14 what we lack in oversight over the country is we don't
- 15 have authority that we should have in terms of oversight.
- 16 And two, there's pushback, some instances by the mayor or
- 17 the city charter. That is not the case here, but when we
- 18 look at police unions are strong lobbyists on oversight
- 19 on the national level, they spend a whole lot of energy
- 20 in reference to we don't need oversight, that's a fact
- 21 and the third item is that the George Floyd bill was
- 22 squinting oversight in this country. That's a crucial
- 23 bill, as you know, they are sitting on that bill, but if
- 24 we can push hard in reference to that bill being passed
- 25 somewhere in the future, I don't know, but oversight went



- 1 from what, 10 or 12.
- 2 COMMISSIONER BELL: We now have over a hundred, but
- 3 there was a study in the New York Times about oversight
- 4 in terms of they are not that impressive. And I can agree
- 5 to some extent, to a great deal extent in terms of where
- 6 we are trying to educate the public. The public are
- 7 supportive, but they don't really understand the role.
- 8 They want us to have more authority. So, on that note,
- 9 thank you for this. This has been well formed, informing
- 10 the public. We need to do a better job perhaps in the
- 11 community informing of a national movement. Therefore, we
- 12 can get our elected officials also on board in supporting
- 13 the George Floyd bill and understanding those questions
- 14 should come up in reference to the interviews, coming up
- 15 with some of these candidates and I'll leave it at that.
- 16 Thank you.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Thank you. Thank you very much.
- 18 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Mr. Chairman.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Yes.
- 20 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Can the staff prepare a
- 21 resolution for the Board of Police Commissioners to
- 22 Congress, to our congressional representatives and
- 23 senators endorsing the George Floyd bill and indicating
- 24 that we support it.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: I don't see no reason why. Has



- 1 anybody object to that? Hearing no objections, we can
- 2 just use it...
- 3 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: The criminal justice act.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: You'll just basically, if you
- 5 don't mind as a consent, based on the fact, no objection.
- 6 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
- 7 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Mr. Chair.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Yes, sir.
- 9 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I just liked to add in relation
- 10 to the NACOLES. I didn't go to this past training because
- 11 of COVID, but, you know, I have gone every year,
- 12 practically since I've been on this board and one of the
- 13 greatest things that you're going to take away from this
- 14 training is the extensive amount of training that you're
- 15 going to receive from various people from around the
- 16 country that attends these trainings, but also the
- 17 network and collaboration. Also, one of the greatest
- 18 feelings you're going to get from being on the Board as a
- 19 commissioner and taking advantage of the training and
- 20 opportunities from NACOLES is the day you become a
- 21 practitioner. You know, in oversight. And so, I remember
- 22 when I came on as the youngest commissioner in the
- 23 country, when I took office, 8/9 years ago, who is
- 24 counting now, right?
- 25 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I remember my first trip, it



- 1 was to Kansas City, Missouri, and I was very impressed
- 2 with what Kansas City was doing. I was impressed with
- 3 what other entities were doing and various cities as
- 4 well, but I also saw some of the differences that we were
- 5 making here at home, here in Detroit. And so, you know,
- 6 each year you're going to learn that much more and you're
- 7 going to see that these training opportunities are very
- 8 important to take advantage of. I remember serving on the
- 9 newsletter committee. I remember serving on the finance
- 10 committee. I remember serving on the scholarship
- 11 committee. I remember advocating for Ferguson and St.
- 12 Louis, Missouri to participate because they didn't have
- 13 the budget, like the Detroit Board of Police
- 14 Commissioners. So they can't send commissioners,
- 15 investigators, and staff.
- 16 COMMISSIONER BURTON: But I remember advocating for
- 17 them when I was on that committee on the scholarship
- 18 committee saying, we need Ferguson, we need St. Louis and
- 19 they were able to get granted and receive the
- 20 scholarships or they could attend. So, that was another
- 21 good feeling about getting involved in the committee and
- 22 actually, getting involved and working on policy issues
- 23 and things of that nature. So, I mean, you're going to
- 24 get a lot from this and I appreciate. That was just my
- 25 message to the new commissioners.



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- 1 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: I appreciate that. I appreciate
- 2 it very much, Commissioner Burton. At this time, Ms.
- 3 White, can you give your report please?
- 4 MS. WHITE: Yes, sir. Through the Chair, honorable
- 5 Board, the incoming correspondence is notated on the
- 6 agenda. The Board received a weekly DPD facial
- 7 recognition technology report, as well as the DPD
- 8 ShotSpotter report and the project green light report.
- 9 Also, the Board received the DPDs HR responses to the
- 10 Board inquiries from March 10th, 2022. And in terms of
- 11 staff report, please note that you still have the search
- 12 and seizure policy directive that is still out ending at
- 13 this time. We will send the policy committee's
- 14 recommendations to the entire membership for your review
- 15 and a vote during next week's meeting. Thank you.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Thank you. Commissioners,
- 17 unfinished business?
- 18 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Mr. Chairman, two issues.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Sure.
- 20 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Very quickly.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Unfinished business.
- 22 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Yes, sir. I believe there was a
- 23 presentation given by Captain Lever. Did we ever get the
- 24 feedback from that about a month ago? Did you provide
- 25 that, Captain or...?



