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3 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Good afternoon. This meeting
4 is called to order. My name is Chairperson Bryan
5 Ferguson. Can we have an invocation, please by Chaplain.
6 Ms. Stinson. Give us the honors, please.

7 CHAPLAIN STINSON: Thank you, sir. Let us pray for
8 those who wish. Kind and gracious Father, we thank you
9 for today. We thank you for this opportunity to come
10 together with those who love and care for the city, the
11 police department, God and the people, the citizens of
12 this city. We lift up this Board of Police Commissioners.
13 God, we pray your divine intervention and your perfect
14 will be done. We pray, father, for every person that is
15 in attendance. We pray for those that will be listening
16 to offer and share their opinion. God, we just pray your
17 will and protection over our city, over our Chief of
18 police and over the entire police department. Bless and
19 keep our city safe. We thank you for this now, in Jesus'
20 name. Amen.

21 COMMISSIONERS: Amen.

22 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Thank you. Thank you so much.
23 Madam Secretary, introductions of commissioners.

24 PARLIAMENTARIAN DR. FRANCIS JACKSON: Mr. Chairman,
25 you don't have a quorum.

1 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: I know. I was just going to
2 try to go-

3 PARLIAMENTARIAN DR. FRANCIS JACKSON: No, Mr.
4 Chairman, you cannot do that.

5 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: You can't do that?

6 PARLIAMENTARIAN DR. FRANCIS JACKSON: No. You're
7 going to have to ask for a recess-

8 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Yes.

9 PARLIAMENTARIAN DR. FRANCIS JACKSON: And hope that a
10 quorum will come.

11 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: I humbly ask the audience and
12 the Zoom personnel for a five-minute recess until
13 hopefully we can get a quorum.

14 PARLIAMENTARIAN DR. FRANCIS JACKSON: The Open
15 Meetings Act says you can take comments from the public,
16 but this is a bit early in the meeting. If people are
17 still trying to sign on and sign in.

18 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: So the Chair can't even give a
19 report?

20 PARLIAMENTARIAN DR. FRANCIS JACKSON: You may receive
21 reports and comments from the public or staff, ask
22 questions and comment on matters of interest.

23 ATTORNEY ADAM SAXBY: Through the Chair. What that
24 means is that you can receive the secretary's report
25 because she would then be staff.

1 PARLIAMENTARIAN DR. FRANCIS JACKSON: Right.

2 ATTORNEY ADAM SAXBY: Outside of that public comment-

3 PARLIAMENTARIAN DR. FRANCIS JACKSON: That's it. The
4 issue, Mr. Chairman, that you might face with the
5 Secretary's comments, even though you can receive it, it
6 says you can't vote on anything. You can't really
7 respond. Yes.

8 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: My report is not voting on
9 anything. My report-

10 PARLIAMENTARIAN DR. FRANCIS JACKSON: Is not staff,
11 sir.

12 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Mr. Chairman, could we have a
13 Secretary Report and have a community report from our
14 community director?

15 PARLIAMENTARIAN DR. FRANCIS JACKSON: You can't have
16 committee reports. You could have a staff report.

17 COMMISSIONER BURTON: But our community director is
18 part of staff.

19 PARLIAMENTARIAN DR. FRANCIS JACKSON: The who?

20 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: You talking about Theresa?

21 COMMISSIONER: Ms. Blossom.

22 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Could she give her own report?

23 PARLIAMENTARIAN DR. FRANCIS JACKSON: You can have
24 reports from any staff member. The issue though is that
25 you can't act on them. So something comes up and you want

1 to act on what is being said that you cannot do. But you
2 could receive the report and public comment.

3 MS. SHAW: Just to clarify, Mr. Chair, we do have a
4 Secretary Report today. We do not have a report prepared
5 from our Community Relations.

6 PARLIAMENTARIAN DR. FRANCIS JACKSON: Commissioner
7 Burton, do you know of a committee report that's not on
8 the agenda?

9 DEPUTY CHIEF STEWART: Hi, I'm Deputy Chief Tiffany
10 Stewart. He may come to the meeting today. He's in the
11 middle of a couple of issues. So if he can complete what
12 he's doing, he'll come on down. But until then I'll sit
13 in form him. You're welcome.

14 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Mr. Chairman. There was just a
15 meeting in this room among community people. I came to
16 it. I guess you weren't present today, and it was about
17 the plans for the summer in terms of the police
18 department. There's a 12-point plan. Do you have that
19 plan?

20 DEPUTY CHIEF STEWART: I do not have the plan on me,
21 but I know some of the aspects of it. I can speak to it
22 on some levels. Yes.

23 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: There's going to be a whole
24 new security system downtown.

25 DEPUTY CHIEF STEWART: Yes.

1 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: There'll be scenes where you
2 walk by and it's like taking your picture. At the same
3 time there's something now operating called Eagle Eye. It
4 was in downtown Detroit. There will be when you walk by,
5 they put up these glass things where you'll see your
6 picture. You'll say, oh, that's me. I look cute. Except
7 it's also taking your picture for downtown here for the
8 real crime center. It's their way to be--mayor was present
9 and channel four, I think. So it's going to be when you
10 are smiling at yourself you're really smiling into the
11 camera. They're just all these things. They're going to
12 close down streets, strongly enforce curfews. They will
13 give kids a card but they're going to also just bring the
14 kids in to the precinct and the parents are going to have
15 to come pick them up from the precinct, from downtown.
16 They'll have to pick them up. Of course, incredible
17 enforcement on gun issues. The only people that can have
18 guns in downtown Detroit are people with legal guns.

19 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: If you don't have a legal gun,
20 then you likely are going to be arrested. Or if you're a
21 felon in possession or any of those kinds of things,
22 you're likely to be arrested and obviously taken to jail.
23 There's a new process whereby shop owners like
24 restaurants that we all go to in downtown Detroit and
25 Greektown. If there's a dispute between me and you, let's

1 say, and you're loud and I'm loud the-

2 COMMISSIONER: Use your microphone-

3 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Oh, I'm sorry. If there's a
4 dispute between me and you, Mr. Chairman, and I'm loud
5 and you're loud. The shop owner now has a new number that
6 he can call and say that they're these people arguing or
7 quote what they call in the meeting, they're beefing in
8 the restaurant. This new unit that's going to be operated
9 will go, let's say to the outside of Pegasus. When we
10 come out, they'll be there to meet us. Apparently, I'm
11 very concerned about that. But from a due process
12 standpoint to be detained and to ask questions, but I
13 guess he'll explain. I mean, this is what's going to
14 occur. This process. The Eagle Eye is an operation at all
15 times to be increased enforcement on the sound-oh, noise.
16 Pardon me, not sound noise. People, if you have your
17 really cool car and you go around the block four times,
18 you're going to get stopped. You can't just sort of do
19 the loops. It's harmless, but anyway it's not going to be
20 allowed. Things like that. I have some concerns about the
21 processes and procedures Deputy Chief but that are more
22 legal in nature, more due process oriented, things like
23 that.

24 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: But I understand that the
25 Supreme Court has obviously already ruled that cities and

1 municipalities started in Miami, could have cameras
2 everywhere and we do not have a right to privacy in a
3 public place per the United States Supreme Court. That's
4 been true for about 15, 20 years now. Because it started
5 with--what's the part of Miami where everybody--

6 PARLIAMENTARIAN DR. FRANCIS JACKSON: South Beach.

7 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: South Beach. It started with
8 South Beach--

9 PARLIAMENTARIAN DR. FRANCIS JACKSON: I think a 74-
10 year-old would know the answer to that question.

11 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: You go girl. So the case came
12 out. I remember the case. It came out of South Beach,
13 Florida, and now all cities of course can have cameras
14 and even microphones and stuff everywhere. So that's the
15 plan. The mayor was here, and he said that he's obviously
16 in full support of this 12 point plan. If you could call
17 somebody on your radio and ask somebody for the slides,
18 if you don't mind Deputy Chief, that the Chief presented
19 during that press conference, it would give the Board and
20 the community a better sense of what's happening, and
21 they won't have to rely on the snippets.

