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- 1 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Good afternoon. I'm Bryan
- 2 Ferguson, chairperson of the Board of Police
- 3 Commissioners and this meeting will now come to order. At
- 4 this time, we have Chaplain Kendall.
- 5 CHAPLAIN KENDALL: Good evening, everyone. May we all
- 6 bow our heads and let us pray. Holy Father, we thank you
- 7 for your loving kindness. And we thank you for every life
- 8 in this room and for the life of every single Detroit
- 9 police officer and all those that support them and love
- 10 them. We are meeting today to discuss and decide
- 11 important things. Things that we know you care about,
- 12 God. Things like peace, mercy, and justice. But let us
- 13 pause to praise you for your grace and mercy for the way
- 14 that you care for us every single day. Are you not God in
- 15 heaven that rules over the whole world and in your hands
- 16 is power and might so that no one can withstand you? So
- 17 then, because we have a common enemy, we ask that you
- 18 admit our hearts together in fellowship so that we may
- 19 serve in one accord and according to your purpose. Be
- 20 with us today, God. Grant us the strength and courage to
- 21 do what is just in your sight and give us a heart to love
- 22 mercy so that we may walk humbly before you, our God. We
- 23 pray all these things in the name of your son, Jesus,
- 24 because without his intercession we would have no hope.
- 25 Amen.



- 1 COMMISSIONERS: Amen.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Thank you Chaplain Kendall.
- 3 Thank you. We're going to do a roll call. Vice-Chair,
- 4 Holt.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON HOLT: Oh, I'm sorry. Good evening. Vice-
- 6 Chair Annie Holt, At-Large.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Commissioner Past Chair,
- 8 Holley Present.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Commissioner Jesus Hernandez
- 10 submitted an excuse for absence. Commissioner OuanTez
- 11 Pressley also submitted an excuse for absence.
- 12 Commissioner Linda Bernard. I thought I saw her. Okay.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Commissioner Cedric Banks -
- 14 Present.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: He's making his way in.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Commissioner Willie E. Bell -
- 17 Present, District 4.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Commissioner Willie E. Burton.
- 19 I thought I saw him outside too.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Commissioner Lisa Carter -
- 21 Good evening, Present.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Commissioner Ricardo Moore -
- 23 Present, represent District 7, Northwest Detroit.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Fantastic. And that means we
- 25 do have a quorum. Now I want to entertain a motion for



- 1 the minutes-the agenda for September the eighth, which is
- 2 today 2022.
- 3 COMMISSIONER MOORE: So move.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Second.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Any discussion? All in favor.
- 6 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: All opposed? All right, shall
- 8 be carried. I'd like to entertain for the previous
- 9 minutes from September the first 2022.
- 10 COMMISSIONERS: So moved.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON HOLT: Second.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Were there any corrections?
- 13 Any discussion? All right, I'll go through. I would like
- 14 to say for the record Commissioner Linda Bernard is here.
- 15 Thank you, ma'am
- 16 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Good evening, everyone.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Good evening. I want to
- 18 introduce our staff today. So today we have the Media
- 19 Services handling our video and audio visual. I want to
- 20 say thank you guys for coming, this is great. Bear with
- 21 me for a second here. I don't want to get anybody's name
- 22 messed up.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON HOLT: Through the chair.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Yes.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON HOLT: We can announce that Commissioner



- 1 Burton has also, I mean, attend the meeting.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Commissioner Burton.
- 3 Fantastic. All right. So first the Media Services handle
- 4 audio and visual by the board by the recording of the
- 5 board's meeting today. Our court reported today is Mr.
- 6 Don Handyside and the following board staff is in
- 7 attendance today. Assistant Corporation Counsel,
- 8 Christopher Michaels is attending via Zoom, Mr. Theresa
- 9 Blossom, Community Relations Coordinator is here, Mr.
- 10 Brown, Administrative Specialist is here, Ms. Jonya
- 11 Underwood, Administrative Assistant is here, Senior
- 12 Investigator, Tiffany Stewart, Director, Katrina Patillo,
- 13 Director of Police Personnel, Interim Chief, Lawrence
- 14 Akbar is here, Supervising Investigator, Ms. Cromwell is
- 15 here, Supervisor Investigator Rosalia Madrigal is here,
- 16 Acting Supervisor Investigator, LiSonya Sloan is here,
- 17 Senior Investigator, Ms. River is here.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Let's see who we have here
- 19 for... I said, well, the chief. The chief is not here
- 20 yet?
- 21 COMMISSIONER: Yes.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Yes. So we have Deputy Chief
- 23 DeShaune Sims here. So do you have any attendance with
- 24 you?
- DEPUTY CHIEF SIMS: So tonight, who I can see so far



- 1 is, I saw Commander John Serda from the Fourth Precinct.
- 2 He'll be doing a presentation later.
- 3 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: We can't hear you.
- 4 DEPUTY CHIEF SIMS: Oh, sorry. We have commander John
- 5 Serda of the Fourth Precinct, he'll be doing a
- 6 presentation later this evening, Captain Ryan Connor from
- 7 the Fourth Precinct, I see Second Deputy Chief, Kira
- 8 Hope, I don't see anyone else. And I know Commander sir,
- 9 will introduce his team when he gets up to speak later.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Fantastic. And our special
- 11 guest we have today, we have Mr. Stone from the McKinney
- 12 Recreation Center. There you go, sir. Nice to see you
- 13 again. Thank you for the water too. The ASL team will be
- 14 Mrs. Nichols and Mrs. Dr. Stephanie Beatty, they're both
- 15 on Zoom. And the special quests for elected officials, we
- 16 have Jesse or Jesus. Would it be Jesse? Jesse-okay-
- 17 Gonzales representative from Wayne County Commissioners,
- 18 Las Vegas office. Right. And then we have Former Police
- 19 Commissioner, William Davis. He's on Zoom too.
- 20 COMMISSIONER: Mr. Chairman, we also have State
- 21 Representative-
- 22 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: He's in person. Wow. We
- 23 getting honored today. Thank you, sir-
- 24 COMMISSIONER: Tyrone Carter.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Yes. I was getting to that,



- 1 sir. And we have Representative Tyrone Carter. Thank you,
- 2 sir. Thank you.
- 3 COMMISSIONER: Mr. Chairman?
- 4 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Yes.
- 5 COMMISSIONER: I don't know if his name was
- 6 mentioned, but we also have Damon C. Mitchell that
- 7 represent council member Scott Vincent's office.
- 8 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Can't hear you. Use your mic.
- 9 COMMISSIONER: He's present as well.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: All right. Thank you. Thank
- 11 you for that. Again, thank you again for attending
- 12 today's meeting. Today we're meeting in the Fourth
- 13 Precinct area, which is in the McKinney Recreation
- 14 Center.
- 15 COMMISSIONER: Kemeny.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: I got it. There's an M.
- 17 Kemeny.
- 18 COMMISSIONER: Yes, sir.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Okay, thank you for the
- 20 correction.
- 21 COMMISSIONER: No problem.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Also Commissioner Carter
- 23 represents this precinct. And at this time I would like
- 24 to have her have some words for the Kemeny-
- 25 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Kemeny Recreation Center. So



- 1 thank you. Thank you very much, Mr. Chair. And I'm just
- 2 going to say good evening to everyone and welcome to the
- 3 Kemeny Recreation Center here in the Fourth Precinct and
- 4 welcome to the southernmost part of Detroit. Often
- 5 forgotten, the original Southwest Detroit. Thank you all
- 6 for coming out this evening. We appreciate your support.
- 7 And with that, sir, I'm going to turn it back over to
- 8 you. Thank you.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Thank you. All right. I'm
- 10 going to get that word right. Kemeny.
- 11 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Kemeny.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Got you. Kemeny Recreation.
- 13 It's beautiful out here too. I almost wanted to play
- 14 basketball when I came in. We look forward to receiving
- 15 today. We look forward to receiving updates from the
- 16 department regarding crime stats and trends and other key
- 17 items for our consideration. Earlier this week we
- 18 attended the chief's press conference and received
- 19 updates regarding the recent officer involved shooting
- 20 incident that occurred Sunday, September the fourth, 2022
- 21 at the Citgo Gas Station. We continue to thank Chief
- 22 White and the department for his transparency and
- 23 accountability to the board and community. We look
- 24 forward to the department sharing any further updates as
- 25 a case proceeds, because it's still an ongoing case.



- 1 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Also, today we look forward to
- 2 DPD's HR who will report out on DVD's recruitment and
- 3 retention, how can we keep them, efforts and other key
- 4 information for our awareness. Also, we'll also have the
- 5 Fourth Precinct presentation from Commander John Serda.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Serda. Even with the stroke I
- 7 can do this one.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: And Captain Ryan Connor, who
- 9 will share updates regarding Fourth Precinct crime data,
- 10 precinct progress updates with regards to the community
- 11 strategy plan. I like that plan for your district.
- 12 Citizen complaint data, budgetary updates, and other key
- 13 information for our awareness. Lastly, as a reminder in
- 14 compliance with the Open Meetings Act, the OMA, personnel
- 15 matters must be discussed in a closed session, not in an
- 16 open session. According to the Open Meetings Act, the
- 17 OMA, personnel matters must be discussed in a closed
- 18 session. Must be. Personnel matters. Right. Personnel
- 19 matters. Okay.
- 20 COMMISSIONER BELL: Mr. Chairman.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Yes.
- 22 COMMISSIONER BELL: I'd like to speak to the issue of
- 23 personnel matter. In line with the city HR policy and
- 24 procedure who the HR recruited in pre-screen candidates
- 25 develop a qualified pool of candidates, interview



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- 1 qualified serious candidates interested in the
- 2 administration system position with the city Detroit
- 3 Board of Police Commission. Therefore, I move that we
- 4 approve the hire of Ms. Candace Hayes, Administrative
- 5 Assistant, with the Board of Police Commission.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON HOLT: Second.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Any discussion?
- 8 COMMISSIONER: Yes, Mr. Chairman.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Yes.
- 10 COMMISSIONER MOORE: It was my understanding she was
- 11 already hired and that's where there was some emails back
- 12 and forth about the hire because she was already hired.
- 13 So what are we doing?
- 14 COMMISSIONER BELL: Mr. Chairman.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Yes.
- 16 COMMISSIONER BELL: The board has the authority to
- 17 hire all personnel on the recommendation of HR process
- 18 we've been utilized. But the board has authority to hire
- 19 all personnel. So this is the former process of it. So a
- 20 person is not officially hired until we vote on the
- 21 matter.
- 22 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Let me get my email up.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Correct, sir.
- 24 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the chair.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Yes.



- 1 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I'd like to speak to this as
- 2 well. I noticed that when I came into the office today
- 3 and yesterday and day before we had a new employee
- 4 working with in the board's office. Many of our residents
- 5 in the city of Detroit has many concerns about the
- 6 fairness and the lack of fairness in the city and how
- 7 things are improper. The board is allowing itself to be
- 8 part of an ethical and legally compromised position that
- 9 we should not be in. This entire hiring process is full
- 10 of conflict of interest, especially given that the
- 11 Interim Secretary is involved in triaging applicants for
- 12 various positions. Also you know, Mr. Chairman, this have
- 13 not came before the board. We have not saw. This didn't
- 14 go before any subcommittee, didn't get voted out of
- 15 subcommittee. And we just now learning that we have a new
- 16 employee. I yield the rest of my time. Mr. Chairman.
- 17 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Mr. Chairman, I would like to
- 18 make mention and to the public, of course. The email that
- 19 was submitted on September 6th, from our board or Interim
- 20 Board Secretary, Marilyn Lee white. And I'll read it in a
- 21 part that's not in left, but you'll get the gist of it.
- 22 Dear honorable Board of Police Commissioners and staff,
- 23 on behalf of the honorable board leadership and personnel
- 24 committee, please welcome our newest staff member
- 25 assigned to the BOPC Administrative Division Ms. Candace



- 1 Hayes who started today at the board's administrative
- 2 office. Again, that's September 6th. So I guess I asked
- 3 the question again, what are we doing?
- 4 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Mr. Chair.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Hang on. Are you done?
- 6 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Yes, sir.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Go ahead.
- 8 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Okay. But don't we have to vote
- 9 on that? That's against the charter just to hire somebody
- 10 and we haven't voted. We supposed to vote collectively.
- 11 Right.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: We're going to get to that.
- 13 Okay go ahead.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Mr. Chair, may I have-
- 15 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Wait. Commissioner.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: I'm sorry.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Yes, Commissioner.
- 18 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: We have no resume, this
- 19 meeting. If this was a personnel committee meeting design
- 20 to hire someone, it would've been nice if the board could
- 21 have participated in that in a meaningful way. But beyond
- 22 that, it is inappropriate at this point to hire any
- 23 administrative staff when we do not have a permanent
- 24 board secretary. As I said in my memo to you, I sent the
- 25 board a memo. I said very clearly, we gave the chief of



- 1 police. We didn't hire or promote anybody. We said, we
- 2 got to get a new chief. We got the new chief. We let the
- 3 new chief come in. He selected his own team, promoted his
- 4 own team. That's the very least we should do for a new
- 5 board secretary. This is inappropriate from a business
- 6 standpoint, from a management standpoint, we don't I
- 7 mean, this is unbelievable to me. Interim people do not
- 8 interview and hire new staff period in any organization.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: You're right. You're right.
- 10 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Mr. Chairman, I also have a
- 11 question for the personnel committee chairman, Willie
- 12 Bell. How long have you known about this hire, sir?
- 13 COMMISSIONER BELL: This process has been on the way
- 14 for several months, if not longer.
- 15 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: It's fine. You-
- 16 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Commissioner, it's only one
- 17 person talking at a time. Go ahead, sir.
- 18 COMMISSIONER BELL: The process of HR administration
- 19 people has to be vetted by HR and they went through a
- 20 lengthy process that we were fully aware of it in terms
- 21 of the same process we utilized in the past for staff.
- 22 COMMISSIONER MOORE: A quick follow up question. Who
- 23 is we?
- 24 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Wait, wait, he has the floor.
- 25 Hang on.



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- 1 COMMISSIONER BELL: I spoke to HR.
- 2 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Right. So my follow up question
- 3 is who is we? You say we knew about it. So who is we?
- 4 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Mr. Chair, may I ask for a point
- 5 of order, please.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Yes.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: I'm embarrassed by this
- 8 discussion in front of our audience. And it seemed like
- 9 we're not going to get anywhere back and forth without
- 10 the information that we have so far. Perhaps what we need
- 11 to do is basically table this until we get an
- 12 understanding from personnel, how we should basically do
- 13 this in a proper way so that we have transparency, not
- 14 only with the board, but also with the community. I think
- 15 we ought to just, that's my suggestion that we basically
- 16 just postpone this or whatever. The parliamentarian is
- 17 not here, but until we get a clean understanding of where
- 18 we are with this right here.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Okay. Commissioner Bell, would
- 20 you like to rescind your motion before we take the vote?
- 21 COMMISSIONER BELL: I withdraw my motion.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: You've withdraw this motion.
- 23 So we're going to table this until we all can come to an
- 24 agreement and put it back on the table.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON HOLT: Mr. Chairman.