- 1 CAPTAIN LEVER: Yes.
- 2 COMMISSIONER MOORE: So I haven't received it. Okay.
- 3 I received that again. He did provide it.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Okay, good. And secondly,
- 5 community meetings. I understand we were meeting at Wayne
- 6 County Community College. Well, the Second Precinct
- 7 meeting is coming up in June and I was just wondering, do
- 8 we have a designated location?
- 9 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Most likely, Commissioner I
- 10 mean, Miss Blossom.
- 11 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Because my boss is in the room
- 12 and I don't want to get yelled at.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: I got you. Ms. White, do you
- 14 want to, Miss Blossom?
- 15 MS. WHITE: Yes, sir. Ms. Blossom can share more
- 16 information.
- 17 MS. BLOSSOM: Through the Chair. We devised a plan of
- 18 rotating them, hoping that at some point we'd be able to
- 19 go back into the field with more facilities open to
- 20 receive us, once COVID restrictions were lifted. So we
- 21 are paying very close attention so that we can get back
- 22 to our regular schedules. Thank you.
- 23 COMMISSIONER MOORE: So, do we have a location for
- 24 the Second Precinct or it is being worked on?
- MS. BLOSSOM: It's being worked on. I have places



- 1 lined up that we had lined up in 2020 and 2021 and then
- 2 had to get canceled. So I just want to make sure that
- 3 we're a little closer to being ready to be in the field.
- 4 These are places that are very hospitable and there is
- 5 usually a very quick turnaround with the engagement.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Well, when we do this
- 7 commissioner and she's very good at this. Ms. Blossom, in
- 8 other words, we know we can be at Wayne County Community
- 9 College next month in April. So by then, let's see what
- 10 happens, and if you really want to get into your
- 11 District, let's work on that. I think it's admirable for
- 12 you to do that. And so, but Ms. White and Ms. Blossom,
- 13 can you listen, I'm sure you are, but I think that's what
- 14 we need to do if it's possible. If we're going to do
- 15 anything beyond Wayne County, let's go to Commissioner
- 16 Moore's District. He's requesting that if it's possible.
- 17 The other thing, Commissioner, the problem is also the
- 18 media, this whole hook up here because of zooming and all
- 19 this. And sometimes the people here work for the whole
- 20 city, not for us. What I've been trying to do and we'll
- 21 talk to all of you about is having our own media
- 22 apparatus, our own team, so that we can really do the
- 23 kind of things you want to do in the community. But my
- 24 understanding Ms. White, these young people here work for
- 25 others...



- 1 MS. WHITE: Correct.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Other agencies of the city. And
- 3 so that's the other thing, then the other places we go,
- 4 like when we are out there on the 7- mile on the
- 5 Eastside, we had a hard time with video, audio and all of
- 6 that. So those are things we have to be concerned about
- 7 as well. But I hear you loud and clear. And for all the
- 8 other commissioners, I'm hearing you loud and clear, even
- 9 though you haven't said anything, I'm still hearing you.
- 10 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
- 11 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Mr. Chairman.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Yes, Commissioner Banks.
- 13 COMMISSIONER BANKS: He went first.
- 14 COMMISSIONER BURTON: You know, Mr. Chairman, for the
- 15 month of June, I'd like for this body to honor the life
- 16 and legacy of Ron Scott, who meant a lot to our
- 17 community, who was no stranger to our community, who is
- 18 strong on police oversight. I believe the 23rd of June, I
- 19 believe that's his birthday and I believe the Board is in
- 20 session that day. I'd like it if we can do something like
- 21 a resolution or something to his organization.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Is that what you want?
- 23 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Yes.
- 24 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Support.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Are you sure? Ron Scott. I'm



- 1 sure you should have one, I know if something happened to
- 2 me, you all better have something about me before I come
- 3 back. So I'm just saying to you, you haven't looked at
- 4 the record and see if we have Ron Scott already.
- 5 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: We did when he died.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Yes.
- 7 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Thank you.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: So we already have, and if you
- 9 want to...
- 10 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: A huge resolution, quite
- 11 frankly.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: You can call me and see if
- 13 there's something else you'd like to do, but right now we
- 14 do have one.
- 15 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Okay. Mr. Chairman, thank you.
- 16 You know, it'd be nice if we can reach out to his
- 17 organization to have them to come here and...
- 18 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Do it, do it.
- 19 COMMISSIONER BURTON: And provide a presentation to
- 20 this Board. I mean, Ron Scott meant so much to our
- 21 community meant so much,
- 22 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Right now, I'm working on April
- 23 right now, but June, we can do it, Commissioner.
- 24 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Have to put it out there,
- 25 right?