22 PARLIAMENTARIAN DR. FRANCIS JACKSON: I'm sorry. I'm
23 sorry, Madam. She's not staffed.

24 ATTORNEY ADAM SAXBY: Not right now because we still
25 don't have a quorum, commissioner. The concern is that

1 this is something you might want to save just until we
2 have one more commissioner, just to make sure that the
3 OMA isn't being violated.

4 DEPUTY CHIEF STEWART: I wasn't aware if it was
5 proper for me to reply based on the meeting not having
6 started. Some of the points that were being made.

7 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I'm asking for, as a
8 commissioner, a copy of the PowerPoint that was presented
9 in this room an hour ago by the Chief and the mayor.
10 We'll get your talks about the summer program. So if you
11 wouldn't mind asking upstairs, the young lady who's in
12 charge of, okay. Yeah, because they gave it to everybody
13 in the room, but I was standing up front and I couldn't
14 get it. They gave it to the press. The same thing that
15 was given to the press. That's what I need. So if you
16 wouldn't mind asking so that the Board can have it.

17 DEPUTY CHIEF STEWART: We'll get you a copy, ma'am.
18 Okay.

19 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: But can we get it now?

20 DEPUTY CHIEF STEWART: We'll get you a copy, ma'am.
21 The Chief may be coming down and he may go down into it
22 on his own, but I will make sure that—

23 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I don't understand your
24 response.

25 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: She answered you. She said—

1 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: No, no, no, no. I don't
2 understand the response that a commissioner can't get now
3 from her, from you a copy of a document that was given to
4 the press in this room 60 minutes ago.

5 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: She wasn't prepared to have
6 that right-

7 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: She can ask. She's got her
8 phone. She got that. I can go upstairs and get it.

9 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Well go get it.

10 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I shouldn't have to go get it.
11 It's from the Chief's office.

12 PARLIAMENTARIAN DR. FRANCIS JACKSON: Getting very
13 close-

14 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: It's disrespectful.

15 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: You're catching off guard.
16 It's not fair.

17 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: What do you mean catching me
18 off guard?

19 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: She wasn't prepared for that.

20 DEPUTY CHIEF STEWART: {Audio Distortion} do we have
21 - with knowing about the law?

22 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: No.

23 DEPUTY CHIEF STEWART: But do you have something --
24 why this shouldn't be done to our citizens here who are -
25 and specifically - .

1 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Hold on. I'm texting the
2 Chief.

3 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: No.

4 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Who've ever heard of such a
5 thing?

6 ATTORNEY ADAM SAXBY: Through the Chair.

7 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Yes.

8 ATTORNEY ADAM SAXBY: It's my recommendation that
9 because there were so many people here that are able to
10 speak and talk-

11 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Public comment.

12 ATTORNEY ADAM SAXBY: Rather than, yes. To take
13 public comment rather than risking a violation of the
14 OMA.

15 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Absolutely.

16 ATTORNEY ADAM SAXBY: Thank you, sir.

17 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Okay. I'm going to ask that
18 recession is now complete and we will take public
19 comment. Mr. Brown, how many do we have?

20 MR. BROWN: At this time, Mr. Chair, we have 11
21 speakers. I'll call those in attendance first.

22 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Mr. Chairman.

23 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Yes.

24 COMMISSIONER BURTON: My apologies.

25 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: No.

1 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Is it possible we can go back
2 into recess for, I don't know, five more minutes perhaps?

3 PARLIAMENTARIAN DR. FRANCIS JACKSON: The
4 commissioner can make that motion. You can move to have
5 another recess.

6 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Oh, thank you.

7 PARLIAMENTARIAN DR. FRANCIS JACKSON: It has to be
8 seconded and it's non debatable.

9 COMMISSIONER BURTON: It's only if the honorable
10 Chair acknowledged me. Do I have permission Mr. Chairman?

11 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Thank you. Your motion, I
12 can't second it.

13 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Your honor, colleagues, I'd
14 like to move that we have additional five-minute recess,
15 and we go back into recess for five minutes.

16 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: The motion fails. Our first
17 speaker, Mr. Brown.

18 MR. BROWN: Yes. Minister. Eric Blount followed by
19 Mrs. Yolanda Greer, followed by Ms. Pannell.

20 MINISTER BLOUNT: Good afternoon, commissioners.

21 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Good afternoon.

22 MINISTER BLOUNT: I'm Minister. Eric Blount from
23 Sacred Heart Catholic Church here in Detroit. I continue
24 to be very concerned about this Board and its lack of
25 action. What this Board allows to be done is spreading

1 throughout the country. Jalen Walker from my father's
2 hometown in Akron, Ohio was shot by the police 46 times.

3 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: That's right.

4 MINISTER BLOUNT: No one questioned the lack of
5 evidence as to whether or not he actually had a gun when
6 no gun was found on him. No gun was in his car and no gun
7 was even near him. If this sounds vaguely familiar, I
8 will remind you of our own Detroiter Porter Burks. On a
9 Sunday, while most of us were in prayer, Sunday, October
10 1st, 2022, he was shot 19 times by the Detroit police
11 officers. I tried to review all of the documents related
12 to this incident and I became even more disturbed. The
13 prosecutor's office said he suddenly ran toward the
14 police with a knife and covered a distance we now believe
15 is about 60 feet in less than three seconds. Think about
16 that. Somebody shot more than a dozen times can obviously
17 run that fast in three seconds. It just doesn't make
18 sense. So in an effort.

19 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Thank you, sir. Thank you.

20 MINISTER BLOUNT: Are you sure that was two minutes?

21 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Two minutes on the nose.

22 MINISTER BLOUNT: Alright, I'll be watching next
23 time.

24 MS. GREER: Good afternoon, through the Chair, and
25 all the other commissioners that are here today. I want

1 to say I am Minister Yolanda Greer from Triumph Church,
2 and we are here to offer solutions. I was really hoping
3 and praying that our Chief was here, because I passed
4 some information I wanted to share with him. That's why I
5 asked lieutenant or commander was he coming in today?
6 Because we hear enough problems, but we need solutions. I
7 want to say to the Chair, through the Chair and to the
8 other commissioners, don't be afraid to step out in the
9 deep. If it's something that you know to combat this
10 violence in the great city of Detroit, stand up and say
11 so. It's enough power in this room right here today. It's
12 enough change agents in this room today. We can make a
13 difference in the community. I had the wonderful
14 opportunity to travel to China, Beijing, and they don't
15 have choices there like they have here.

16 MS. GREER: There's too much freedom here. We've
17 gotten to that point. I know we're spoiled, Reverend
18 Holley. Commissioner Holley, I know we're spoiled, and we
19 used to doing it and having it our way like Burger King.
20 But it's time out for having it our way. We tend to be
21 conforming to what they say instead of them conforming to
22 what we say. It is time for action. We have enough power
23 again in this room to make a difference. I have some
24 solutions that I would like to address when the Chief is
25 here. Or maybe I'll set up an appointment if I could get

1 a chance to see him. But our schools are failing. I had
2 the opportunity to go into schools and work in the
3 schools. The children that come to school can't learn
4 because of the same thing that's happening downtown
5 Detroit on the weekends and through the week. That's the
6 same thing that's happening in our schools. There's
7 violence and they're covering it up. I was there. I'm not
8 telling you what I heard, what I think. I'm telling you
9 what I know.

10 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Thank you. Thank you.

11 MR. BROWN: Ms. Pannell.

12 MS. PANSELL: Good evening.

13 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Good evening.

14 MS. PANSELL: I don't have a complaint or anything, I
15 just want to congratulate the Chief on his walks. He
16 canceled Second Precinct, and we want to know when you're
17 going to reschedule our walk because you had an emergency
18 the time that we were supposed to have our walk and they
19 canceled it. I see he's starting it back up and I wanted
20 to see if he can put us back on the list, please. Thank
21 you.

22 DEPUTY CHIEF STEWART: Welcome. He will be going to
23 every precinct this year. He just started last week and
24 based on some of the complaints that he had to have some
25 cancellations last time, he's going to make sure to get

1 all of the precinct. But I don't have his schedule for
2 which precinct is next. I sure will.