- 1 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: We have to have the motion for
- 2 that. Okay. So we're going to have a motion to.
- 3 COMMISSIONER BELL: I so move.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: All in favor?
- 5 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: I second.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: You second it. Any further
- 7 discussion on that? We're tabling this.
- 8 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Nope.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: So all in favor.
- 10 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Aye.
- 11 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Table it until when Mr.
- 12 Chairman?
- 13 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: We got a discussion. I'm
- 14 sorry. Go ahead.
- 15 COMMISSIONER MOORE: To what date, Mr. Chairman?
- 16 CHAIRPERSON HOLT: It's tabled.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: It's going to be tabled.
- 18 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: It's tabled.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: So we can get further
- 20 information.
- 21 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: In terms of the tabling. And I
- 22 definitely approve Mr. Chairman. I think it would be
- 23 great if we had an organizational chart for the board's
- 24 administrative staff, which I haven't seen it in years.
- 25 It would be great if we had a job description for this



- 1 position and it would be great if we had an opportunity
- 2 to at least submit questions or whatever to a person.
- 3 Again, this is a new position that does not exist within
- 4 my tenure history.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Right. Commissioner, we're
- 6 getting ready to do that. That's why we're going to table
- 7 so we can get all that.
- 8 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: This is so out of order.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: You're right. That's why we're
- 10 going to be able to get all this, right. Okay. Any
- 11 further discussion?
- 12 CHAIRPERSON HOLT: No. As long as we get the vote
- 13 out.
- 14 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Mr. Chairman.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Yeah.
- 16 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I'll be short and brief. You
- 17 know, we have not seen any list of pool of candidates nor
- 18 do we see this posted.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Wait, hang on. Hang on. You
- 20 are absolutely right. That's why we're going to table
- 21 this.
- 22 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: So are we all ready to take a
- 24 vote to table this? All in favor.
- 25 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.



- 1 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: All opposed. Okay. We're
- 2 tabling it. Done. I use it at once. All right. Now we're
- 3 going into let's see... We're going into our oral
- 4 communications.
- 5 COMMISSIONER: Don't the police chief have a report
- 6 first?
- 7 COMMISSIONER: No. It's going to go after us.
- 8 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Mr. Chairman, just a quick
- 9 clarification. Can you answer one question, sir?
- 10 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Yes, sir.
- 11 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Is the person on payroll? All
- 12 that we just talked about.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: From my understanding that
- 14 person is hired, but now hang on. Now that we voted to,
- 15 I'm thinking that process is going to stop.
- 16 COMMISSIONER MOORE: So we going to fire her?
- 17 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: I'm thinking it's going to
- 18 stop. So commissioners, please be looking at your emails
- 19 tonight and tomorrow. Okay. Yes.
- 20 COMMISSIONER BANKS: At this time she's illegally on
- 21 the board because we didn't vote on it. Correct?
- 22 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Correct.
- 23 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Okay.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Mr. Chair.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Yes.



- 1 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: I just want to try some... I
- 2 promised the Lord if I get here today, I wanted to say
- 3 nothing. It's hard not to. But I just say Mr. Chairman, I
- 4 have confidence in our staff. So I just want to see if we
- 5 just get through this. And we already tabled this. So why
- 6 don't we just stop talking about it and go on to the next
- 7 item on the agenda? Because I just feel like that it's
- 8 not fair to talk about whether she's hired or not and we
- 9 got to have a legal in all this. So I just feel like we
- 10 need to, with respect to my colleagues that we move on.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: You're right. I agree. So we
- 12 are going to move on. We're going into oral
- 13 communications. Mr. Brown.
- MR. BROWN: Mr. Chair, we currently have eight
- 15 speakers. Four in person and four by Zoom. I call those
- 16 in person first, Ms. Victoria Shaw, followed by Ms. Kim
- 17 Johnson followed by Aaron Rendall.
- MS. SHAW: Good evening, honorable board.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Good evening.
- 20 MS. SHAW: I conducted a time analysis of the August
- 21 12th community meeting, which you should have in your
- 22 hands. Just to kind of highlight some points from there.
- 23 11% of the time was spent on the public talking to the
- 24 board during public comment. Now only 8% of the meeting
- 25 was actually spent on the board responding to the public



- 1 comments. And most of the responses consisted of the
- 2 board defending BOPC and asking the public to focus on
- 3 reducing crime. The remaining 81% of this community
- 4 meeting was spent on interactions between the board and
- 5 DPD or the board in itself. Of that the board spent 16%
- 6 of the meeting giving accolades to DPD and each other. I
- 7 would argue that these are not community meetings. The
- 8 board and the community are not having meaningful
- 9 interaction and dialogue on how to improve oversight and
- 10 change the narrative of policing in Detroit.
- MS. SHAW: We're just cut off after two minutes and
- 12 the board moves on like we said nothing. There are two
- 13 different narratives going on in this room. The narrative
- 14 is largely rainbows and unicorns with lots of accolades
- 15 circulating between BOPC and DPD. But when you step
- 16 outside that door, the narrative in the public is that
- 17 oversight is severely lacking or nonexistent. This
- 18 disconnect has to be resolved. For months I've been
- 19 trying to deliver a training to the board on how process
- 20 improvement and data analysis can improve oversight,
- 21 transparency and restore public trust. I will say I had
- 22 to hear from chair Ferguson that he's been trying to
- 23 schedule for me but can't get responses from the
- 24 commissioners on your availability. Several of you have
- 25 said that you look forward to this training. So please



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- 1 respond to the chair, letting him know what your
- 2 availability is as he's requested several times. Thank
- 3 you.
- 4 COMMISSIONER MOORE: I recall being asked about my
- 5 availability.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Thank you.
- 7 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Mr. Chairman, on that point, I
- 8 would suggest like we have the presentations. I think the
- 9 community would benefit from hearing her presentation as
- 10 well as us. So like we had an hour presentation on a
- 11 piece of art that that gentleman brought in, which was
- 12 very impressive. He's talked to us for an hour. Why don't
- 13 we just let Ms. Shaw do a presentation at a board meeting
- 14 and all of us will benefit from it? It's on
- 15 organizational effectiveness.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: And Michelle, we had
- 17 discussions on that. And I told you, I'm going to try to
- 18 make it work. You know it.
- 19 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: All we have to do is put it on
- 20 the agenda.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: I'm trying. I'm trying.
- 22 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Put it on the agenda for the
- 23 board meeting, Mr. Chairman, like we did the artist.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Okay. I want everybody to be
- 25 there.



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- 1 CHAIRPERSON HOLT: We're here.
- CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Okay. 2.
- 3 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I'll make that motion that we-
- 4 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Next speaker, Mr. Brown.
- MR. BROWN: Ms. Johnson. 5
- 6 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Under new business I'll make
- 7 it.
- CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Linda, I wish you would kind of 8
- 9 just take some water or something. You just going on and
- 10 on.
- 11 COMMISSIONER: Point of order.
- 12 MS. JOHNSON: Good evening.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Good evening.
- 14 MS. JOHNSON: My name is Kim Johnson. I'm from
- District 7 and I want to talk about the situation I saw 15
- 16 on the news back in 2018. It was brought up again about a
- police officer assaulting a young lady at receiving 17
- 18 hospital. I was appalled to see something like that
- happen to a Black woman that was in a mental crisis. It's 19
- like he didn't respect her at all. From what I was taught 20
- 21 when I was a child that the police were here to protect
- and serve. When I saw that he was not protecting and he 22
- was not serving, her colleagues turned a blind eye to 23
- 2.4 that situation. It could have been handled better than
- what he did. This is 2022, and now it's bringing it back 25



- 1 up. This man has been promoted when he should have been
- 2 fired. I don't understand that. What is it saying to
- 3 young Black women, Black men?
- 4 MS. JOHNSON: It could have been his sister. It could
- 5 have been his mother. It could have been his niece. It
- 6 could have been anybody. It could have been me. It could
- 7 have been her, anybody in this room. What does that say?
- 8 The police are called to protect and serve. Like I said,
- 9 this woman wasn't protected, nor was she served. She was
- 10 beat like she was a dog. And that was appalling, and it
- 11 still is appalling. But we're supposed to put our trust
- 12 in you. How can we trust something like that? We can't.
- 13 We can't trust it. I don't trust it. I have three sons.
- 14 My youngest son is 31 and every day I have to tell him,
- 15 watch your back, watch your back, watch what you do. It's
- 16 basically here's what I'm getting ready to say. The old
- 17 south nigga keep your head down and don't say nothing.
- 18 MS. JOHNSON: And we don't have to live like that. We
- 19 shouldn't have to live like that. No man, no woman, no
- 20 child, no nothing. It's appalling. It's bad. We have a
- 21 bad mark on the city as it is because everybody's scared
- 22 to come here. I moved down south years ago and I came
- 23 back here in 2017. I was born and raised here. I'm going
- 24 to just say this then I'm going to be done. My sister and
- 25 I went to Noble School, we met Reverend Holley then. And



- 1 this was back in seventies. And we weren't scared to walk
- 2 the streets. Now you're scared to walk the streets.
- 3 Something needs to be done with this situation.
- 4 MR. BROWN: Aaron Randall.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Want to tell her that we did
- 6 something with it?
- 7 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: What I'm hearing. You want to
- 8 speak on that?
- 9 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: I was asking the chairperson
- 10 because I want you to know I'm always trying to be... I
- 11 want you to know the truth. We basically did everything
- 12 we could to get the young man fired. Are you going to
- 13 listen to me? And so after because of union and so forth,
- 14 the arbitrator, you want arbitration. So you're putting,
- 15 in other words, we do our job. After we do our job, then
- 16 it goes on because they are in the union and arbitration
- 17 basically decided against us. And so that's why he is
- 18 still being in the police department and promoted. So I
- 19 just want to say that because I feel personally that you
- 20 blaming us. Okay. Alright. I'm sorry. I'm not supposed to
- 21 do a conversation with you, but I just wanted you to know
- 22 we did what we were supposed to do. Arbitration basically
- 23 overruled us and we have no control over that. But I
- 24 thank you for your observation. Go ahead.
- MS. RANDALL: Well, I had the same observation she



- 1 had about the situation, but I don't really know what to
- 2 say.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Just say what you're going to
- 4 say. Go ahead.
- 5 MS. RANDALL: Well, my name is Aaron.
- 6 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Use your microphone.
- 7 MS. RANDALL: My name is Aaron and I live in the 7th
- 8 District and I saw on the news yesterday that the police
- 9 officer that beat that woman that was in the hospital had
- 10 the mental crisis on the news. And I saw that he got a
- 11 promotion after the incident and it hurt me to see the
- 12 video. And I thought about myself and if I was at the
- 13 lowest point in my life and would the officer beat me if
- 14 I was down and I needed treatment. And as a Black woman
- 15 to be handled like that by a Black man and an officer at
- 16 law at that, how could that go on?
- MS. RANDALL: And we already don't trust the police
- 18 and to go to the hospital is supposed to be a safe Haven,
- 19 especially when you're having a mental crisis. I've
- 20 worked in the healthcare field for the last 22 years and
- 21 I've been attacked numerous times and I've never fought
- 22 back. I think he was a coward and a disgrace. And I know
- 23 that if I hadn't fought my patience back, that I would be
- 24 fired and I would have been arrested, booked, and lost my
- 25 job and I would've had a felony on my record. And I don't



- l understand why he was not treated the same way. Was it
- 2 because he was a good old boy? Was it because he was
- 3 black? Or was it because he was a cop? Just wanted to
- 4 know. Thank you.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Thank you.
- 6 MR. BROWN: Mr. Chair. Your next three speakers would
- 7 be former Commissioner, William Davis followed by Ms.
- 8 Cindy Darra, followed by Ms. Willman Butler.
- 9 MR. DAVIS: Good evening board.
- 10 COMMISSIONERS HOLT: Good evening commissioner.
- 11 MR. DAVIS: You know, I always like coming back off
- 12 to Southwest Detroit because I worked out here for 34
- 13 years. I worked in the water department.
- 14 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Using up your two minutes.
- 15 MR. DAVIS: I can use up my two minutes the way I
- 16 went to young lady. You know, in the water department,
- 17 you know, we had policies, procedures that we enforced.
- 18 You know, a lot of information went to the Board of Water
- 19 Commissioners, and they actually looked at stuff and
- 20 resolved stuff. I think this board has an opportunity to
- 21 look at more stuff and resolve more stuff. I think it's
- 22 very troubling that it comes out today that you all have
- 23 an employee that you all didn't know. I mean, what else
- 24 is going on? How are you all doing your jobs and how is
- 25 you all letting staff make major decisions?



- 1 MR. DAVIS: You know, if you all going to let staff
- 2 make major decisions, maybe 11 people should resign. And
- 3 it's like, I was talking to some of my NACOLE friends
- 4 that's going to be in Texas, and I was telling them and
- 5 they couldn't believe the fact that you all have somebody
- 6 who was helping interview and screening people and going
- 7 through the process, that's benefiting by making sure
- 8 people don't make it through the process. You know, you
- 9 have an Interim Board Secretary that's making tens of
- 10 thousands of dollars more than what she normally would be
- 11 making by delaying the process. And you have a personnel
- 12 committee who's making decisions and know about somebody
- 13 being hired, but yet the same board, not so long ago when
- 14 I don't know if Bell or Carter was the chair at that
- 15 time, you know. They had an auto court settlement about
- 16 the fact they was making decisions that's supposed to be
- 17 coming to the full board. If you all are like select
- 18 fruit making decisions, why you all here? This whole
- 19 board's supposed to make decisions. If you're not making
- 20 decisions, why are you all here? Have a great day.
- MR. BROWN: Ms. Darra.
- MS. DARRA: When we were trying to change the
- 23 charter, we thought maybe we need more protection and if
- 24 we wanted to get everybody elected instead of some
- 25 appointing, some of you get elected after, I mean, you're



- 1 appointed after your name gets known, then you can run
- 2 next time you got an advantage because you've already got
- 3 your name out in the community. And then our mayor
- 4 appoints some more people. So maybe that's where we
- 5 could. Maybe you suggest a charter change to the city
- 6 council, and they can put it on the ballot. The other
- 7 thing right now, I was told yesterday that we're in labor
- 8 negotiations with the police union, the city of Detroit.
- 9 It seems to me that that's where you want to make sure
- 10 that you don't. I don't like to place blame, but let's
- 11 correct the problem.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Get something in this new
- 13 contract so that we have civilian control over a
- 14 militarized police force. And if we don't, you know, I'm
- 15 more in psychology background. I don't even believe all
- 16 this gun stuff on police. You know, you set a bad
- 17 example. Imitation is a big thing, you know. And if they
- 18 could show good things that people are doing, plus police
- 19 that can know how to solve problems and deescalate things
- 20 without using force, using their mind, then we could
- 21 teach citizens to treat each other that way maybe. But I
- 22 definitely think that it's up to you to be involved in
- 23 the contract negotiations and not allow stuff to be
- 24 negotiated that's going to keep us from having a
- 25 legitimate police force and not a police state.