- 1 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: I'm just saying we can do it, we
- 2 have time. So, tell us what you want to see, what you
- 3 think we need to do. That's all I'm asking. Not now
- 4 though, new business.
- 5 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I'll send you something in
- 6 writing.
- 7 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: New business. I just want to
- 8 make the commissioners aware of the fact that the young
- 9 lady, Dr. Lisa Jackson, PhD from the University of
- 10 Michigan is brilliant. She is the speaker for the women's
- 11 event. She is the niece, Mr. Chairman of Roy Levy
- 12 Williams.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: That's an announcement. I'm
- 14 talking about new business.
- 15 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: This is a new announcement.
- 16 That's the announcement because it wasn't announced
- 17 earlier and...
- 18 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Any other new business?
- 19 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: I'm sorry. I thought you...
- 20 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: And the other new business,
- 21 I've discussed, obviously with Melanie, the future for
- 22 the women on the Board, in Women's History Month. In the
- 23 future, we're not going to be put at the annex. We're
- 24 going to be where everybody can see us, where everybody
- 25 can be engaged and involved. We should be in this room.



- 1 We shouldn't be in the hallway at the annex and we've
- 2 talked about it. And so I've agreed to stand down this
- 3 year and cooperate.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: You know what you're talking
- 5 about?
- 6 MS. WHITE: It's for an off the record conversation.
- 7 Thank you.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Okay. Commissioner Banks. Did
- 9 you have a question?
- 10 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Unfinished business?
- 11 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Yes, sir.
- 12 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Did you pass that up?
- 13 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: I did. I passed it because I
- 14 don't know where I'm going. So you can go ahead. You got
- 15 something to say, right?
- 16 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Yes, I do. Two weeks ago, Mr.
- 17 Chair, I was calling for peace on the floor. It's very
- 18 chaotic on the floor.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: What floor? This floor?
- 20 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Here.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Oh, wait, what happened?
- 22 COMMISSIONER BANKS: A lot of conflict and strife on
- 23 the floor.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Was I here?
- 25 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Yes, you were right here.



- 1 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Okay.
- 2 COMMISSIONER BANKS: You the one who hollered at me.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Oh, I hollered at you. I'm
- 4 sorry.
- 5 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Yes, you did and I thought it
- 6 was very disrespectful.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Oh, man.
- 8 COMMISSIONER BANKS: I thought it was out of order,
- 9 what you did. I thought it was disrespectful what you
- 10 did. You're supposed to be the Chair? I understand you
- 11 are a president and a pastor, but you are held to a
- 12 higher accountability in a book of Titus. Ministers and
- 13 leaders are held to a higher standard. So please respect
- 14 me. That's all I'm asking for, you to respect me that was
- 15 very disrespectful and out of order for you to do that.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Again, you know, I...
- 17 COMMISSIONER BANKS: All you had to do was just...
- 18 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: I'm just saying, I'm sorry.
- 19 COMMISSIONER BANKS: And I'm just calling for peace
- 20 and harmony.
- 21 And I'm
- 22 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: But Reverend, you're the guy I
- 23 really like. Everybody...
- 24 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Well, I wouldn't have never
- 25 known that.



- 1 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Well, I'm just...
- 2 COMMISSIONER BANKS: I wouldn't have never known that
- 3 the way you were hollering at me.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Did I. I'm sorry.
- 5 COMMISSIONER BANKS: I'm calling for peace and
- 6 harmony.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: I apologize. Please forgive me.
- 8 Will you accept my apology?
- 9 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Oh, yeah, all is well, but I
- 10 just wanted to address that to you, you know.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Right. If I did that, you're
- 12 absolutely right. You are absolutely right.
- 13 Announcements, any other announcements.
- 14 MS. WHITE: If I may mention for the record regarding
- 15 the U.S. George Floyd, justice and policing bill, the
- 16 Board did approve a resolution in that regard. Thank you.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: We normally, we are up to date
- 18 on a lot of stuff around the country, you know?
- 19 MS. WHITE: Yes sir.
- 20 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: But it's okay to mention it.
- 21 Thank you,
- 22 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Announcements. I'm going to
- 23 announcement. Is that okay for everybody?
- 24 COMMISSIONER BELL: We just...
- 25 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: We need to give him a little