3 MR. BROWN: Mr. Chair, your next three speakers will
4 be Mr. Bob Carmack, followed by Ms. Lynette Louis,
5 followed by Ms. Brenda Hill.

6 MR. CARMACK: My name is Bob Carmack and I'd just
7 like to say good evening commissioners, and so forth.
8 Evils just took over this city and it starts at the top.
9 If you're evil at the top, then it spreads down to the
10 bottom. God don't like evil. The corruption, everything
11 that's going on in this city, discharged from the mayor's
12 office. People think you could do whatever they want in
13 this city, and that's what's going on. You can't stop the
14 evil that's going on. When I was 35, 40, I flat line
15 died, went up the purgatory. God sent me back and said he
16 had something for me to do. Here I am and this is true.
17 I'm speaking from him to you. You can't do this. You
18 can't have a kid shot 19 times 38 times and hide it, hide
19 who the police officer's for.

20 MR. CARMACK: You can't hide a woman that got shot in
21 her own home. You can't do all this stuff. You can't hide
22 cops who go after citizens and bring false charges on
23 them. You just can't do it. I'm just a speaker from the
24 Lord. He doesn't like all this, and you wonder why it's
25 evil and crooked and people killing each other because

1 it's just gone evil. The only way you're going to stop it
2 is doing the right things in life. We have laws, we have
3 a Bible, we have things that we supposed to follow. It's
4 simple. When we do bad things and evil things, right? It
5 is going to keep on being evil. If you don't want to name
6 the officers that killed this poor kid, it's going to
7 keep on going every weekend, every week. People have got
8 to change. We got to do better at being better people.
9 You are commissioners, force the mayor to do the right
10 things. Force the police Chief to do the right things. It
11 isn't the police Chief's fault. He's in a political
12 situation. He's a political appoint. Thank you.

13 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Thank you.

14 MR. BROWN: Ms. Lewis.

15 MS. LOUIS: Yes, my name is Lynette and it's
16 pronounced Louis. I'm calling there from San Francisco,
17 California. And I am a native Detroiter that is heavily
18 invested in the city of Detroit. I am quite concerned
19 about several things concerning the Board of
20 Commissioners. I don't understand what your job is
21 necessarily. From my understanding, you are all elected
22 officials. I'm wondering if you all are vetted, are
23 checks done, are credit checks done, and what are your
24 real qualifications? The reason I'm asking this is
25 because I grew up in the Fourth Precinct of southwest

1 Detroit where Sergeant Lawrence at the time he was
2 Sergeant Lawrence Akbar. I got several calls when I was
3 in the Middle East about this article about him in
4 Detroit News about this impropriety he has committed. I'm
5 concerned with that because that man has nothing but been
6 honorable and integrity and has always had an open-door
7 policy in southwest Detroit.

8 MS. LOUIS: He made a difference when he was the
9 sergeant and commanding lieutenant in southwest Detroit.
10 I actually read the article and I was appalled at some of
11 the comments that were made, especially by you,
12 Commissioner Ferguson, when you said exigent procedures
13 were needed to remove him. This is a 47-year career
14 veteran of the city of Detroit who has dedicated his life
15 to the city. I think that was just disgust, humiliating
16 and insulting when you have commissioners that sits on
17 here on the Board currently that has engaged with people
18 who are convicted felons, who have accepted donations
19 from convicted fellas who bribed city officials and
20 that's currently sitting on your Board. So I want to know
21 what is going to be done about that. I'm going to be on
22 these calls for the next five weeks so I get answered.

23 MR. BROWN: Ms. Hill.

24 MS. HILL: Yes. Good afternoon, everyone. The
25 articles in the paper we've been talking about that we

1 didn't need an article. Those of us who are on these
2 calls week after week, months after months, years after
3 years with no change here, what I saw with what happened
4 over the first hot weekend this year, we all knew it was
5 coming. Anybody who paid attention knew this was coming.
6 Why the mayor and the Chief didn't get out in front of
7 this. They jumped out there, and now they're doing
8 everything to protect downtown. Most of those folks don't
9 even pay taxes. Gilbert doesn't pay taxes. First of all,
10 they have got four or five police agencies down there
11 already. But we get to die and be slaughtered, and our
12 stuff being stolen out here in the community. We don't
13 feel safe. That kind of energy should go to the folks who
14 pay taxes. We're getting pushed out. You are on this
15 Board, which is exceptional for a city to have a police
16 oversight. You all should be taking advantage of that and
17 putting our police in the best position possible. But the
18 mayor and the police Chief jumped out there for non-
19 taxpayers to protect their property and those lives down
20 there. What about the rest of the folks? You all should
21 be ashamed. This is not what you ran on.

22 MR. BROWN: Mr. Chair, your next three speakers will
23 District 4 CAC member, Mr. Scotty Boman, followed by Ms.
24 Tara Brown, followed by the caller with the last three
25 members 124.

1 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Mr. Boman.

2 MR. BOMAN: Yeah. Good afternoon. This is Mr. Yes,
3 CAC Chair Scotty Bowman, who is also the founder of
4 Detroit Residents Advancing Civilian Oversight. I'm going
5 to be speaking with that hat on right now. In a couple
6 meetings I brought up the matter of the repeated failure
7 by the Board over a period of years to replace their
8 interim commissioner I'm sorry, interim chief
9 investigator and interim secretary with a permanent
10 person as would be required by the charter. Well,
11 congratulations for finally doing that. I most recently
12 even brought up that it's fishy that it took that long to
13 do that. Well, the two people that occupied that post, as
14 it turns out, I just recently read in the paper happened
15 to be the same two people that were suspended. Now, I
16 heard a correction that it was an administrative leave.

17 MR. BROWN: I don't know what the difference between
18 the two is, but one is a longer phrase than the other.
19 But the point is obviously there was some connection
20 between the two, which then yields me to wonder why is it
21 that the Board of Police Commissioners worked so hard to
22 keep those people in there? Not all of you, but a
23 majority, just by matter of fact. I'm looking forward to
24 finding all that out. Hopefully though now that we have
25 these positions staffed with some good people and

1 hopefully, we'll find out also what it is that led to
2 this investigation that we have going on right now. But
3 after that, hopefully and meanwhile also we need to get
4 those cases dealt with. We need to deal with all these
5 complaints and there's a huge backlog and I look forward
6 to the new people that are in office seeing that that
7 backlog is dealt with. Thank you.

8 MR. BROWN: Ms. Tara Brown.

9 MS. BROWN: Thank you. I am reaching out to you all.
10 My name is Tara Brown. I had come to you all once before
11 about the problems with the squatter task force. I'm
12 coming to this commission to suggest that Listing Gilbert
13 be returned to work. If you all can keep someone who has
14 come and been proven to be a drug addict and keep him
15 working, and then promote a woman beater and a stalker,
16 surely a woman who was part of the squatter task force
17 can be returned to her job. It's been several months.
18 She's probably learned her lesson. I still stand on the
19 fact that the squatter's task force needs to be
20 eliminated. Yeah, at this point she should probably be
21 returned to work. The other thing I wanted to discuss is
22 recently I was evicted from my tiny home, which may
23 worldwide news and the Detroit police were present.

24 MS. BROWN: Although I appreciate the fact that the
25 Detroit police didn't interfere or made it look to seem

1 as if they were not interfering. I did not like the fact
2 that several of the people who were assaulted when they
3 defended themselves or tried to get away, they were
4 further assaulted by the bailiffs and then the police
5 were trying to stop them from fighting back. Again, I say
6 it and I say it often, the Detroit police are not an
7 extension of the 36 District Court. Again, if you are
8 going to protect the bailiffs, you should protect the
9 citizens. I still say the police shouldn't have been
10 involved. They shouldn't have even been there. But since
11 they were, again, I think the job is not to protect the
12 bailiff. The job is to protect the public. Again, the
13 police protect and serve. You don't just protect and
14 serve bailiffs. You protect and serve everybody. That's
15 all. Thank you.

16 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Thank you.

17 MR. BROWN: Speaker with the last three numbers 124.

18 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: 124.

19 CALLER 124: Yes. Good afternoon. May I be heard?

20 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Yes, we can hear you.

