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CITY OF DETROIT
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
BOPC VIRTUAL MEETING
March 31, 2022 at 3:00 P.M.

- 1 MS. WHITE: Good afternoon, honorable Board, DPD
- 2 executives, community, please note the following
- 3 reminders for your information and reference regarding
- 4 the executive order involving the emergency epidemic
- 5 order. Please note that Honorable Mayor Duggan extended
- 6 the virtual participation at open meetings. So, the board
- 7 will continue to operate the hybrid meeting format for
- 8 your convenience. In compliance with the emergency order
- 9 and state law, BOPC staff have distributed all required
- 10 notices and information to the public regarding accessing
- 11 today's meeting amid the public health crisis. Please
- 12 review the most recent emergency order issued by
- 13 honorable Mayor Duggan for more information. And again,
- 14 we as always thank you for your understanding and
- 15 cooperation as we work to protect everyone's health,
- 16 safety, and welfare. And just a few reminders regarding
- 17 public comments, if you would like to make a comment
- 18 during our public comment section, please submit your
- 19 request by 4:00 PM. You may also do that if you are
- 20 attending in-person, please do so by 4:00 PM so that we
- 21 can include your name on the list. And please also be
- 22 reminded of the Board of Police Commissioners, bylaws,
- 23 and the requirements to remain respectful and
- 24 professional during public comments. We thank you so much
- 25 for your cooperation and now, Chairperson. Holley.



- 1 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Thank you so much, Ms. White.
- 2 Thank you. Good afternoon, Jim Holley, Chairperson of the
- 3 Board of Police Commissioners. Once again, thank all of
- 4 you for being with us, the commissioners as well as the
- 5 staff and the visitors and those online as well. We just
- 6 thank you for being with us. The invocation will be given
- 7 by Commander Chaplain Charles Clark, in a few minutes.
- 8 I'd just like to take a moment out and just recognize the
- 9 fact that the Board mourns the loss of former deputy
- 10 mayor in the 36 District Court, chief judge honorable
- 11 Adam Shakoor, who was in Americans first Muslim judge,
- 12 serving in various judicial capacities within Wayne
- 13 County. Judge Shakoor fought for and ensure justice
- 14 fairness, equity equality in regards to the freedom of
- 15 speech, freedom of religion and Muslim religious
- 16 practices. Not only that, he's just a good man, just a
- 17 good friend.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: And we all will miss him,
- 19 whoever got to know him, was ready to love him and a
- 20 renowned leader and trailblazer, Mr. Shakoor served as a
- 21 deputy mayor for the City of Detroit becoming the first
- 22 deputy mayor in the city's history. He also served as a
- 23 personal attorney for civil rights, the icon Rosie Parks.
- 24 At this time, I'd just like to take a moment, if we
- 25 could, of silence in recognition of former deputy mayor



- 1 Shakoor, and then after that I'll ask Chaplain Clark to
- 2 do the invocation. Let's take a moment of silence, if you
- 3 would please. Chaplain Clark.
- 4 CHAPLAIN CLARK: Good afternoon all, let us pray.
- 5 Eternal and gracious God, we bow before you now. God,
- 6 we're humbled by the privileges that you've extended
- 7 toward us. Lord, we pray for the family of the former
- 8 deputy mayor that you give them peace and comfort in this
- 9 moment of bereavement. Father, we pray your blessings
- 10 upon our city. There is so much going on, so much
- 11 violence, so much unnecessary upheaval. We ask God for a
- 12 movement from heaven that will change the atmosphere of
- 13 our community. We pray for the leaders of this city,
- 14 including, especially this Board of Police Commissioners,
- 15 that they lead our city in ways that will help us to be
- 16 the very best that we can ever be. And that they lead
- 17 with wisdom with guidance and integrity. Lord, we ask
- 18 that you'll be number one on the agenda all throughout
- 19 this day and keep us in your divine care as our prayer,
- 20 we ask it all in the precious, mighty and matchless name
- 21 of Jesus Christ. Amen.
- 22 COMMISSIONERS: Amen.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Thank you so much, Commander
- 24 Chaplain Clark. Thank you for your presence as well as
- 25 thank you for the prayer. We accept that prayer. Thank



- 1 you so much. At this time I'm asking Vice-Chair Ferguson,
- 2 Commissioner Ferguson, to give us a short version of the
- 3 mission statement of the Board.
- 4 VICE-CHAIR FERGUSON: Thank you. Through the Chair,
- 5 Board of Police Commissioner's mission statement. The
- 6 Board of Police Commissioners, BOPC is a civilian agency
- 7 that exercises supervisory control and oversight over the
- 8 Detroit Police Department, DPD as set forth in the city
- 9 charter. The Board has 11 members, 7 elected by districts
- 10 and 4 appointed by the mayor with the consent of the
- 11 city. The Board meets every week, including 12 community
- 12 evening meetings in different Districts. The BOPC is an
- 13 oversight agency for the Detroit Police Department that
- 14 has several charter mandates, including, but not limited
- 15 to the following reviews and approves departmental
- 16 policy, rules and regulations governing the Detroit
- 17 Police Department, which are jointly developed by the
- 18 mayor, police chief and the Board; reviews and approves
- 19 the DPD budget pursuant to the charter, investigates non-
- 20 criminal citizen complaints, reviews and hears
- 21 disqualification appeals from police recruits, hoping to
- 22 enter Detroit Police Academy, has subpoena power under
- 23 the charter that can be used for investigative purposes
- 24 and by the charter acts as the final authority in
- 25 imposing or reviewing the discipline of employees of the



- 1 department with exception based on union collective
- 2 bargaining agreements. Finally, the BOPC makes an annual
- 3 report to the mayor, the city council and the public
- 4 regarding the BOPC's activities and accomplishments. Mr.
- 5 Chair, the reading of the Board's mission statement.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Thank you Vice-Chair Ferguson,
- 7 and at this time, we ask Ms. White, if you can give us
- 8 the roll call, please?
- 9 MS. WHITE: Yes, sir. Through the Chair. Vice-Chair
- 10 Ferguson Here.
- 11 MS. WHITE: Commissioner Linda Bernard Attorney
- 12 Linda Bernard, District 2, present.
- 13 MS. WHITE: Commissioner Cedric Banks Present.
- MS. WHITE: Commissioner Willie E. Bell Present.
- 15 MS. WHITE: Commissioner Willie E. Burton -
- 16 MS. WHITE: Commissioner Lisa Carter Present.
- 17 MS. WHITE: Commissioner Ricardo Moore Present.
- 18 MS. WHITE: Commissioner Jesus Hernandez submitted an
- 19 excuse to absence notification.
- 20 MS. WHITE: Commissioner Annie Holt Present and
- 21 through the Chair, if I might, I'd like to say thanks to
- 22 the Board of Police Commissioner's staff and my fellow
- 23 commissioners for the recognition of Commissioners
- 24 Bernard, Carter and myself as being women on this
- 25 historical Board of Police Commission, chartered in 1974.



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- 1 As I understand, I'm due a plant and I want it. I was
- 2 stuck in Pittsburgh and I truly, truly apologize. And
- 3 again, appreciate your recognition.
- 4 MS. WHITE: Yes, ma'am. Through the Chair,
- 5 Commissioner QuanTez Pressley Here.
- 6 MS. WHITE: Mr. Chair, you do have a quorum.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Thank you so much and
- 8 commissioners, I thank all of you for being here as well.
- 9 Commissioner Banks, thank you for your presence here as
- 10 well. At this time I'd like to likely entertain a motion
- 11 for approval of the agenda for March the 31st, 2022.
- 12 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: So moved.
- 13 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Second.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: It's been moved and properly
- 15 second. Any discussion? Hearing no discussion, all in
- 16 favor, say aye.
- 17 COMMISSIONERS: Aye. Aye.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Any oppose? The ayes have it.
- 19 Also, the minutes of the previous meetings have been
- 20 distributed to each and every one of you, March 24th,
- 21 2022. I'd like to ask, are there any questions, if you
- 22 had the opportunity to go over it. Are there any
- 23 corrections to the minutes? Hearing no corrections of the
- 24 minutes, the minutes will stand as approved. At this time



- 1 I'll ask, Ms. White, if you could just give us an idea of
- 2 the people who are with you today.
- 3 MS. WHITE: Yes, sir. Through the Chair, media
- 4 services is handling our audio visual needs for today's
- 5 Board meeting and our court reporter is Mr. Don Handyside
- 6 and the following staff members are here with me today.
- 7 Assistant Corporation Counsel, Christopher Michaels, Ms.
- 8 Jonya Underwood, Administrative Assistant, Mr. Robert
- 9 Brown, Administrative Specialist, Investigator Tiffany
- 10 Stewart, Director Katrina Patillo, Director of Police
- 11 Personnel, Interim Chief Investigator Lawrence Akbar,
- 12 Supervising Investigator Ansley Cromwell, Acting
- 13 Supervising Investigator LiSonya Sloan, Acting
- 14 Supervising investigator Rosalia Madrigal. And that
- 15 concludes the staff introductions. Thank you.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Thank you so much. Assistant
- 17 Chief or Deputy Chief. I'm sorry.
- DEPUTY CHIEF HAYNES: Good afternoon, sir. Deputy
- 19 Chief.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: I got the last name Hayes, I
- 21 know that. What's it again? I want to make sure, right.
- DEPUTY CHIEF HAYES: Deputy Chief, sir.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Okay. There are a lot of you
- 24 guys and gals around here now I just have to make sure I



- 1 get the right one. Thank you for being with us. Are you
- 2 in for the entire duration of the program?
- 3 DEPUTY CHIEF HAYES: That's correct, sir.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Very good. It's always good to
- 5 see you.
- 6 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Excuse me. Can you spell your
- 7 last name? I want to just make it out, it's not on my
- 8 agenda. Deputy Chief...?
- 9 DEPUTY CHIEF HAYES: Franklin Hayes. H AY E S.
- 10 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Hayes. Thank you very much.
- 11 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Absolutely. Just let us know who
- 13 is with you this afternoon.
- 14 DEPUTY CHIEF HAYES: In attendance we have the DEI
- 15 director, Mary Engleman, executive manager in the office
- 16 of the chief Sheila Young, Commander, Michael McGinness,
- 17 and homicide, Lieutenants and Sergeants Association,
- 18 President Lieutenant Mark Young, Detroit Police Officers
- 19 Association, Vice-President Police Officer Ronald Thomas.
- 20 Second Deputy Chief Kyra Joy Hope are in attendance at
- 21 this meeting and a host of other DPD members that are
- 22 joining virtually, sir.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Thank you so much. And once
- 24 again, I thank you as always for being here. Ms. White,



- 1 can you just give an indication if you would please?
- 2 Who's our special guest?
- MS. WHITE: Yes, sir. Through the Chair, Ms. Marie
- 4 Overall of state representative Tyron Carter's office,
- 5 Ms. Freda Butler of the second precinct community
- 6 relations council. She is the president and former police
- 7 commissioner, William Davis. Thank you.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Thank you. And again, we say
- 9 thanks for each and every one of you for being with us.
- 10 You know, people don't have to be nice and when they are,
- 11 at least you can say, thank you. We want to just let you
- 12 know how grateful we are for your presence here this
- 13 afternoon. Just for a moment or two, let me just remind
- 14 you or say to you that we are proud of the department in
- 15 this recent announcement, expansion of the crisis
- 16 intervention team CIT response pilot program, which is a
- 17 community partnership between law enforcement and the
- 18 Detroit Wayne Integrated Health Network, in mental and
- 19 addiction professionals. It's long name and all the other
- 20 affected individuals and families. The Board has been a
- 21 longtime advocate in support of the department's mental
- 22 health partnership and co-response model expansion within
- 23 the precincts.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: We look forward to the programs'
- 25 continued success. We also look forward to a report from



- 1 the department in regards to this partnership that has
- 2 been established. We recently highlighted DPD in the
- 3 community partnership last week during NACOLES
- 4 presentation. We were very glad to be able to share this
- 5 important work that this organization has done with
- 6 oversight partners. We provide best practice in civilian
- 7 oversight and law enforcement. So thank you once again to
- 8 the chief, department and the stakeholders and the
- 9 community for your work. Today, we are also looking
- 10 forward to receiving the chief's report on vital crime
- 11 updates, critical incidents, incidents, and further
- 12 information that the Board needs to be aware of. Thank
- 13 you for attending the BOPC Women's History Month and this
- 14 is what Commissioner Holt was talking about earlier.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: We are highlighting the women of
- 16 the Board, past, present, and all women significant
- 17 contributions and services to civilian oversight, public
- 18 safety and the community. We really had a wonderful,
- 19 fantastic time celebrating Women's History Month and I
- 20 will make sure that you get your flowers that you
- 21 basically mentioned earlier. I also like to thank the
- 22 Interim Board Secretary Ms. White and Chief Investigator
- 23 Akbar and their staff for hosting and planning a
- 24 wonderful event. They took a small place and made it into
- 25 a big operation and a wonderful program. And I want to



- 1 thank you for that. We also thank the department for
- 2 attending on this short notice as well and on the
- 3 program. Again, we salute women commissioners and women
- 4 civilian oversight law enforcement, and the public safety
- 5 for its service and for the contributions that you've
- 6 made down through the years. I look forward to hearing
- 7 the presentation from the city law department today on
- 8 lawsuits and settlements by the deputy corporation
- 9 counsel, Charles Raimi.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Also, we look forward to the
- 11 department's diversity equity inclusion unit presentation
- 12 of the executive manager, Mary Engleman, and her staff.
- 13 Lastly, we have a close session today, Board members. I
- 14 know that it may not have been on your schedule but I'm
- 15 just letting you know, we do have a closed session today
- 16 acting on the administrative leave without pay request
- 17 submitted by the chief. All relevant information included
- 18 in this case has been in your package in a timely way. So
- 19 we certainly hope that indeed, that you will take notice
- 20 of that as well. I think we can do all of this in a
- 21 timely, effective way. And I just thank you all for just
- 22 being here. And at this particular time, I'd like to be
- 23 able to talk to the chief.
- MS. WHITE: Mr. Chair.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Yes.



- 1 MS. WHITE: Through the Chair, on the agenda, you do
- 2 have one item under your Chair's report, the chief of
- 3 police recommendation for appointment to the rank of
- 4 commander for Captain John Sevek.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Right? Do they make that
- 6 recommendation to us or do you give it to us or we just
- 7 put it in the back...
- 8 MS. WHITE: The motion is needed from the board and
- 9 all of the relevant documents are included in today's
- 10 packet.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Very good and thank you for
- 12 that. At this time, the Chair will recognize a motion to
- 13 that effect.
- 14 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Motion to approve Captain in
- 15 respect to the rank of commander.
- 16 COMMISSIONER FERGUSON: Second.
- 17 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Second.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Any discussion. Hearing no
- 19 discussion. All in favor, say Aye.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Opposes? And so the ayes have
- 21 it.
- 22 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I just want to say
- 23 congratulations to him, Mr. Chairman. He's a
- 24 distinguished officer with a distinguished record.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Is he here?