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- 1 MR. DAVIS: Ms. Butler.
- MS. BUTLER: Good evening. 2
- CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Good evening, Ms. Butler. 3
- MS. BUTLER: I was here. I live in District 1 and we 4
- 5 have a series problem going on over there because we have
- 6 people over there selling drugs and you know, they're
- selling drugs and the police are not doing anything about
- it because they've raided the house, they didn't make 8
- enough money on their raid. So since they didn't make 9
- enough money on the raid, it doesn't matter if these 10
- people continue to do their business. I mean, I've seen 11
- 12 houses raided and the police came out looking
- 13 disappointed because they didn't find the drugs. But that
- 14 may be because they have poor surveillance, you know,
- 15 policies. I don't know how they surveil this. But you
- 16 know, I see the people pull up, they make big drag
- 17 transactions and then they leave. And you know, these are
- people that don't even live in my neighborhood, which is 18
- 19 another major problem because they're bringing in drug
- addicts and B and E artists, gangs. You know, a gang 20
- moved into a house less than a block away from me. 21
- 22 MS. BUTLER: They were there three days to harass
- 23 some people. In fact, I believe those were the people
- 24 that were involved when that boy ran over the police
- 25 because he was over there and he was at the dope house.



- 1 So this dope house, even though it doesn't make a lot of
- 2 money and they don't have a lot of drugs, they create a
- 3 lot of problems in my neighborhood. It's a daily issue.
- 4 It's always something. They're out there shooting, a man
- 5 gets killed out on Fenkell. You know, all these different
- 6 things are happening right in this little, small
- 7 community. It's not even the people that live there
- 8 that's doing it. It's people that are living. Some of
- 9 them live in-
- 10 MR. BROWN: Your time is up.
- MS. BUTLER: Oh, okay. Sorry.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: That's okay. It's all right.
- MR. BROWN: Ms. Kimberly Maryweather followed by R.
- 14 Tillman.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Mr. Chairman. I'm sorry. Please
- 16 forgive me. It's just the old miss. Ms. Butler, come back
- 17 if you could because the deputy chief wants to respond
- 18 to...
- 19 MS. BUTLER: I was just going to say if you could get
- 20 with commander Serda for me, please, and give him the
- 21 location of the house that you're talking about so we can
- 22 look into it further. And commander Serda is sitting.
- 23 Thank you.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Thank you so much.
- MS. MARYWEATHER: Hello. I'd just like to say I live



- 1 in this-
- CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Your name please. 2.
- 3 MS. MARYWEATHER: Kimberly Maryweather. I live in the
- 7th Precinct, and I want to thank you guys and the police 4
- 5 for having a neighborhood police because that protected
- our block from squatters. Sergeant Colette Burkes was
- instrumental. She was very responsive. And she was able
- to help us keep squatters out of a property that was 8
- somewhat abandoned. But actually, I asked to speak
- because I was curious as to where you were with the 10
- process of your hiring of a chief investigator and also 11
- 12 secretary. I was just wondering where you were in that
- 13 process. Thank you.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Yes. For on the record. By the
- 15 time we come back from NACOLE, we'll have all that
- 16 information for you guys, where we're at, how many we
- 17 going to be trying to interview. We're going to have it
- all for you. Let us get through NACOLE first. We can have 18
- 19 that for you.
- 20 MR. DAVIS: R. Tillman.
- 21 MS. TILLMAN: Hello. My name is Regina Tillman. I'm a
- 22 little nervous tonight, but I want to say-
- 23 COMMISSIONER: Microphone.
- 24 MS. TILLMAN: My name is Regina Tillman and I'm a
- 25 little nervous tonight. I feel like my life is in danger



- 1 and I believe that is dealing with the police department.
- 2 I do appreciate whoever brought up the issue that you
- 3 just guys found out that somebody's employed on the city
- 4 of Detroit payroll, because that shows transparency and
- 5 that's what we need to be going on when we stop hiding
- 6 stuff. I'm dealing with situation where I believe I
- 7 became the police officer where I have to go and catch
- 8 people who break into my property or break into my home
- 9 and call the police after I catch them. And they
- 10 sometimes have weapons and they, you know, you see a
- 11 pistol in their pocket and they say they could do
- 12 something to the dog. And so then when I catch these
- 13 people, it seems like the police just comes up with any
- 14 type of, I call it a bogus police report. I'll give you
- 15 an example. I have to have other people in the community
- 16 to be on the lookout. And I caught someone who said that
- 17 the neighbor paid them to break into my yard. So I have
- 18 to have video because my word is nothing compared to the
- 19 police officer's word. So I have to have witnesses. I
- 20 have to have video. I have to have pictures. And then
- 21 when I catch them and call the police over there, the
- 22 police have to take pictures of the police. And then I
- 23 start going and see how come nothing is being done. So I
- 24 go to find the police report. I have to go here there and
- 25 learn the police process in which I feel I should be a



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- 1 director over the police department.
- 2 MS. TILLMAN: And so when I go find the police
- 3 report, finds out they say this was DTE that broke into
- 4 my backyard and damaged my backyard. So I have to put
- 5 stuff in writing. So when I send letters to Lieutenant
- 6 nuisance and you're supposed to have transparency, but
- 7 they won't put anything in writing. So I go to internal
- 8 affairs, I do the same thing. Email-
- 9 MR. BROWN: Ms. Tillman, your time is up
- 10 MS. TILLMAN: And nothing has been done. So I need
- 11 help.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Okay.
- MR. BROWN: Mr. Chair, your next would be-
- 14 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Someone's going to help you.
- 15 He's going to talk to our captain. The captain right
- 16 there is going to talk to you.
- MS. TILLMAN: I'm going to put this on record. I have
- 18 police coming out without their cameras. They said that
- 19 they have the right to take my property until say that
- 20 the neighbor owns my property and they don't have to show
- 21 me anything.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: I got you. We have captain.
- 23 He's going to be able to take a report for you. He's
- 24 going to talk.
- 25 MR. BROWN: Mr. Chair, your next two speakers will be



- 1 Minister. Eric Blount followed by callers with the last
- 2 three members 566. Mr. Blount.
- 3 MINISTER ERIC BLOUNT: Can you hear me board?
- 4 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Yes, we can hear you.
- 5 MINISTER ERIC BLOUNT: I'll be as kind as I can with
- 6 this. But Commissioner Holley is not telling the truth to
- 7 the public. This board voted no. No to fire or discipline
- 8 officer Dwayne Jones, the officer that beat the naked
- 9 woman in the hospital. I am stating this as an eyewitness
- 10 and Commissioner Bell should have corrected Commissioner
- 11 Holley. Commissioner Bell did a TV interview stating that
- 12 the board got it wrong. It has been brought to my
- 13 attention that the police officer's union contract
- 14 expired July 1st of this year, but everyone under the
- 15 sound of my voice, please note the absence of this
- 16 board's focus on this union contract is but another point
- 17 of evidence of this board's perverted relationship with
- 18 the police department. This current union contract
- 19 overrides the authority of this board, but this board
- 20 supports this perverted relationship. This union contract
- 21 negotiation should be a standing agenda item on this
- 22 weekly public meeting. My constructive criticism last
- 23 week demanding that all future HR reporting to this board
- 24 include drug testing is timely due to the HR report out
- 25 today.



- 1 MINISTER ERIC BLOUNT: But no, only the topics of
- 2 recruitment and retention are discussed. This board need
- 3 not look outside other organizations within the city of
- 4 Detroit. Recently, the Detroit fire department took a
- 5 bold step in March of 2021 by having an audit of the drug
- 6 abuse by its employees. So this idea suggestive criticism
- 7 is not a farfetched idea, but I'm sure it'll be easily
- 8 dismissed like many other suggestions I have proposed.
- 9 The great prophet Martin Luther king Jr. stated, the
- 10 ultimate measure of a person is not where he or she
- 11 stands in a moment of comfort and convenience, but where
- 12 he or she stands at the time of challenge and
- 13 controversy.
- MR. BROWN: Caller with the last three numbers 566.
- 15 CALLER 566: To this honorable board. Can you hear
- 16 me?
- 17 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Yes, we can hear you.
- 18 CALLER 566: Yes. Commissioner Ferguson, you're right
- 19 up there with Thunderbolt Holt and Commissioner Bell I
- 20 think, and the Commissioner Holley, and your diplomacy
- 21 and the way that you handle things and when service
- 22 matters are discussed and to keep the peace and show what
- 23 things are really being done. And it's wonderful to hear
- 24 the different things that are happening. One thing I was
- 25 thinking about as far as the community goes, as far as



- 1 building trust, is that if they would go to a lot of
- 2 them. I've talked to people before and I asked them, have
- 3 you gone to your precinct to talk to the commander, get
- 4 used to, get to know them, the police department that are
- 5 there in your precinct? Talk to the leaders there, talk
- 6 to the officers, go to the coffee with the cops, sit down
- 7 with them on a common ground and get to know them and be
- 8 their eyes and ears as well as them being your eyes and
- 9 ears to protect one another and keep the community safe,
- 10 which is what they're trying to do.
- 11 CALLER 566: And that would restore trust if they
- 12 could do something like that. Everyone in the community,
- 13 not just some people, but everyone working together in
- 14 the same community in precinct. I believe that would help
- 15 the community be safe. The families in there come with
- 16 the youth because we got the brotherhood with the
- 17 sisterhood. We can cease fire program, all of these for
- 18 the youth. We have other programs too, the crime
- 19 intelligence agents out there, and so many more things
- 20 happening to help the community so we can work together,
- 21 keep our community safe. Please get to know these and
- 22 please to get to know the officers and the ones in charge
- 23 and see what we can do to work together all twelve
- 24 precincts. I believe that will help everywhere to keep us
- 25 safe. And I believe they're working toward that goal all



- 1 of the time. I've been to several events and that's the
- 2 main paramount thing that they're discussing.
- 3 MR. BROWN: Mr. Chair, your final two speakers would
- 4 be Overwith followed by Cunningham.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Mr. Overwith.
- 6 MR. OVERWITH: Good evening. Commissioner Banks,
- 7 you're District Three commissioner. I need some
- 8 assistance with the 11th Precinct, namely the captain of
- 9 the precinct, Captain Johnson, Heather Fitzpatrick,
- 10 Lieutenant Tasuki, Sergeant McClain, Officer Kerry,
- 11 Officer Jackson, and a few other individuals over there
- 12 at the 11th Precinct. The last 12 or 15 months I've been
- 13 arrested numerous times because of an individual making
- 14 complaints. I've been arrested for felonious assault,
- 15 stalking, intimidation, and I've got a disorderly conduct
- 16 ticket and I go to court soon. Now, what's going on over
- 17 the 11th Precinct is we got a drug den at 1346 Klinger
- 18 Street. So abandon building with a trailer in it where
- 19 they have illicit drug parties all the time. And it's
- 20 frequent by dopeheads and crackheads. Now I've been
- 21 proactive in setting a shut down and also patrols in that
- 22 area.
- MR. OVERWITH: The police have arrested me numerous
- 24 times, but yet I check my ring cameras, they're trained
- 25 on Klinger Street and there has never been a patrol in



- 1 nine months. There's never been a police car at Klinger
- 2 Street, even though I've been for 14 months now
- 3 requesting a patrol. Now, Jim Holley, Willie Bell,
- 4 Melanie White, Jonya Underwood, Tiffany Stewart, you all
- 5 know about the situation involving Kaniesha Coleman and
- 6 what I did in regard to recording you on audio. And those
- 7 tapes are going to be played. And every platform, every
- 8 news outlet that I can find I listen to them just because
- 9 which I have done to the city of Detroit is
- 10 reprehensible.
- 11 MR. BROWN: Cunningham.
- 12 CUNNINGHAM: I've asked you before to get off of
- 13 Reverend Holley. Please leave Reverend Holley alone. At
- 14 Northern High School years ago, I had a Christian club
- 15 that I ran, used my own money with the Jayhawks for
- 16 Christ. I would come around over there on the Joseph
- 17 doors and go right on the end. And he may not remember
- 18 it, but I remember as a young man, he will peel off 20,
- 19 30, \$40, and I would take that, buy pizza, and have a
- 20 little pizza party and Bible service. I asked you again,
- 21 get off of Reverend Holley. He's a good man. I appreciate
- 22 Cindy Darra.
- 23 CUNNINGHAM: The Reverend, I appreciate them coming
- 24 and speaking. But I'm always about public transit. Right.
- 25 And you guys have some powerful positions in the city of



- 1 Detroit. How it correlates is if the public transit is
- 2 terrible, people commit crimes because they're not on
- 3 time to work or they're not consistent. You can't rise up
- 4 if public transit, which, dear God, is so terrible at
- 5 this point that folks are losing their jobs, and without
- 6 opportunity there's more crime. So I'm asking each
- 7 commissioner after 6:00 PM on the weekends, just to hop
- 8 on the coach, hop on any bus, talk to people, and ask
- 9 them what's going on in their life in regard to Detroit
- 10 department of transportation, how like luster the service
- 11 is. On Facebook they have some hiring events coming up
- 12 next week. You have to put in the whole world, Detroit
- 13 Department of Transportation. And my name is Cunningham
- 14 on Facebook, Cunningham, Cunningham, Cunningham, three
- 15 times with spaces in between and the hotline number that
- 16 I made so you can remember is 3134449114. Again, the
- 17 number 3134449114. And I pray for you, Reverend Holley
- 18 and God bless you.
- 19 MR. BROWN: Mr. Chair, that was your last speaker.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Last speaker. Thank you.
- 21 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Mr. Chairman.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Yes.
- 23 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Can I say something to Mr.
- 24 Overwith really quick?
- 25 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Yes. Go ahead.