21 CALLER 124: Yes. I'd like to echo the sentiments of
22 some of the prior callers and also the fact that
23 neighborhoods are being neglected. Property crimes are
24 not being taken seriously. There are problems at the
25 third precinct. Yesterday I was hung up on several times.

1 An investigator told me a name, and said her name was
2 Tyree. I called back, somebody said, there's nobody by
3 that name. Officer Brown hung up on me. I called back
4 again, somebody picked up then hung up. I was told by
5 Detective Garcia that what somebody did to me was not a
6 civil matter when there's an MCL criminal statute on the
7 books. Also, there was another gentleman who committed
8 arson on my property. A neighbor had reported him six
9 times, coming up on his porch, had video of him coming
10 and stealing, and the police did nothing.

11 CALLER 124: Now this gentleman is being prosecuted
12 for other arsons, but they won't take my arson seriously,
13 ignored evidence that was there. So when the police don't
14 take property crime seriously, it degrades the quality of
15 life for people and then can lead to way more serious
16 behavior like all of these mysterious fires, some of
17 which are not very mysterious at all. So I did file some
18 OCI complaints about officers hanging up on me, not
19 seriously investigating my crimes. That is a serious
20 problem. I wonder why I pay taxes. In fact, people ask me
21 why I even live in a city like this and I'm a returning
22 resident. It breaks my heart to see all of the pain that
23 Detroiters are going through and many of us are
24 predicting another 67 if it doesn't stop. So there needs
25 to be attention to the neighborhoods, and I understand

1 that the police are understaffed, but some people have a
2 serious attitude problem. Fortunately, not all of them.
3 I've met some lovely police officers.

4 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Mr. Chairman.

5 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Yes.

6 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I just want to just say that I
7 know that Mr. Brown is a professional and he's hard at
8 work at what he does for the Board. I think the caller
9 got it wrong because this man goes up and above for our
10 office and help keep our office afloat. So I'm sure that
11 it's probably a miscommunication on the persons on her
12 end. But I want the citizens to also know that our office
13 is working for them and that they can reach out to us at
14 any time. But I can actually speak on the character of
15 Mr. Brown and what he and the level of work and
16 professionalism that he brings to this office every day.
17 So I just want to get that on the record.

18 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: I'm glad you got that on the
19 record, but I think she was talking about the Third
20 Precinct.

21 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Third Precinct.

22 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Yeah. She got hooked up on.

23 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Once again. I think it may be a
24 miscommunication issue. People that work for the
25 department, the police department, as well as the Board's

1 office that take in these calls, they are trained and to
2 hear the community's concerns. So I would like for the
3 community to be a little bit patient and to also be a
4 little understanding and a little bit of patience. But
5 you have got these individuals work hard for the
6 department taking calls every day as well as the Board. I
7 doubt it very seriously that someone is being rude to
8 someone. Not to say that it is impossible, but I really
9 doubt it very seriously because I call various offices
10 around the city and I don't get that response. But
11 sometimes we on the other end may have a little something
12 extra to say and so I'd just like the community just to
13 be a little bit patient when they call the department or
14 when they call the Board and let's work through whatever
15 differences. I know sometimes I pick up my phone, I may
16 be in another meeting. But I want people to know that
17 we're working for you and so I thought they were talking
18 about Mr. Brown.

19 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: That's okay.

20 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I can speak for his character.

21 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Let's get through this last
22 caller. Let's get to this last caller.

23 MR. BROWN: Mr. Chair, your next three speakers would
24 be Mr. Ruman Crowley, followed by former Commissioner
25 Davis, followed by Box Party LLC.

1 MR. CROWLEY: To the commissioners, you all don't do
2 nothing about police officer misconduct. You all hold
3 these circuit shows. I haven't heard not one word in
4 three years about no police officer misconduct. We know
5 we got police officer misconduct. The Homicide Unit,
6 Detroit Police Department, you formally headed up by
7 Detective Derrick Maye. Now there's a case, not just
8 Kaniesha, Isaiah White. I talked to his mom. She's in
9 Chicago right now devastated. His dad Darren Poll here in
10 Detroit, Michigan. Isaiah could not have possibly shot
11 himself. That's two cases. Homicides have been covered up
12 by the Detroit Police Department. Chief White knows about
13 it. His predecessor, James E. White, knew about it.
14 Orchestrated cover up by Lieutenant Curtis Shell and the
15 Chief's office Lieutenant. Derrick Maye, Michael
16 McGinnis, Lieutenant Pristoch. Now you're about to hear a
17 voice of a woman whose daughter and her granddaughter has
18 asked me, Mr. Ru, can you help me with my mama?

19 MR. CROWLEY: I've reached out to everybody in the
20 city. Michael Edward Duggan, the mayor, knows about it.
21 Stephanie Powe, his constituent affairs executive, told
22 me about it. Now what's going on is ridiculous.
23 Goobigoop, poppycock nonsense. Right now, this Board
24 needs to take the action call in an outside independent
25 law enforcement agency to look over all three of those

1 cases. Kaniesha Coleman, Isaiah White, Kevin Samuel, they
2 did not shoot themselves. Now, to cover up a murder is
3 the most reprehensible action that could be taken by a
4 police officer sworn to protect and serve. Bryan
5 Ferguson, do your job. Call in the agency today. Vote for
6 it today. Do it.

7 MR. BROWN: Former Commissioner Davis.

8 MR. DAVIS: Good afternoon. Can I be heard?

9 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Yes, we can hear you.

10 MR. DAVIS: Okay. I think Detroit has a major crime
11 problem. I think some of it's because of the policies of
12 Mayor Duggan. I'd say I'm older than most of you, well,
13 maybe not two of you. Anyway, I remember when I was
14 growing up, we had libraries open, we had schools open,
15 we had recreation centers open, playgrounds and play
16 leaders. All of that's disappear basically. If you had
17 stuff for young people to do in the community, they could
18 be doing stuff in the community instead of coming
19 downtown looking for something to do. With the expansion
20 of the downtown district, now you have the community
21 actually paying for police, EMS and medical services for
22 billionaires and their corporation.

23 MR. DAVIS: The police should mainly be in the
24 community. Downtown should be policed separately and they
25 should be paying for it. Also, I know you all have two

1 employees that I thought should have been fired a long
2 time ago. They could still be fired. They could be
3 unappointed. I worked for the water department for 34
4 years. We would never let people get away with as much
5 stuff as they have gotten away with. To suspend somebody
6 with pay that's like a joke. You are paying them to send
7 home and talk about you all and do nothing. Just so you
8 know with the last caller with them being told about
9 don't investigate, don't take no cases from root and
10 black. That in itself is grounds to terminate both of
11 them. Thank you.

12 MR. BROWN: Fox Party LLC.

13 FOX PARTY LLC: Yes. Can I be heard?

14 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Yes, we can hear you.

15 FOX PARTY LLC: Okay. I'm calling on behalf of
16 Kaneisha Coleman, case number 201112. Kaneisha is my
17 daughter. She was murdered in the city of Detroit. Her
18 case was turned from a homicide to a suicide. The
19 suspects were later then turned to witnesses. I've since
20 then gathered her documents and it's either one or two
21 things. Either she is lying, or the police is lying. The
22 Detroit Homicide Unit. They say she was assaulted. She
23 says she was shot. I don't know how in the world you
24 think you could change a dying declaration. The hospital
25 statements are not inaccurate. She was killed. She was

1 murdered. Stop putting a suicide tag on people who were
2 murdered just because you didn't do an investigation.
3 Okay, I'm calling out Captain Derrick Maye, Marco
4 Pristoch, Mike Duggan, the Wayne County prosecutors Brian
5 White and also Kim Worthy. I'm agreeing with Mr. Black,
6 bring in an offsite law enforcement agency because this
7 agency has failed us tremendously. My daughter was
8 murdered. She said she was murdered. She said she was
9 assaulted. I'm going to have to believe her over you all.
10 Thank you.

11 MR. BROWN: Mr. Chair, that was your last speaker.

12 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Last speaker. Okay. Now we
13 have a quorum. So can we do a roll call now, Madam
14 Secretary?