- 1 boost. Get on the job there. Get it approved.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Commissioner Bell. You have the
- 3 floor.
- 4 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you, sir. I just want to,
- 5 we should pause to acknowledge a great day for Chief
- 6 James E. White. Today is his birthday. So, if we could
- 7 acknowledge happy birthday, some of you people can sing,
- 8 then if we could watch it perhaps at our meeting, I'm
- 9 pretty sure they monitor it.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Let's not sing but let's say,
- 11 Happy Birthday.
- 12 COMMISSIONER BELL: Whoever wants to take the lead?
- 13 Commissioner and I will take the lead. Happy Birthday,
- 14 briefly.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Commissioner Moore, do a nice...
- 16 for all of us.
- 17 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Say a rap in honor of...
- 18 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: I didn't know it was his
- 19 birthday. I would've had something in my notes, but I'm
- 20 asking you if you would, on behalf of all of us, will you
- 21 please say to the Chief through AC LeValley that we want
- 22 to wish him a happy birthday from all of us.
- 23 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Through the Chair. Let the Chief
- 24 know that we, the Board of Police Commissioners, wish him
- 25 a Happy Birthday.



- 1 ASSISTANT CHIEF LEVALLEY: I will.
- 2 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Happy 25th Birthday. We wish him
- 3 many more and we appreciate his leadership for the
- 4 Department.
- 5 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: And Happy Earth Day.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Happy Holiday, Holley Holiday.
- 7 You all got it all, got it. So, next meeting, please?
- 8 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Excuse me. Through the Chair. I
- 9 have a small announcement. I'd like to bring to the
- 10 attention of the Board of Police Commissioners that these
- 11 fantastic cups with awesome tea were left as gifts to us
- 12 by the chair of the citizen radio patrol and Ms. White,
- 13 would you please uplift her name for me?
- MS. WHITE: I don't have that name in front of me.
- 15 COMMISSIONER HOLT: I'm sorry, Ms. White.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Mr. Brown does.
- 17 MR. BROWN: Mira Gracie.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Thank you. Okay. Thank you,
- 19 again.
- 20 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Thank you.
- 21 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: Awesome.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Good. Next meeting. Next
- 23 meeting, Mr. Brown.
- MR. BROWN: Yeah. Good afternoon, Mr. Chair. The next
- 25 BOPC meeting is March 31st, 2022 at 3:00 PM at Detroit



- 1 Public Safety Headquarters. And the next community
- 2 meeting will be at WC3 at the Larry Lewis building, the
- 3 Northwest campus at 8,200 West Outer Drive at 6:30 PM,
- 4 April 14th. And the monthly community committee meeting
- 5 schedule: budget committee meeting schedule every second,
- 6 Wednesday at 2:00 PM, policy committee meeting every
- 7 second Wednesday 3:00 PM, personnel and training
- 8 committee meeting every second Wednesday at 4:00 PM, and
- 9 the citizen complaint committee meeting every second,
- 10 Wednesday at 4:30 PM. And Mr. Chair from there, I can go
- 11 to public comments.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Thank you so much.
- MR. BROWN: We currently have 7 speakers in our call
- 14 of those that's in the room. LSA President, Lieutenant
- 15 Mark Young, followed by Ms. Joy.
- 16 LIEUTENANT YOUNG: Good evening. Let's not forget
- 17 Captain Jonathan de Parnell. Today is the anniversary of
- 18 his death. He died of COVID. He was an active member,
- 19 brave leader, an awesome colleague. He gave his life for
- 20 this city as well. I have a lot of comments, some of it
- 21 goes back to last week's meeting, but I'm trying to work
- 22 my way there too, Reverend Holley. So I'm going to let
- 23 some of that go. Respect for my colleagues who are out
- 24 there every day. I appreciate what they do in16-hour
- 25 shifts. Violence is increasing, we are handling that, we



- 1 are battling that, we're standing up to that, we
- 2 addressing that and we tackling that. We are not the
- 3 enemy. We are the people that the Lord sent to battle the
- 4 enemy. If you're not careful, sometimes a mixed message
- 5 goes out, the law enforcement is the enemy, especially in
- 6 the Detroit Police Department. That is far from the
- 7 truth. 16 hour shifts, they are working, their behinds
- 8 off, and I'm impressed and I'm proud of them. And I'm
- 9 blessed to be one of them. I spoke about recruitment and
- 10 retention years ago, and it fell on deaf ears. And now,
- 11 all of a sudden we are defcon 1.
- 12 LIEUTENANT YOUNG: This upcoming collective
- 13 bargaining agreement, you won't be able to hide from it,
- 14 if you don't address it properly. I'm not talking about
- 15 the issues that you're trying to address. I'm talking
- 16 about the issues of recruitment and retention and I have
- 17 a couple more things I'm going to say, but the clock
- 18 seems to move pretty fast when I speak. I always get
- 19 angry when somebody says, this is what we negotiated,
- 20 when we know that that's not true. That's embarrassing
- 21 and insulting every time I hear that. For a member to
- 22 come into the Detroit Police Department at 18 and have to
- 23 stay to a minimum of 50, to get a benefit, and then have
- 24 no retiree healthcare and a pension that really doesn't
- 25 matter. You think somebody really walked in the room and