- 1 DEPUTY CHIEF HAYES: Thank you. Yes. Earlier, you
- 2 asked me to identify the members that were present. With
- 3 great pleasure, I'd like to call up and introduce to you
- 4 Commander John Sevek that's here today.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Very nice, very nice. So good to
- 6 see you.
- 7 COMMANDER SEVEK: Thank you commissioners, I
- 8 appreciate this honor.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: My motion was longer than that.
- 10 I rode on the elevator with you when you rode up and I'm
- 11 just grateful and thankful. And behalf all of us, we
- 12 accept your thanks, but we also want you to know how
- 13 appreciative we are for your service, and for this honor
- 14 that's been bestowed upon you by the chief. We, we thank
- 15 you for that. And we give the best to you and your
- 16 family.
- 17 COMMANDER SEVEK: I appreciate that. Thank you.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Yes sir.
- 19 VICE-CHAIR FERGUSON: And through the chair, I want
- 20 to say, congratulations. I'm going to miss you. I just
- 21 got a chance to get to really know you in the Eighth
- 22 Precinct. Wherever you go...
- 23 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Oh, I didn't know that.
- 24 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Through the Chair.



- 1 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Yes. I want to say he's always
- 2 been a quiet guy from the 10th Precinct days, but he's
- 3 always been hard working and that's what we...
- 4 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: He's still quiet, but effective.
- 5 DEPUTY CHIEF HAYES: That's what we want.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: That's good. Look, I mean, this
- 7 is good. You should have bought a cake or something here.
- 8 That's good. Thank you, once again. It's good to have
- 9 you. Thank you.
- 10 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Congratulations again.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Chief, if you don't mind, you
- 12 can give us your report today. It's okay. Ms. White.
- MS. WHITE: Yes, sir. And as Deputy Chief Hayes is
- 14 preparing to give the report. Commissioner Willie Burton
- 15 has arrived and we will make that notation for the
- 16 attendance. Thank you.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Okay. Thank you and welcome
- 18 Commissioner Burton.
- 19 DEPUTY CHIEF HAYES: Again, good afternoon, Board.
- 20 Chair and members of this body, I'd like to share with
- 21 you the statistics as it relates to crime in the city and
- 22 some of the work is just a snapshot of the work that the
- 23 men and women of the Detroit Police Department are doing.
- 24 When we get into violent crimes, year-to-date comparisons
- 25 for homicide we are down 6%, sexual assaults we're down



- 1 23%, aggravated assaults, 22%, our nonfatal shootings
- 2 14%, and robbery 16%. We have had a spike in carjackings,
- 3 we are up 11%, which is actual numbers. We were at 47
- 4 year-to-date. Last year, 2021 year 2022, we are at 52, so
- 5 we've had five more incidents but the men and women of
- 6 commercial auto theft and organized crime are meeting
- 7 daily with strategic plans to address this issue in
- 8 combat, this spike in surge in carjacking. When we get
- 9 into our property crimes, which are burglaries, our
- 10 larceny and our motor vehicle thefts we do have a 4%
- 11 increase. So the 21% decrease in our violent crime, the
- 12 4% increase that we've had in our property crime gives us
- 13 a total of a 17% decrease in violent crime in the city
- 14 year-to-date.
- DEPUTY CHIEF HAYES: Let's share with you some of the
- 16 snapshot of the work that we're doing. And actually I'm
- 17 going to talk about staffing real quickly. Currently we
- 18 have 6 members of the department, three sworn, and three
- 19 non-sworn that are out with COVID protocols. And as far
- 20 as our injured officers, we currently have 3 members who
- 21 are disabled and recovering at home due to an on duty
- 22 injury. A sergeant from internal affairs, a sergeant from
- 23 the second precinct and a police officer from the
- 24 tactical service section.



- 1 DEPUTY CHIEF HAYES: One of the things that we have
- 2 taken a strategy on and commercial auto theft and
- 3 organized crime have way something that has flagged us
- 4 these last two years and that's drifting and drag racing.
- 5 They deployed this past Friday, Saturday and Sunday
- 6 strategically through intelligence, finding out where
- 7 they possibly have been acting on information we've
- 8 received from the community as well as institutional
- 9 knowledge of places that they have and congregated. And
- 10 we were happy to report that there were no need for
- 11 significant enforcement because we eliminated the
- 12 opportunity through presence. So a very good weekend with
- 13 that issue that has been plaguing the city. Some of the
- 14 significant incidents crime related, I want to highlight
- 15 the rest of a subject for criminal sexual conduct. On
- 16 Tuesday, March 22nd officers from the Eighth Precinct
- 17 commander Sevek's former home arrested Mr. Dietrich Gaye
- 18 for probable cause regarding several counts of criminal
- 19 sexual conduct against minors and domestic violence.
- 20 Dwayne County prosecutor's office charged him with four
- 21 separate criminal sexual conduct incidents and a domestic
- 22 violence felonious assault. He received a \$500,000 cash
- 23 bond, a half a million dollar bond. We had a double fatal
- 24 shooting on March 27th. Officers were dispatched to
- 25 assist a family for a wellbeing check when they got



- 1 there, they discovered two deceased victims from gunshot
- 2 wounds. From that our homicide team is actively working
- 3 the case. Certainly anyone that has information, please
- 4 contact Detroit police homicide, so that we can bring
- 5 closure to this family and accountability to the
- 6 perpetrators. We had another fatal shooting at team
- 7 wellness in the Seventh Precinct in that Mack and Mt.
- 8 Elliot area, where officers were dispatched yesterday,
- 9 just after 1:00 PM, where two victims were shot, one
- 10 fatally, one non-fatally.
- 11 DEPUTY CHIEF HAYES: Those victims both worked as
- 12 security guards at the location and had been having
- 13 issues with the suspects. The offender then fled on foot.
- 14 There was originally a person of interest that has been
- 15 eliminated. So again, if anyone in the community or
- 16 listing has information in regards to this incident,
- 17 please call Detroit police homicide again, so that we can
- 18 bring closure to the family and accountability to the
- 19 person behind it. We also had a fatal shooting yesterday
- 20 in the 20,000 block of Patton, where officers responded
- 21 to the shooting, they arrived and found the victim
- 22 fatally shot. The victim and his roommate had an
- 23 argument. He ended up fleeing but men and women of our
- 24 headquarters surveillance team, as well as homicide, were
- 25 quickly able to locate him and take him into custody.



- 1 DEPUTY CHIEF HAYES: A warrant will be submitted to
- 2 the Wayne County prosecutor's office again for that
- 3 action, bringing that family accountability, I'm sorry,
- 4 that family closure and accountability to the
- 5 perpetrator. When we talk about positive notes and from
- 6 the community aspect what's been going on in the city and
- 7 our interaction serving as well as protecting. On the
- 8 28th Chief White gave remarks at the Seventh Precinct as
- 9 the Seventh Precinct became the Sixth Precinct
- 10 numerically, the Sixth Precinct that has come online with
- 11 the CIT or the crisis intervention training officers
- 12 understanding mental health and the impact it can have
- 13 when people aren't able to process it and don't
- 14 understand that it's okay not to be okay and to erupt in
- 15 violence. So to bring those clinicians that skill set as
- 16 another tool in the tool belt of the officers, this was a
- 17 great day for, not only DPD, but a great day for the City
- 18 of Detroit. Also, on the 28th, the Fourth Precincts
- 19 neighborhood police officers put on a safety presentation
- 20 at Holy Redeemer Grade School.
- 21 DEPUTY CHIEF HAYES: They talked with the students
- 22 about the importance of the community and the police
- 23 working together. Had a busy day on the 28th. Also,
- 24 Detroit city council approved the Police Department to
- 25 laudably donate 154 retired bulletproof vest that will be



- 1 slated, they're originally slated for recycling, but
- 2 instead they will be deployed to Ukraine soldiers that
- 3 are not equipped to fight the war, what's going on in the
- 4 turmoil over there.
- 5 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: That's wonderful. Thank you,
- 6 Ukraine.
- 7 DEPUTY CHIEF HAYES: On Tuesday, March 29th Chief
- 8 White spoke at the DPD's Women in Power Women program.
- 9 DPD launched a mentor and mentee program within the DPD
- 10 and the goal is to nurture, communicate and ensure women
- 11 reach their full potential. Chief White talked about the
- 12 importance of senior women officers showing newer women
- 13 officers how things are done and facilitating their
- 14 growth, both as women and professionals in law
- 15 enforcement. And then lastly, on Wednesday, March 30th,
- 16 First Assistant Chief Todd Bettison gave remarks at the
- 17 2022 state of the police athletically presentation where
- 18 the First AC talked about the long standing partnership
- 19 between DPD and PAL. And he also pointed out all the
- 20 great things that PAL has done and continues to do in our
- 21 community, Mr. Chair, that completes the Chief's report
- 22 and I will gladly field any questions that this body may
- 23 have.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Thank you. Thank you so much.
- 25 And a wonderful job you did as well. Before I ask



- 1 Commissioner Pressley to get started, let me ask you, the
- 2 integration mental health piece is going to be in the
- 3 North End. The mental health is moving from the Boulevard
- 4 to the North End, my concern, not now, but just at some
- 5 point or another, I need to have some report to this body
- 6 in terms of the precinct that's going to be working with
- 7 the mental health in the North End. That's going to be
- 8 the crisis center; moving the crisis center from
- 9 Philadelphia to Milwaukee, Milwaukee back to the other
- 10 piece, to Philadelphia, in that area anyway, ugly but,
- 11 you know, what I'm talking about.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: I just want to make sure that
- 13 you guys are ready for that. We have time, but I want to
- 14 make sure how the precinct is going to interface with
- 15 mental health. And so that's the kind concerned about the
- 16 people in the community, or older people, and there's
- 17 always fear of change as you know, but I just want to
- 18 make sure that this Board will have some sense of what's
- 19 going to be taking place there, if you don't mind.
- 20 DEPUTY CHIEF HAYES: Mr. Chair, I will ensure that
- 21 you have a comprehensive report on that facility and its
- 22 operation and the potential impact that can affect the
- 23 community in the North End.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: And the other thing I'm asking
- 25 you, and through Ms. White she would, and that is, I want



- 1 to know what's going on in Southeast Michigan. In other
- 2 words obviously with immigration and those kinds of
- 3 things, are we getting people coming into the city? If
- 4 so, how are we handling it? What are we doing in terms of
- 5 policing? Are we having problems? Is there anything that
- 6 we can do to help us if we have been notified by the
- 7 Board, if there is anything we can do to help with this
- 8 situation? I'm not aware of anything that I'm not talking
- 9 about. I'm just talking about what I'm talking about.
- 10 DEPUTY CHIEF HAYES: Mr. Chair, absolutely. Certainly
- 11 it is the direction of this department. We do not police
- 12 any type of immigration status. And we serve all, if they
- 13 call us we will provide police services and ensure that
- 14 they are safe. So, from that, we will certainly share any
- 15 information or intelligence that we've gleaned on that
- 16 issue that could be possibly plaguing southeast Michigan.
- 17 As you indicated, we have not received anything thus far,
- 18 but we will certainly review it and prepare a report for
- 19 you on that.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: My concern is about the
- 21 population, the law that's 242 that whether it's going to
- 22 be basically going be effective or its going to be
- 23 basically eliminated. And so those are the things I'm
- 24 just concerned about, only because I know the summer is
- 25 coming, are we going to be making plans for the summer,



- 1 not only Southeastern, but the whole city as far as
- 2 that's concerned, but thank you. If you could help me
- 3 with that.
- 4 DEPUTY CHIEF HAYES: Yes, sir. Mr. Chair,
- 5 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: I'll be right with you
- 6 Commissioner Banks. I'm going to ask Commissioner
- 7 Pressley and then your next, sir.
- 8 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Thank you.
- 9 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: Thank you. To the Chair, two
- 10 questions, and maybe you can bring them back if you
- 11 aren't able to answer them now. One is a relative to the
- 12 mental health integrated services. I know that sometimes
- 13 when we have policies, there may be some resistance from
- 14 those who are on the front lines. So I would like to know
- 15 the morale and the receptivity of the officers in this
- 16 new integrated approach to providing services to our
- 17 community. And then secondly, is around the carjackings.
- 18 Obviously, this being the one metric that we're seeing
- 19 increase has drawn my focus to it, but then also looking
- 20 at the precincts. There are some where it has grown
- 21 exponentially and then others where it's gone down. And
- 22 obviously I know each precinct is different but wondering
- 23 if there are any factors that are playing to certain
- 24 precincts, having such an increase while others are
- 25 decreasing in carjacking.



- 1 DEPUTY CHIEF HAYES: Thank you through the chair to
- 2 address your first question, Commissioner Presley, there
- 3 is value recognized by all officers with this skill set.
- 4 And again, this education that we can serve and again,
- 5 the value of it when we interact with those that are in
- 6 crises, I can tell you that Chief White's commitment is
- 7 that 100% of the Detroit Police Department will be
- 8 trained in mental health in crisis intervention training.
- 9 Three weeks ago, the command team, including the
- 10 executive team, Chief White, was present, the assistant
- 11 chiefs were present, the deputy chiefs were present. I
- 12 too, am CIT trained, I just don't have my button. So, we
- 13 have recognized the value in that and we have adopted it,
- 14 and that will forever be a tool in our tool belt. When we
- 15 serve the citizens of the City of Detroit.
- 16 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: It's great to hear.
- 17 DEPUTY CHIEF HAYES: In regards to the carjacking, as
- 18 I indicated, our commercial auto theft unit, their
- 19 meeting daily, finding out where the patterns are to
- 20 focus and get the resources there. So, I will reach out
- 21 and have the Lieutenant in charge of that operation come
- 22 before you and prepare a document as to how they are
- 23 addressing the carjacking and what the strategies are.
- 24 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: That would be appreciated.