15 MS. SHAW: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Introduction of the
16 commissioners.

17 MS. SHAW: Mr. Chair. I'm sorry. Chair Bryan Ferguson
18 – Here. District 1.

19 MS. SHAW: Vice-Chair Annie Holt –

20 MS. SHAW: Commissioner Willie Bell –

21 MS. SHAW: Commissioner Linda Bernard – Attorney
22 Linda Bernard, District 2 present.

23 MS. SHAW: Commissioner Willie Burton – Present on
24 behalf of the citizens of Detroit.

25 MS. SHAW: Commissioner Lisa Carter –

1 MS. SHAW: Commissioner Jesus Hernandez submitted an
2 excuse of absence.

3 MS. SHAW: Commissioner Jim Holley – Present.

4 MS. SHAW: Commissioner Ricardo Moore – Present.

5 MS. SHAW: Commissioner QuanTez Pressley –

6 MS. SHAW: Commissioner Cedric Banks – Present

7 District 3.

8 MS. SHAW: Mr. Chair, you have a quorum.

9 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Thank you. I want to say
10 thanks to all the commissioners for showing up. I would
11 like to have our approval for the April 2023 agenda, but
12 we got some corrections on it changed. Correct? Because
13 we went out of order.

14 PARLIAMENTARIAN DR. FRANCIS JACKSON: Not really, Mr.
15 Chairman.

16 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Okay. So I'd like to have a
17 motion for it or approved of the April 20th 23 agenda.

18 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: So move.

19 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Support.

20 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Any discussion?

21 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Yes. Mr. Chairman, I'd like to
22 finish my remarks about the mayor and the Chief's meeting
23 this afternoon. I'm going to have to leave the meeting
24 early. I'd like for you, for my colleagues in particular
25 as well as the community to be aware of this. This is

1 very important if that's okay.

2 PARLIAMENTARIAN DR. FRANCIS JACKSON: Chairman, you
3 would want to move new business.

4 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Right. We would have to move
5 to a new business.

6 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Okay.

7 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: So what time are you leaving?

8 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I've got to leave no later
9 than four o'clock.

10 PARLIAMENTARIAN DR. FRANCIS JACKSON: The problem Mr.
11 Chairman is once she leaves you no longer have a quorum.

12 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Right. So as you leave the
13 meeting's over.

14 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I'm not going to take—

15 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: We'll leave out with you.

16 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Okay. Well, I just want three
17 minutes Mr. Chair.

18 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Alright.

19 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I don't have a choice. It's a
20 litigation matter.

21 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: I understand that. But let's
22 see.

23 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I gave everyone a handout that
24 was a Board member—

25 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: We have a motion. We have a

1 motion for the agenda right now.

2 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Right.

3 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Well, I would move that it'd
4 be amended to permit public comment first, and then I
5 approve the rest of the agenda. That's the motion.

6 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: We already did public comment.

7 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I mean, my comment, whatever.
8 However, you want to say it. Mr. Chairman.

9 PARLIAMENTARIAN DR. FRANCIS JACKSON: Commissioner
10 Bernard, can you just say specifically on the agenda
11 where you want to insert it? Do you want to insert it
12 before the Chairman's report? Where do you want to
13 insert?

14 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Right after the Chair's
15 Report.

16 PARLIAMENTARIAN DR. FRANCIS JACKSON: So the motion
17 would be to insert new business after the Chair's Report?
18 That would be the motion.

19 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Yes.

20 PARLIAMENTARIAN DR. FRANCIS JACKSON: Mr. Chairman,
21 you need to ask if there's any objection. If there's
22 objection, then you'll need a majority vote to amend the
23 agenda at this point before it is adopted.

24 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Okay. Is there any objecting
25 to Commissioner Bernard's motion to put new business

1 under the Chair's Report, which would be number seven. So
2 we'll make that 7.A. Any objections? Hearing none. All in
3 favor?

4 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

5 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: All opposed? All right. We'll
6 have it.

7 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Thank you, Madam
8 Parliamentarian. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

9 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: You're welcome. Approval of
10 the minutes on April 13th, 2023.

11 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: So move.

12 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Second.

13 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Any discussion? No discussion.
14 All in favor?

15 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

16 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Those minutes are approved.
17 All right.

18 PARLIAMENTARIAN DR. FRANCIS JACKSON: You have to ask
19 for those opposed, Mr. Chairman.

20 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Oh, anybody opposing?

21 PARLIAMENTARIAN DR. FRANCIS JACKSON: Thank you.

22 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: No opposed. It has already
23 been approved for the minutes for April 13th, 2023.

24 Introduction of BOPC staff, Madam Secretary.

25 MS. SHAW: Thank you, Mr. Chair. For BOPC staff, we

1 have Mr. Robert Brown. Ms. Theresa Blossom, Attorney Adam
2 Saxby is present representing corporation council. We
3 have parliamentarian Dr. Francis Jackson, Ms. Jonya
4 Underwood, Mr. Ainsley Cromwell from OCI. I also Ms.
5 Candace Hayes, Ms. LiSonya Sloan from OCI, Ms. Adela
6 Rivera and Mr. Elgin Murphy, both from OCI as well. We
7 also have present DPD HR Director Katrina Patillo, Sign
8 Language Interpreters, Ms. Yakata and Dr. Stephanie
9 Beatty. Don Handyside is our court reporter. Media
10 Services is handling the video and we have Sergeant Alan
11 Quinn on audio.

12 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Fantastic. Deputy Chief, who
13 do you have with you?

14 DEPUTY CHIEF STEWART: I'm Deputy Chief Tiffany
15 Stewart. Detroit Police Department over Eastern
16 operations. Looking in here, I have Mr. Beatty, I have
17 Sergeant Romell, Ron Thomas from DPOA, and that's MSP.
18 That's it.

19 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: MSP that would be Lieutenant
20 Shaw. Sir, it's good seeing you again. Any elected
21 officials, Ms. Shaw?

22 MS. SHAW: Thank you, Mr. Chair. We have Ms. Fredia
23 Butler, Community Relations President for the Second
24 Precinct, District 4 CAC member Scotty Boman, and we have
25 Ron Thomas, VP of DPOA.

1 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Fantastic, thank you. Well,
2 first I would like to say again, thank you for coming
3 out. Sorry we had this delay. Committee assignments,
4 they're very important. We have one that's going to be
5 coming up real soon here, which will be the policy. So
6 the Chairperson of the Policy, I want you to get with the
7 people that's on your Chair, I mean on your committee,
8 and set up a time when they can meet. I would like some
9 more people to be on this Policy Committee. So please, we
10 all need to really be on this Policy Committee so we can
11 help craft these policies. I think we have like 10 that's
12 coming out, correct? 10 and we want all input. I would
13 like to have all the commissioners on it that way
14 everybody can have an input on it with these 10 policies
15 that's coming out.

16 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Leadership, remember, my time
17 is coming short. July the first is my last day as
18 Chairperson. I want this Board to think about who they
19 would like to put in this seat when I leave. Again, I
20 want you guys to think about it. We should be moving
21 forward instead of going backwards. Moving forward
22 instead of going backwards. So be careful who you put in
23 this seat. Put people in leadership positions so they
24 never had a chance to be. Some people have been on this
25 board for nine years and never had a leadership role. Now

1 it's time for you guys to step up. Step up. Come up with
2 some fresh ideas. Right. Enhance what I did. Try not to
3 pull it away if it makes sense. Now, if I've done
4 something that just didn't make sense, go ahead, snatch
5 it off and redo it. Right. But please think about who you
6 want to put in this seat after me.

7 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: I had a chance to go to NOBLE
8 and meet the President of NOBLE, Brenda Goss Andrews.
9 NOBLE stands for National Organization of Black Law
10 Enforcement Executives. I had a chance to have opening
11 remarks and there were some people in there, a lot of
12 people that I heard a lot of. I met so many law
13 enforcement people, it was something else. Then I also
14 got a chance to sit on a panel and I was the only
15 civilian commissioner on that panel. I got a chance to
16 give the community aspect of some of the things that
17 we're trying to put in place for law enforcement.
18 Actually, they actually said they were going to use a lot
19 of them. One of them is, if you're going to use
20 technology, let the public know about it first. Just
21 don't give it to us and then make us fight amongst
22 ourselves when you have already put it in place. Come to
23 the community. Tell us what you're thinking about doing
24 so the community can weigh in on it first.