- 1 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Mr. Overwith if you're still
- 2 listening, I would like to sit down and talk with you.
- 3 I'm in District Three, I'm the rep for District Three. I
- 4 would like to sit down and talk to you and I would like
- 5 to hear your heart about District Three, the issues you
- 6 have. Thank you, Mr. Chair. Peace and blessings to you,
- 7 Mr...
- 8 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Overwith.
- 9 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Almost. My bad.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Okay. All right. Thank you.
- 11 Deputy Chief Sims, you're up.
- 12 DEPUTY CHIEF SIMS: Good evening through the board.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON HOLT: Good evening.
- 14 DEPUTY CHIEF SIMS: Thank you for having me this
- 15 evening. I'm here representing Chief White today. Going
- 16 into our injured officers, we have six members that are
- 17 currently off, disabled, and recovering at home. We have
- 18 a Sergeant who works at the Second Precinct, police
- 19 officer from Tactical Services Section, a police officer
- 20 from Auto Theft Unit, two officers from the Seventh
- 21 Precinct and one officer from Vice Enforcement.
- DEPUTY CHIEF SIMS: Our COVID stats are 19 members
- 23 are currently off quarantine and are isolated. Last week
- 24 we had 22. Out of the 19 members, 18 of those have tested
- 25 positive for COVID. Last week, we were at 19. Going into



- 1 our crime data, we are currently down 12% overall in our
- 2 violent crimes. Seeing a reduction of 1% in homicide,
- 3 which is minus three where we were last year. We're down
- 4 14% in non-fatal shootings, down 105 from where we were
- 5 last year. And 4% decrease in our robberies were down 43
- 6 from where we were last year. Going into our drag racing
- 7 enforcement, which began in April of this year. For the
- 8 weekend of September 2nd through September 4th, they
- 9 conducted 39 traffic stops, wrote 16 citations and
- 10 pounded five vehicles, recovered two stolen vehicles,
- 11 arrested five people for felonies and recovered two
- 12 weapons.
- 13 DEPUTY CHIEF SIMS: As it relates to our carjackings,
- 14 we are up in that category. In order to curtail those
- 15 spikes that we're seeing, we conducted a hot wheels
- 16 operation in the Second and Tenth Precinct. Those
- 17 precincts are currently higher than the others. And as a
- 18 result of that two-day effort, which occurred on August
- 19 31st and September 1st, our members wrote 278 citations,
- 20 they investigated 136 vehicles, impounded 21 vehicles,
- 21 recovered six stolen vehicles, investigated 211 people,
- 22 arrested 20 people for felonies. Also as a result of that
- 23 generated two felony warrants, confiscated three weapons,
- 24 2.3 grams of fentanyl received and then conducted 17
- 25 business inspections. Going to our significant events



- 1 incident. Our first incident was occurred on Thursday,
- 2 September 1st of 2022 at 9:30 PM, where we had officers
- 3 working our hot wheels operations, conducting a traffic
- 4 stop of a stolen vehicle. Assisting in the traffic stop
- 5 was an MSP Canine unit. The occupant of the vehicle that
- 6 they were investigating fled on foot, where the officers
- 7 gave chase. During the foot pursuit, the canine bit one
- 8 of our supervisors on the forearm causing a puncture
- 9 injury.
- 10 DEPUTY CHIEF SIMS: The supervisor was transferred to
- 11 the hospital where he was treated and released. The
- 12 offender in the stolen vehicle was charged with PSNV and
- 13 fleeing and eluding. Our next incident occurred on
- 14 Friday, February 2nd, 2022 at 1:10 AM in the 5,500 block
- 15 of Spokane in the 10th Precinct. Officers responded to a
- 16 person that was shot upon arrival. We discovered a 37-
- 17 year-old man suffering from a gunshot wound to his leg.
- 18 The victim was transported to a local hospital and listed
- 19 in serious condition. The investigation led the officers
- 20 to a house where the offender was said to be. Upon
- 21 observing activity at the house, a barricaded gunman was
- 22 declared. SRT responded and was successful in negotiating
- 23 the safe apprehension of the suspect from the armored
- 24 vehicle. The case was reviewed by Wayne County
- 25 prosecutor's office and charges included assault with



- 1 intent to murder and a weapons offense.
- 2 DEPUTY CHIEF SIMS: Our third incident is a
- 3 carjacking where shots were fired when we spoke about
- 4 that a little bit earlier today was our officer involved
- 5 shooting on Sunday, September 4th at approximately 5:15
- 6 PM. A citizen was at a gas station in the area of Finkle
- 7 and Beaverland inside of his white 2012 GMC SUV. The
- 8 citizen was putting air in his tire and was approached
- 9 from behind by an armed suspect who demanded the victim's
- 10 vehicle. The victim complied with the demand that the
- 11 suspect fled in his car. At approximately 11:40 PM on the
- 12 same day, an undercover officer noticed a carjack
- 13 vehicle. The undercover officer called for Mark Units to
- 14 conduct an investigatory stop. Officers from the Eighth
- 15 Precinct responded and mark scout cars with emergency
- 16 lights activated and attempted to initiate an
- 17 investigation in the parking lot of the Citgo Gas Station
- 18 at the corner of eight mile and Glastonbury. Officers
- 19 exited their vehicles and approached the SUV.
- 20 DEPUTY CHIEF SIMS: Two people exited the vehicle and
- 21 surrendered. However, the driver backed up into one of
- 22 our scout cars and then drove forward over the front of
- 23 another scout car. The suspect continued driving forward
- 24 and directly at one of our officers who had to roll out
- 25 of the path of the vehicle as the driver posted an



- 1 imminent threat to his life and other officers in that
- 2 immediate area. Five shots were fired. None of the shots
- 3 took effect and the SUV was recovered in the area after a
- 4 short time. The investigation identified the driver as a
- 5 15-year-old male resident of the city of Detroit. The
- 6 offender's information was shared with the public, which
- 7 resulted in him surrendering to the police. He is
- 8 currently being detained at the juvenile detention
- 9 center.
- 10 DEPUTY CHIEF SIMS: On Tuesday, September 6th, we had
- 11 a fatal shooting in the Eighth Precinct on the north.
- 12 Upon arrival, we learned that the medics had transported
- 13 the victim to a hospital. The investigation revealed that
- 14 the victim was a pizza delivery driver who was lured to
- 15 the location to be robbed. This incident is part of a
- 16 recent robbery pattern that developed at the beginning of
- 17 September that is currently being worked by the Eighth
- 18 Precinct where other pizza delivery drivers have been
- 19 targeted. Two other robbery incidents are confirmed to be
- 20 connected. The investigative team is looking into the
- 21 additional robberies with similarities and is evaluating
- 22 whether or not they're connected. No other victims were
- 23 injured in the robberies outside of the one that was
- 24 fatally wounded on September 6th. Going into some
- 25 positive information I want to pass on. On Tuesday,



- 1 September 6th, Chief White participated in a press
- 2 conference on gun violence prevention. Congresswoman
- 3 Brenda Lawrence, Lieutenant Governor Garlin Gilchrist,
- 4 Deputy Mayor Todd A. Bedison and city Council President
- 5 Mary Sheffield also participated.
- 6 DEPUTY CHIEF SIMS: The message was clear. We have to
- 7 put a stop to all gun violence. The chief stressed the
- 8 importance of dealing with the issues of gun violence as
- 9 a united front. On Wednesday, September 7th in the Fourth
- 10 Precinct at Piwok Park, Chief White hosted a walk a mile
- 11 Wednesday. Many citizens in the community came out to
- 12 walk a mile with the chief. He also passed out gun locks
- 13 during the walk and listens to the concerns of the
- 14 citizens in the neighborhood. The event was covered by
- 15 Channel Four News and streamed on Facebook Live. On
- 16 Friday, September 9th at Campus Martius Park, the Detroit
- 17 Police Department will host our annual 9/11 Memorial
- 18 Ceremony at 11:00 AM in remembrance of many of the lives
- 19 lost and civilians and first responders due to the
- 20 tragedy on September 11th in 2001. Chief White will speak
- 21 at the event along with fire Commissioner Sims and Evrod
- 22 Cassimy will be the master of ceremony. And on Friday,
- 23 September 9th, the 11th Precinct will host a kickoff to
- 24 infant Safe Sleep month from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. It is
- 25 expected to be a very informative event on sudden infant



- 1 death syndrome. It's a very important message that needs
- 2 to get out to the community. So please come out and join
- 3 us. And that concludes my report out for today.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Thank you. Awesome report.
- 5 Wow. 15 years old, huh? Getting younger and younger.
- 6 Commissioner Moore.
- 7 COMMISSIONER MOORE: No questions, Mr. Chairman.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Commissioner Burton.
- 9 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Mr. Chairman at this time I
- 10 have no questions for the deputy chief at this time.
- 11 Maybe later. Thank you.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Commissioner Bernard.
- 13 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Very good report. Excuse me.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: The mic, please.
- 15 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Very good report. Thank you
- 16 very much commander. It's not commander. It's Deputy
- 17 Chief Sims. I'm sorry. I remember when you were over the
- 18 12th Precinct. Do we have any information about this
- 19 young man, the 15-year-old that you can share with us?
- 20 Where did he go to school or anything? What do we know
- 21 about this kid? What happened to him? I'm sorry.
- DEPUTY CHIEF SIMS: I'm sorry. Through the chair. I
- 23 don't have that information.
- 24 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Can you follow up though with
- 25 this? And the one other question you can follow up at the



- 1 next meeting, if you don't mind. I've received now two
- 2 reports of incidents where four officers jump out of the
- 3 car. One involved mother, Bernice. The other involved a
- 4 young woman who was a former NBA player. I mean, WNBA,
- 5 excuse me. WNBA player. And she was telling me about her
- 6 experience where the four police officers got out the
- 7 car, surrounded her in the car, said something to her
- 8 about a tint. And she said, my tint is flat on her
- 9 windows. She said it was 0.5, which is the legal thing.
- 10 They had no reason to stop her. Didn't give her a
- 11 citation or anything like that. I want to know if the
- 12 department has restituted the big four, which terrorized
- 13 my neighborhood the whole time I was younger?
- 14 DEPUTY CHIEF SIMS: Through the chair. Absolutely no.
- 15 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I'm sorry.
- 16 DEPUTY CHIEF SIMS: There's no big four.
- 17 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: So how come there are four
- 18 officers in the car now? And this has happened on two
- 19 different times in two different parts of the city.
- 20 DEPUTY CHIEF SIMS: So in order for me to be able to
- 21 answer that question, I would need more information so we
- 22 can get together after the meeting-
- 23 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Okay. And I'll have you meet
- 24 her.
- 25 DEPUTY CHIEF SIMS: Like a location and I can get



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- more information for you at that time.
- 2. COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Okay.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Fantastic.
- 4 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Thank you.
- CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Commissioner Bell. 5
- 6 COMMISSIONER BELL: I'm good. Thank you.
- CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Commissioner Carter. 7
- COMMISSIONER CARTER: No questions. Just a comment. I 8
- did participate yesterday in the walk with the chief and
- 10 it was a good turnout. And I think that we need to do
- 11 more walks like that because people in the neighborhood
- 12 thought that something was wrong. It's good to be in the
- 13 neighborhood when nothing is wrong. And the chief just
- 14 wants to walk, and he gave out gun locks, which was a
- 15 good thing. The MPOs, the commander was there, and it was
- 16 just a good experience. So thank you all for that.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Commissioner Holley.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: No question.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: VC Holt.
- CHAIRPERSON HOLT: Thank you, Deputy Chief Sims. No 20
- 21 questions.
- 2.2 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Awesome. Thank you. We're
- going to have our presentation to the board will be 23
- Director Katrina Patillo. She's going to give our human 24
- 25 resources bureau.



- 1 DIRECTOR PATILLO: Good evening.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Good evening.
- 3 DIRECTOR PATILLO: Through the chair. I will be
- 4 presenting the human resource report for the month of
- 5 August. And I believe there are slides. So I will brief
- 6 this so the audience can see the slides. The report's
- 7 going to cover the departmental staffing, personnel
- 8 recruiting initiatives. And then I believe you also
- 9 receive packets with information in it. For departmental
- 10 staffing I depicted the wrong numbers on the charts. For
- 11 August we were staffed at 87%, for sworn we were staffed
- 12 at 89%. The vacancies were 11% for police assistance. The
- 13 staffing was 60% filled, 38% vacancies. And for
- 14 civilians, 83% filled, 17% vacancies. Next slide. For
- 15 sworn recruiting from beginning of the fiscal year
- 16 through August 31st, we had a total of 918 applications.
- 17 47 were in processing, 23 applications were withdrawn,
- 18 402 applications were archived, 93 personnel were
- 19 temporarily disqualified, 99 were permanently
- 20 disqualified. And then we have 245 that was waiting MCOs
- 21 testing for either archive. Next slide. So for MCOs
- 22 written test and physical agility. For the written test
- 23 there were 58 scheduled, 50 appeared, we had 35 that
- 24 passed 70% passing rate, 15 that fell 30% failing rate, 3
- 25 rescheduled, 5 no-shows. For the physical agility, we had



- 1 203 that were scheduled, 107 personnel appeared, 52 pass
- 2 49% passing rate, 55 fell 51% failure rate, 29
- 3 reschedule, 1 withdrew and 66 no-shows. Next slide. For
- 4 total new hires for the month of August, we had 21 sworn
- 5 and then we had 18 civilians for a total of 39. We also
- 6 had an academy class that graduated 15. Also of note we
- 7 have 204 students that are in onsite education with
- 8 Cleary University. And as you know, we graduated a
- 9 hundred previously. So as you can tell DPD members are
- 10 taking advantage of bachelor's and master's degrees
- 11 DIRECTOR PATILLO: Next slide. So for the Detroit
- 12 residency information. For Detroit, for sworn, we have
- 13 533 personnel that live in Detroit, 3708 civilians, 18
- 14 police assistance. For non-Detroiters, we have 1,805
- 15 personnel for sworn, 245 civilians, 24 police assistants.
- 16 And then for the new hires that was hired for the month
- 17 of August, 10 were civilian residents, 4 were sworn for
- 18 police officers. Next slide. For attrition, that seemed
- 19 to be a topic for the month of August. We had 39 sworn
- 20 members that separated, 15 civilians that separated, 1
- 21 police assistant that separated, for a total of 55. Next
- 22 slide. So I'm going to break down those August
- 23 separations.
- 24 DIRECTOR PATILLO: So 23 of those 39 went to other
- 25 law enforcement agencies. Those agencies were Oakland



- 1 County Sheriff, we had 6 Auburn Hills PD, 1 Chocolay
- 2 Township, 1 Dallas PD, 1 Huntington Bank Security, 1 ice,
- 3 1 Maryville, 1 Metro airport, 1 Monroe County Sheriff's,
- 4 1 Novi PD, 1 Pittsfield Township, 1 Schoolcraft college,
- 5 1 South Haven, 1 south St. Clair County Sheriff, 1
- 6 Sterling Heights, 1 Troy, 1 Utica, and 1 Waterford. Then
- 7 we had 7 members to retire. 3 members resigned, 2 academy
- 8 resignations, 2 members separated under charges, 1 member
- 9 separated for disability, 2 members involuntarily
- 10 separated. Next slide.
- 11 DIRECTOR PATILLO: So now when I look at these
- 12 separations for 2021 versus 2022. 276 separations for
- 13 2021. Of that, 170 resignations of that number 103
- 14 members went to other law enforcement agencies. That's
- 15 61%. Retirement's 90. disability five, died on active
- 16 duty five, and dismissed five. In comparison to 2022, we
- 17 already have 244 separations. Resignations are 170 of
- 18 which 114 members. 67% have gone to other law enforcement
- 19 agencies. Retirement is 62, disabilities 8, died on
- 20 active duty 2, and 2 dismissed. Next slide. So now when I
- 21 look at the seniority of these members. In 2021, years
- 22 one and two, service. In 2021 we had 46 to depart, 2022
- 23 48 with one or two years of experience, three to four
- 24 years in 2021, 25, 2022, 16. However, this year five to
- 25 six year of seniority, we lost 31 members with these five