- 1 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Thank you. Thank you for the
- 2 question, Commissioner. Commissioner Banks.
- 3 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Yes. Through the Chair, I just
- 4 got a local, big comment. As we begin to go forth with
- 5 this meeting today. Let's keep the harmony. Harmony
- 6 promotes satisfaction, the Bible says. Let's keep the
- 7 harmony. We represent the City of Detroit. So, let's keep
- 8 that harmony as we go forth.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Right. Okay.
- 10 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Thank you.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: And thank you for the comment.
- 12 There are no questions. You have no question?
- 13 COMMISSIONER BANKS: That's it.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Oh, I'm going to get to all of
- 15 you. Okay. Commissioner Moore?
- 16 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Two
- 17 quick questions.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: You see everybody's...like in
- 19 the classroom, they know the answers, I guess. I don't
- 20 know what it is, but anyway, we have some questions for
- 21 you. Commissioner Moore.
- 22 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, two
- 23 quick questions. Chief, I was looking at the Chief's
- 24 strategy plan and it said that the goal was to increase
- 25 response time as opposed to decrease. So I thought our



- 1 goal was to decrease time, going from whatever it is a
- 2 national average of 14 minutes down to as low as we can
- 3 get it.
- 4 DEPUTY CHIEF HAYES: Through the Chair that must have
- 5 been a scrivener's error. I can assure you that it was a
- 6 scrivener. So, every day is to expeditiously get the
- 7 services of DPD to those that are in need. So, we are
- 8 constantly trying to find a way to get there faster,
- 9 safer but we get there. So, we are always trying to
- 10 reduce our response time.
- 11 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Thank you, sir. And my last
- 12 question is when it comes to the Chief terminating an
- 13 employee, does he need any type of interaction, any type
- 14 of permission, so to speak from the Board?
- 15 DEPUTY CHIEF HAYES: I do not see our legal advisor
- 16 here. I will defer that or get that answer back in front
- 17 of you to answer that.
- 18 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Thank you, sir.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Ms. White, can you answer that
- 20 for the Commissioner?
- MS. WHITE: We can find that out to the city's law
- 22 department to make sure that the honorable Board has the
- 23 correct legal standard and information. With regards to
- 24 that, but to our understanding preliminarily by charter,



- 1 the chief of police does have the authority to terminate
- 2 without notifying the Board of Police Commissioners.
- 3 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Thank you, Madam.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Commissioner Holt.
- 5 COMMISSIONER HOLT: No. Thank you for your report.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Commissioner Lisa Carter.
- 7 COMMISSIONER CARTER: No.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Commissioner Bell.
- 9 COMMISSIONER BELL: No.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Commissioner Bernard.
- 11 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Just two real quick questions.
- 12 Excellent report incidentally. And I'm very glad that you
- 13 could appear before us today. Thank you.
- 14 DEPUTY CHIEF HAYES: My pleasure.
- 15 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: The first is today several of
- 16 us were invited by Malik Shabazz over to Pilgrim and near
- 17 Puritan for this young man who was murdered. His name is
- 18 Steven Shelby. He was 27. Yes, I think four children. He
- 19 was here from Louisiana and he was murdered and then
- 20 burned up in the building that we all stood in front of.
- 21 And then we went and canvas the whole neighborhood and
- 22 put these on everybody's door. I know that the head of
- 23 Mr. McGinnis, I mean I think it's the detective or
- 24 commander McGinnis is in the room. Has there been any



- 1 action at all with respect to this homicide? This is a
- 2 serious matter to incinerate an individual.
- 3 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I mean actually almost walking
- 4 distance from my house, it's serious. But it would be
- 5 serious, I don't care where it is. So that's number one.
- 6 Number two, and this question is for you commander, I
- 7 mean, deputy chief and that is regarding summer
- 8 employment with PAL. All of us know kids in our
- 9 neighborhoods and so forth who are 13 and above. And so
- 10 certainly does obviously Reverend Holley, tons of kids.
- 11 And in the past, the department has hired kids for summer
- 12 employment through PAL. And I want to know what the
- 13 status of that is and how soon we can start getting our
- 14 neighborhood children involved. It really makes a
- 15 difference. I said this last week, Mr. Chairman, both
- 16 Judge Miller and Dr. Miller, both my nieces both
- 17 participated in power for three years. So it makes a
- 18 difference. They put on those little blue uniform, white
- 19 shirt and they were out there. So please, I'm very
- 20 interested in summer employment for kids. And then of
- 21 course, Steven Shelby? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Absolutely. Commander McGinnis
- COMMANDER McGINNIS: Yes through the Chair, first I'd
- 24 like to extend our heartfelt condolences to the family.
- 25 As the Chief often said...



1 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Can you speak up a little, I'm

- 2 sorry, it's just bad for me. I'm sorry.
- 3 COMMANDER McGINNIS: I don't think the mic's working
- 4 very well. So I would like to extend my heartfelt
- 5 condolences to the family of Mr. Shelby. As the Chief
- 6 often says, one homicide is one too many. And so I can
- 7 assure you that the detectives are working very hard on
- 8 this case. I appreciate you going out and passing out
- 9 flyers because community support is so important for our
- 10 mission. I don't have the specifics to give you an update
- 11 at this time but I will obtain that information and relay
- 12 that back to you through the Chief's office.
- 13 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Thank you. Thank you, Mr.
- 14 Chairman,
- 15 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: In regards to the PAL?
- 16 DEPUTY CHIEF HAYES: Yes. Second Deputy Chief Hope,
- 17 do you have an update on PAL and their summer program,
- 18 hiring?
- 19 SECOND DEPUTY CHIEF HOPE: No, not yet.
- 20 DEPUTY CHIEF HAYES: So if I may, I understand that
- 21 had been a tradition, there are a lot of things that had
- 22 been scaled back because of COVID as we try to operate
- 23 through this new norm. So I don't know, I'm not prepared
- 24 to tell you what PAL's strategy is. I can tell you that I
- 25 just saw a flyer from the mayor's office with some City



- 1 of Detroit summer hiring and some summer jobs from you.
- 2 So I will gather that information and present it back to
- 3 you. Ms. White again for...
- 4 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: PALS is more of an activity.
- 5 Because you could be 13 and be in PAL. I mean, and our
- 6 kids need this, we really do. So, whatever you can do.
- 7 DEPUTY CHIEF HAYES: And if I may just a point of
- 8 clarification, you said PAL jobs or just the PAL program?
- 9 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Both. I think it's both.
- 10 DEPUTY CHIEF HAYES: Okay. I will get that
- 11 information and someone from PAL will be back for a
- 12 report.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: The mic please and state your
- 14 name.
- 15 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
- 16 SECOND DEPUTY CHIEF HOPE: Second Deputy Chief Kyra
- 17 Joy Hope, sir. Through the Chair. Just specifically, just
- 18 wondering if you're specifically talking about PAL versus
- 19 the junior police cadets?
- 20 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: The cadets.
- 21 SECOND DEPUTY CHIEF HOPE: So that's totally
- 22 separate. That's a different side of the house. So yes,
- 23 we are actively hiring and my understanding is the
- 24 applications have already been submitted and I can give
- 25 you a report for a later time.



- 1 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: We need the application so we
- 2 can circulate them.
- 3 SECOND DEPUTY CHIEF HOPE: Absolutely. I don't have
- 4 the deadline dates on that, but I will check and I will
- 5 present them to you.
- 6 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Thank you.
- 7 SECOND DEPUTY CHIEF HOPE: Yes, ma'am.
- 8 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Through the Chair.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Yes ma'am.
- 10 COMMISSIONER CARTER: I believe that program goes
- 11 through Grow Detroit's Young Talent and the applications
- 12 are online until I think May. So, they have to go online
- 13 and apply and then the Police Department pulls from that
- 14 pool.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Okay. Commissioner Banks.
- 16 COMMISSIONER BANKS: I just have a quick comment. I
- 17 just want to mention that congratulations to the women
- 18 who are on the Board here, on your honor of recognition
- 19 of yesterday. Sorry, I couldn't be there, but I was at
- 20 work. Bless you all for that recognition. You all deserve
- 21 it.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Thank you so much. Commissioner
- 23 question to the...
- 24 COMMISSIONER FERGUSON: Through the Chair. Excellent
- 25 report DC. One is the CIT. I represented the Board for



- 1 that presentation. It was awesome. I met two young
- 2 officers that went through that training and they are
- 3 going to make a difference, trying to spread it
- 4 throughout. The second one is the carjackings, 50 that's
- 5 a lot already, you know, three months in. Now, I don't
- 6 know if you can answer this or not, but I remember, I
- 7 think Barbara McQuaid, she was our attorney general
- 8 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: U.S. attorney.
- 9 COMMISSIONER FERGUSON: Yes. She put out something
- 10 where it was five 5 years for the gun charge and 20 years
- 11 for the carjacking. I might be getting this wrong, but
- 12 I'm pretty sure the carjackings dropped then. If that's
- 13 still in place, it can't be still in place. I know if it
- 14 was, why are the carjackings going up? Are they enforcing
- 15 that or maybe you can answer that or...?
- 16 DEPUTY CHIEF HAYES: Through the Chair. I cannot
- 17 speak to that subject as to what is in place, but what I
- 18 can tell you is that the United States attorney Dawn
- 19 Ison, we have a relationship with her office that's
- 20 phenomenal, Chief White speaks with her several times a
- 21 month to ensure that we have a strategy that works.
- 22 Sometimes it's innovative and it's new things. Sometimes
- 23 it's revisiting a strategy from yesteryear that we need
- 24 to put back in place. So I will certainly find out if
- 25 that is in place and maybe highlight the value that it



- 1 had. And see if it's something that needs to go back with
- 2 that federal prosecution at that level for this crime. So
- 3 I will take that as an action item and, and go forward
- 4 with it, sir.
- 5 COMMISSIONER FERGUSON: Thank you.
- 6 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Mr. Chairman, Dawn Ison is the
- 7 first black U.S. Attorney in the history of the state of
- 8 Michigan. And she represents all of Southeastern
- 9 Michigan. She's a really cool sister. You'll really like
- 10 her. She's amazing.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: I'm sure I will. I'm just trying
- 12 to keep on track here, but I thank you for the
- 13 information. Oh, you're through?
- 14 COMMISSIONER FERGUSON: Yes.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Okay, Chief, thank you so much.
- 16 At this time, Ms. White, I'd like to have you introduce
- 17 the presentations that we're about to have.
- 18 MS. WHITE: Yes, sir. And through the Chair, just
- 19 before I do that introduction, Director Katrina Patillo
- 20 has just provided information that she has just been
- 21 approved by Grow Detroit Youth Program to hire high
- 22 schoolers as interns. And so she plans to provide an
- 23 update to the honorable Board next week.
- 24 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Excellent.



- 1 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Good. That's great. See
- 2 Commissioner Bernard how effective we are.
- 3 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I'm impressed.
- 4 MS. WHITE: Yes, sir, honorable Board, the first
- 5 presentation is on the DPD lawsuits by the city law
- 6 department presented by honorable deputy corporation
- 7 counsel Charles Raimi, who is present with us today. The
- 8 Board receives an annual presentation from the city law
- 9 department and various other interval reports outlining
- 10 the DP D's lawsuit cases per year, total payouts, and
- 11 other key information that allows the Board to evaluate
- 12 patterns and trends and enhance department policy. This
- 13 presentation is based on the board's request to receive
- 14 updates on police lawsuits, settlements requests for
- 15 representation and indemnification and other key
- 16 information. The board has also submitted preliminary
- 17 questions in preparation for today's presentation. They
- 18 are included in your meeting packet and the Board, thanks
- 19 to the law department for sharing the presentation and
- 20 looks forward to learning more details. And the
- 21 PowerPoint presentation will be a bit online for the
- 22 public's information. Thank you.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Thank you so much. Thank you so
- 24 much for being here this afternoon. You may begin.



- 1 DEPUTY CORPORATION COUNSEL RAIMI: Thank you. My name
- 2 is Chuck Raney and I've never before had honorable in
- 3 front of that. So that was a big treat. And thank you for
- 4 that. Do we have the presentation up on the PowerPoint?
- 5 MS. WHITE: Yes, it is showing.
- 6 DEPUTY CORPORATION COUNSEL RAIMI: So I was told this
- 7 is going to be short and it will be. The first, is the
- 8 first slide. The case is by department? That it?
- 9 DEPUTY CORPORATION COUNSEL RAIMI: Yeah. So this
- 10 slide just shows the different departments of the city
- 11 and what percentage of the total lawsuits they generate
- 12 and DDOT is by far and away the biggest, because we have
- 13 so many bus accidents DPD comes in at 17%, but it's not
- 14 only the number of lawsuits, the it's the exposure and
- 15 severity of the cases. And by firing away, typically DPD
- 16 has the highest exposure cases. There are some very high
- 17 exposure DDOT cases as well, but for the most part it's
- 18 DPD. The next slide shows the total amount paid between
- 19 January 1st, 2015 and March 29th, 2022. What this
- 20 slideshow is for each year... so, if you look at the last
- 21 on the right end of the slide, you'll see that's for 2021
- 22 and 2022. And what this is attempting to show is the year
- 23 in which the incident happened that generated the payout.
- 24 So you'll see the right above the 2021, there's an entry
- 25 that says 2001. I don't know if you all see that, and



- 1 then there's a line that's about \$8.5 million. This line
- 2 here that was from 2001.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: I need you to be on the mic. I'm
- 4 sorry because I need to make sure that it's on record.
- 5 DEPUTY CORPORATION COUNSEL RAIMI: Okay. Well, you
- 6 can see it now anyway.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Yeah. Right. So I appreciate it.
- 8 DEPUTY CORPORATION COUNSEL RAIMI: So that case was
- 9 the Ahmed case where there was a wrongful incarceration
- 10 and in 2001, but the payout shows up in 2021and we see
- 11 that as a pattern that many of the large payouts in the
- 12 recent years were generated by incidents many years
- 13 prior. So, if you turn to the next slide, payouts on
- 14 police cases by year, this really shows the same thing
- 15 that the big payouts really drive what the city's paying
- 16 came from years ago. So you'll see in 2019 that most of
- 17 the payouts that year were for the Aiyana Stanley Jones
- 18 case that was back in, I think, 2007. And I'm sure most
- 19 of you remember that tragic case. Then again, 2023, most
- 20 of the payout was the Ahmed wrongful incarceration case.
- 21 And then just recently we settled the case, the Sanford
- 22 case, which was wrongful incarceration or reverse
- 23 conviction case. And that was 7.5 million that has not
- 24 been paid yet, but the city council has approved the
- 25 settlement.



- 1 DEPUTY CORPORATION COUNSEL RAIMI: So, and the last
- 2 slide tells the same story, essentially that most of the
- 3 recent payouts are from past incidents. So, I just had a
- 4 couple comments based on what I've observed. First, I
- 5 think the good news is that I think the police leadership
- 6 and this body, I think have done a good job on the
- 7 excessive force cases. When I came to the city in 2014,
- 8 it was at the very tail end of the U.S. consent judgment
- 9 that focused on use of force primarily. And of course
- 10 that consent judgment, I think, was in place for 10 years
- 11 or something like that. And of course Chief White was at
- 12 the very heart of those reforms and that he and the
- 13 people he worked with, I think, did a really good job on
- 14 the use of force situation.
- DEPUTY CORPORATION COUNSEL RAIMI: Of course, there
- 16 will always be excessive use of force lawsuits, but I
- 17 think the procedures that are in place now for
- 18 investigating the use of force incidents has made a big
- 19 difference. That's the good news. The bad news is that we
- 20 are having these, I call them reverse conviction cases.
- 21 Some people call them wrongful incarceration. I call them
- 22 reverse convictions because it's not always at all clear
- 23 that there was a wrongful incarceration. What is clear is
- 24 that somebody at the prosecutor's office has decided to
- 25 reverse the conviction, which is, and I'm speaking in



- 1 public, so I just have to be a little careful, but we
- 2 have significant concerns about some of the decisions
- 3 made to reverse those convictions. In any event, they're
- 4 very high exposure lawsuits as shown by what I've already
- 5 shown this body.
- 6 DEPUTY CORPORATION COUNSEL RAIMI: And so, you know,
- 7 that's where a lot of the recent exposure is coming from.
- 8 The other issue that I think we're still grappling with
- 9 is some of the driving incidents. And I know Grant Ha
- 10 very well. He was at the law department with me for many
- 11 years, and I know the folks at DPD are really focused on
- 12 trying to reduce those accidents, but we've had a number
- 13 of very tragic auto accidents and police cases where the
- 14 officers have, you know, run red lights and so forth, and
- 15 so that can be a source of significant liability as well.
- 16 So, I think it took 10 minutes.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Thank you. Thank you so much.
- 18 Mr. Charles I gave you about 11 or 12 questions that I
- 19 sent to you. Did you get those questions? And I thought
- 20 maybe we could basically, I felt I got what I thought
- 21 from the Board to put in those 12 questions so that we
- 22 could be timely with this. So I just want to know, did
- 23 you get those questions that I sent to you and if so, can
- 24 you take one by one and two minutes for each one?