25 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: It may change your mind about

1 even using it and spending the money on it. Because once
2 you spend the money, you think you're just going to use
3 in our community and that's what a pushback come from,
4 especially when it's not good policy. The media. I want
5 to say to the media, some of you guys and girls from the
6 media, you get it right, especially when you're printing
7 something. But others you get it wrong. If I told Mr.
8 Brown I want a hot dog, by the time it got down to second
9 Deputy Chief Stewart, I have pushed a lamb out the
10 window. So I just want to say please, if you're going to
11 quote somebody, quote them right. When you get your
12 sources, make sure it's a credible source so that way you
13 don't have to try to make up stuff when you print it.

14 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: I want to thank Paul H. You
15 made a comment in Detroit News, and I just want to say
16 thank you. Thank you so much, Paul H. Mother Bernice,
17 we've been playing phone tag. Tag you're it. For the
18 officers that caught every last one of those shooters
19 downtown, I want to say thank you. I want to say thank
20 you to the public for pointing them out. I want to say
21 thank you. Men and women in blue, they're doing a
22 fantastic job in a time where we just didn't know what
23 was happening in a short period of time. I want to say
24 thank you to the public. I know this Board has been in
25 the news a lot. I want to thank you for not beating us up

1 because we're trying to get this right. We are. As long
2 as I'm in the seat, I'm trying to do the right thing for
3 the people and the Board.

4 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: I want to say we need our
5 lawyer. We need the corporation council to get out of the
6 way. The charter states that the Board is supposed to
7 have a lawyer and an assistant. From what I found out,
8 one of the corporation council lawyers was on this Board
9 at one time. So I'm pretty sure there was a lawyer on
10 this Board. So why stop us from having our own lawyer?
11 Don't do that. Give us a chance. We would like to have
12 our own lawyer. We want an independent person giving us
13 guidance. That's what we want. It's through the charter.
14 It's mandated. Please, I'm asking. Get out the way and
15 let us have that. That's all I'm asking. Let's see if
16 it'll work. It's been working all this time. Why not?
17 What's changed? If something changed, let me know so we
18 can try to fix it. But if it's in the charter, change it
19 through council.

20 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Just like everybody keeps
21 telling me, commissioner, if you want something changed,
22 you got to go through council. Okay. You don't want us to
23 have a lawyer go through the council and see what happens
24 then. If that's where the chips fall, that's where we
25 have to get with. But other than that, let's abide by the

1 charter and give us this lawyer and legal assistant
2 through charter that we're supposed to have. We budgeted
3 for it. We went before council and got that part through.
4 So please, I'm just asking, get out the way and let us
5 have this. Let us have it. That's my, oh wait. I've got
6 one more. As a reminder, we're going to do this every
7 week. As a reminder, the administrative team is
8 continuing the community contact coalition campaign. It's
9 the CCCC. BOPC is collecting this information in
10 preparation to increase our community engagement.

11 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: If you have contact
12 information from any community group, please provide the
13 contact information so we can be in touch. We need that
14 because a lot of community groups are forming now. We
15 want your contact information. A lot of groups have
16 dropped off. So if you know if you dropped off, let us
17 know if you dropped off. If not, start one. It takes the
18 power of one. One person can start a group. You can fill
19 out a paper form at the welcome table and hand it to Mr.
20 Brown. Mr. Brown, raise your hand up. You can hand it to
21 Mr. Brown. Zoom attendees, you can send contact
22 information directly to the host in the chat. So that
23 means you can just type in in the chat or follow the
24 Google link in the chat. You can also email the
25 information to us at bopc@detroitmi.gov. That's

1 bopc@detroitmi.gov. That's my report. Go right ahead.
2 Commissioner Bernard.

3 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm
4 glad to see that the Chief is here. He and I were both
5 present at the same meeting and I'm sure he will probably
6 go over the points. For your information, Chief, I won't
7 steal your thunder on this. I have provided the Board
8 members that are present a copy of the PowerPoint
9 presentation that you presented to the community today
10 and to youth leaders and others. Unfortunately, when I
11 asked your staff person for a copy and asked her to call
12 upstairs to get the copies for the Board, she refused,
13 which I find to be insubordinate. But that's a whole
14 separate--wait a minute. That's a whole separate issue.

15 DEPUTY CHIEF STEWART: Not true.

16 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Wait a minute. Wait a moment.
17 Anyway, so Chief I thought it was important. I thought
18 your message was excellent. I thought the mayor's message
19 was excellent and I thought that the Board members who
20 couldn't be there today, and I was the only one that
21 could be, that they should be aware of that presentation
22 and your PowerPoint so that they have it. So you may
23 proceed. I don't have to talk.

24 CHIEF WHITE: All right. Thank you for the comments
25 on the presentation and with regards to Deputy Chief

1 Stewart—

2 MS. SHAW: Mr. Chair. I apologize, Chief. So that
3 segment of the agenda was new business. So did we want to
4 complete new business before moving on to the Chief or?

5 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: It can be his report. He
6 wasn't present and I was present, so I was going to
7 discuss it.

8 PARLIAMENTARIAN DR. FRANCIS JACKSON: It may be under
9 new business.

10 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Yes, it might be some more new
11 business.

12 PARLIAMENTARIAN DR. FRANCIS JACKSON: There may be
13 other people who have new business.

14 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Right.

15 PARLIAMENTARIAN DR. FRANCIS JACKSON: So once she's
16 done.

17 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I got motion under new
18 business.

19 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Go right ahead, sir.

20 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the Chair, under new
21 business we heard community leaders, members of our
22 community express their concerns about the Board, about
23 OCI. I'd like to make a motion to unappoint the two
24 individuals that's currently suspended with pay. If we
25 can put a motion out there to unappoint those two

1 individuals.

2 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Is there a second?

3 PARLIAMENTARIAN DR. FRANCIS JACKSON: Mr. Chairman,
4 the motion is fine, except there are no names mentioned
5 in the motion. Does everyone know?

6 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: No, they don't. So I was going
7 to correct.

8 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I don't understand what you
9 mean by unappoint. Do we take their titles away from them
10 or what are you suggesting?

11 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Make the motion again.

12 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Unless we can make a motion, if
13 it's second, then we can go to with a discussion. Through
14 the Chair, I'd like to make a motion on behalf of the
15 citizens of Detroit that often expressed their concerns
16 about the Board about what's been happening for some
17 time. I guess a citizen were told that they're not taken
18 any more of their complaints that filed complaints with
19 the officers in Investigator's Office, and they were told
20 that they were not going to take any-

21 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Wait commissioner, I hate to
22 interrupt you. This sounds like that's under discussion.
23 Your motion has to be-

24 COMMISSIONER BURTON: The motion-

25 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Thank you.

1 COMMISSIONER BURTON: The motion I'd like to make at
2 this time is that the Board of Police Commissioners
3 unappoint Lawrence Akbar.

4 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: And? Are you going to make two
5 separate motions?

6 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Two separate motions.

7 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Is there a second?

8 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Mr. Chairman, I just have
9 unreadiness with that without having more information,
10 quite frankly, from the labor department and the law
11 department.

12 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Okay, so there's no second.
13 The motion fails. Go on with your second motion.

14 COMMISSIONER BURTON: The second motion, Mr.
15 Chairman. I'd like to make an additional motion for the
16 Board of Police Commissioners to unappoint Ms. Melanie
17 White.

18 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Is there a second?

19 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I have the same concern, Mr.
20 Chairman.

21 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Yep. Hearing no second, that
22 motion fails too. Under more new business. Any other new
23 business?

24 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Mr. Chairman.

25 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Yes.

1 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: I'm sorry, Chief. I hope this is
2 new business. My concern is this is like the second or
3 third time this year that we had no quorum. I need to
4 know from a staff standpoint, from your standpoint, or do
5 we wait for people to tell us that our commissioner's not
6 going to be here? Or do we ask in the front what
7 commissioner's going to be here or not? I respect
8 everybody's time. I try to be here religiously. I work
9 hard to be here religiously and to be able to contribute.
10 But I'm telling you, when you come here and people walk
11 in 45 minutes late when people basically know this day.
12 Every Thursday, I have church at 11 o'clock on Sunday and
13 church with this Board at three o'clock on Thursday.