- 1 to six years where we lost nine last year. And then 11+
- 2 years of service, 2021, 9, and then this year 7. So total
- 3 for years 2021 and 2022, we have 217 DPD members that
- 4 have gone to other law enforcement agencies. Next slide.
- 5 So now that 2022 hires versus the separations. 244 is
- 6 already mentioned for separations to 139 new hires. Next
- 7 slide. So for leave of absence restricted, we have FMLA
- 8 continuous for sworn 16 for civilian, 6 FMLA
- 9 intermediate. As you were, let me pull that up.
- 10 DIRECTOR PATILLO: So FMA intermediate 6, civilians
- 11 35, medical leave for sworn is 1, civilian is 2, military
- 12 leave is 5 for sworn, general leave is 2 for sworn, 3 is
- 13 for civilians. Restricted personnel, 188 for sworn, 7
- 14 civilians. Disabled 34 sworn, 1 civilian. Sick, 21 sworn,
- 15 5 civilians. Next slide. For monthly separations, as I
- 16 already said, it was already 39. That breakout 32 police
- 17 officers, 5 sergeants, 1 detective, and 1 deputy chief.
- 18 We had 20 suspensions that was 18 police officers, 1
- 19 corporal, 1 sergeant. And now we have 561 members that
- 20 are in the drop program. Next slide. You can advance to
- 21 the next slide. For the student police academy, we have
- 22 90 students that are over the academy now. The next class
- 23 will convene on 26 September. We have approximately 30+
- 24 personnel that will be entering the academy. The next
- 25 academy class will graduate on October the seventh. As of



- 1 right now is 1030 at Greater Grace Temple with
- 2 approximately 34 students graduating. Next slide. And
- 3 this is just a final slide that basically talks about all
- 4 of our recruiting strategies. Of note, we have a lot of
- 5 recruiters that are out helping us, assisting us. And so,
- 6 we've been attending approximately 30 to 45 events every
- 7 month since July. Pending any questions. That's all I
- 8 have.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Thank you. Fine. I just got a
- 10 couple of questions real quick. For the agencies that
- 11 request information from DPD, what type of information
- 12 are they asking?
- DIRECTOR PATILLO: So most of the agencies that are
- 14 requesting information is coming to look at someone. So
- 15 if they're interested in if someone has applied with
- 16 another agency, majority, they are coming to request a
- 17 personnel's background to look into it, to see if they're
- 18 going to hire an individual.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Wow. How come they just don't
- 20 interview them like we have to?
- 21 DIRECTOR PATILLO: They do have to interview them,
- 22 but anytime you were. The way we do it is when someone is
- 23 already working for a law enforcement agency or has
- 24 previously worked for a law enforcement agency, we have
- 25 to send out an authorization release and you also have to



- 1 go to those law enforcement departments to get the
- 2 information to find out what type of employee they are,
- 3 find out if there's any discipline, find out if there's
- 4 any files in internal affairs. So they have to do the
- 5 same as well.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Okay. All right. Awesome.
- 7 COMMISSIONER: Through the chair.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: We're going to go around.
- 9 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Yeah. One ready right here.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Yes, sir. Go right ahead,
- 11 commissioner Banks.
- 12 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Appreciate it, Mr. Chair. Good
- 13 presentation, Ms. Patillo.
- 14 DIRECTOR PATILLO: Thank you.
- 15 COMMISSIONER: Director. She's director.
- 16 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Oh, director. Oh, good. I'm
- 17 sorry. I'm still learning. Good presentation director.
- 18 Now DPD is offering a 2K hiring bonus for people applying
- 19 for the department. Now, how is that affected or how has
- 20 that made an impact on turnouts and recruiting at 2K
- 21 bonus?
- 22 DIRECTOR PATILLO: So DPD is not offering a 2K bonus.
- 23 However, there was a 2K retention bonus that you might be
- 24 speaking of.
- 25 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Yeah. That's what I'm speaking



- 1 of.
- DIRECTOR PATILLO: Yeah. So we were able to retain-2.
- 3 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Well, what's the difference?
- DIRECTOR PATILLO: So if you say we're offering that 4
- 5 means we're doing it right now for every applicant that
- 6 comes through the door.
- 7 COMMISSIONER BANKS: So that's over.
- DIRECTOR PATILLO: That 2000 was for individuals that 8
- were on active service at that time, during that period
- that met those qualifications for retention. That's what 10
- 11 that was.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Thank you. I'm all set, Mr.
- 13 Chair.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Commissioner Moore.
- 15 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Mr. Chairman no questions.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: No questions. Commissioner
- 17 Burton.
- 18 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Yes. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
- Question. What do you think the three big issues 19
- pertaining to separation from the department and do you 20
- feel that if the city Detroit restored the retirees 21
- healthcare, you think that will have more officers 22
- 23 considering further in their career here in the city of
- 2.4 Detroit?
- 25 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: That's good stuff. Good stuff.



- 1 DIRECTOR PATILLO: So I cannot answer on behalf of
- 2 the officers. I can only tell you when individuals come
- 3 through my office to put in their separation paperwork,
- 4 what it says. Majority, it will say for benefits and pay.
- 5 So that's all I can pretty much tell you based on the
- 6 data that I have. So I don't want to speak for anyone.
- 7 But according to data that we have, that is predominantly
- 8 what I see.
- 9 COMMISSIONER BURTON: And Mr. Chairman, part of those
- 10 benefits is the healthcare, right?
- 11 DIRECTOR PATILLO: So I believe what you're talking
- 12 about was the retiree healthcare that was what they had
- 13 prior to the bankruptcy. So that could be part of it, but
- 14 like I say, I don't want to speak for them.
- 15 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I just know that our officers
- 16 here in the city of Detroit have to have a future and has
- 17 to be able to see light at the end of the tunnel that
- 18 their healthcare is protected. And I feel that talking to
- 19 many residents in the city of Detroit Eight, that they
- 20 feel the same way as well. Looking at the attrition
- 21 report or the separation seemed like we are losing almost
- 22 one officer a day approximately. And so we cannot
- 23 continue to have that if we're looking for success in the
- 24 near future.
- 25 DIRECTOR PATILLO: So that's a fair statement. I will



- 1 tell you that probably some of those conversations are
- 2 being held through the negotiation process, which I'm not
- 3 in those meetings.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Commissioner Bell.
- 5 COMMISSIONER BELL: Great report director. You do an
- 6 outstanding job. But we keep talking about the retention.
- 7 This is not an issue we should continue to talk about. We
- 8 have no authority in that area, and I know that is
- 9 ongoing, but it's a trend throughout the country in terms
- 10 of department losing officer drastically.
- 11 DIRECTOR PATILLO: That is correct.
- 12 COMMISSIONER BELL: And we know the impact of why
- 13 officers are leaving in Detroit. There's no secret, it's
- 14 been out there for over 10 years or more. So it's no
- 15 secret. It's paying benefits and a better opportunity
- 16 than other departments based on the pay. We have had
- 17 numerous conversation, the power to be the mayor, but
- 18 it's primarily as you state it in negotiation process. I
- 19 don't know. We not privileged to that. So thank you
- 20 director for outstanding job.
- 21 DIRECTOR PATILLO: You're welcome, sir.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Commissioner Bernard.
- 23 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: First of all, I want to
- 24 compliment you on the improved format of the report.
- 25 DIRECTOR PATILLO: Thank you.



- 1 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Much easier to understand and
- 2 read.
- 3 DIRECTOR PATILLO: Hopefully, it's more legible too.
- 4 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Secondly with respect to the
- 5 officers that have been suspended with pay or, and, or
- 6 without pay. Have you I would appreciate it, you don't
- 7 do it now. If you could come up with a scenario by which
- 8 if there are suspensions with pay and with suspensions
- 9 without pay, because I don't really believe in that. I
- 10 don't believe that you should cut off a person's income
- 11 prior to there being a determination that they've
- 12 actually done something that's inappropriate. And I know
- 13 it's all subject to labor relations, it goes to
- 14 arbitration. But some of these people have been suspended
- 15 without pay for like two years.
- 16 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: So, we've got to do something
- 17 I think about this process. So my question to you, it's
- 18 not a question. A request that maybe you look at the
- 19 issue of suspensions with pay and without pay in other
- 20 major departments and see how they are able to utilize
- 21 those people, perhaps even internally within the
- 22 department, but without their badge and without their
- 23 gun. Because I think you can drive a person to crime and
- 24 certainly having no money and child support and children,
- 25 and, you know, car notes and insurance, all that stuff.



- 1 If you don't have any money, then you know, it's a
- 2 problem. So I just want to know, and we've already
- 3 invested in them. We've trained them. Something like they
- 4 do with the postal workers. Once you train people, they
- 5 have some value and sometimes you can utilize that value
- 6 other than in the position that they were hired
- 7 specifically to do. So that's just a request. Secondly, I
- 8 noted that you have one person that's like 78 or
- 9 something. I think that's so cool that we don't
- 10 discriminate based on age. So you tell him or her, I
- 11 think he's like Tom Brady. He's just forever and forever.
- DIRECTOR PATILLO: And that might be one of the
- 13 officers that is probably just about to retire.
- 14 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I think it's great. We have a
- 15 guy that's 78.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: All Right. Commissioner
- 17 Carter.
- 18 COMMISSIONER CARTER: I have a question. Thank you,
- 19 Director Patillo, for your report. About comments
- 20 regarding forced retirement, MCOs licensing. What does
- 21 that mean?
- 22 DIRECTOR PATILLO: So if you're just talking about
- 23 MCOs, that means you have to be certified. So if you're
- 24 not certified, so I don't know if that's the question. So
- 25 you have to be certified. If you're not certified, then



- 1 you're not licensed. Or you're talking about the drop
- 2 program where people are in the drop it, and that's a
- 3 labor issue. So therefore—
- 4 COMMISSIONER CARTER: The comments say forced
- 5 retirement. So I just, I mean, you can let me know later.
- 6 DIRECTOR PATILLO: What page your honor?
- 7 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Under comments under attrition.
- 8 Near the bottom of the page. I just want to know if was
- 9 it a licensing issue that the person had to retire
- 10 because they once a person is licensed, usually they're
- 11 licensed forever, unless they can't shoot. Or it's
- 12 they're charged with something like a homicide.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Or they're seventy-eight years.
- 14 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Well, yeah, but they don't have
- 15 a physical requirement, physical agility. So I just need
- 16 to know what that means.
- 17 DIRECTOR PATILLO: DC Sims, you want to.
- DEPUTY CHIEF SIMS: Through the chair. MCOs has a set
- 19 of different things where they can take your
- 20 certification from you. So I don't know if these officers
- 21 fell within that parameter where they would have had
- 22 committed something or a crime or done something that
- 23 would require them to lose their certification or not.
- 24 But it could have been one of those-
- 25 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Their certification forced them



- to retire.
- 2. DEPUTY CHIEF SIMS: Correct. So if you're not
- certified through the State of Michigan, you can't serve 3
- as law enforcement 4
- 5 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Commissioner Holley.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Thank you.
- COMMISSIONER CARTER: Thank you. 7
- CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Thank you so much. Just a couple 8
- 9 things. As you know, I'm president of your fine playing
- 10 Cub, you know that, so let me just get a couple... When I
- 11 see 245 MCOs awaiting, and then 75 people passing. What
- 12 happens from the waiting to the passing, where I got a
- 13 big number on the top and a small number on the bottom?
- 14 DIRECTOR PATILLO: So as of right now for the last
- 15 several, I would say since maybe July, we've been
- 16 averaging probably a hundred applications a week, and
- 17 that's indicative of all the recruiting that we've been
- gone to. So those individuals, so after they apply they 18
- 19 go through a 11 step process. So that next step would be
- 20 a lean cursory review just to see if they meet the
- 21 minimum requirement in order to move to testing. So then
- we have to schedule them for testing. So some of that 22
- 23 number that you see waiting that means they're waiting
- 24 for some part of the process. It could be to take the
- 25 physical agility test or the written test. And then



- 1 there's, you know, we call them, we schedule, sometimes
- 2 they don't answer that's when they go into archive. So
- 3 that number, which is a good number to have, that means
- 4 we're getting them scheduled.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: So, with the people that you
- 6 have that's scheduled but didn't show up, what do we do?
- 7 Do we try to make a what effort do we make to—
- 8 DIRECTOR PATILLO: We do. So we have individuals who
- 9 reach back out to them. And there could be a number of
- 10 reasons as to why they didn't show up. But prior to their
- 11 test, we call them, we text them, we send them an email
- 12 that tends to be working as of right now. But if they
- 13 don't show up, we do have individual recruiters that
- 14 follow back up with them.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: And then finally, through the
- 16 chair. Ms. Patillo, is there any research, I had this
- 17 idea of basically building a response of first responders
- 18 village of homes, about say 50 to 75 homes for first
- 19 responders. Is any research that you know that were
- 20 basically, I'm looking at 45 separations so far in 2022.
- 21 Maybe these could be some incentives in terms of having a
- 22 home and tax abatement and so forth. Is there any
- 23 research you could find basically where police officers
- 24 will stay in the city if they're offered a home that they
- 25 can afford. And certainly where you have all first



- 1 responders in that area where they have something in
- 2 common. Has any research been done on that to try to see
- 3 what we can do to try to bring people back to the city
- 4 rather than the number being consistently as it is?
- 5 DIRECTOR PATILLO: I will take this back to the
- 6 planning department. They may have some research or may
- 7 have the capability to be able to get some fast research
- 8 and see what's up. If we have not done it, some other
- 9 departments of similar size as ours might be doing, and
- 10 then I can come back to you with the better answer.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Because we know that basically
- 12 the concern for the community in terms of police officers
- 13 getting more money and benefits. We're talking about
- 14 around 2025, when we get out of this bankruptcy mode. So
- 15 we just need to understand that there's not much the city
- 16 can do or other than to be creative. Then maybe we should
- 17 be creative while we are waiting for 2025, in terms of
- 18 trying to recruit officers to stay in the city. If we
- 19 offer them a home, tax abatement or some tax write off or
- 20 something like that, that would give them incentive. And
- 21 then have a, as I said, an area where they all have
- 22 something in common. And this is an idea.
- DIRECTOR PATILLO: Okay, sir, I'll look into it.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Fantastic. VC Holt?
- 25 CHAIRPERSON HOLT: I'm still?