- 1 DEPUTY CORPORATION COUNSEL RAIMI: Well, I just got
- 2 him this morning and I'm running around all day, but I
- 3 think I can probably answer most of them.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Right. Let's start with number
- 5 one. Can you raise that, Ms. White, can you just give him
- 6 the question and then he can answer?
- 7 DEPUTY CORPORATION COUNSEL RAIMI: I got it.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Okay. Go, sir.
- 9 DEPUTY CORPORATION COUNSEL RAIMI: You want to
- 10 explain the patterns and trends of DPD lawsuits. And I
- 11 think I've covered that in my presentation. I don't think
- 12 I can add anything to what I've already said.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Number two.
- 14 DEPUTY CORPORATION COUNSEL RAIMI: Number of lawsuits
- 15 filed over the past year. I don't have that at my
- 16 fingertips. I think that I can get you that information.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Sure. Let's do it this way and
- 18 because of time Mr. Raney. Let me just go
- 19 DEPUTY CORPORATION COUNSEL RAIMI: Raimi, sir, R A I
- 20 M I, Raimi.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON: Raimi.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: I apologize to you, it's my
- 23 stroke talk, but I apologize to you.
- 24 DEPUTY CORPORATION COUNSEL RAIMI: No problem.



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- 1 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: I'd like for each one to have a
- 2 question, in regards to this. You can tick off what I've
- 3 submitted to the counselor, but I don't want to have a
- 4 debate about what the procedure is because he's here just
- 5 to give us the report of the law department, which I felt
- 6 like many of you wanted down through the months, you've
- 7 been wanting this. So, I don't want this to be an
- 8 argument before justice. We just want to basically want
- 9 be able to get the questions asked if you got a question
- 10 and I'm talking about you, Mrs. Bernard.
- 11 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I know that.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Quickly, please. So, you have a
- 13 question, go right ahead.
- 14 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: When you respond in writing to
- 15 the Chairman's questions, can you tell us how much money
- 16 we've spent in terms of litigation costs for these
- 17 lawsuits, the city? That's the question and then the
- 18 comment is just simply that I take exception to your
- 19 statement that you do not agree that you think that these
- 20 are reverse convictions versus wrongful convictions. If
- 21 an individual has been convicted and incarcerated, and
- 22 then they are released because of the prosecutor's
- 23 office, or something like that, that is a wrongful
- 24 conviction. Generally, they were innocent at the time



- 1 they were convicted. So, that's disturbing to me, but,
- 2 well, go ahead.
- 3 DEPUTY CORPORATION COUNSEL RAIMI: Your comment is
- 4 disturbing ma'am, Commissioner, because it's not always
- 5 true.
- 6 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Generally they're black and
- 7 generally they considered a wrongful conviction.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: I indicated to you, all of you
- 9 because I have this spirit of discernment. I know what's
- 10 coming up. I'm just saying to you again, he has his
- 11 opinion, you have your opinion. It's both of them on
- 12 record. And I think both of you have a right and you did
- 13 very well Commissioner as always. I'm just saying that's
- 14 his opinion working in the law department, but I'm going
- 15 to move this to one question if you don't mind. And if
- 16 you don't have a question, just let me know. And
- 17 certainly to the honorable Commissioner Banks that you
- 18 are on top.
- 19 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Thank you. Through the Chair
- 20 from 2015 to 2022, the City of Detroit has paid out 40
- 21 million in lawsuits, most of them by the Detroit Police
- 22 Department. What are we doing? What is taking place as
- 23 far as with more protocol, more training, where the City
- 24 of Detroit, do not have to come out of their pockets,
- 25 giving up this type of money?



- 1 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: I think, and good question, sir.
- 2 And if you want an answer, you also have Mr. Ha behind
- 3 you,
- 4 DEPUTY CORPORATION COUNSEL RAIMI: Mr. Ha.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Yeah. So, he can help you if you
- 6 need to, but it's a good question, but I'm not quite
- 7 sure. Go ahead, sir.
- 8 DEPUTY CORPORATION COUNSEL RAIMI: Well, I did my
- 9 best, I think in my opening presentation to explain that
- 10 much of the liability over the last 5 years have been as
- 11 a result of incidents that occurred many years earlier.
- 12 And those include the Aiyana Stanley Jones case, which
- 13 was a use of force case from 2007, which was a tragic
- 14 incident in which a young child was killed in a raid. And
- 15 the other major cases that are driving these numbers are
- 16 reverse conviction cases from again, many years ago, long
- 17 before 2015. So I think the numbers may not tell the full
- 18 story in terms of what is driving these numbers.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: But the point you made earlier,
- 20 is for the, I think Commissioner is concerned about in
- 21 which I think you did well is that Chief White and the
- 22 Chief's department is doing everything they can to
- 23 correct these incidents or that's helping drive this to
- 24 this point. That's my understanding, is it right?



- 1 DEPUTY CORPORATION COUNSEL RAIMI: You're absolutely
- 2 right. And obviously, the current chief and the current
- 3 administration was not in place at the time that these
- 4 incidents occurred.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Got you.
- 6 DEPUTY CORPORATION COUNSEL RAIMI: So, the numbers
- 7 don't really tell the whole story.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Commissioner Bell, you seem like
- 9 you are anxious?
- 10 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you, Chair. The media has
- 11 focused on homicide investigators. Has there been any
- 12 effort to do review, retraining or monitoring? I
- 13 understand that is in Chief White's authority, but you
- 14 should be concerned too, in reference to the work or lack
- 15 of concern about the cases of homicide driven to perhaps
- 16 get a warrant or get a conviction you know, media has
- 17 been all over that. I'd like to see if not responding
- 18 now, in the future, how can we impact individuals being
- 19 assigned to homicide investigation? Thank you.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: We'll get that guestion to you.
- 21 I know that you don't have to answer that one.
- 22 DEPUTY CORPORATION COUNSEL RAIMI: That may be more
- 23 of an operational DPD...
- 24 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: That's what I'm saying.
- DEPUTY CORPORATION COUNSEL RAIMI: Yes. Thank you.



- 1 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Commissioner. Carter. I'm sorry.
- 2 Did you have a question?
- 3 COMMISSIONER CARTER: No, sir.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Commissioner Holt.
- 5 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Thank you, Chair Holley. And
- 6 thank you for your presentation. I think a couple of
- 7 weeks ago, Mrs. White shared an article with us by a
- 8 citizen. And to rush to my question, it was demonstrated
- 9 in that article that even though an officer was
- 10 vindicated and proven innocent, the municipality paid
- 11 somewhere around \$250,000 plus for the whole trial ritual
- 12 here in the city. Are records kept in terms of when an
- 13 officer is vindicated and how much the city pays for that
- 14 particular trial ritual, as compared to just, you know,
- 15 settling. Are records kept to make that distinction?
- 16 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Good question.
- 17 DEPUTY CORPORATION COUNSEL RAIMI: Well, they really
- 18 aren't. The typical way that you know, our cases get
- 19 resolved are either, we do get a number of cases
- 20 dismissed before they go to trial. And then we do take
- 21 some cases to trial. But frankly, as in most civil
- 22 litigation, the vast majority of cases are settled. And
- 23 so there's no way to "vindicate" the officer in that
- 24 case. And so we really don't keep records in that
- 25 fashion.



- 1 COMMISSIONER HOLT: One, one more question.
- DEPUTY CORPORATION COUNSEL RAIMI: Sure.
- 3 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: We get billing statements from
- 4 outside counsel.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Right now, I have a question.
- 6 You want to come back at me, you can pull my coattail and
- 7 I'll get you back.
- 8 COMMISSIONER HOLT: In those examples when the city
- 9 settles, are those cases settled because it's cheaper?
- 10 DEPUTY CORPORATION COUNSEL RAIMI: Well, yes, there
- 11 are a lot of things that go into the decision of whether
- 12 to settle and you know, primarily it's the cost and the
- 13 risk of going to trial. So there's a cost involved in
- 14 going to trial. And there's also so much risk because
- 15 nobody really knows what the jury is going to do. And a
- 16 jury could decide, you know, even if the officer didn't
- 17 do anything wrong, the jury could decide that they think
- 18 he or she did.
- 19 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Thank you.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Yes, right. Thank you so much.
- 21 Commissioner Pressley and Commissioner Moore. Do you have
- 22 a question, a quick question, Commissioner Pressley?
- 23 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: Thank you. Through the Chair.
- 24 I appreciate the presentation because it clarifies the
- 25 amount that was paid out is not always for the year that



- 1 the incident occurred. And so, I'm wondering what policy
- 2 is guiding that. What determines the payment of these
- 3 cases happening in years, far after the initial incident?
- 4 DEPUTY CORPORATE COUNSEL RAIMI: Well, part of that,
- 5 it was, I think in the Aiyana Stanley Jones case, I think
- 6 a part of that was driven by the city's bankruptcy
- 7 because all lawsuits were put on hold for a number of
- 8 years as a result of the city's bankruptcy in 2013. And
- 9 it didn't end until the end of 2014. So that delayed that
- 10 case, but the reverse conviction cases typically don't
- 11 come to light for many years, sometimes 30 or even 40
- 12 years. And so, you know, somebody you know, maybe
- 13 incarcerated for, for 25 or 30 years, and then a decision
- 14 is made to let them out of prison, and then they bring a
- 15 lawsuit. So, the underlying events happened 20, 30, 40
- 16 years ago. And now we have a lawsuit today.
- 17 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: Okay. Just for a point of
- 18 clarity then. So, the dates that we're seeing here are
- 19 from the initial incident, not when a judgment has been
- 20 settled?
- 21 DEPUTY CORPORATE COUNSEL RAIMI: Well on which slide?
- 22 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: So, we're saying like the
- 23 years of these cases. So, the year date is the year of
- 24 the initial incident. Say for instance, the wrongful
- 25 conviction, as opposed to the date that the judge or the



- 1 adjudicator said that this is the outcome of which we are
- 2 obligated to pay?
- 3 DEPUTY CORPORATE COUNSEL RAIMI: Right. It's the
- 4 initial incident.
- 5 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: Okay.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Commissioner Moore.
- 7 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. When
- 8 was the last time the city went to trial on a case, or
- 9 are they settling everything?
- 10 DEPUTY CORPORATE COUNSEL RAIMI: No, we're not
- 11 settling everything. We've been to trial a number of
- 12 times. I don't have the list in front of me. We actually
- 13 had a case, I think it was a couple years ago that went
- 14 to trial and we actually lost about a \$3 million
- 15 judgment. And then it was reversed on appeal. So we ended
- 16 up completely winning that case. But in this day and age,
- 17 it's pretty rare to go to trial. And that's particularly
- 18 true in the last several years because of COVID. So
- 19 courts have not been trying cases really for about the
- 20 last two years.
- 21 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Thank you.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Commission Ferguson.
- 23 COMMISSIONER FERGUSON: Through the Chair. So, moving
- 24 forward, right?
- DEPUTY CORPORATE COUNSEL RAIMI: Yes, sir.



- 1 COMMISSIONER FERGUSON: Can we start taking some of
- 2 these cases to trial because we have so much technology
- 3 and if the officer sits there and tells his commander, I
- 4 didn't do this. I don't care what that person said. I
- 5 didn't do it. And we're looking at body cam footage, and
- 6 we're looking at all kinds of technology. Why not? You're
- 7 not telling me that the other lawyer is better than you
- 8 guys, right? You guys have all kinds of stuff to it,
- 9 right? So that means take it. And you just told me that,
- 10 hey, we just won this on appeal. So, if the jury says,
- 11 we're going to give them \$2 million, appeal it because
- 12 you didn't hear this side of my story. Why are we just
- 13 being a cash cow when the officer is right? Now, if the
- 14 officer's wrong, oh, okay, go ahead. Do what you have to
- 15 do. But if he's sitting up there telling you is right,
- 16 and you guys are looking at the evidence, go to court,
- 17 and stop paying this money.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Let me ask you this, any other
- 19 questions? Hearing no other questions. Commission Bell.
- 20 COMMISSIONER BELL: No, sir, I don't.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON: No, I'm not asking you this. Ms. White.
- 22 Hear me real good. Look at me. It's hard, but, in other
- 23 words, I want to make sure that there are some things we
- 24 don't have jurisdiction over, the law department is the
- 25 law department, we are the oversight for the police



- 1 department, but these questions are good questions. And
- 2 from each and every one, but what do we, as my friend
- 3 walks away and the Chief has taken notice. The Deputy
- 4 Chief is here, what do we walk away with? When we walk
- 5 away, what do we walk away with as a Board?
- 6 COMMISSIONER BELL: Mr. Chair, in my opinion, we do
- 7 not have operational responsibility for the Detroit
- 8 Police Department. We have oversight and we have to have
- 9 confidence in the corporation counsel and the chief of
- 10 police that this is a different day and age in terms of
- 11 accountability. The last several years, I've been
- 12 impressed with where we are. So it's easy for a lay
- 13 person to make the decision. But corporation counsel is a
- 14 team of individuals who handle these lawsuits. And we
- 15 just have to rely on their judgment. He is correct about
- 16 the jury trial. That's what they do. We don't have that
- 17 expertise. I don't think we could dictate a cash cow.
- 18 They are concerned just as we are, in reference to the
- 19 mayor, the council. We are all concerned, but it's a
- 20 system that we have to have confidence in and try to rely
- 21 on that. Thank you.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: And thank you very much. And
- 23 thank you so much for your presentation. And please, if
- 24 you could respond to these questions, if you would, when
- 25 you get a chance, if you don't mind?



- 1 DEPUTY CORPORATE COUNSEL RAIMI: Thanks everyone.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: And Ms. White, I hope that you
- 3 understand where I'm trying to go with this?
- 4 MS. WHITE: Yes sir. I'll follow up on this.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Because I want to make sure that
- 6 the community understands too, our responsibility is
- 7 oversight.
- 8 MS. WHITE: Understood.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: And that we can basically
- 10 engage, but we cannot basically disengage. So at this
- 11 time I would like to go to my next presentation if you
- 12 don't mind. I'm looking forward to this.
- MS. WHITE: Yes, sir. Through the Chair, the next
- 14 presentation, the last presentation for this afternoon,
- 15 is on the department's new diversity equity and inclusion
- 16 unit presented by DEI Director, Mary Engelman. Director
- 17 Engelman has an extensive background in civil rights and
- 18 social justice and is renowned for her work with the
- 19 Michigan Department of Civil Rights and in this
- 20 community. The Board commends Chief White for his
- 21 proactive and innovative thinking in action with regards
- 22 to this new unit and for also answering the Board's call
- 23 to address and resolve the risk mitigation and management
- 24 efforts. The Board welcomes director Engelman. The Board
- 25 also looks forward to learning more information about the



- 1 department's goals and objectives for the new DEI unit.
- 2 And also looks forward to working with the department and
- 3 this new unit to enhance policy training and operations
- 4 to address 21st century policing from a holistic
- 5 perspective. The Board looks forward to this presentation
- 6 and adding it to its yearly calendar and the PowerPoint
- 7 presentation is available for the public to view as well.
- 8 Thank you,
- 9 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Miss Engelman, I'm so happy to
- 10 have you with us this afternoon. We've been looking
- 11 forward to this. I have a document in my hand and I've
- 12 been looking at documents all of my life. That's going to
- 13 be an hour presentation here. I need you to get this down
- 14 a little shorter.
- DIRECTOR ENGELMAN: Absolutely sir.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: But I want you to know, we are
- 17 just happy to have you with us, and this is your first
- 18 time being before us. And I want to make sure that we get
- 19 a good feel about this department that you're now
- 20 heading. And we're looking forward to it. Thank you so
- 21 much for being here.
- DIRECTOR ENGELMAN: Absolutely, sir, and I will keep
- 23 this short. But I do have to say that I am so honored to
- 24 be before this body, a commission that meets every week
- 25 for hours and hours to look at all of the challenges that



- 1 are happening within our city and working with the police
- 2 department in an oversight role really shows how amazing
- 3 Detroit is. I don't believe there's any in the country
- 4 that does that. So I'm honored and I am also honored to
- 5 be called a part of DPD. Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
- 6 is not something that people embrace very easily. It's
- 7 very complex to understand, but even before I came on
- 8 board, the mission of the Detroit Police Department
- 9 really focuses on encouraging thoughtful decision making.
- 10 A strong sense of community responsibility through
- 11 education equity. Equity is the word that's in there,
- 12 empathy, professionalism, and transparency and community
- 13 input and civic leadership.
- 14 DIRECTOR ENGELMAN: What really hits me as a DEI
- 15 person is the equity and the transparency because those
- 16 are completely in our dictionary. Equity is giving what
- 17 people need, not making it equal. You know, we could have
- 18 the same things, but I may need more to be up here to
- 19 where you are, Chair. And so that is a very powerful word
- 20 because I think that when you look at Detroit, we need to
- 21 be looking more at equity as opposed to just giving
- 22 everybody the same thing. We really need to look and I
- 23 see the decisions you make and the Police Department
- 24 looking at these numbers and stats and that's where
- 25 they're going.