- 1 negotiated that? I will leave the rest of it alone.
- 2 MR. BROWN: Miss Joy, followed by Mr. Dana Lan.
- 3 MS. JOY: Welcome to this honorable Board and welcome
- 4 to everyone, the guests and.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: A little louder Ms. Joy, if you
- 6 don't mind?
- 7 MS. JOY: Can you hear me better now?
- 8 MS. JOY: I can hear much better now.
- 9 MS. JOY: Okay. Welcome to this honorable Board and
- 10 to our guests that are here too. I want to say that I
- 11 appreciate everyone as usual and I'm thankful for being a
- 12 citizen of the City of Detroit, because of all of you,
- 13 especially our Board members, because I see this stance
- 14 on the policies, procedures to protocol everything, and
- 15 the caring of the citizens of the City of Detroit. They
- 16 called it the great City of Detroit, and we have
- 17 Detroit's finest law enforcement. And that is true. I say
- 18 that's an understatement because they really are much
- 19 more than just Detroit's fines. Because I have spoken to
- 20 them on several occasions and they have always been the
- 21 very best in their work and their response to the
- 22 citizenry, and the elder senior community, of which I am
- 23 a part of.
- MS. JOY: And also, I was thinking too about the
- 25 safety of the officers and keeping them alive. There are



- 1 so many names down there at number 4 on the wall of the
- 2 officers that have perished on duty. And I would like to
- 3 see something happen to keep them alive more. They are
- 4 working very hard on it, I'm very sure because there
- 5 wouldn't be that many alive if they weren't. But I want
- 6 to see more because I see the children and they have
- 7 children, they have wives, they cry for them. And so, I'm
- 8 pretty sure you're working hard on it. And like I said, I
- 9 wouldn't see so many, if you weren't and the great work
- 10 of Chair Holley, you really do need a resolution though,
- 11 Chair Holley, your diplomacy and your way of carrying on
- 12 the meetings every, every week. And I think you and
- 13 Commissioner Bell or and Ferguson are just in cahoots,
- 14 trying to make everything smooth all the time. You just
- 15 really do excellent work. You're astounding and amazing,
- 16 all three of you are. And yes, commissioner. I'm so
- 17 sorry. I went over my time, but you all appreciated and
- 18 thank you for letting me speak.
- 19 MR. BROWN: Mr. Lan.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: When people start talking about
- 21 you, nice...
- 22 COMMISSIONER MOORE: I know that's right.
- MR LAN: Hello. I'm Mr. Long. I've been in the City
- 24 of Detroit for 58 years. I was born in South Carolina,
- 25 but the thing about it is I just can't figure out why I



- 1 can't get any help in my neighborhood, where I've been
- 2 for 28 years. I've been coming back down to these
- 3 meetings off and on and the city council begging for
- 4 help. Why is it that I can't get any help? I've even
- 5 tried to get to the police department before I got sick.
- 6 And I even tried after I got sick to do the reserve. What
- 7 is it that I have to do to get someone in the police
- 8 department to help in the neighborhood? I've dealt with
- 9 neighbors putting their hands on their hips with their
- 10 pistols and I've dealt with a neighbor threatening me and
- 11 I dealt with my neighbor calling me the N more than once,
- 12 even though she's married to a black man that he's making
- 13 the neighborhood.
- MR. LAN: I can't even sell my house to get the
- 15 proper money for it. I had to run out of the neighborhood
- 16 because he's making the neighborhood a junkyard. I went
- 17 to the Ninth Precinct. I begged them up there in the
- 18 Ninth Precinct, my daughter had to come and protect me
- 19 because I had been through 38 surgeries that I'm legally
- 20 blind in one eye and I had two more operations that she
- 21 had to defend for me. I mean, I could have shot the
- 22 woman, but I don't put my hands on women like that, that
- 23 she can't even let her own kids play in the yard, that
- 24 she has to put her toys in the front and her kids playing
- 25 in my driveway. I have to put signs up for them to stay