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- 1 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Yes.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON HOLT: Thank you, Director Patillo, as
- 3 always, you give an impeccable report and you also
- 4 respond to our questions in real time. I believe DPD had
- 5 two recruitments that was specific to targeting returning
- 6 citizens. Correct?
- 7 DIRECTOR PATILLO: So yes, that's correct. The city
- 8 of Detroit had some recruitment fairs with returning
- 9 citizens program. And we did participate in that. And the
- 10 reason why we participated was because we do have two
- 11 civilian job title classifications that will hire
- 12 returning citizens. And that is our vehicle operators and
- 13 then our garage attendants.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON HOLT: So you're reading my mind.
- 15 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: What were the jobs again?
- 16 CHAIRPERSON HOLT: Excuse me, please.
- 17 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I just didn't hear. I just
- 18 heard she said there were two jobs.
- 19 DIRECTOR PATILLO: Yes, ma'am. Vehicle operators,
- 20 which they do have to have a CDL and then the garage
- 21 attendants. But we do still look at the background. So we
- 22 still pull their background and we work with those
- 23 departments before we make any hiring decisions.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON HOLT: So is it safe to say then that you
- 25 were able to secure employment for a number of returning



- 1 citizens?
- 2 DIRECTOR PATILLO: So I will say that there were some
- 3 individuals at the last event that was put on by the city
- 4 of Detroit, where they did come to the DPD table and
- 5 apply for jobs.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON HOLT: Thank you. One other comment. You
- 7 mentioned that you had somewhere around well, you had
- 8 initially 200 law enforcement members that are
- 9 participating in the post graduate program.
- 10 DIRECTOR PATILLO: Yes, ma'am. We have 204 current
- 11 DPD members that are attending Cleary University that is
- 12 civilian and sworn, predominantly sworn, obtaining their
- 13 bachelor's and master's degrees.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON HOLT: And I'd like to make the
- 15 announcement that one of the commissioners sitting at
- 16 this table was strong in his insistent that that
- 17 opportunity be offered to law enforcement members, the
- 18 esteem former chair Reverend Holley.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Awesome. I think you already
- 20 answered my question. I wanted to know about the archive
- 21 about 402. So when does that come into play? Do you like
- 22 when...
- 23 DIRECTOR PATILLO: So I'll give you an example. Say
- 24 for instance, we call you, we text you, we phone call, we
- 25 email, there's no response. We try that several times.



- 1 That can be an opportunity where you might go into
- 2 archive.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Okay. I don't know if this is
- 4 going to be for anyone. I know about secondary
- 5 employment. Right. A lot of officers are using secondary
- 6 employment. Can we try something different this time on
- 7 secondary employment, instead of saying that they have to
- 8 go into a local business? Can you like have secondary
- 9 employment or officers to walk the neighborhoods?
- 10 DIRECTOR PATILLO: I'll let DC Sims answer that
- 11 question.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Is that possible? I mean, for
- 13 a couple of hours.
- DEPUTY CHIEF SIMS: I mean, that's something that we
- 15 could look into. I know some community groups have kind
- 16 of pondered that, looking at the cost they would have to
- 17 incur. But that's something we could look into.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: And if you could get me the
- 19 cost, because we got a lot of groups out there that would
- 20 really pay for that cost. And I know some people that
- 21 would do that too. So, yes. All right. So we're going to
- 22 move on to-
- 23 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Mr. Chairman. Just one follow
- 24 up on that. Also I guess it would be to you Director
- 25 Patillo. Can you find out what's happening with the state



- 1 legislation regarding the repayment to cities,
- 2 particularly the city of Detroit for training officers
- 3 who are paid by us, trained by us, and we absorb all
- 4 those costs and then they, you know-
- 5 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Leave us.
- 6 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Giddy up. Right. So yeah.
- 7 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Through the chair.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Yes.
- 9 COMMISSIONER: If time allows, we have the state rep
- 10 person who is part of the author of that-
- 11 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: He wants to talk.
- 12 COMMISSIONER MOORE: No.
- 13 COMMISSIONER: That'd be great.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Yes. Come on. Can you? Yes,
- 15 absolutely. You have two minutes.
- 16 STATE REPRESENTATIVE TYRONE CARTER: Good evening,
- 17 honorable board. The legislation that I had authored was
- 18 similar to what we would call a scholarship. To get to
- 19 understand the fullness of this, there's only two police
- 20 department run academies in the state, Michigan state
- 21 police and Detroit police. And I would challenge anybody
- 22 to call and see how many state troopers leave. Very few.
- 23 But with Detroit police, you sometimes have other
- 24 departments sitting at your graduations. Or I've worked
- 25 in recruiting, they may say, well, we will hire you, but



- 1 if you get certified go to a place that will certify you
- 2 either pre-certification through a community college or
- 3 DPD.
- 4 STATE REPRESENTATIVE TYRONE CARTER: So as a
- 5 taxpayer, that's not right for me. So the goal was to
- 6 have the bill and I sponsored the bill and the bill was
- 7 taken over by the Republicans. But that's okay because I
- 8 don't need credit. I need for action to happen for the
- 9 taxpayers. And it got blown up in the Senate. It passed
- 10 out of the house. I'm trying to get it done. Something
- 11 happened in the Senate I'm in the house. It made it out
- 12 of the house, got to the Senate, I don't know what
- 13 happened. But the goal is to make sure that we get it
- 14 through because we cannot continue to sustain and pay for
- 15 officers to be marketable. They're not marketable when
- 16 they're not certified or licensed. They become marketable
- 17 because we make them as a city marketable. So I think
- 18 that we need to do something.
- 19 STATE REPRESENTATIVE TYRONE CARTER: And I talked to
- 20 Commander Serda who bought up a great idea, and it's
- 21 something I'm going to look at. It needs to be a poacher
- 22 pay. I mean, I'm not mad at anybody who comes through and
- 23 they get it. But to have certain departments standing at
- 24 the finish line to grab these candidates is a little
- 25 disingenuous on their part because they haven't invested



- 1 that money that we have. So it's not lost, but something
- 2 happened in transition that we can still work on.
- 3 Hopefully, we can get it done this year. If not, that
- 4 will be a priority next year. Because again, not as a
- 5 state rep, but as a taxpayer, we shouldn't bear the
- 6 burden of making somebody more marketable for other
- 7 departments.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Fantastic.
- 9 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Thank you so much.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Ladies and gentlemen, that was
- 11 representative Tyrone Carter.
- 12 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the chair.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Yes, sir. Make it quick. We
- 14 got to move. Go ahead.
- 15 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I understand. I just want to
- 16 piggyback off of something that was said prior to about
- 17 secondary employment, just a little second ago, a little
- 18 while ago. There are neighborhood associations that have
- 19 opt into secondary employment. In fact, Lafayette Park in
- 20 my district I have opt into it before. I'm not sure if
- 21 they're currently still part of secondary employment, but
- 22 there are neighborhood associations that has opt into it.
- 23 And it seems to be working in our community. I have
- 24 gotten great feedback on that, but it is a cost factor of
- 25 having it. And so some organizations, neighborhood



- 1 associations, or business associations, they may be able
- 2 to afford it, may not be able to afford it. It would be
- 3 nice to see some type of community grant or something
- 4 that can actually afford you know, a little bit more of
- 5 the burden of the cost on neighborhood associations. But
- 6 it seemed to be working and it's been great feedback, you
- 7 know, especially if you look at next door and things of
- 8 that nature and how neighbors, you know, are expressing
- 9 their feedback.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Fantastic. Great. Awesome.
- 11 Thank you. All right. Now next presentational will be
- 12 from the Fourth Precinct and that'll be Commander John
- 13 Serda. Good evening, sir.
- 14 COMMANDER JOHN SERDA: Good evening. So I'm Commander
- 15 John Serda, Fourth Precinct, and I'm very happy to be
- 16 here. Welcome honorable Board of Police Commissioners to
- 17 our precinct and my colleagues that are here, Captain
- 18 Connor. Let me also introduce my neighborhood police
- 19 officers. I have here neighborhood police Officer, Juan
- 20 Lebron and neighborhood police Officer Garrett Taylor.
- 21 And this is Garrett Taylor's area down here in the south
- 22 end. And we also have a couple others who had other
- 23 assignments, NPO Alfanso Ruiz, NPO Brian Gadwell, and
- 24 Sergeant Mannie Gutierrez is their supervisor. So first
- 25 of all, I have quite a bit of information here. I'll try



- 1 to stick to this script here so I can get it all to you.
- 2 But also, as I welcome our citizens here to our Fourth
- 3 Precinct, I want to especially give a shout out to our
- 4 original Southwest Detroiters who came out in droves to
- 5 walk with us yesterday with the chief.
- 6 COMMANDER JOHN SERDA: I really appreciate that. They
- 7 gave us and the chief a very warm welcome. We had the
- 8 best of weather. It was just an awesome walk. So I
- 9 appreciate you all for being with us. And I'm so glad the
- 10 chief does that around the city and very good thing for
- 11 the citizens and for our precincts. So I have some
- 12 information for you. I'm going to go through. And of
- 13 course, you know, I'll take questions afterwards. Let me
- 14 go through this here real quick. So for crime stats, let
- 15 me just say that we are proud that we are down in most
- 16 categories of crime, but of course any crime is too much
- 17 crime and we realize that so we're constantly working to
- 18 reduce crime. But let me just give you a few examples.
- 19 Criminal homicides we are at 8 this year, year to date
- 20 2022.
- 21 COMMANDER JOHN SERDA: It was 16 last year, so we're
- 22 down 50%. That's great, right? But still, eight's too
- 23 much. So for aggravated assaults were actually slightly
- 24 up, 427 this fiscal year or up to year to date and 423
- 25 last year. And captain Connor has been doing a very deep



- 1 dive study into that. Because we want to know like what
- 2 types of aggravated assaults, what can we do to prevent
- 3 them? And of course, a lot of them are domestic violence
- 4 related, so we don't even handle most of those cases, but
- 5 we do work closely with the Domestic Violence Unit. We
- 6 plan to do some outreach and presentations to the
- 7 community regarding domestic violence prevention. Our
- 8 community relations meetings will be starting up again
- 9 this month. And we'll have presentations set up at our
- 10 community relations meeting to try to see what we can do
- 11 to prevent some of those.
- 12 COMMANDER JOHN SERDA: Our non-fatal shootings, we
- 13 are at 29 and we were at 34 last year, year to date. So
- 14 we're down 15%. Sexual assaults, we're at 25, we were at
- 15 40 last year. So we're down 38%. Robberies we're at 65,
- 16 we were at 83 last year. So we're down 22%. And
- 17 carjackings, interesting, we are up 50%, but we had six
- 18 this year and four last year, year to date. And that
- 19 number has actually gone down because one of them was
- 20 backed out as not genuine carjacking. And that number has
- 21 not gone up for several weeks now. But it is a concern
- 22 throughout the city and as the DC Sims had said we're
- 23 taking action to try to reduce those. Okay. So those are
- 24 our stats and I just want to give you some of the things
- 25 that we have done to try to address those stats.



- 1 COMMANDER JOHN SERDA: We had a what we call a
- 2 citywide restore piece operation in this area back in
- 3 August the 3rd. And when we have a citywide operation, it
- 4 involves traffic enforcement, TSS, special ops units from
- 5 all the precincts throughout the city, come here to help
- 6 us out. And we'll go there when it's their turn. We have
- 7 Gang intel narcotics all converged on this area to try to
- 8 reduce crime in this area. So we do that and we do a
- 9 number of other things to try to address crime that I
- 10 will talk about here in a few.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: What's TSS. What does that mean?
- 12 COMMANDER JOHN SERDA: TSS is traffic... Help me out
- 13 captain. Yeah. Tactical service. TEU is Traffic
- 14 Enforcement Unit and TSS is Tactical Services Section.
- 15 Citywide units-
- 16 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the chair. Real quick.
- 17 On the record, I want our audience to know it's a lot of
- 18 abbreviations that our officers have to know. And so they
- 19 have acronyms for every single thing. So, you know, TSS
- 20 just roll off very short and simple, but there's a lot of
- 21 abbreviations that they know. But they know them and they
- 22 respond to them. And so I just want our audience to know
- 23 that.
- 24 COMMANDER JOHN SERDA: Yeah. And I'll try my best not
- 25 to use abbreviations.



- 1 COMMISSIONER BURTON: No, you're perfect. You're
- 2 perfect.
- 3 COMMANDER JOHN SERDA: Okay. So I want to tell you a
- 4 little bit about the Fourth Precinct. Couple of things
- 5 here. So we're home to a number of significant businesses
- 6 and buildings and structures. For example, the Ambassador
- 7 Bridge, international bridge to Canada. I know you know
- 8 all this, but it's part of our DNA as you see things
- 9 changing in this precinct. Under construction, of course,
- 10 is the Gordy Howe Bridge projected to be done, I believe
- 11 in 2024. A lot of construction around there. The Ford
- 12 train station, I believe that's also partially going to
- 13 open up next year and then fully open up within the next
- 14 couple of years. Maraton Petroleum Group, the Detroit
- 15 salt mines, the CSX Group, International Rail and Truck
- 16 hub. There's actually also a Conrail hub in our precinct.
- 17 And I'm going to talk about that a little more and the
- 18 Ideal Group, which is an automotive supplier, and many
- 19 other ones.
- 20 COMMANDER JOHN SERDA: I want to talk about our
- 21 boundaries. So we're located at 4,700 West Fort Street
- 22 and we share our building with the fire department. I was
- 23 lucky enough to be at the Fourth Precinct when that
- 24 building opened up around 2005. I think it's a very
- 25 unique and well-built building, but certainly we try to



- 1 keep it up upgraded and keep it in a professional
- 2 standard. So the Fourth Precinct is approximately 14.41
- 3 square miles with a population of about 67,000. And I say
- 4 about, because I looked at the most recent census and I
- 5 tried to go census track by census track to get an
- 6 accurate number, because that is up from the previous
- 7 census. And our boundaries, like most precincts, and I
- 8 hope you got the map in your package, but the boundaries
- 9 like most precincts are not square.
- 10 COMMANDER JOHN SERDA: So they're a little jagged,
- 11 but I'll try to give them to you as best I can. They're
- 12 bounded on the north side by West Warren Avenue. On the
- 13 west, we border Dearborn on Wyoming Street. Melvindale is
- 14 Schaefer Street, Lincoln Park, Outer Drive Street, River
- 15 Rouge Campbell Street. And on the east, our border is
- 16 14th street and it jagged over to Newark Street, Michigan
- 17 Avenue and West Grand Boulevard. And then of course on
- 18 our south we are River Rouge, Ecorse and at some points
- 19 the river itself. So that's our precinct. We're home to
- 20 seven high schools, believe it or not. Western
- 21 International High School my alma mater, old cowboys,
- 22 Caesar Chavez High School, Crystal Ray High School,
- 23 Voyager Academy now has a high school, Hope Academy now
- 24 has a high school.
- 25 COMMANDER JOHN SERDA: SER Metro YouthBuild has an