- 1 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: How do you do that? I'm sorry.
- 2 DIRECTOR ENGELMAN: Yes, sir.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: But how do you do that without
- 4 violating someone else's rights, if I need more than you
- 5 do, based upon equity. How do I not, at the same time,
- 6 violate you?
- 7 DIRECTOR ENGELMAN: It's called stats, you know, the
- 8 numbers don't lie. I'm going to use a good example, the
- 9 school system. Every student in Michigan gets a certain
- 10 amount of money. Okay. If you go to a wealthy area right
- 11 in Oakland County, they have the tax base, they have all
- 12 of the resources to give more. If they need computers,
- 13 the community comes together and they just raise a few
- 14 mileages, right? In Detroit this doesn't happen all the
- 15 time because it doesn't have the tax base that can
- 16 support it. So, I think we have to get out of the mindset
- 17 that, well, that's not fair because equity is actually
- 18 making it fair, it is giving you what you need. And so I
- 19 think that has to be a bold move with our legislators. It
- 20 has to be a bold move with the community. And it's a bold
- 21 move for us to say, no more. We have to take care of
- 22 those kids. We have to take care of those situations that
- 23 we see as adults and as intelligent people to make it
- 24 fair, to make it people.
- 25 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Microphone.



- 1 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: I won't bother you anymore.
- DIRECTOR ENGELMAN: Is this better, ma'am?
- 3 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Much better.
- 4 DIRECTOR ENGELMAN: Okay. I'm really close to it. So,
- 5 I'll try not to sit her. And then also, you know I didn't
- 6 do the traditional, here's the bio, all that stuff. I'm
- 7 here because I love people. I'm here because I love
- 8 embracing differences in people and seeing these
- 9 wonderful ideals come to fruition and we see incredible
- 10 solutions. It is so exciting to look around a room and
- 11 sometimes this body gets feisty, but that's needed.
- 12 That's how you find solutions and really come together as
- 13 a community. And so I appreciate that. So, I look forward
- 14 to those. I watch your meetings every week, and sometimes
- 15 I pull out my popcorn. Anyway, why diversity, equity,
- 16 inclusion? It's to promote shared experiences, rewards,
- 17 and recognize, you know, it's to mirror the community.
- 18 DIRECTOR ENGELMAN: We have to mirror the community
- 19 we serve. Every DPD person, we serve the community, we
- 20 protect and serve. That's what we do, right? And so all
- 21 of us civilians help to support that. And so that's
- 22 critical. We need to build our community relationship.
- 23 They have to trust us just as much as we trust them. We
- 24 need to encourage creativity, thinking out of the box,
- 25 you see it here and there. I'm hearing how things are



- 1 improving within DPD just because of this collaboration
- 2 and building teams and creating a positive culture. The
- 3 culture at DPD is unique. It is family. And as I turned
- 4 to the next page, and I know that I have less than 10
- 5 minutes, you know, my mother passed away last week and it
- 6 was a very hard time.
- 7 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Bless you.
- 8 DIRECTOR ENGELMAN: I brought her my father and I'm
- 9 half Korean and my mother is Korean. My father's African-
- 10 American. I brought them from New Jersey. And I remember
- 11 thinking I've only been at DPD for less than two months.
- 12 Here at work, there's so much to do. And I had this whole
- 13 funeral that I had to put together and I'm sitting there
- 14 at the funeral and in comes DPD, in comes the Chief, in
- 15 comes leadership, in comes the people that work with me.
- 16 That feeling, I will never forget that. So this is a
- 17 department that I support I want to help and serve. And
- 18 so I just want to say, I'm very proud to be here and
- 19 proud that you are our commissioners. Moving on to the
- 20 demographics by gender. When you look at these numbers,
- 21 this is no disrespect to men, but the more women you have
- 22 in your organizations, the better your organizations are,
- 23 it is just a proven entity. Sorry, I had to do a little
- 24 shout out for, when I was the executive director of the
- 25 women's commission. But when you look at the civilians,



- 1 you've got 25% men, 74% female. And when you look at the
- 2 sworn is completely flipped. So it's really an
- 3 interesting dynamic that it really does kind of mirror
- 4 itself in the opposite. This mentorship program is
- 5 incredible. We are doing it with young misses and older
- 6 misses, but we're also going to increase that to men also
- 7 because everybody needs mentorship.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Let me ask you this.
- 9 DIRECTOR ENGELMAN: Yes, sir.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Well, you know, when we started
- 11 this and Mayor Young, the big problem was that we didn't
- 12 have enough African-Americans. Now, you're telling me I
- 13 don't have enough women. So, I'm okay with that. The
- 14 question is, my concern is that as a man, and I am that,
- 15 is that I'm concerned that I don't want to be against
- 16 anybody. I certainly want to make sure that I'm still in
- 17 the mix.
- DIRECTOR ENGELMAN: You absolutely are.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Are you following me? So, I
- 20 mean, when I look at football, a lot of African-Americans
- 21 were looking to be a coach and be a referee. Now women
- 22 are referees and coaches. So, you took my place, I feel
- 23 like. So, I'm just talking to you because I'm learning
- 24 from you. I hope my questions are learning for you. I'm



- 1 just being honest with you. So, my concern is what's
- 2 going to happen to my men?
- 3 DIRECTOR ENGELMAN: Nothing. What's going to happen
- 4 is organizations are going to be better, okay? Because
- 5 you are bringing different cultures, you're bringing
- 6 different ways of doing things. You're bringing
- 7 innovation, ideas. If you and I are the same exact
- 8 person, how are we going to move that needle? You need to
- 9 have diversity. So diversity isn't just females. You can
- 10 go with, you know Latinos, you can go with ageism, and
- 11 you can go with a lot of things. But what we know is it
- 12 has taken a long time for women to get to that, even 25%.
- 13 And what we're showing is that it does help a company. So
- 14 it's not just about women, but it's just nice to see,
- 15 because it was not so long ago, you couldn't find a lot
- 16 of women, right? It was a very male-dominated
- 17 organization. And now we have a lot of leaders. And so,
- 18 if you are not intentional, you are not going to ever get
- 19 to where you need to be in terms of diversity. That's
- 20 what I would like to say.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: I like the word intentional.
- 22 That's a good word. I'll leave you alone.
- DIRECTOR ENGELMAN: I can handle it, sir. You know,
- 24 I'm going to learn just as much as I'm talking about
- 25 here. So, then we talk about the African-Americans here



- 1 in the percentage wise, we have 58% African-American. We
- 2 have Hispanic is 4%, almost 5%. You have Caucasian at
- 3 34%, almost 35 Asians at 1.07, go Asians. Okay. All
- 4 right. I'll keep moving.
- 5 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: 2%.
- 6 DIRECTOR ENGELMAN: Native Americans, 0.36, and then
- 7 you have unidentified at 0.29. So, this shows us what we
- 8 are. And then I like to look at what we are as a
- 9 community. And it's kind of reflective of it, but we need
- 10 to work on that. And we need to make certain that we are
- 11 representing the people that we serve. We need to mirror
- 12 that. And that has to be again that word, intentionality
- 13 and then moving on to gender and race, you know, you have
- 14 this breakdown of black males at 32%.
- DIRECTOR ENGELMAN: You have all these numbers in
- 16 front of you, 26, but I think it's very interesting to
- 17 see this. You know, we have 80,000 Native Americans
- 18 living on our borders. And so here we have at the Police
- 19 Department, what two people. So that's something we are
- 20 going to work on. In terms of the Latinos, you know,
- 21 that's actually kind of indicative of the city. So, these
- 22 numbers are pretty reflective, but we can do some work.
- 23 We can do some recruiting. We can do some other things.
- 24 We can do some cultural sensitivity training, and those
- 25 are the things that are on my agenda. Moving on to my



- 1 last slide, I believe here, this is the age range. So, I
- 2 have to tell you, I did my first training today with the
- 3 new recruits and it was awesome.
- 4 DIRECTOR ENGELMAN: I went in there with my bias, you
- 5 know, what my bias was. I'm going to see a lot of young
- 6 souls there. And you know what, I was completely blown
- 7 away, there was a large percentage. When I said 18 to 22
- 8 silence, no hands went up 23 to 27, no hands went up. I
- 9 went from 28 to 32. And at this point I'm starting to
- 10 feel very awkward and just kind of weird, no hands went
- 11 up when I hit the next number and the next number, all
- 12 the hands went up. So we are the number...
- 13 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Was that what number?
- DIRECTOR ENGELMAN: That was the 38 to 42 and the 43
- 15 to 47.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Are you kidding me?
- 17 DIRECTOR ENGELMAN: I am not kidding you, sir. And as
- 18 a matter of fact, there are many people that said, you
- 19 know what, I've done my career. I wanted to take a new
- 20 look and I wanted to come and serve the City of Detroit.
- 21 That is an awesome thing. So you know, it was incredibly
- 22 diverse. And I thought that was amazing. So we just need
- 23 to watch those numbers for retention and make sure that
- 24 we are completely nurturing and training those leaders to
- 25 take our place when we retire. I wanted to talk about



- 1 purpose. I know that the Chief has this and it is on our
- 2 website, but we want to develop and implement. We want to
- 3 be diversity initiatives, strategic to attract higher and
- 4 maintain and retain diverse workplace. That is how we're
- 5 going to continue to grow and be successful. Recent
- 6 research shows these demographics matter, diversification
- 7 of the department is critical. And so I just really had
- 8 to point that out because like it was diversity,
- 9 diversity, different forms and I thought that was
- 10 powerful.
- 11 DIRECTOR ENGELMAN: Then moving on, these are my
- 12 three focuses, the internal, the external and the
- 13 training. The training is key. Not only is it mandated by
- 14 the City of Detroit that we have to have DEI training at
- 15 least once a year, cultural competence and so on. But you
- 16 know, when you're talking about diversity equity
- 17 inclusion, we did not get to racism and biases overnight.
- 18 It took centuries and centuries and centuries, right?
- 19 We're talking early 1800s, we're talking about slavery.
- 20 That comes, you know, I have family from Kentucky that's
- 21 in my history. So, we're not going to break this crack,
- 22 we're not going to break this, what is it, it's like to
- 23 be safe? I'm terrible with these comments, but safe
- 24 overnight. So we are going to have to focus on training



- 1 and we're going to have to do it more and more
- 2 frequently.
- 3 DIRECTOR ENGELMAN: So I am committed. I am already
- 4 scheduled for 4 of the new classes for cadets training.
- 5 It was 4 hours. I was on my feet. I'm going to buy a pair
- 6 of tennis shoes because heels don't work for me anymore.
- 7 But it was fantastic. And it was wonderful to see all
- 8 these faces at different ages, starting to understand
- 9 diversity, inclusion and equity and culture. And these
- 10 people were working together for six months and they
- 11 learned new things today. And that is the beauty of
- 12 diversity equity inclusion. So we're going to be doing
- 13 that. We're going to be hitting the management, we're
- 14 going to be doing the leadership. We're going to do all
- 15 these things to get engaged. You know, keep our people
- 16 here in Detroit, and keep them serving the community. And
- 17 then externally, we're going to be doing community
- 18 events. We're going to have conversations with the
- 19 community.
- 20 DIRECTOR ENGELMAN: And I am going to be tapping into
- 21 some of you guys, because I'm going to be coming to your
- 22 areas. And I want to make certain that we are being
- 23 inclusive. And then of course, there's internal. We're
- 24 going to be doing lunch and learns. We're going to be
- 25 doing educational videos. When I talk about these videos,



- 1 it's going to be, you know, what are the responses of
- 2 when you come in contact with someone who cannot hear?
- 3 And if they can speak, because there are many deaf people
- 4 that can speak, but cannot hear. So, they may speak
- 5 differently than you. How do you respond to that? How do
- 6 you handle that situation? How do you de-escalate? How do
- 7 you lean into the uncomfortableness and don't lean into
- 8 your biases and make those right decisions? That's kind
- 9 of why we're here. And then I'm getting to the end here
- 10 because I want to make sure that I don't go over.
- 11 DIRECTOR ENGELMAN: We're going to be promoting, you
- 12 know cohesion between the department and the police.
- 13 We're going to collaborate and partner with city
- 14 departments and we're going to collaborate with our
- 15 community leaders. You know, we've got ShotSpotters,
- 16 we've got all kinds of stuff. We have so many
- 17 partnerships with our businesses. We need each other and
- 18 we need our community. We're going to be involved in
- 19 CRIO, which is the city's civil rights inclusion
- 20 opportunity department. We're going to be involved with
- 21 CORE. This is something that is internal. It is something
- 22 for a place, it's a safe space for employees to come in
- 23 and talk to the DEI and say, I'm feeling some kind of way
- 24 about this. You know, it's a place where there's no
- 25 judgment, they don't have to worry about rank. I



- 1 certainly don't have rank but we are just about rolling
- 2 up our sleeves and finding solutions within DPD and then
- 3 the ambassador program.
- 4 DIRECTOR ENGELMAN: So really partnering with the
- 5 different departments to do different things in the
- 6 community and within DPD and within the city to encourage
- 7 inclusivity. So, CRIO, I don't have to go into all of
- 8 that, but we kind of lead the criminal justice piece. And
- 9 one of the things that I want to do is I want to have
- 10 these listening sessions and I will be working, tapping
- 11 into the neighborhood, policing some of our community
- 12 members to just listen. The goal of this is not to make a
- 13 decision. It's not to be aggressive. It's just to listen
- 14 to what our community has to say, because if we are not
- 15 silent and listen, how can we look at ourselves and say,
- 16 where can we be better? Some things we're not going to be
- 17 able to answer, some things we're not going to be able to
- 18 solve.
- 19 DIRECTOR ENGELMAN: And there's going to be a lot of
- 20 emotion and passion, but that's what DEI is. It's about
- 21 being uncomfortable and not being afraid to face
- 22 criticism. And here's the thing, I have been to six, and
- 23 I'm digressing here really quickly. When George Floyd was
- 24 murdered, I went to six you know, walks. I went to six
- 25 protests. Three of them that I went to were in the City



- 1 of Detroit, outstanding. You had policing walking with
- 2 the people, you felt safe, you felt secure, and I'm not
- 3 going to call any other city out, but others, I was
- 4 afraid and I didn't want my children to be there. There
- 5 were guns that civilians were holding and they didn't
- 6 look like me and I knew that they weren't friends and I
- 7 knew they weren't from that community. You could tell.
- 8 And it was really scary.
- 9 DIRECTOR ENGELMAN: And then there were other places
- 10 where windows were shot out and destroyed when you go to
- 11 the west side of the state. So Detroit, you know, we're
- 12 not perfect, but we're always striving to be better. And
- 13 that's the key to diversity and equity inclusion. And I
- 14 see that here with the leadership, from the top down. And
- 15 so I just have to say accolades to that. And then I
- 16 wanted to move on... So that's what CRIO, where we're
- 17 going to be doing some community outreach and some of the
- 18 departments want to help us out. And then here's the
- 19 mission statement for CORE. We're looking at some of
- 20 those things because you know, I'm going to be meeting
- 21 with the Chief because I really want to bring CORE to the
- 22 forefront and really being a tool that we use for
- 23 volunteers within the department that will promote DEI
- 24 and also be a safe haven for some of those other officers
- 25 that may not feel comfortable to go to EEO or may not be



- 1 comfortable to call the Chief's office. And so that's
- 2 kind of what I'm looking at. And then the last thing is,
- 3 I mean, I think that's it. If there are any questions, I
- 4 hope that wasn't too long.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: The timing is good. It's great.
- 6 And the presentation was even better. And of course, I
- 7 interrupted you a couple times as well.
- 8 DIRECTOR ENGELMAN: It's my pleasure.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: I'm going to ask, if you don't
- 10 mind, we do have a closed session. If I can get you to
- 11 only have one question to Ms. Engelman, I would like for
- 12 you to, but if you insist on going more than that, I'd
- 13 like for you to let me know. But this time I'm going to
- 14 walk around the table if you don't mind. Commissioner
- 15 Pressley, do you have a question?
- 16 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: A thorough presentation? It
- 17 looked like the second graph that had the black men,
- 18 black women serving, we cut out some of the black women.
- 19 So, if we can have that to be a little bit more accurate,
- 20 it looked like you only gave them maybe 17% when it was
- 21 26%. But other than that, thorough.
- DIRECTOR ENGELMAN: Thank you, sir. I will definitely
- 23 fix that.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Commissioner Moore.