14 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: I just wanted to know, Mr.
15 Chairman, what are we going to do or what do we do in
16 terms of do we go ask them are they going to be here? Do
17 we wait for them to give us an excuse knowing that we're
18 not going to have a quorum. Then why can't we let the
19 people know that we're not going to have a meeting? I sit
20 here three times this year waiting for a quorum. So I'm
21 just asking, is that asking too much, Mr. Chairman, how
22 are we going to be able to do this thing and do it in
23 such a professional lightweight? The Chief is here. He's
24 got a whole city to run. But we got the city that's here
25 waiting for us. People here basically in the audience

1 take time out to be here. I don't need to tell you this,
2 Mr. Chairman, I know you're concerned as well, but I feel
3 like we need to put something in place. I know I'm
4 through with it, but I just hope you understand. This is
5 just really not professional, that we know what we need
6 to do on a Thursday and not here for this meeting,
7 especially 60% of us not here. That's just not
8 acceptable.

9 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Mr. Chair.

10 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Yes.

11 COMMISSIONER BANKS: I heard Commissioner Holley
12 mention people coming in 45 minutes late. You're right,
13 that was me. I was 45 minutes late.

14 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: You're not the only one.

15 COMMISSIONER BANKS: But I told Chair Ferguson, I
16 told Shaw that I will be here at 3:30, right? Because I
17 get off at three o'clock and I'm coming from Hamtramck. I
18 mentioned that to you three months ago. Am I right, Mr.
19 Chair?

20 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: You're not the only one.

21 COMMISSIONER BANKS: I'm excluded from that
22 conversation.

23 COMMISSIONER BANKS: I'm just saying, I'm just
24 clearing myself.

25 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Yes, you're okay. You're all

1 right. So how many people ask for excuse? Can you give me
2 the names?

3 MS. SHAW: Yes. Our current process is to accept
4 calls or emails from the commissioners letting us know
5 that they need an excused absence. We currently do not
6 proactively reach out to commissioners and ask if they're
7 coming to the Thursday meeting. So far for this
8 particular meeting we did receive an excused absence in
9 advance from Commissioner Hernandez.

10 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Right. He's the only one?

11 MS. SHAW: For today.

12 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Right.

13 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I notified that I had to leave
14 early but I wanted to be here for your quorum.

15 MS. SHAW: Chairman, I'm sorry.

16 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Yes.

17 MS. SHAW: Through the Chair, Vice-Chair Annie Holt
18 mentioned that she would be late.

19 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Yes.

20 PARLIAMENTARIAN DR. FRANCIS JACKSON: I would defer
21 to the corporation council representatives, but there are
22 certain notices that must be made if you are going to
23 change a meeting. In other words, my interpretation of
24 the OMA is that if you're going to cancel the meeting or
25 reschedule the meeting, there's a certain notice

1 requirement in the OMA. So I'm not sure. I literally mean
2 I'm not sure that the meeting can be canceled within a
3 few minutes of its convening. I would defer to Adam Saxby
4 on that.

5 ATTORNEY ADAM SAXBY: Through the Chair. You would
6 have to convene as you do and then move through the
7 Chair. Yes.

8 PARLIAMENTARIAN DR. FRANCIS JACKSON: I was speaking
9 to Commissioner Holley's point, if it is recognized a few
10 minutes before the meeting that there's not going to be a
11 quorum, I'm not sure you can cancel that meeting. That
12 was my point.

13 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Mr. Chair, may I respond?

14 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Yes.

15 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: May I respond? I hear you loud
16 and clear. I'm aware of that. My concern is, can the
17 staff be reelected to make sure we're going to have a
18 quorum from the commissioners so that if we're going to
19 come here, we know we're not going to stay here 45 to
20 hour or so waiting for one person to come in or one
21 person to leave. I just feel like we have to be
22 aggressive in making sure commissioners are basically
23 going to be here. If they're not, I don't mind sitting
24 here of another 30 minutes, but the hour and a half we
25 did last time and have no meeting. That's my concern. I

1 don't mean to be difficult. I just feel like this's the
2 thing that we need to bring up. We've got a happy year to
3 go and I just feel like we are to be professional and we
4 owe it to the community. That's all I'm saying.

5 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: We do. We owe it to the
6 community. I want to say you let me not show up at a
7 meeting. I'm going to hear it from my D 1 residents. If I
8 don't, I'm going to be asking them, how come I'm not
9 hearing from you all? You all don't care?

10 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: What policy can we put in? You
11 don't have to do it now, but can we have some
12 conversation about this with the staff and so forth and
13 with other commissioners, so I won't take the Chief's
14 precious time. We had Wild West this week, and I wanted
15 to vote the Chief-

16 PARLIAMENTARIAN DR. FRANCIS JACKSON: There is no
17 quorum.

18 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: There's no quorum.

19 ATTORNEY ADAM SAXBY: Commissioner. Through the
20 Chair, what that means from a practical standpoint is
21 that now there can be no more deliberations on what the
22 commissioner is asking.

23 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Right. I got you.

24 ATTORNEY ADAM SAXBY: I do apologize, sir.

25 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: That's okay.

1 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: So we have no quorum. Let's
2 make a motion to—

3 MS. SHAW: Mr. Chair, did you want to—

4 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: That's right. The secretary
5 can give a report.

6 PARLIAMENTARIAN DR. FRANCIS JACKSON: Yes, you can.

7 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Go ahead.

8 MS. SHAW: Thank you, Mr. Chair. So for the Secretary
9 Report your incoming correspondence are listed on the
10 agenda and are in your packets. I have several items for
11 the Board as well as for the community today. So I
12 appreciate your patience. There have been several
13 presentation requests and the admin team is working to
14 get those requests fulfilled and on upcoming agendas. In
15 addition, we have several commissioners continuing to
16 have issues with this city email address. Please bring
17 your laptops to headquarters and see Mr. Brown, ASAP to
18 prevent these issues. The best practice is to bring your
19 laptop to one meeting per month at headquarters and
20 connect directly to the network. The next item is that
21 effective April 19th, so yesterday, DPD has agreed to
22 notify via email any arrests of DPD members to the BOPC
23 office. Once received, these notifications will be shared
24 with the commissioners and stored in the BOPC'S office
25 for future reference. We can move on to our OCI updates

1 if we can pull the slides up for the viewing of the
2 public. These will be our updates regarding citizen
3 complaints. Thank you.

4 MS. SHAW: So for recent improvements in initiatives,
5 supervisors are now coaching investigators on inventory
6 management strategies to drive more consistent production
7 while maintaining thorough investigations. So they're
8 setting targets for their investigators for closing a
9 certain number of cases per week, while ensuring that
10 those investigations are thorough. Five new investigators
11 will be starting on May 1st, which is great, so that we
12 can move through this inventory more quickly and bring
13 down the backlog. In addition, some of our OCI admin
14 functions, including updates to the database, are running
15 behind due to recent shifts and workloads and unexpected
16 absences. We are remediating that by cross-training two
17 of our administrative team admins. They're starting their
18 cross-training tomorrow, and they will be helping out
19 with some of the OCI admin functions to assist with that
20 workload. So with those admin functions being temporarily
21 behind, that means that the database numbers are not
22 updated to reflect the physical cases.

23 MS. SHAW: I'll explain that as we go through the
24 data today. Next slide. This is just a reminder regarding
25 closed cases that letters will go out to the complainant

1 within 45 days after the case is closed. Commissioners do
2 have time to review those cases after the case is closed,
3 and that must happen within the 45-day window so that the
4 letters can go out. Next slide. On this next slide, this
5 is our total open cases by age. So we are not increasing
6 too much week over week here, just by a couple cases.
7 There are over 30 cases that have come in that have not
8 yet been loaded to the database. So that's why I was
9 mentioning earlier that the numbers have not quite caught
10 up. But in addition to that, there are just about as many
11 cases that have actually been completed by the
12 investigators that have not been removed from the
13 numbers. So those numbers will catch up as we add that
14 additional administrative support. Moving on to the next
15 slide, please.