- 1 alternative high school and Covenant House has an
- 2 alternative high school. So we try to stay in contact
- 3 with all of those schools. In fact the mayor had an
- 4 intern program over the summer and so we had one of those
- 5 interns. She was actually a senior in college. So one of
- 6 the assignments I gave her was to contact every school in
- 7 our precinct and get me contact numbers and addresses.
- 8 And so we plan to use that information to hold meetings
- 9 with our school partners. And additional to that on
- 10 October 18th, we've scheduled a CAST training, which is
- 11 again an acronym, I know. But that stands for Civilian
- 12 Active Shooter Training. I know those letters don't match
- 13 exactly, but that's what it is. Civilian Active Shooter
- 14 Training. We're going to be hosting that class at our
- 15 precinct.
- 16 COMMANDER JOHN SERDA: The first one we're going to
- 17 do is for school administrators. And then we'll see if we
- 18 need to hold additional ones for citizens, businesses,
- 19 teachers, parents. But we're going to start with school
- 20 administrators. So that'll be October 19th at our
- 21 precinct. So we have a number of unique programs in our
- 22 precinct. And I think that really helps us keep our crime
- 23 down. The first thing I attribute are our great stats,
- 24 our citizens. Our citizens, you know, obviously are very
- 25 hard working. You know, they work very hard all day and



- 1 come home and just want to have a safe home for their
- 2 family and kids. And so that's the first line of what
- 3 helps us be a precinct with low crime stats because they
- 4 support us. You know, they help us when they see stuff
- 5 they tell us.
- 6 COMMANDER JOHN SERDA: So the next thing we have is
- 7 our CIT car, Crisis Intervention Team car. And what that
- 8 means is we have two officers and a civilian social
- 9 worker on that car. We call it 498. So our officers are
- 10 trained to handle police runs that involve people in
- 11 crisis, people with drug addictions, homeless citizens,
- 12 and people that just need help. So they're very good at
- 13 their job. They go out of their way. They get to know all
- 14 the people out there that need help to homeless citizens.
- 15 I think we call them unsheltered now. Sorry. But they're
- 16 out there every day. As a matter of fact, one of my CIT,
- 17 well actually everybody from CIT car brought the idea to
- 18 me about the WAVE project. The WAVE project and I don't
- 19 know what that acronym stands for. But the WAVE project
- 20 is a nonprofit organization that has a trailer that's set
- 21 up to give showers to the homeless.
- 22 COMMANDER JOHN SERDA: So we bring them to here at
- 23 Kemeny every other week and at Clark Park on the opposite
- 24 weeks, between the hours of 12 noon and 2 o'clock. And we
- 25 offer free showers to our unsheltered and we offer free



- 1 clothing. And this is all through this nonprofit. So this
- 2 nonprofit doesn't charge the police department anything,
- 3 but we are working with them to try to raise funds,
- 4 because they're a 501C3. So the Hispanic Police
- 5 Department has contributed to that organization. And
- 6 Maraton has committed to helping give a donation to that
- 7 other organization. But you know, it's one of the things
- 8 that our CIT car brought to us, our Crisis Intervention
- 9 Team car brought to us. And I think it helps, you know,
- 10 it really does help to offer our unsheltered some
- 11 services like that.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: If you have showers, what about
- 13 the bathrooms? How do they...
- 14 COMMANDER JOHN SERDA: The trailer has three stalls
- 15 that have showers and toilets and they get cleaned after
- 16 each use. They're very nice. They're really clean.
- 17 They're very professional. They're very private. They get
- 18 to stay in there as long as they want, you know, unless
- 19 we think something happened to them in there, then we'll
- 20 make sure they're okay.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Because of time, I just want to
- 22 make sure you get that in.
- COMMANDER JOHN SERDA: Okay. Yes, sir. Thank you.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Very good.
- 25 COMMANDER JOHN SERDA: So we have community justice



- 1 center again, another nonprofit that works with the 36
- 2 District Community Court. So what happens there is a lot
- 3 of times when our CIT car, Crisis Intervention Team car
- 4 finds somebody that needs assistance, maybe they're drug
- 5 addicted, maybe they need help. They can take them to
- 6 this community justice center where they have resources.
- 7 Additionally, the community court hears these cases once
- 8 a week. And if a case originates from the Fourth
- 9 Precinct, 36 District filters that case and sends it to
- 10 one particular judge who hears these cases. And he's an
- 11 outstanding judge. He's very sympathetic. And so what
- 12 he'll do is instead of putting them in jail or giving
- 13 them hefty fines, he'll try to give him community
- 14 service. He'll send them to the community justice center
- 15 to get resources.
- 16 COMMANDER JOHN SERDA: Maybe they need a driver's
- 17 license. Maybe they need drug treatment. Maybe they need
- 18 help with a resume. Any of that stuff, getting a driver's
- 19 license, they can help them do all that. So I think that
- 20 really helps our community. So those are some of the
- 21 things that we offer our citizens and I think has a very
- 22 good effect. I'd like to turn it over, because one of the
- 23 things that our captain is so good at is helping keep our
- 24 crime down through you know, positive details and
- 25 strategies that we use out there. And so I'm going to let



- 1 him talk about those. But before I do, I want to just
- 2 touch on a couple of quick things. The mayor has
- 3 appointed a person to do a truck study and it's just
- 4 starting, it's in its infancy.
- 5 COMMANDER JOHN SERDA: But the idea is, you know, we
- 6 want to know where all these trucks are coming from,
- 7 where they're going, why they're going to areas where
- 8 they're not supposed to be, why they're parking in areas
- 9 they're not supposed to be. And you know, like I
- 10 mentioned earlier, we have the two intermodal
- 11 truck/Railway hubs, where trains bring in these cars that
- 12 get put on trucks and vice versa. Trucks bring in these
- 13 big containers that go on trains. And so we have an
- 14 enormous amount of truck traffic in our precinct and some
- 15 of them go down residential streets when they're not
- 16 supposed to. So we want to cooperate with that study as
- 17 much as we can and help them get all this information
- 18 gathered so that proper truck routes can be established
- 19 and enforcement can follow.
- 20 COMMANDER JOHN SERDA: I mean, once we have proper
- 21 routes established, you know, we'll encourage all these
- 22 truck companies, train, and truck intermodal hubs to
- 23 abide by them. And when they don't then we'll take
- 24 action. So that's just starting to get underway. And I
- 25 just want to remind everybody again that our community



- 1 relations meetings start up again next week. They've been
- 2 at hiatus for the summer. They meet every second Tuesday
- 3 of the month at 6:00 PM at the precinct. And so they were
- 4 off for the summer. Next week Tuesday will be the first
- 5 meeting after the summer break. I believe that's
- 6 September 13th at 6:00 PM. We encourage you to join us.
- 7 And again, our CAST training October 19th at the precinct
- 8 for school administrators. And we'll see if we can do
- 9 some follow up CAST training after that. Again, that's
- 10 Citizen Active Shooter Training. With that, I want to
- 11 turn it over to my captain to talk about some of our
- 12 crime reduction strategies. Thank you.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: All right, sir.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON HOLT: Your captain's name please.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Captain Connor.
- 16 CAPTAIN CONNOR: Hello, my name's Ryan Connor. I'm a
- 17 captain with the Fourth Precinct. We've recently run into
- 18 an issue in our south end of the Fourth Precinct, this is
- 19 scout area 411 and 415. This is the area basically Fort
- 20 and Schaefer where we border Ecorse and River Rouge.
- 21 We've had some recent problems with some violence. We've
- 22 had several shootings fatal and non-fatal. To address
- 23 these issues Chief White has put together a task force
- 24 assembled with components of Organized Crime, various
- 25 other units within the city because he did feel that it



- 1 was of utmost importance to get ahead of that problem.
- 2 Since this task force has evolved, we've worked very
- 3 closely with Ecorse and River Rouge. We have a pretty
- 4 good relationship now where that might not have existed
- 5 before. We're sharing information, we're working together
- 6 and we're really building these cases based on that
- 7 cooperation.
- 8 CAPTAIN CONNOR: To address some of the other
- 9 problems within the Fourth Precinct, we have a bar
- 10 detail. Basically our bar detail addresses the issues
- 11 that we have on Michigan Avenue, some of the nightlife on
- 12 Michigan Avenue. That component is making sure that we do
- 13 some vice inspections and making sure that these local
- 14 businesses are within compliance and not causing a
- 15 nuisance to the surrounding citizens. Some of the other
- 16 details that we have is ticket and tow operations and
- 17 traffic operations. Our traffic enforcement officers
- 18 study crime patterns, tickets, and accidents. And we gear
- 19 our ticket and tow operations and our Traffic Enforcement
- 20 Units to those areas to cut down on these accidents, cut
- 21 down on the speeding and make sure the safety of our
- 22 vehicular traffic in the precinct.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Fantastic. Wow, sir. Thank
- 24 you. I just got a quick question. I have the chief's
- 25 Bible here, his community safety strategy plan for 2022.



- 1 I just have one. Did you guys ever get a chance to
- 2 reestablish the Fourth Precinct's advisory board? Is that
- 3 in the works?
- 4 COMMISSIONER: The what?
- 5 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: The advisory board. It's under
- 6 community engagement. Right. So that'd be the community
- 7 engagement piece of this. And it has reestablished
- 8 because it was there before. The Fourth Precinct advisory
- 9 board. So the objective to that is to increase police
- 10 officer engagement that allows officers to bring concerns
- 11 to command staff. They have a problem out there. And the
- 12 inspected outcome would be open lines of communications,
- 13 transparency, accountability, connectivity with the
- 14 community. I just want to know, did you guys get a chance
- 15 to get down to that yet?
- 16 COMMANDER JOHN SERDA: So we don't have an advisory
- 17 board, but we do exactly that at our community relations
- 18 meetings. We present every community relations meeting.
- 19 We take any questions, concerns. We'll meet with citizens
- 20 privately, because if they, you know, for example, a lot
- 21 of times they'll bring issues to us, like there's a dope
- 22 house on my corner. And we'll take them aside because we
- 23 don't want them to be in danger by talking to us, so
- 24 we'll talk to them privately. We do that and then our
- 25 neighborhood police officers certainly attend a lot of



- 1 meetings during the month of Block Clubs. We both try to
- 2 attend some when we can. But you know, that's where we do
- 3 our community engagement. So we don't have a per se
- 4 advisory board, but we certainly meet with our citizens
- 5 on several different levels.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Okay. Thank you.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON HOLT: Thank you chair. Thank you,
- 8 Commander Serda. I'm going to rush through my comments.
- 9 Earlier this year I was invited to attend a discussion on
- 10 human trafficking. Honestly, it was at your Fourth
- 11 Precinct relations meeting which was of course led by
- 12 Mrs. Ramirez and Mrs. Marie Overall. I came for the human
- 13 trafficking discussion. Commissioner Carter came offering
- 14 jobs for the young people and their parents. Also you had
- 15 an event that was led by the Hispanic Police Officers
- 16 Association. As I understand it was a party. I wasn't in
- 17 the city, so I didn't get an opportunity to attend. It
- 18 was a fundraiser to get back to school supplies for young
- 19 folks.
- 20 COMMANDER JOHN SERDA: We've had several events
- 21 recently. We've been pretty busy. We had our family fun
- 22 day, we had a backpack giveaway that was actually
- 23 sponsored by a couple of different people. Our Buoy
- 24 Organization Business united with officers and youth. We
- 25 still have a very active Buoy Organization. So they



- 1 actually sponsored and paid for that. The Hispanic police
- 2 did participate. We gave out over 200 backpacks with
- 3 supplies. Maraton brought down a table full of supplies
- 4 to put in the backpacks. We recently had more of a social
- 5 event. It was a dance with a cop at Clark Park. So that
- 6 was a lot of fun. So yeah. We stayed pretty busy.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON HOLT: And one other comment. Your Fourth
- 8 Precinct was one of the die-harders that always had a
- 9 Zoom meeting. I mean, going back to perhaps the latter
- 10 part of 2020 when COVID was at its peak. The Fifth
- 11 Precinct also had Zoom meetings. So thank you for your
- 12 presentation.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Commissioner Banks.
- 14 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Yes. Thank you, Mr. Chair.
- 15 Through the chair. Commander, peace and blessing to you.
- 16 Thank you.
- 17 COMMANDER JOHN SERDA: You're welcome.
- 18 COMMISSIONER BANKS: How did the Walk a Mile go
- 19 yesterday with Chief White? Did everyone that attended,
- 20 were there any testimonies? Everyone that attended the
- 21 walkathon, I mean the Walk a Mile on yesterday, did
- 22 everyone achieve their goal? Did they hit that mile,
- 23 commander? Did they hit it?
- 24 COMMANDER JOHN SERDA: Yes. In fact, it went pretty
- 25 quick because we were having such good fun, and I was



- 1 really pleased. And I told the chief this, I was so
- 2 pleased of the warm welcome that the citizens gave the
- 3 chief as he walked and greeted them and gave out gun
- 4 locks. And they were on their porches and some of them
- 5 clapped and cheered, and I just thought it was fantastic.
- 6 We actually did one about a month and a half ago in
- 7 another part of our precinct. It was a hundred degrees
- 8 and it was a little bit different, but this one was the
- 9 best.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Fantastic. Commissioner Moore.
- 11 No questions. Wow. Commissioner Burton.
- 12 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Good job. It's good to see you
- 13 again. And congratulations again on your appointment. I
- 14 remember when we got your paperwork. We'd like applaud
- 15 when we saw your name for the promotion. Congratulations
- 16 again.
- 17 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Mr. Chairman, I'll be short and
- 18 brief. You know, I am very pleased today by the captain
- 19 and the commander. But it was just something about what
- 20 the commander said about safe roads and things of that
- 21 nature for our truckers or truck drivers. Looking at the
- 22 city of Detroit and Wayne County infrastructure, this is
- 23 the time we need to invest 3 billion over the next two
- 24 years to fix our roads, bridges, and infrastructure so we
- 25 can be able to compete, you know, economically, with



- 1 major cities and imports and so much. And I love how you
- 2 mention that about the roads and safe routes for truckers
- 3 as it's very important because you know, policing from an
- 4 environmental point is very important as well. So this
- 5 day I will be honored if I can refer to our commander for
- 6 this area right here as an environmental or
- 7 environmentalist commander. Because you speak to our
- 8 community from an environmental standpoint, but from a
- 9 public safety standpoint and some of these trucks
- 10 carrying heavy loads, you know. And you have to have safe
- 11 routes, safe streets. And they got so much cargo, you
- 12 know, so much of a heavy load. So I'd like to call you
- 13 the environmental commander.
- 14 COMMANDER JOHN SERDA: Okay.
- 15 COMMISSIONER BURTON: What you said today, I'm sure
- 16 our environmental community is really listening and love
- 17 the remarks that you share today, as well as your
- 18 captain.
- 19 COMMANDER JOHN SERDA: I appreciate the rapport. And
- 20 one thing I do want to add is there's really two sides to
- 21 this. We're an international hub here, and trucking is
- 22 very, very important, but so are citizens. They shouldn't
- 23 live on a street with trucks booming down their road and
- 24 dust flying all over the place. We can balance it out.
- 25 That's what the goal is-