- 1 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. What is
- 2 your relationship or your division's relationship with
- 3 the EEO office, DPD?
- 4 DIRECTOR ENGELMAN: So I have had some meetings with
- 5 the EEO in terms of what DEI does, it's a little bit
- 6 different because they are more of an official group that
- 7 kind of goes after there's been some discriminatory,
- 8 proven, discriminatory, they do a full investigation.
- 9 We're in conversations. We're still kind of working out
- 10 some of the details of this because I am relatively new
- 11 and this is a completely new department. One of my tasks
- 12 from the Chief was to start training ASAP. So, I'm
- 13 training all the new recruits, and then I'm also on the
- 14 schedule for all of the sworn officers who have to do 40
- 15 hours of training. So I will be touching every sworn
- 16 officer. And so that's kind of my purpose, but I do know
- 17 that in the books, the Chief has to talk to me about EEO
- 18 and having some collaboration there. I think that's going
- 19 to, you know, with my experience at civil rights, I'm
- 20 hoping to be a servant and help where I can there, and
- 21 also bring some training in, and also educate our
- 22 officers and also, you know, really see training across
- 23 the board.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Have you had an opportunity to
- 25 meet with the union representatives?



- 1 DIRECTOR ENGELMAN: I have not, sir, I have not.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Commissioner Bernard.
- 3 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Just for clarity...
- 4 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: I'm sorry, please go ahead.
- 5 COMMISSIONER MOORE: No problem. So DPD does have
- 6 their own EEO?
- 7 DIRECTOR ENGELMAN: Yes, sir.
- 8 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Okay. Thank you.
- 9 DIRECTOR ENGELMAN: Yes sir.
- 10 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: You can report back on these
- 11 points in writing to us. The first is that, can you give
- 12 us, in terms of your office diversity, a sense of how
- 13 many of the contracts DPD has currently. How many of
- 14 those are with women owned businesses and or minority
- 15 businesses? We have a 400 million budget, about a hundred
- 16 million is in contracts. That's part of equity and
- 17 inclusion, the business community. The second thing I
- 18 would appreciate a report on, is the officers who live in
- 19 the city by race and ethnicity. Your report is very good
- 20 about the racial makeup, but part of the issue involving
- 21 equity inclusion of course, is residency. And then
- 22 finally, in terms of your training on these issues, in
- 23 terms of your exposing officers to these concepts, could
- 24 you also include in that training, what is unfortunately
- 25 referred to as critical race theory, but it really isn't,



- 1 it's just the facts. And that is that Detroit was a place
- 2 where slavery existed. Mr. Woodward, Woodward Avenue, was
- 3 a slave owner. I mean, I think that in order to really
- 4 get people to understand where you're coming from we have
- 5 to give them a sense of history. And of course the first
- 6 police was the police for the slave owners. So, I mean, I
- 7 think it just has to be comprehensive. So if you could
- 8 report on those things, I would appreciate it.
- 9 DIRECTOR ENGELMAN: Absolutely.
- 10 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Commissioner Ferguson.
- 12 COMMISSIONER FERGUSON: No questions.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Bell.
- 14 COMMISSIONER BELL: Yes, sir. Thank you, Mr. Chair. I
- 15 have two concerns.
- 16 DIRECTOR ENGELMAN: Yes, sir.
- 17 COMMISSIONER BELL: The focal point of the police
- 18 officer is a Sergeant Lieutenant. Please do not overlook
- 19 the Sergeant Lieutenant. I think we took a look at them
- 20 when they are promoted, but the focal point is a Sergeant
- 21 Lieutenant, as you know, in each precinct. That's my
- 22 concern. And we need to look at these officers after one
- 23 year in terms of their confirmation, probation is over
- 24 with, we need to get some feedback on where they are,



- 1 have to be saturated and indoctrinated in that one year
- 2 at each precinct. So that's my concern.
- 3 DIRECTOR ENGELMAN Absolutely, sir. That is
- 4 completely what I'm going to be doing is, you know,
- 5 getting some data together and making certain that we see
- 6 the trends because you have to see patterns in practice.
- 7 If we don't look at the numbers, we can't fix it because
- 8 we don't really know. We're only talking anecdotally,
- 9 right. So we need to have those numbers to prove that
- 10 sir, absolutely.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Commissioner Carter.
- 12 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Thank you Mr. Chair. Very
- 13 impressive presentation.
- 14 DIRECTOR ENGELMAN: Thank you, ma'am.
- 15 COMMISSIONER CARTER: I just want to make a
- 16 suggestion, Mr. Chair, that maybe we can include a
- 17 portion of our training in our next retreat for the Board
- 18 staff because I'm very, very impressed with the
- 19 presentation and would like to know more about the
- 20 training that the officers are going through. I
- 21 experienced a little bit of it myself.
- 22 CHARPERSON HOLLEY: We will make sure that it
- 23 happens, Commissioner.
- 24 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Thank you.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Commissioner Holt.



- 1 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Thank you Chair. Again, as it has
- 2 been stated, very, very good thorough presentation, both
- 3 orally as it relates to your PowerPoint here. My question
- 4 is very simple.
- 5 DIRECTOR ENGELMAN: Yes ma'am.
- 6 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Is your department where folks
- 7 male or female, sworn officers, as well as folks of
- 8 diverse sexual persuasion, they come to you, they would
- 9 bring their concerns to you?
- 10 DIRECTOR ENGELMAN: Ma'am, they can bring anything to
- 11 me. And that's where we talk about inclusion. It's a safe
- 12 space. It is not, you know, if they're not comfortable,
- 13 anybody knowing their names... the only time that I would
- 14 have to take it further is if I know that there has been
- 15 discriminatory practices and by law, I am required to
- 16 give that to EEO but if it's something else, because,
- 17 here's the thing, discriminate, micro-aggressions all of
- 18 these things can happen and it may not rise to the level
- 19 of you know, the law, but it doesn't necessarily mean
- 20 it's not happening, right. And so that's where we can
- 21 kind of come in and do some training, come in and do
- 22 some, you know, adjustments talking to people. And so
- 23 that's kind of what my role is, you know, and I already
- 24 had a few meetings and you know, they're on my chart that
- 25 I don't share with anyone.



- 1 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Thank you.
- DIRECTOR ENGELMAN: Yes, ma'am.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Commissioner Burton.
- 4 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Yes. Mr. Chairman. I have a
- 5 question for you. You know, I'd like to see at some point
- 6 down the line, as far as diversity and inclusion, when it
- 7 comes to DPD officers who are working in special units. I
- 8 know for a fact that's going to probably take some time
- 9 to, but I would love to see something like that down the
- 10 way and if you can provide that and also welcome on
- 11 board.
- 12 DIRECTOR ENGELMAN: Thank you so much. Thank you,
- 13 sir.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Commissioner Banks.
- 15 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Yes. Through the Chair. By
- 16 adding diversity, do you have any stats on how diversity
- 17 has benefited?
- DIRECTOR ENGELMAN: I do and I have something. So,
- 19 here's the thing. This is new in policing. DEI work is
- 20 new. So we've been searching and trying to find all this
- 21 data. We're really finding it more for companies. But in
- 22 a sense, we still are a business, right? We still have a
- 23 large budget. We still have few human beings. We still
- 24 have HR. We still have all these things. So it can at
- 25 least give us an idea of what's going on. And diversity



- 1 makes companies better. Diversity inclusion, it has been
- 2 proven over and over again. That's why you have big
- 3 companies like Campbell's. They're very renowned in the
- 4 U.S. about how they're so inclusive. And I think that's
- 5 one of the reasons why Chief White is so attractive in
- 6 the sense that he came to my mother's funeral, right? He
- 7 will walk the halls and he talks to people and he knows
- 8 them. So that's inclusive. So people feel like they can
- 9 engage and that they have a voice. And if he here's a
- 10 good idea, whether it's from an AC or a DC or a Sergeant
- 11 or a Lieutenant, he's like, let's do this, this makes
- 12 sense. I've seen him do that. When you have a leader like
- 13 that from the top and then we work it from the bottom,
- 14 there's going to be some magic. Yes, sir.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: I enjoyed this very much. On
- 16 behalf of all of us, I just wish how somehow we can just
- 17 trip it on down to the community, you know, but I think
- 18 it's a good start and I thank you for that. I hope you
- 19 enjoyed this. You sound like you did. And we enjoyed you
- 20 as well. Thank you so much.
- 21 DIRECTOR ENGELMAN: Thank you so much
- 22 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: At this time, Ms. White, your
- 23 report please.
- MS. WHITE: Yes, sir. Through the Chair, honorable
- 25 Board, the incoming correspondence is on the agenda and



- 1 the incoming information is as follows: weekly DPD facial
- 2 recognition technology report. The Board also received
- 3 the DPD ShotSpotter report and the project Greenlight
- 4 report as you do each week. Also, the search and seizure
- 5 manual directive, Commissioner Bernard will share just
- 6 her general recommendations from the policy committee
- 7 with regards to those proposed revisions to send to the
- 8 department, and then following her comments on the policy
- 9 directive, I will finish up with my report with the
- 10 Women's History Month event and then the training that
- 11 the Board members recently participated in from the
- 12 department. Commissioner Bernard.
- 13 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Just very quickly because I
- 14 know time is of the essence. I think everyone has a copy
- 15 of the proposed recommendations from, at least mine, in
- 16 terms of the policy committee for the search and seizure
- 17 policy. The major thing, they're very minor, but I wanted
- 18 to state at the end of each page that the quote suspicion
- 19 cannot be based on race, dress, and ethnicity, any of
- 20 those kinds of things. Because right now, as we both
- 21 know, that's what driving while black is, you are black,
- 22 you're young, so therefore you have to get stopped. I
- 23 mean, you cannot do this. You cannot justify suspicion on
- 24 ethnicity. Their dress, their sagging pants. I don't care
- 25 what it is, but we have to have a higher standard. And



- 1 actually, Mr. Chairman, if we're able to put this policy
- 2 in place, I think we will lead the country as we should
- 3 and be able to address this. But this whole thing about,
- 4 you know, being black automatically makes you suspicious,
- 5 is a problem. So that's on the bottom of every page, just
- 6 as a reminder to officers.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Ms. White, should I not share
- 8 this with the Police Department?
- 9 MS. WHITE: We've already shared it with the DPD. So
- 10 they do have it, they are currently reviewing it. And so
- 11 they're at this time waiting for the Board to approve the
- 12 policy recommendations so that they can move forward with
- 13 implementing it in the final directive.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Commissioner you want to...
- 15 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I can move approval of the
- 16 policy so that we can get the information back from the
- 17 department?
- 18 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Support and second.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: It's been properly supported.
- 20 Are there any discussions?
- 21 COMMISSIONER MOORE: I just want to put clarity, Mr.
- 22 Chairman. So, what's your recommendation that's already
- 23 been implemented in the policy?



- 1 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: No, I've drafted the policy
- 2 with that recommendation that this issue of suspicion,
- 3 you're not suspicious because you're black or young.
- 4 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Right. So, we don't work with
- 5 the department before we approve it.
- 6 COMMISSIONER MOORE: No, it's approved by us and then
- 7 it goes to the department.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: And then they work it out.
- 9 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: And then they'll come back to
- 10 us, if that's okay. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
- 11 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Your point is well taken and it
- 13 will be done. It's just that it seems like we're doing it
- 14 in the reverse, but it's not.
- 15 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Got you.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Thank you. All in favor, say,
- 17 aye.
- 18 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: That's so ordered. Continue Ms.
- 20 White, if you would please.
- MS. WHITE: Yes, sir. And then with regards to the
- 22 recent training that Board members participated in from
- 23 the department, the office of internal external relations
- 24 held a training last Friday. And this is in regards to
- 25 its police community training, where they provided



- 1 information on procedural justice, restorative justice
- 2 practices, police legitimacy, and also building better
- 3 bridges with regards to police community relations. And I
- 4 believe those commissioners who attended would like to
- 5 provide more information at a later date to the honorable
- 6 Board so that you will have a report back from that. And
- 7 then lastly, with regards to the Women's History Month
- 8 event, again it has already been mentioned extensively
- 9 earlier. The Board of Police Commissioner's Women's
- 10 History month event was held this past Monday. It was a
- 11 beautiful and successful event honoring and paying
- 12 tribute to women commissioners past and present and women
- 13 in civilian oversight and public safety.
- MS. WHITE: There was an excellent turnout for the
- 15 very short tribute program and Commissioners. Linda
- 16 Bernard, Sharon Bernard, Adela Rivera, and Eva Garza
- 17 Dewaelsche were the honorees in attendance. But again, we
- 18 were honoring all women commissioners past and present.
- 19 And we also had certificates of recognition and flowers
- 20 to our women commissioners as mentioned earlier. And so
- 21 we do have those for the women commissioners who were not
- 22 able to attend. And I would also like to highlight that
- 23 we had Dr. Lisa Jackson, who is the Chair of the
- 24 independent oversight commission in Ann Arbor, Michigan,
- 25 who offered excellent remarks regarding the Board's