- 1 off my property. Then they are going to come and sue me.
- 2 I had two people try to sue me and everything, but I
- 3 still went up to the Ninth Precinct, which they came out
- 4 of. The officers say, well, he's the one that's calling
- 5 on you. I mean, what's the purpose of that? And then you
- 6 guys have the rule to say, if you tell on someone, we're
- 7 not going to tell that you're the person that told them.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Let me ask you this.
- 9 MR. LAN: Officer Wade is the officer up at the Ninth
- 10 Precinct.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Let me ask you this, sir,
- 12 because you say you've been down here two or three times.
- MR. LAN: Oh, I'm sorry.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: No, it's okay. I want to try to
- 15 see how we can help you. Assistant Chief. LeValley, he is
- 16 in the Ninth Precinct, right? So let's see, we can hook
- 17 him up with somebody to have the commander of the Ninth
- 18 Precinct to listen to him and what kind of help they can
- 19 give him in that community. Can we do that? You have
- 20 somebody here?
- 21 ASSISTANT CHIEF LEVALLEY: Yes.
- MR. LAN: Excuse me, Reverend Holley. I do not wantto
- 23 insult, but they never do anything. I've been doing this
- 24 for years, sir.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: But I'm saying to you, you



- 1 never... I'm involved now.
- 2 MR. LAN: Yes. I see the Board is in it right now.
- 3 Now, I came down and spoke to the commissioners' right
- 4 here and I never got any help.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Try me one more time...
- 6 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Through the Chair, Holley.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Please, the young man behind
- 8 you, he's going to take your number and you guys are
- 9 going to swap numbers and basically we are going to help
- 10 to get to the commander and then if you give me like 2/3
- 11 weeks. Come back in three weeks and if nothing has
- 12 happened, then I will do something else. But right now,
- 13 give us an opportunity to address your concern, please.
- 14 Just give us another opportunity.
- 15 MR. LAN: Sir, don't take it the wrong way. I don't
- 16 try to come down here to try to crush nobody on that. I
- 17 mean, I see it calls with numbers. My neighbors, they all
- 18 want to come down. I never get the time until it's too
- 19 late. Because when I come down, not a threat, I will
- 20 bring all my neighbors that beg for the help. I have the
- 21 people all in the neighborhood.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Let me see what I can do.
- 23 MS. WHITE: Mr. Chair.
- 24 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Commissioner Holt but really, Ms.
- 25 White would



- 1 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Ms. White.
- 2 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Are you allowing me?
- 3 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: No. I just know your heart and I
- 4 know your head. I'm just saying to you, I'm just asking
- 5 you, let me handle this. And if you would please, and I'm
- 6 asking that the young man...
- 7 COMMISSIONER HOLT: You know, we have citizen's
- 8 arbitration though.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Okay. If you would, please. This
- 10 young man right here, sir, if you don't mind. Okay. He's
- 11 right behind you. Thank you so much.
- MR. LAN: Thank you. I'm just saying, I'm tired of
- 13 the foolishness. I don't want to go to jail for nothing
- 14 and I'm tired of people attacking me.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Okay. But I'm just saying, thank
- 16 you so much. I feel like we are going to handle this for
- 17 you. Okay.
- 18 MR. LAN: I appreciate it.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Thank you. Next person, please?
- MR. BROWN: Mr. Chair, your next 3 speakers will be
- 21 from zoom. Miss Bernie Smith, followed by Minister Eric
- 22 Blount, followed by Mr. Scotty Bowman.
- MS. SMITH: Good afternoon commissioners. I'm a
- 24 little late with you, but I'm going to tell you what I
- 25 have to say, anyway. Ricardo, all you have to do is get



- 1 into touch with Parnell, she'll help you with that
- 2 meeting at your second precinct because she's in charge.
- 3 Anyway, Holley, you catching hell day. Oh, excuse me. You
- 4 catching heck today, aren't you? Bless your heart. What I
- 5 want to really tell you is the police discussed the last
- 6 meeting in regard to their wages and other rights. I have
- 7 been going to the rehab center for exercise and I met a
- 8 police retiree there. He was telling me about some of the
- 9 problems that he's having with the insurance that the
- 10 police have. So if it's a problem with the insurance, I
- 11 don't want to go into details with it, but would you
- 12 please investigate what the insurance is doing for the
- 13 retirees?
- 14 MS. SMITH: Besides another thing you did discuss
- 15 about the police leaving after going through their
- 16 testing and so forth and training. Now, you did mention a
- 17 year ago, in regard to that you were going to sign a
- 18 contract. I don't know if that's still in existence or
- 19 not, but maybe we should have a contract and have so many
- 20 years that you stay with the police department, so we
- 21 won't lose you after a limited time. So those are the
- 22 things that were on my mind. And I would like for you to
- 23 think about it, but in the meantime, Ricardo, we are
- 24 going to help you out with your meeting because you know,
- 25 Parnell, she does a lot of things in that precinct and