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- 1 COMMISSIONER BURTON: You're the environmental
- 2 commander.
- 3 COMMANDER JOHN SERDA: Balance it out.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Fantastic. Commissioner Bell.
- 5 COMMISSIONER BELL: I just want to say that you did
- 6 an outstanding job. And I've always been impressed with
- 7 State Rep Carter—
- 8 COMMANDER JOHN SERDA: Thanks sir.
- 9 COMMISSIONER BELL: State Rep Carter, in terms of
- 10 their commitment to Southwest Detroit. Especially this
- 11 young lady from the east side of Detroit who committed to
- 12 Southwest Detroit. So I just want to commend, because
- 13 you've been an international city for years, I guess, and
- 14 all the issues you have had, you have stood strong. So I
- 15 just thank you for the opportunity to be in this setting
- 16 one more time. Awesome.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Commissioner Holley.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: No question.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Commissioner Carter.
- 20 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Thank you, Mr. Chair. So, I'm
- 21 going to be very brief. Thank you, commander and captain
- 22 for all the hard work that you do here in the Fourth
- 23 Precinct and especially our NPOs, Officer Taylor and
- 24 Lebron. They always answer the call. Always. Whenever
- 25 there's a complaint, they take care of it. There were



- 1 complaints about trucks parking on Fort Street and people
- 2 not being able to ease out into traffic, which was a
- 3 safety risk. And they have been on point, ticketing,
- 4 towing, whatever is necessary so that people in this
- 5 community are safe. So I really appreciate you all and
- 6 keep up the good work. Thank you so much.
- 7 COMMANDER JOHN SERDA: Thank you.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Thank you, gentlemen. Thank
- 9 you so much.
- 10 COMMANDER JOHN SERDA: Thank you. And one thing we
- 11 like to say here in the Fourth Precinct is, may the
- 12 fourth be with you.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: That's cool.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON HOLT: Darth Vader.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Now we're going to move on to
- 16 the incoming correspondence. We had a few. So we had two
- 17 letters come in from Law Offices of Gregory, Moore, Brook
- 18 & Clark, P.C. And it's referring to the DPOA Disciplinary
- 19 Committee, which was dated on 9/2/2022. And then the
- 20 second one was from the same law office, from Gregory,
- 21 Moore, Brook & Clark, P.C. And that was referring to the
- 22 BOPC's reversal of previous votes concerning suspension
- 23 without pay. And that was also dated 9/2/22. And
- 24 commissioners, you have your weekly DPD Facial
- 25 Recognition Technology Report dated from 8/29/2022 to



- 1 9/4/2022. Also you have DPD ShotSpotter Report from
- $2 \ 8/29/2022$ to 9/4/2022. And I'm going to move on to
- 3 unfinished business
- 4 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Just quickly, Mr. Chairman. It
- 5 may be in a new business. I'm not sure. But one of the
- 6 things I mentioned I think earlier was that I would like
- 7 to vote for the board to approve Ms. Shaw making the
- 8 presentation on data that she's been she gave us a
- 9 presentation on data today regarding our own productivity
- 10 or lack thereof. And I think it would be beneficial for
- 11 us and for the community to hear from her at a board
- 12 meeting. She needs one hour. We gave an artist an hour.
- 13 We can give a Six Sigma black belt one hour to help us
- 14 with the issues that we're confronting. And I might add
- 15 that it appears that the person that was not properly
- 16 hired was hired in order to address the concerns that Ms.
- 17 Shaw had raised. So since she's the expert, let's let her
- 18 tell us about that.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: That would be under new
- 20 business. Do we have any under unfinished business?
- 21 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Well then, new business.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Okay. So you just-
- 23 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Same thing. So I would move
- 24 that-
- 25 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Wait, we're going to get back



- 1 to that. Anybody else have any under new business?
- 2 COMMISSIONER BURTON: New business or unfinished
- 3 business?
- 4 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: We moved past unfinished
- 5 business because that would be on if something was on the
- 6 agenda from last week.
- 7 COMMISSIONER: Can we have announcements?
- 8 COMMISSIONER: We have announcements. Right.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Nope. We're going to go into
- 10 new business. And she asked... You asked for.
- 11 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I would move that we allow the
- 12 presentation at the next board meeting, which is two
- 13 weeks from now, from Ms. Shaw regarding the data that
- 14 she's assembled regarding the BOPC. Thank you.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Any discussion?
- 16 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Mr. Chair. I don't have a
- 17 problem with... I just feel like the commissioner too,
- 18 that we start a precedence chair where people have an
- 19 hour. I don't mind. That young lady should be given every
- 20 two minutes, you know, given nice reports. I think we'd
- 21 ought to be like the regular presentation. But an hour is
- 22 something that I think it will. It's just the precedence
- 23 I don't want to set.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: And for my comment, it would
- 25 fall under a training session that we should all come to.



- 1 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: No, it would fall under... We
- 2 need to inform. The community has a right to hear about
- 3 the data concerning the board. And we can hear that and
- 4 we listen to all kinds of other stuff. This is the only
- 5 thing that's substantive that's being presented to us by
- 6 a person from the community, which is what we're supposed
- 7 to represent.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: You're absolutely right. So we
- 9 can-
- 10 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Through the chair.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Yes.
- 12 COMMISSIONER CARTER: My only comment is that to set
- 13 it for the next meeting, I think that's too soon and we
- 14 don't know what's going to be, we're going to be coming
- 15 off the conference. And I don't think that we should set
- 16 it. I mean, I have no problem with the future date, but
- 17 after next meeting, I don't think that that's
- 18 appropriate.
- 19 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Okay. We can do it two weeks
- 20 from now. Thank you.
- 21 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Well, more than two weeks.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: And we're going to need more
- 23 than two weeks.
- 24 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Two weeks, because this data
- 25 is important. We are slipping a lot and we need to listen



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- to the community.
- CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Do you know the data that she's 2.
- 3 going to talk about? You know the data already?
- COMMISSIONER BERNARD: No, I don't know. 4
- CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Does the board know the data? 5
- 6 Don't we have some obligation to see what she going to
- talk about?
- COMMISSIONER BERNARD: She's already given-8
- 9 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Actually, I do know some because
- 10 she did present.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: I know you do.
- COMMISSIONER MOORE: Yeah, I'd be quiet again. 12
- 13 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: I'm just saying to you again,
- 14 don't we have some obligation to know what we are going
- 15 leave what she wants to talk to us about. And then we can
- 16 vote on it.
- COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Every week we get an agenda 17
- that's already prepared for us, and we don't know 18
- anything about. So this person has been with us for a 19
- 20 year.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: She has the floor.
- 22 COMMISSIONER BURTON: The motion was seconded.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Hang on. VC.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON HOLT: We're still in discussion here.
- 25 COMMISSIONER: Mr. Chairman.



- 1 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: She has the floor. Go ahead.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON HOLT: Okay. I think what we need to do
- 3 is okay the presentation but put it on a calendar whereby
- 4 we won't have to keep saying, oh no, this is not going to
- 5 work. Oh no, this is not going to work. And what I'm
- 6 trying to say, two weeks after we return here from NACOLE
- 7 may not be a time when we can organize a counter
- 8 presentation. An hour presentation. I don't know.
- 9 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: We had an hour for an artist
- 10 and a big picture that we don't even know his name. And
- 11 he'd never been to a board meeting. He knows nothing
- 12 about the commission.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Commissioner.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: You need to go be baptized.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Commissioner. I would ask,
- 16 would you like to remove your first...
- 17 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: You mean rescind?
- 18 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Yeah. Rescind it and that way
- 19 we can at least vote on it to.
- 20 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Okay. If we want to do it two
- 21 weeks from now or three weeks from now, I think two weeks
- 22 is appropriate. Quite frankly. This is important. Our
- 23 efficiency as an organization is on the line here.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON HOLT: Through the chair.
- 25 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: No, I think we should look at



- 1 a date, but again, two weeks from when we return from
- 2 NACOLE.
- 3 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Mr. Chairman.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON HOLT: We need to synchronize this
- 5 presentation so that it does not come to a point of no we
- 6 cannot do it.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Correct.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON HOLT: And two weeks from now-
- 9 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: We have a board meeting every
- 10 week. Duh, I don't understand what the look at the
- 11 agenda.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Hang on, hang on
- 13 commissioners. Maybe we should really look at our
- 14 calendars to make sure we can make this happen.
- 15 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: We make every board meeting.
- 16 We have a quorum. I'm not trying to make everybody, but
- 17 we need a quorum at a board meeting.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Absolutely.
- 19 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Thank you.
- 20 COMMISSIONER BELL: Mr. Chairman.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Yes.
- 22 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you for the opportunity to
- 23 speak on this issue. First of all, I think we have a
- 24 conflict with this young lady here. She's applying for a
- 25 job. So there's a conflict in terms of personnel matters



- 1 that we should really entertain at this time. So that's a
- 2 major conflict. So we need to check with HR. Secondary, I
- 3 think that the most pressing matter we have is hiring
- 4 personnel and that's investigator. We have 14, we have
- 5 chief all those jobs process should be processed in the
- 6 next two or three months. We made a commitment to this
- 7 community. And as you well know corporation council,
- 8 they're all concerned about the hiring process. So that
- 9 should be the priority. Thank you, Mr. Chair.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Now he makes a valid point
- 11 that we should all agree with. Not saying that we're not
- 12 going to let it happen, but the timing is just not here.
- 13 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Point of order Mr. Chairman.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: It's just not here. Yes.
- 15 Further discussion, sir.
- 16 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Yes. Point of order. I just
- 17 want to make it clear for the record that Ms. Shaw does
- 18 not work for this board. She is not hired by this board.
- 19 To have her on agenda to speak before this board, like we
- 20 will allow a religious leader or any other community
- 21 group or entity. I think we should honor that you know,
- 22 for fair practices going forward. But it's no conflict
- 23 because she does not work for this board. And if the
- 24 board wants to have her to do a presentation and you
- 25 know, or some kind, I think we should hear from all of



- 1 our community civic groups and organizations.
- 2 COMMISSIONER MOORE: So I'm just curious, Mr.
- 3 Chairman, how does the personnel committee chairman know
- 4 that Ms. Shaw applied for positions?
- 5 COMMISSIONER BELL: We just received a resume and
- 6 it's a conflict. So all I'm saying to you, sir, we need
- 7 to pursue it with HR in terms of-
- 8 COMMISSIONER MOORE: No, but I'm asking you how do
- 9 you know that? You said we received it.
- 10 COMMISSIONER BELL: Received what's in your package.
- 11 You just received it. Once again-
- 12 COMMISSIONER MOORE: You're talking about today.
- 13 COMMISSIONER BELL: I'm not going to debate, sir.
- 14 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Oh, I know because you know
- 15 where I'm going with this.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Right. So wait. We have
- 17 something on the floor now. So, I'm going to caution you.
- 18 If we take commissioner Bernard's motion and it fails
- 19 this might not come back up again. Okay. So I'm asking
- 20 her, would she like to rescind her motion that way we can
- 21 push this to a later date? Because they have another one.
- 22 Correct? I'm asking. I want it to happen.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Mr. Chairman.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: I'm trying to make it happen.
- 25 COMMISSIONER MOORE: You said it might not happen



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- 1 if... So that sounds like a threat to me.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Mr. Chairman.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: You're correct. Yes.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: I'd like to make a substitute
- 5 motion.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON HOLT: I'm listening.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: That we will have the
- 8 presentation, a 20-minute presentation by Mrs. Shaw and
- 9 try to schedule this within the next three weeks. The
- 10 time we get back and work this out so that we'll be able
- 11 to hear what Ms. Shaw has to say.
- 12 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Thank you.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Who would like to make a
- 14 motion to hear from Ms. Shaw in the next three weeks? 20
- 15 minutes.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: A 20-minute presentation.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON HOLT: Okay.
- 18 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Support.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Any further discussion? All in
- 20 favor?
- 21 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: All opposed.
- 23 COMMISSIONER BELL: Aye.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: We got one. We got that count.
- 25 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Mr. Chair.



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- 1 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Yes, sir.
- COMMISSIONER BANKS: One quick question. This is 2
- going to be done in front of the public, right? 3
- CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Yeah. Sure. Yes. 4
- 5 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Okay. Because I thought I heard
- 6 you say a training session.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: No.
- COMMISSIONER BANKS: You didn't mention a training 8
- session?
- CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: I did. But I said we should 10
- 11 have-
- 12 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Yeah, I thought he did, but it's
- 13 got to be done before the public.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Yes. All right. We have any
- 15 announcements?
- COMMISSIONER BURTON: Mr. Chair. I have a resolution 16
- 17 here.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Yes.
- 19 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I'd like to rescind our packet.
- I have a resolution. I'd like to make the motion that the 20
- 21 board adopt the resolution support and harm reduction
- 22 strategies and response to substance abuse related to
- 23 behaviors.
- 2.4 CHAIRPERSON HOLT: Second.
- CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Any discussion? 25



- 1 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: We don't have a quorum, Mr.
- 2 Chair.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: You sure don't.
- 4 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Yes we...
- 5 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: We don't have a quorum. We have
- 6 to have at least seven people.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: We have to have seven people.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: We can do it next week If you
- 9 want or two weeks from now.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON HOLT: Two weeks from now.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Do two weeks.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Try to make sure it gets to
- 13 everybody commissioner.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Yes. Two weeks.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Do I have to have a quorum to
- 16 say adjourn?
- 17 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Not yet. Mr. Brown.
- 18 MR. BROWN: Good afternoon, Mr. Chair. Your next
- 19 upcoming BOPC meeting. Thursday, September 22nd, 2022 at
- 20 3:00 PM. Location would be at Detroit public Safety
- 21 Headquarters. And the next community meeting would be
- 22 Thursday, October the 13th, 2022 with the Seventh
- 23 Precinct hosting, but the location is forthcoming. And
- 24 Mr. Chair, there would be no committee meeting scheduled
- 25 for Thursday, September the 15th, 2022 due to the NACOLE



- 1 conference.
- 2 MR. BROWN: Monday committee meeting scheduled for
- 3 October 22nd, 2022, meet every second Wednesday. Budget
- 4 committee meeting is meeting Wednesday, October the 12th
- 5 at 2:00 PM. Personnel in training Wednesday, October 12th
- 6 at 2:30 PM. Citizen complaint committee meeting
- 7 Wednesday, October the 12th at 3:00 PM. And the policy
- 8 committee meeting Wednesday, October 12th at 3:30 PM. And
- 9 Mr. Chair, all those meeting would take place at Detroit
- 10 Public Safety Headquarters, and also by Zoom.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Fantastic. And before we
- 12 adjourn, I want to say thank you to the public. I want to
- 13 say thank you to our officers. And I want to say thank
- 14 you to our citizens. And thank you to the Fourth
- 15 Precinct. And I want to say thank you to the Kemeny
- 16 Recreation Center. Now I'd like to entertain a motion to
- 17 adjourn.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON HOLT: I move that we adjourn.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: I second.

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21 (Meeting Adjourned at 8:49pm)

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