- 1 extensive work in civilian oversight. And the example
- 2 that the Board of Police Commissioners has set for other
- 3 oversight agencies and she commended again the work of
- 4 the Board and women in oversight and public safety. And
- 5 lastly, if I may also share thanks to the staff who
- 6 assisted greatly with putting on this excellent event.
- 7 Interim Chief Investigator Lawrence Akbar and I hosted
- 8 the event. Staff members who worked as part of the
- 9 committee were as follows: Ms. Theresa Blossom, Ms. Jonya
- 10 Underwood, Mr. Robert Brown, Investigator Gianna Colter,
- 11 Investigator Pastella Williams, and Ms. Angela Cox, Ms.
- 12 Stephanie Phillips, Senior investigator Adela Rivera,
- 13 Senior Investigator Hannah Hiller, Investigator Ellen
- 14 Counts, Investigator Eldra Murphy Investigator, Tiffany
- 15 Stewart and Investigator Samuel Quick. So again, we thank
- 16 the staff who assisted with that project and we continue
- 17 to salute our women commissioners and women in civilian
- 18 oversight, law enforcement and public safety and commend
- 19 your service and look forward to next year's event. Thank
- 20 you
- 21 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the Chair.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Yes, sir.
- 23 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I'd like to know how this
- 24 event, supposedly honoring women who served, you know,
- 25 who planned this event? Because my understanding is that



- 1 a lot of invitations didn't go out or a lot of
- 2 commissioners did not attend who served on this Board.
- 3 Few retired commissioners who actually live in my
- 4 District, didn't know anything about this event and why
- 5 this event wasn't well attended. In addition to that, why
- 6 was it not held at police headquarters? You know, we are
- 7 talking about commissioners that served honorably and
- 8 they recall going to 1300 Beaubein for commissioner
- 9 meetings. How come they didn't get a chance to tour
- 10 police headquarters, the Board of Police Commissioner's
- 11 Office, have a event ceremony here, treated with dignity
- 12 and the respect that they deserve. We talking about women
- 13 that serve, you know, and my understanding that, you
- 14 know, this event was it was...
- 15 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Let me just say, since you are
- 16 having trouble...
- 17 COMMISSIONER BURTON: It was...
- 18 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Okay. I was there.
- 19 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I have no words.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Well, I was there and I thought
- 21 it... but anyway, to answer his question in terms of
- 22 publicity and notices went out and so forth, can you
- 23 do...
- 24 MS. WHITE: Yes sir. Thank you for your inquiry. For
- 25 the record, we did distribute the flyers to all Board



- 1 members and we also posted the information on the Board's
- 2 social media page. And we also extended invitations to
- 3 the women honorees who were women commissioners.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: How were those invitations
- 5 distributed to the women honorees? Were they by
- 6 invitation?
- 7 MS. WHITE: We contacted the women commissioners by
- 8 phone, by email, and then we're also in the process of
- 9 mailing their information, the certificate of
- 10 recognition, because some of them were unable to attend.
- 11 So we did make all of the efforts and due diligence in
- 12 notifying past and present commissioners and honorable
- 13 Board, please note that in the years to come, this was
- 14 the very first time that the Board has ever even held
- 15 this kind of event, but in the years to come, we will
- 16 expand it and make sure that those wanting to attend,
- 17 have the opportunity to attend.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: So, Commissioner Bernard as a
- 19 woman, you were there.
- 20 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Yes.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: So can you take two minutes and
- 22 tell the community and the other commissioners who were
- 23 not there...?
- 24 COMMISSIONER BURTON: It was pitiful.
- MS. WHITE: Excuse me, Mr. Chair.



- 1 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Please Mr...
- 2 MS. WHITE: No, it was just one other thing that I
- 3 want to bring to the record. One of the main oversight
- 4 functions that the Board of Police Commissioners has, is
- 5 investigating police misconduct complaints. And so the
- 6 Board had the opportunity to visit that building where
- 7 you have your investigative staff, which is a very large
- 8 staff in terms of your staff composition, and you were
- 9 able to meet and mingle with your staff and interact with
- 10 other DPD officials. I wanted to also note that Chief
- 11 White made sure and supported the Board of Police
- 12 Commissioners by having Assistant Chief LeValley,
- 13 Director Mary Engelman and Captain Dietrich Lever, other
- 14 DPD officials were also there to support the Board of
- 15 Police Commissioners in their oversight work. And so
- 16 again, it was very important for that first event to take
- 17 place at OCI 900 Merrill Plaisance to engage and interact
- 18 with your staff.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Commissioner Bernard, just two
- 20 minutes. Did you ever do it?
- 21 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: It was a nice event. You had
- 22 done a lot of preparation, the balloons, and, you know,
- 23 certainly I was surprised to get a plant and everything
- 24 else that you had designed, and it was also videotaped.
- 25 There were some glitches in the program, but that's to be



- 1 expected for a first time event. And next time we will do
- 2 it here. Commissioner Burton. I share your concern about
- 3 that, but this was designed to take it to OCI and
- 4 introduce OCI. So it was done that way. So we'll do it
- 5 next time.
- 6 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Bur Mr. Chairman,
- 7 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Just one quick second. You
- 8 know, I actually talked to retired police commissioner
- 9 Sharon Bernard and she was not satisfied with this event.
- 10 It was deployable. It was a disaster. Where were the
- 11 community groups that represent the city that comes
- 12 before this body on a weekly basis or throughout the
- 13 year, it should have been well attended by community
- 14 groups as well as commissioners. And it should have been
- 15 held at the Board office. I just have to put that, you
- 16 know, make the records straight.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: What was your excuse? Why
- 18 weren't you there?
- 19 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Mr. Chairman...
- 20 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: What was your excuse?
- 21 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Where were the community
- 22 groups? Why wasn't it held at the Board's office?
- MS. WHITE: Mr. Chair?

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- 1 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Why a lot of commissioners that
- 2 served this body didn't get an invitation, even at the
- 3 last minute?
- 4 MS. WHITE: Mr. Chair.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: No, I got that.
- 6 MS. WHITE: I know, but I don't want you to go back
- 7 and forth. I promise I will never do that. But first, I
- 8 want to share that we're all in the meeting room
- 9 together, through the Chair. We don't need to yell in the
- 10 microphone. We have to be able to make sure that the
- 11 court reporter can pick up everyone's statements and make
- 12 sure that it's clear in the transcribed report. So please
- 13 refrain from yelling and using your loud outside voice
- 14 inside. Secondly, with regards to comments that may have
- 15 been made about the event. Those individuals are entitled
- 16 to their comments, but we appreciate as staff, as your
- 17 staff for you to continue to respect your staff and their
- 18 work
- 19 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Well for the record, Mr.
- 20 Chairman, I'm speaking into the mic and therefore the
- 21 projecting of my voice might come off clear.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Commissioner, Commissioner,
- 23 Commissioner.
- COMMISSIONER BURTON: I'll give it to you, Mr.
- 25 Chairman.



- 1 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: You are out of order. I'm just
- 2 saying...
- 3 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Point of order, because I'm not
- 4 out of order, but I pass it to you. Mr. Chair.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Very good. Let's go to the... I
- 6 mean you no harm commissioner.
- 7 COMMISSIONER BANKS: One question, real quick.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Sure, you can.
- 9 COMMISSIONER BANKS: You know, this is for Secretary
- 10 White.
- 11 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Interim.
- 12 COMMISSIONER BANKS: I'm sorry. I'm sorry. I mean,
- 13 I'm sorry about that. Interim Secretary. I don't know.
- 14 I'm a work in progress. I'm learning, learning from you.
- MS. WHITE: It was correct Commissioner. Through the
- 16 Chair, you were correct. I'm listening to your concerns.
- 17 COMMISSIONER BANKS: What do I call you? I mean...
- 18 MS. WHITE: Interim Secretary White, you can go
- 19 ahead, sir.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Commission Banks, please say
- 21 what you have to say, through the Chair.
- 22 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Yes, sir. Will this be posted on
- 23 Facebook, where we all can see it?



- 1 MS. WHITE: Yes, sir. Through the Chair, the footage
- 2 will be posted on the Board's web page, as well as the
- 3 social media platform.
- 4 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Wonderful. That's all I want.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Thank you, sir.
- 6 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Because I didn't get a chance...
- 7 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Mr. Brown, if you could move on
- 8 please?
- 9 MR. BROWN: Yes. Good afternoon, Mr. Chair. There are
- 10 currently nine speakers for public comments. And so I
- 11 call the ones that are in the room. Ms. Bernie Smith,
- 12 followed by Ms. Joy, followed by Lieutenant Mark Young
- 13 LSA President
- 14 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: And Ms. Smith. I appreciate you
- 15 being here. I'm asking if you would please, just I don't
- 16 mean no harm, because we have a relationship down through
- 17 the years and with that I mean nothing personal. Just
- 18 make your remarks...
- MS. SMITH: Reverend Holley, I come here with a good
- 20 heart today.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Very good. Thank you so much.
- 22 And I'm messing it up.
- MS. SMITH: I want to raise hell sometimes, but, I'm
- 24 going to...
- 25 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: I'm sorry. Please forgive me.



- 1 MS. SMITH: Today was a blessing day and I'm going to
- 2 hurry up too. Two things happened. I was going to speak
- 3 about the worst thing that I found out this week, but I
- 4 think it's a pleasant thing to say that I have five
- 5 children and five grandchildren. My great grandchild, she
- 6 was born a couple of months ago. But anyway, what I want
- 7 to speak about today and I want all of you to pray on it.
- 8 You ministers, I want you Banks. I have a granddaughter
- 9 that called me up. She's at Alabama A&M. She has been
- 10 selected to present at three colleges in regards to
- 11 engineering. That's her major. Most of you know what I'm
- 12 talking about anyway. I'm so excited about it. She
- 13 traveled over to what is it? Louisiana State, Auburn,
- 14 Alabama, and Tuscaloosa. All of those states are going to
- 15 participate.
- MS. SMITH: And she was chosen from Alabama A&M to
- 17 come and represent them in the presentation for
- 18 engineering. That's her major, right? So I do hope that
- 19 she wins and I want you all to send up a good old prayer
- 20 for my granddaughter. She is as pretty as she can be. And
- 21 she is smart. She'll be coming out the 5th of May and I'm
- 22 going down there and be able to see her walk across the
- 23 aisle. We had one other daughter, she's a doctor already.
- 24 She graduated from Michigan. So she's going to go. So I
- 25 want all of you to just pray for my granddaughter, that



- 1 she wins this presentation because she did work on the
- 2 road here in Michigan. When the governor said, fix the
- 3 damn road, well, she was one of them that was employed
- 4 during the summer. So I'm very blessed and I'm very
- 5 pleased. And I just, I just want you guys to just love
- 6 each other. That's what we need to do. We don't need to
- 7 have any confusion amongst us.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Thank you so much.
- 9 MS. SMITH: I have other things that I wanted to talk
- 10 to you about, but that's for next week. Because I do
- 11 remember a lady talking to me at the hospital the other
- 12 day that she wanted the police to be aware of.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Thank you so much.
- 14 MS. SMITH: So I thank you again, Reverend. Thank
- 15 you. And I will be continuously loving.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Thank you.
- 17 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Congratulations to you and
- 18 your family.
- 19 MS. SMITH: Thank you.
- MR. BROWN: Ms. Joy.
- 21 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Oh, congratulations as well. My
- 22 old Alma Mater, Alabama, A&M right. Alabama, A&M.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: She's thinking about the Ms.
- 24 Joy.

- 1 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: That's all right. Every man,
- 2 every woman has something old coming in. Thank you for
- 3 being there this afternoon.
- 4 MS. JOY: It's a pleasure to meet you.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Thank you.
- 6 MS. JOY: Amongst you all. And I guess it kind of
- 7 sounds like a broken record when I express appreciation
- 8 every week, but there are so many people doing it this
- 9 way trying to break the sternum. I don't want to be in
- 10 that group. I want to be in the appreciation group. And
- 11 so I remain that way all the time, in appreciating all of
- 12 you, because you do such a great job of doing your jobs
- 13 and I've been coming for about nine years and that's all
- 14 I want to see is your smiling faces. You're healthy,
- 15 strong bodies and lives and presenting yourselves and
- 16 being an ambassador for the police department in Detroit.
- 17 This is a great city that we live in. It's beautiful
- 18 everywhere. And we have such great workers here. And our
- 19 leadership is powerful and mighty. We have one of the
- 20 best cities I would say in the whole world.
- MS. JOY: One of the best, I don't say that we are
- 22 the best, but one of the very best cities in the whole
- 23 world. And we have such great workers, hard workers here.
- 24 And when I come here, that's all I see hard work. You
- 25 don't stay home and say, oh boy, it's hard, I'm not



- 1 coming no more, but nine years straight, you're still
- 2 coming and still standing and still going forward.
- 3 There's a lot of rhetoric going on in the world. There's
- 4 a lot anguish and anxiety, attention and trauma in the
- 5 world. A lot of children are losing their lives and
- 6 different things. And I love the children. I want to see
- 7 them grow up to be as old as me minus the gray hair, I
- 8 guess, but you know, the hoary head is wisdom, they said
- 9 in the Bible. So if they get that, that'd be great. And
- 10 congratulations Ms. Bernice for you and your
- 11 granddaughter. I appreciate every one of you, you know,
- 12 the way that you treat me, your demeanor towards me, each
- 13 and every one of you, it just astounds me all the time,
- 14 and it amazes me. The number six when they come and help
- 15 me, they bring big boxes of food and different things, in
- 16 their community program. And I'm an old person.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Thank you so much.
- MS. JOY: I have ageism on my will, you know? And
- 19 they don't like old folks. They are not bringing you
- 20 anything.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Thank you so much, Ms. Joy.
- MS. JOY: But I just want to thank you all. I have
- 23 gone past my time.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Yes ma'am.
- MS. JOY: So thank you for letting me speak.



- 1 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Thank you.
- 2 MS. JOY: I appreciate you.
- 3 MR. BROWN: Lieutenant Mark Young.
- 4 LIEUTENANT YOUNG: Good evening.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Good evening.
- 6 LIEUTENANT: To my colleagues out there facing the
- 7 violence every day, I'm proud of you, thank you. You're
- 8 appreciated. The candlelight vigil for police week is May
- 9 13th. I hope the Board put that on their schedule. Police
- 10 week is May 11th through the 17th. I'm asking you now to
- 11 put that on your schedule. If we can recognize others, we
- 12 should definitely recognize the men and women that risk
- 13 their lives and give their lives every day. Training,
- 14 training, training, communication, everybody keeps asking
- 15 what's the answer, training, training, training,
- 16 communication. We face violence every week. We blame the
- 17 cops, demoralizing, and additional risk. Thank you,
- 18 attorney Chuck Raimi, you hit the nail on the head. No
- 19 citizen deserves unlawful contact or inappropriate
- 20 contact with a law enforcement officer, none. But that's
- 21 not always what we see. When he told you today that he's
- 22 seeing reverse conviction cases, I really wanted to hug
- 23 that man. I really want to hug him. There have always
- 24 been checks and balances in this process. When we talk
- 25 about so-called unlawful convictions, which are actually



- 1 reverse conviction cases For Ken testimony, garbage, no
- 2 perjury charges, interesting. I find that interesting,
- 3 for his lawsuits. If you read some of that garbage, even
- 4 if you were involved in some of those cases, you wonder,
- 5 was I even there?
- 6 LIEUTENANT YOUNG: The answer is, no, because we know
- 7 a lot of it is garbage, frivolous lawsuits. You ask me,
- 8 why am I angry? Because the members that I represent are
- 9 angry. Many of these cases are a stab in the dark. I've
- 10 watched those that have absolute immunity, participate
- 11 publicly for political reasons, and the active demise of
- 12 the members that risk their lives every day, including
- 13 myself. Many of these cases are filed where a member is
- 14 the most vulnerable after a member retires or dies years
- 15 and decades later. I asked you, put yourself in these men
- 16 and women's shoes. I'm telling you it's tough for them
- 17 out there. It's hard to explain my position in two
- 18 minutes, but I'm going to do it every week. If I have to,
- 19 I'm going to get here early and I'm going to stay here
- 20 late.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Thank you. Thank you so much.
- 22 LIEUTENANT YOUNG: Thank you.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: No, thank you.