- 1 they really love her. So talk with her and she'll help
- 2 you get the meeting over there. Take care, everyone, and
- 3 God bless you and be safe out here and wear your mask
- 4 when it's necessary. I love all of you. Take care.
- 5 MR. BROWN: Minister, Eric Blount. Can you hear me
- 6 Board?
- 7 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Yes we can.
- 8 MINISTER BLOUNT: Yes. This is Minister Eric Blount.
- 9 In regard to the body-worn camera presentation, just look
- 10 at the numbers, they are due to mass. Over 600 events
- 11 were not in compliance, just in the audit, not the actual
- 12 total. So are all body-worn camera footage reviewed with
- 13 each citizen complaint? My complaint would be reported
- 14 very differently if we could review the footage. In
- 15 regard to repeat offenders, how many repeat offenders are
- 16 there? Remember just one brutality lawsuit costs this
- 17 city \$7.5 million as approved by city council this week.
- 18 The NACOLES presentation. This Board fails on the first
- 19 three principles. Number one, the Board of Police
- 20 Commissioners is not independent. If the city
- 21 administration could name a building with a
- 22 commissioner's name on it, a reasonable person would find
- 23 it hard to view this commissioner as independent. Also,
- 24 the city lawyer also represents this supposed independent
- 25 Board. It's a clear conflict of interest. Second



- 1 principle, the Board of Police Commissioners is not the
- 2 authority. The union contract overrides anything of
- 3 substance. Principle, number three, the Board of Police
- 4 Commissioners does not have access to records. After
- 5 months of demands, Commissioner Burton has still not
- 6 received the body-worn camera footage for the chokehold
- 7 put on Nakia Wallace of the Detroit Will Breathe during a
- 8 peaceful protest. I see that's all I have time for now.
- 9 Thank you for listening to me.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Minister Blount, as you go, but
- 11 I called Father Thomas and please understand when you say
- 12 that I received at one point money from the city and
- 13 therefore it's a conflict. I want you to know that Father
- 14 Thomas indicated to me that on Gratiot they have a
- 15 building similar to the one that the church is building
- 16 on Woodward, and they got more than two... it is
- 17 something that all builders get in the city, during
- 18 Gilbert, and others. So, I really feel like a minister
- 19 basically, if you really are, and I think you are, you
- 20 don't really ridicule or really talk to another minister
- 21 in public without basic... First of all, privately go to
- 22 him, according to the Bible and basically have a
- 23 conversation with him or with her.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: That's the way ministers' act,
- 25 especially when you got the wrong information. So I want



- 1 you to understand that anyone that's building a building
- 2 in Detroit, they have block grants and they qualify those
- 3 with those. And as we are qualifying with that, all
- 4 buildings in Detroit, they qualify that, they get that
- 5 grant, not because they're on the Board or anywhere else.
- 6 So, I just want you to understand, I talked to Father
- 7 Thomas about your remarks. So, I'm just asking you to
- 8 understand that again. I'm asking you as minister to
- 9 minister that you be careful, if you would please
- 10 morally, basically, trying to call out another minister,
- 11 especially when you don't have the right information.
- 12 Thank you so much. Let's go to the next person.
- MR. BROWN: Mr. Scotty Bowman.
- MR. BOWMAN: Hello, Board. I've been looking over
- 15 some of the policy directives on your website and I had
- 16 some concerns and I'm just going to itemize some of them.
- 17 I noticed stops in frisks is an item that remains within
- 18 current policy. It's in the section of the search and
- 19 seizure directive pertaining to exceptions to the warrant
- 20 requirement. I think that they should remove that as
- 21 something that the Detroit Police Department does.
- 22 There's a part about consent during traffic stops, where
- 23 it seems to have a double standard for people whose
- 24 resident happens to be, I'm sorry, I'm misreading this
- 25 part. Oh, it actually says that though officers are not



- 1 required to do so, if they want to search a voluntarily
- 2 consensual search, they let the driver know that they are
- 3 free to go. In other words, it's voluntary.
- 4 MR. BOWMAN: Well, apparently that what is proposed,
- 5 is they put in the words though, the officer is not
- 6 required to do so. The officer should be required to do
- 7 so, to make it clear that the search is consensual and
- 8 that that is not a command. There's a part where we seem
- 9 to have a double standard for people who live in mobile
- 10 homes, where sometimes their vehicle is not protected as
- 11 a home but considered to be just a vehicle rather than a
- 12 home that is also a vehicle. And I think that they need
- 13 to be considered a home at all times. There is also a
- 14 part I noticed here where we have warrants for members
- 15 that they don't have to show a warrant when they enter a
- 16 home, until after they're inside that should show the
- 17 resident the warrant, if the resident's present before
- 18 entering the home. And finally, the words they are used
- 19 to refer to an individual rather than a group. And they
- 20 should...
- 21 MR. BROWN: Mr. Chair, your next two speakers will be
- 22 Detroit unity followed by Ms. Brenda Hill.
- COMMISSIONER FERGUSON?: Through the Chair. One
- 24 second, please. Regarding Minister Blount's concerns, the
- 25 Board does not have access to DPDs records and the