16 MS. SHAW: So this is the new graphs that we haven't
17 seen before today. So this is in regards to our 2023
18 cases, and this is just to show you a comparison of the
19 cases that are being received each month compared to the
20 number of cases that are being closed. So to reduce
21 overall inventory, we do have to start closing more cases
22 each month than we're receiving. As you can see here, for
23 January, February and March, in January we received 107
24 cases and we only closed 72. We did in February receive
25 91 cases, but we closed 95, which was great. But then in

1 March we received 123 cases and only closed 85. So
2 overall for the first quarter, we did receive more cases
3 than we were able to close, and so that caused us not to
4 be able to decrease the overall inventory. This line here
5 showing 14 in each month except for April 13. That's the
6 number of staff that we have working on cases. As you can
7 see, we are understaffed. This number will go up for May
8 when we add the additional five investigators. Once they
9 complete their training, they should start to contribute
10 to the number of cases that we can close each month.

11 MS. SHAW: Going on to the next slide, please. So
12 this slide hasn't changed from last week again because
13 those database updates have not been made. Those will
14 start to be made tomorrow, and we'll see changes in that.
15 Onto the next slide. These are cases for 2023 that are
16 still open. So this slide has shifted because the cases
17 are aging in the system. Again, those database updates
18 need to be made. When the admins catch up, then we will
19 see these cases showing differently. Some cases will show
20 closed, and then some new cases that have a lower age
21 will show added to this slide as well. Those are the
22 updates regarding OCI. Mr. Chair, I can give an update on
23 open positions if you would like. So for the
24 investigators, we do have a confirmed start date for all
25 five investigators of 5-1. There is still a posting up

1 for additional investigators that will remain up until
2 the 22nd of April. So if you know anyone who will serve
3 Detroit residents well in investigating complaints,
4 please have them apply.

5 MS. SHAW: For our open chief investigator position,
6 despite the Board's majority vote decision on 4-13 to
7 appoint Jerome Warfield with the retroactive effective
8 date of 3-18, the city HR director has responded that
9 they do not accommodate retroactive start dates, and the
10 earliest start date that can be accommodated is 5-1. The
11 appointment process for him is progressing fine. I
12 haven't heard any concerns with that as far as him
13 starting on 5-1. Our executive manager position for
14 fiscal operations is posted on the city website now. So
15 if you know anyone who will serve the Detroit residence
16 well in fiscal responsibility and transparency, please
17 have them apply. That position will be posted until the
18 28th of this month.

19 MS. SHAW: In regard to attorney and legal assistant
20 through the Chair, the Board attorney position has been
21 open since August 2020. Pursuing Detroit City Charter,
22 article 7.5, section 7.5-201, corporation council
23 represents the city of Detroit as a body corporate and
24 may represent its branches of government, departments,
25 agencies, elected officials, and employees as required or

1 allowed by law, charter ordinance, city policy, or
2 contract for purposes of conducting city business and
3 then the performance of their duties. Therein, no branch
4 or unit of government, department, agency, elected
5 official or employee required or allowed to receive legal
6 services by law, charter ordinance. City policy or
7 contract may solicit or obtain formal legal advice or
8 retain services or representation from an outside law
9 firm or attorney in the execution of their duties without
10 requesting and receiving the approval of corporation
11 council unless expressly allowed by charter. So to that
12 effect corporation council Conrad Mallard replied on 4-18
13 denying the Board's request to recruit and appoint a
14 Board attorney and legal assistant.

15 MS. SHAW: As such, HR will not post these budgeted
16 positions. Also pursuing Detroit city charter, article 7,
17 section 7- 804, the Board may hire in accordance with
18 article 6, chapter 4, such additional staff as is
19 necessary to carry out its duties all members of the
20 staff are under direction of the Board. Please note that
21 corporation council attorney is not under the direction
22 of the Board but is under the direction of corporate
23 council appointed by the mayor. One of the Board's
24 attorney's responsibilities is to act as a liaison
25 between this independent body and the City of Detroit Law

1 Department affording this Board the ability to provide
2 independent oversight. Mr. Chair, the only other update I
3 have is regarding committees. Would you like me to do
4 that today?

5 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: No, we might have to wait on
6 that one.

7 MS. SHAW: Okay.

8 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Now can I ask? I can ask a
9 question, right? Yeah.

10 PARLIAMENTARIAN DR. FRANCIS JACKSON: I'm not clear
11 on that.

12 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Okay.

13 PARLIAMENTARIAN DR. FRANCIS JACKSON: The OMA says
14 you may receive reports and the language from a
15 parliamentary point of view would allow questions, but I
16 don't know. This is a law. So I would defer to Adam Saxby
17 on whether or not one can do more than just receive.

18 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: The law says we can discuss. We
19 don't have to vote on anything, but we can discuss.

20 PARLIAMENTARIAN DR. FRANCIS JACKSON: So that's the
21 question.

22 ATTORNEY ADAM SAXBY: My interpretation is, as long
23 as you are asking questions to clarify the information
24 provided and not deliberating on any matters, then it
25 would be fine.

1 PARLIAMENTARIAN DR. FRANCIS JACKSON: Through the
2 Chair. A very fine line, Mr. Chairman, which is why I
3 posted my answer as I did.

4 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Right. So I'm going to give a
5 very fine line too.

6 COMMISSIONER MOORE: I have a clarifying question.

7 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Yes.

8 COMMISSIONER MOORE: So, Madam Secretary, when you
9 sent the language to corporation council Mallad, that you
10 put in there, the language you just read to us? Does he
11 know that we know and understand that he may, with
12 emphasis on, may have representation from the city.

13 MS. SHAW: Not this language that I read today in its
14 fullness, but excerpts from it. Yes and I reference the
15 charter.

16 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Thank you.

17 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Yes. I got one on the backlog.

18 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Put it in a question.

19 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Oh, okay. Question. If we
20 would've had the task workers, do you think we would've
21 had the backlog down by now or down to zero? That's a
22 question.

23 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Not according to my Mac law.
24 Mercy Mason Law.

25 MS. SHAW: So Mr. Chair I'm not able to say exactly

1 how many cases those task workers would've been able to
2 complete, but certainly more individuals working on cases
3 would've brought the numbers down.

4 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Okay. Would've brought the
5 numbers down. Okay. The task workers would've brought the
6 numbers down. That was my question. Okay. I'm done.

7 MS. SHAW: Mr. Chair, there's one item and it's of an
8 urgent matter from DPD.

9 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Yes.

10 MS. SHAW: So at the March 30th meeting, this
11 honorable Board received a preliminary copy of the LPR
12 specification report from DPD and that's to procure
13 additional license plate readers. Commander Paris will be
14 providing a memorandum as a cover sheet, after which I'll
15 resubmit that to the Board as incoming correspondence
16 next week. DPD's asking for a priority for the Board to
17 provide input and approval for these specifications. So
18 pursuant to ordinance number 202117, chapter 17, article
19 5, and for the satisfaction of the public, the BOPC
20 administrative staff members are prepared to coordinate a
21 public hearing proposed for May 11th, if that pleases the
22 Board. This will promote transparency by allowing the
23 public to hear and see specifications of this
24 surveillance technology, ask questions and provide input.
25 If it pleases the Chair, the Policy Committee Chair and

1 this Board, the admin team can also schedule a Policy
2 Committee meeting before or after that hearing, or it can
3 be handled by the full Board in full sessions. I know we
4 can't decide that right now.

5 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Don't even decide. I just want
6 to put it out there.

7 MS. SHAW: On the record that we need to deal with
8 this.

9 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Great. All right.

10 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to move
11 that we adjourn the meeting.

12 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Second. Any discussion?

13 PARLIAMENTARIAN DR. FRANCIS JACKSON: It's non-
14 debatable.

15 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Non-debatable. All in favor?
16 Aye. All in favor?

17 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

18 CHAIRPERSON FERGUSON: Meeting is adjourned.

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21 (Meeting Adjourned at 4:20pm)

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