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- 1 MR. BROWN: Mr. Chair, your next three speakers will
- 2 be Minister Eric Blount, followed by D'Janique Thompson
- 3 followed by Ms. Brenda Hill. Minister Blount.
- 4 MINISTER BLOUNT: Can you hear me Board?
- 5 MR. BROWN: Yes.
- 6 MINISTER BLOUNT: This is Eric Blount. I am still a
- 7 minister at Sacred Heart without any restrictions. The
- 8 lack of independence of a Board of Police Commissioner's,
- 9 commissioner is focused on the ability of the
- 10 commissioner to discipline city employees while receiving
- 11 benefits from the city. Commissioners on this oversight
- 12 Board are not the average citizen with average power and
- 13 authority. And so not only as a commissioner, but with
- 14 three ministers on this Board, people of faith and the
- 15 citizens of Detroit should expect a very high level of
- 16 integrity, transparency with an overwhelming focus on
- 17 police misconduct. Commissioner Holt, the merit of this
- 18 housing project has never been in question, a
- 19 commissioner's authority to discipline city employees
- 20 while putting their name or having their name on this
- 21 building is always the issue. Commissioner Banks, thank
- 22 you for not penalizing any commissioner or any other
- 23 minister, no one should be above questioning and yes,
- 24 ministers are to hold themselves to a higher standard so
- 25 as to not shame God. Here, in Detroit, a city council



- 1 member who is a minister is going to jail for corruption.
- 2 Commissioner Moore. Thank you for accurately stating the
- 3 lack of information for commissioners. Please do not
- 4 allow other commissioners to read the script for you.
- 5 Commissioner Burton should have been the Commissioner to
- 6 address this issue. Commissioner Burton is the
- 7 commissioner who has for years complained about not
- 8 receiving the information needed to understand what's
- 9 going on in the city. For the lawsuit presentation, Mr.
- 10 Raimi is something to be discussed. His reversal of
- 11 the...
- MR. BROWN: Mr. Chair, I don't see Ms. Thompson. I
- 13 don't see Ms. Hill. So, the next speakers will be
- 14 Overwith, followed by Ms. Marie Overall, followed by
- 15 former commission William Davis. Overwith,
- OVERWITH: Okay. Now here we go with the show. A
- 17 slick country preacher, heading up the Board of Police
- 18 Commissioners with his cohorts, Annie Holt, Melanie
- 19 White, Melanie shotgun in front of the city council,
- 20 Willy Bell, back there as the maestro, pulling all the
- 21 strings, puppet master, extreme.
- OVERWITH: Well, I hear that the operation Northern
- 23 hook is about to hook some more. I wonder which one of
- 24 you, all four/five, is going to be caught up in that
- 25 whole shenanigan. Commissioner Bernard, you knew that,



- 1 and you know now that I sent you emails, I told you
- 2 myself personally, you never got them. Melanie White
- 3 didn't give them to you. That was done purposely, just
- 4 like all my communications, those hundreds of messages
- 5 that I left over there at the OCI and the Board of Police
- 6 Commissioners. Now, you're all doing the disservice to
- 7 the fine men and women of the Detroit Police Department.
- 8 The Detroit Police Department has some of the finest
- 9 officers in this nation.
- 10 OVERWITH: Some of the finest, but as in every
- 11 barrel, you got some bad apples and those bad apples are
- 12 doing a disservice to the fine men and women who work in
- 13 this department, in the police department, put on that
- 14 badge, dotted every day, leave out their residents to
- 15 come protect us citizens from these nuts out here in the
- 16 City of Detroit. All you commissioners sitting up there,
- 17 is bog. You're all doing a big disservice to each one of
- 18 them because you're all not enforcing the rules and not
- 19 exercising the authority that you have to their benefit
- 20 and the benefits of the citizens of Detroit.
- 21 MR. BROWN: Ms. Overall?
- 22 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: That was just Ms. Overall there,
- 23 really?
- MR. BROWN: Ms. Overall. Mr. Chair, I'll go to former
- 25 commission Davis.



- 1 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Former commissioner Davis.
- 2 MR. BROWN: William Davis, yes.
- 3 MR. DAVIS: Good afternoon. I usually choose not to
- 4 speak because I'm in the process of grading each meeting
- 5 and me and two other colleagues. But I had to say
- 6 something today. Can you hear me?
- 7 MR. BROWN: Yes, sir.
- 8 MR. DAVIS: Can you hear me?
- 9 MR. BROWN: Yes.
- MR. DAVIS: You know, I had to speak today because
- 11 normally I don't speak. I just grade what goes on in the
- 12 meetings, because we know we're going to be giving a
- 13 report card to this Board but listening to the deputy
- 14 corporation counsel illustrates the main reason why this
- 15 Board needs to have its own attorney. You know, the same
- 16 deputy corporation counsel was admonished recently at the
- 17 Detroit city council because of his demeanor and the way
- 18 he speaks to, especially, black women. This is unheard
- 19 of. How could you be talking about, you know, reversing
- 20 convictions. We have a lot of people that's wrongly
- 21 convicted because they're black because they're brown
- 22 because they don't have the resources that other people
- 23 do. You know, I think it was a big mistake for Mike
- 24 Duggan to bring this man with him from the Detroit
- 25 Medical Center. He's like a relic of the past. We need to



- 1 be moving forward. You need to get your own Board
- 2 attorney. You need to make sure this Board attorney is
- 3 one that can keep his job, even if the chairperson knows
- 4 he's doing stuff that's wrong and questionable. That
- 5 shouldn't happen. And I know that this Board probably
- 6 already, if not, they will be paying out a major lawsuit
- 7 or settlement because of the fact you cannot keep having
- 8 people that's in charge do wrong things. You cannot have
- 9 corrupt policies. Thank you.
- 10 MR. BROWN: Mr. Chair. That was your last speaker.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: You sure?
- MR. BROWN: Yes, sir.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: You're looking?
- MR. BROWN: Yes, I looked already.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: At this time, the Chair would
- 16 like to move the agenda on if you don't mind. Can you
- 17 give me the announcements, please?
- MR. BROWN: Yes, sir. Mr. Chair, the next BOPC
- 19 meeting is April 7th, 2022 at 3:00 PM here at Detroit
- 20 Public Safety Headquarters. The next community meeting
- 21 will be at WC3, Thursday, April 14th at 6:30, with the
- 22 Eighth Precinct hosting at the Northwest Campus in the
- 23 Larry Lewis building 8,200 West Outer Drive. And Mr.
- 24 Chair, monthly committee meeting scheduled: the budget
- 25 committee meeting, every second Wednesday at 2:00 PM,



- 1 policy committee meeting every second Wednesday at 3:00
- 2 PM, personnel and training committee meeting, every
- 3 second Wednesday at 4:00 PM. And citizens' complaints
- 4 committee meetings, every second Wednesday at 4:30. Mr.
- 5 Chair that concludes the announcement.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Thank you so much.
- 7 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Through the Chair.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Yes.
- 9 COMMISSIONER HOLT: I'd like to make an announcement
- 10 as well.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Okay.
- 12 COMMISSIONER HOLT: This past Saturday DPD invited
- 13 the commissioners along with community folks that
- 14 commissioners were allowed to invite and we attended
- 15 Deputy Chief Ewing's initiative, the community summit
- 16 training. Now, there were more police officers at the
- 17 training, which still didn't interfere with the learning
- 18 that happened both with sworn officers as well as
- 19 representation from the community. Captain Keith Williams
- 20 began the whole discussion as he gave a historical
- 21 perspective like Commissioner Bernard alluded to earlier,
- 22 as it relates to why certain parts of the United States
- 23 became engaged in creating a police force. And again, the
- 24 learning on the parts of both and there was a lot of



- 1 learning going on as it relates to the young officers who
- 2 had been invited of course by DPD.
- 3 COMMISSIONER HOLT: So I believe Deputy Chief Ewing
- 4 is going to organize the summit again. And he's hoping
- 5 that more commissioners will be available to attend the
- 6 summit and with the commissioners inviting people from
- 7 the community, it would be a valuable opportunity for you
- 8 to spend your time and learn the dynamics of police
- 9 officers and civilians. And you will discover, if you are
- 10 in attendance, the similarities that we all experience as
- 11 it relates to biases. So again, those commissioners, I
- 12 don't know if the chair has time for sharing, but I
- 13 believe it was time well spent as it relates to
- 14 commissioners who were able to attend that summit.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Commissioner Banks. You have a
- 16 question?
- 17 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Yes. This question is for the
- 18 Commissioner... When was that meeting, you said, a
- 19 Saturday?
- 20 MR. BROWN: Friday.
- 21 COMMISSIONER BANKS: But why didn't all commissioners
- 22 know? I didn't know anything about it.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: It wasn't...
- MS. WHITE: Through the...
- 25 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Was it a private...?



- 1 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: No.
- 2 COMMISSIONER BANKS: I'm serious.
- 3 MS. WHITE: Mr. Chair.
- 4 COMMISSIONER HOLT: You know, Chair Holley. Ms.
- 5 White...
- 6 MS. WHITE: Through the Chair. I can speak on it,
- 7 honorable Board. If I could have everyone's attention, so
- 8 you can hear the response.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Commissioner Banks, you asked
- 10 for the question, I'm giving you the answer.
- 11 COMMISSIONER HOLT: And I, in error, identified
- 12 Saturday. It was in fact on Friday for the commissioners
- 13 who were able to attend. And Ms. White did send out an
- 14 email identifying those commissioners who had RSVP
- 15 MS. WHITE: Honorable Board.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Yes. Go ahead.
- MS. WHITE: All with all due respect...
- 18 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: I'm trying to get through the
- 19 minutes...
- 20 MS. WHITE: And I understand I just wanted to
- 21 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: I'm saying to you, again, like I
- 22 said, I'm talking to Commissioner, Commissioner Banks you
- 23 asked for the question, yes to the question. I'm trying
- 24 to get the question answered.
- 25 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Yes, sir. I'm sorry.



- 1 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: I'm trying to....
- 2 COMMISSIONER BANKS: I'm sorry. My fault. I'm sorry.
- 3 MS. WHITE: Through the Chair. Yes, sir. I did send
- 4 out several email notifications and also my staff
- 5 contacted each Board member to see if you all were
- 6 available. And we received notification that some Board
- 7 members were not available to attend that day. And so we
- 8 went forward with the commissioners who were able to
- 9 attend and were working as your staff to ensure that you
- 10 were able to attend another training. And I will contact
- 11 you personally again to make those arrangements.
- 12 COMMISSIONER BANKS: I say something to Ms. White.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Yes, you can.
- 14 COMMISSIONER BANKS: She's excellent at sending out
- 15 emails. I don't ever check my emails. I have an
- 16 administrator who does. Most things she'll tell me
- 17 though. And I just didn't hear about that, but she's
- 18 excellent. The secretary is excellent, I'm not knocking
- 19 her or anything. She's excellent about getting those
- 20 emails out.
- 21 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the Chair.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Commissioner Burton, I really
- 23 don't mean any harm, sir, but I'm at the point where I
- 24 have to move on. I have to...



- 1 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I just want to make a quick,
- 2 it's real quick.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Go ahead.
- 4 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I think just for correction, I
- 5 think the interim secretary meant to say the Board's
- 6 staff, not her staff, but the board staff, because the
- 7 charter basically said that the staff works for the full
- 8 Board.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Thank you so much.
- 10 COMMISSIONER BURTON: This is just for correction,
- 11 sir.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Thank you so much at this time,
- 13 any new business? Hearing no new business, any unfinished
- 14 business. Can I have a motion to go to a closed session?
- 15 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: So moved
- 16 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Second.
- 17 MS. WHITE: Please state the language from the
- 18 agenda, please. Closed session, pursuant to section 8A of
- 19 the open meetings act, regarding the administrative leave
- 20 without pay, but with medical benefits or Sergeant
- 21 Jessica Jones, Badge S- 789 assigned to the Detroit
- 22 Detention Center, two-thirds roll call vote is required.
- 23 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: So moved.
- 24 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Support.

- 1 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Any discussion about the...
- 2 Hearing none, can we have a roll call please?
- 3 MS. WHITE: Vice-Chair Ferguson Yes.
- 4 MS. WHITE: Commissioner Bernard Yes.
- 5 MS. WHITE: Commissioner Banks Yes.
- 6 MS. WHITE: Commissioner Bell Yes.
- 7 MS. WHITE: Commissioner Burton -
- 8 MS. WHITE: Commissioner Carter -
- 9 MS. WHITE: Commissioner Moore Yes.
- 10 MS. WHITE: Commissioner Holt Yes.
- 11 MS. WHITE: Commissioner Pressley Yes.
- MS. WHITE: Chair Holley Yes.
- MS. WHITE: There were 8 = votes. The motion passed.
- 14 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Burden is in the room so he
- 15 can vote.
- MS. WHITE: He's not at the microphone, through the
- 17 Chair.
- 18 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Thank you. I'm sorry.
- MS. WHITE: The motion passed.

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21 (Board Went into Closed Session)

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- 23 (Board resumed open session)
- 24 (Some audio was not heard)



- 1 MS. WHITE: Vice-Chair Ferguson Yes.
- 2 MS. WHITE: Commissioner Bernard No.
- 3 MS. WHITE: Commissioner Banks Can you repeat? I
- 4 didn't understand it. Can you repeat it again?
- 5 MS. WHITE: This is the motion to accept the Chief's
- 6 recommendation to suspend without pay Sergeant Jessica
- 7 Jones. Yes or no.
- 8 COMMISSIONER BANKS: No.
- 9 MS. WHITE: Commissioner Bell Yes.
- 10 MS. WHITE: Commission Burton No.
- 11 MS. WHITE: Commissioner Moore Abstain.
- 12 MS. WHITE: Commissioner Holt Yes.
- MS. WHITE: Commissioner Presley Yes.
- MS. WHITE: Chair Holley Yes.
- MS. WHITE: There were 5 = Yes votes, 3 = No votes.
- 16 COMMISSIONER BELL: Commissioner Banks is trying to
- 17 get your attention.
- 18 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Can I take my vote back to yes.
- 19 Can I change it? I'm sorry about that. I didn't really
- 20 understand.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Oh, you can.
- 22 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Thanks.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Let the record state.



MS. WHITE: Yes, sir. Through the Chair, 6 = Yes 1 votes and 2 = no votes. And 1 abstention. The motion 3 passed. CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: That's a two-thirds now, right? 4 MS. WHITE: The motion passed, sir. Yes. That's 5 6 correct. 7 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Make sure. Okay. Very good. And so anything else come before this Board Hearing nothing 9 else, 10 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: So move to adjourn. 11 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: All in favor, say, aye. 12 COMMISSIONERS: Aye. Aye. 13 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Thank you. 14 15 (Meeting Adjourned at 5:46pm) 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24

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