- 1 invitation to the body-worn cameras.
- MS. WHITE: Does have.
- 3 COMMISSIONER FERGUSON: Does have, the Board does
- 4 have access to DPDs records and the invitation to view
- 5 the body-worn cameras as evidence of Nakia Wallace was
- 6 extended to the Board members. That means we put it out
- 7 there to them, initially. Additionally, independence
- 8 refers to maintaining independence, civilian oversight,
- 9 and the Board does maintain that independence by engaging
- 10 in ongoing civilian oversight. Regarding policy, they
- 11 should submit this recommendation in writing. Do you want
- 12 it? Ask for it in writing, not just on the record, give
- 13 it to us on a piece of paper so we can have it.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Thank you, Commissioner.
- MR. BOWMAN: Then I wonder why Mr. Burton never got
- 16 it.
- 17 MR. BROWN: Detroit Unity.
- DETROIT UNITY: Okay. This is Ruben Crowley. Now, the
- 19 Board of Police Commissioners just went before Detroit
- 20 city council to talk about their budget. Present was
- 21 Annie Holt. Snake oil salesman, Jim Holley, Melanie
- 22 White, the three that I do know about. Now, I made a
- 23 complaint that was not allowed to be taken by Willie Bell
- 24 over at the OCI. I still want to press that same
- 25 complaint. Now, I don't know what's really going on at



- 1 the Board of Police Commissioner, but the whole matter
- 2 stinks and right now, I'm madder than a mother Finn
- 3 uncovering corruption, kickbacks, everything right away
- 4 and right away is one word.
- 5 DETROIT UNITY: Now, I say this with all sincerity,
- 6 Jim Holley, you know, I called you. I told you that I've
- 7 been sending you emails. You told me you never got them,
- 8 okay. You, the one that told me to call the Board's
- 9 Office to ask the girls at the front desk for Willie
- 10 Bell's number, his cell number. Well, I called it and he
- 11 did what he did and I recorded it. It's on a recording of
- 12 him saying that he can't take any of my complaints. Now I
- 13 want to know and in front of the whole city, in front of
- 14 the public, why can't you accept the complaint from a
- 15 citizen, who has a valid, legitimate complaint. Now, you
- 16 took a complaint from a woman whose daughter was
- 17 murdered, but it is, first things first, Willy Bell, I
- 18 told you before, man, I had ways, means, and resources to
- 19 deal with you. Now, at a deposition table, you don't want
- 20 to be forced to be telling you one of the two...
- 21 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: I'll take full responsibility,
- 22 just cut him off. Mr. Crowley, you cannot, you cannot
- 23 make a threat to any commissioner.
- DETROIT UNITY: Man, you can't tell me what I can do.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Okay, but I can tell you this. I



- 1 DETROIT UNITY: You're a snake
- MS. WHITE: Can you disable Mr. Crowley's microphone,
- 3 please and remove him from the meeting. Thank you.
- 4 MR. BROWN: Mr. Chair, your last speaker will be Ms.
- 5 Brenda Hill.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Ms. Hill. Ms. Hill, we are
- 7 working on something, just check and see if you're muted,
- 8 unmuted or if you are in the wrong area? And we're
- 9 waiting on you Ms. Hill? Miss Hill, once, Miss Hill,
- 10 twice.
- MR. BROWN: She's gone, Mr. Chair.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Okay. Thank you so much. Is that
- 13 it?
- MR. BROWN: Yes.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Okay. Once again, I thank all of
- 16 you for your time and commitment to this. Again,
- 17 Commissioner Banks, I apologize if anything I've said, I
- 18 apologize. At my age, you never want to go to bed, at 70
- 19 years old and not to know you did everything right the
- 20 day before. I apologize to you.
- 21 COMMISSIONER BANKS: I'm fine. I wanted to let you
- 22 know. I'm fine with, it's over. I just wanted to mention
- 23 it to you. It's over.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Thank you.
- 25 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Thank you, Reverend Holley, for



1	your charge in having that citizens' senior housing in
2	your part of the city. Thank you again.
3	CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: And if nothing else comes before
4	the Board, I'd like to have a motion to adjourn.
5	COMMISSIONER BERNARD: So move.
6	CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Any discussion? Hearing no
7	discussion, all in favor, say aye.
8	COMMISSIONERS: Aye.
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11	(Meeting Adjourned at 4:55pm)
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