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3 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Good afternoon, citizens, and
4 commissioners. We will now call our Board of Police
5 Commissioners meeting to order. Noting that there is no
6 quorum, we will move forward with invocation with
7 Chaplain Wilson James.

8 CHAPLAIN WILSON JAMES: Bless you, sir. Can you all
9 hear me?

10 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Yes, we can hear you. Go
11 ahead.

12 CHAPLAIN WILSON JAMES: Okay, let's pray. First of
13 all, we thank you right now, God, as we enter into this
14 meeting, God today. We thank you God for a day we've
15 never seen before. Thank you, God, for the air that we
16 never breathed before. Now, God, we pray that you will be
17 in the midst of what's about to be said today. We pray
18 that you bless every tongue, bless our minds and bless
19 our heart today. Father, we understand that the magnitude
20 of our gratitude is more than words can even express. We
21 still got to say thank you, God, in the midst of any
22 chaotic situation. God, today I thank you for being a
23 present health in a time of trouble. So God, we bless
24 God, every person that is on this mind today, God, and
25 what they stand for. We pray now, God, that you will

1 touch them, God. I pray now, God, as there's anything
2 going on in our lives today, God, that you, God will be
3 the healer. You will be the deliverer. I pray now. God,
4 we thank you God, and we bless you for this meeting on
5 today. God, it is ordained by you, God. So we thank you
6 for it. We bless every person. It is in the matchless
7 name of Jesus, God, that we give your name praise. We say
8 that there is no weapon formed against us, God, today
9 that is going to prosper. So I thank you right now, and I
10 bless you in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

11 COMMISSIONERS: Amen.

12 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you, sir, very much for
13 that fervent prayer, Chaplain Wilson James. As I was
14 sharing before the meeting chaplain Wilson James poured
15 to me as a young man in the ministry and so glad to have
16 him here at the meeting today. At this time, again,
17 noting that there is no quorum we will move to public
18 comment, but I will give you some time as the community
19 gathers itself to sign up for public comment. So while we
20 are waiting for names for public comment I will move to
21 the community Impact Report by Secretary Shah.

22 MS. SHAH: Thank you, Mr. Chair. For the community
23 impact report today we're going to hear from Chief
24 Investigator Warfield, who has instructed his
25 investigators to immediately escalate DPD member behavior

1 that appears to be egregious to him. This practice is
2 intended to accomplish the following, to immediately
3 start conversations with DPD about mitigating any public
4 risks from officers that may not be fit to interact with
5 the public, bring awareness to the commissioner of these
6 situations, their frequency and resolution, and reassure
7 the public that the Board is taking special care to
8 identify and address police misconduct while avoiding
9 public disclosure of officer and citizen names unless
10 absolutely necessary. So I'll hand it over to Chief
11 Investigator Warfield to begin his report out.

12 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Go ahead.

13 MR. WARFIELD: Through the Chair. Thank you. As the
14 secretary has said, our investigators at the office of
15 the Chief Investigator, as you know, reviews about a
16 thousand to 1200 cases a year. There are some cases that
17 stand out as more escalated as others. What we want to do
18 is just give a brief overview of some of those cases that
19 are being investigated right now by our investigators as
20 they have come into our office as alleged complaints of
21 misconduct against the police. The first case that we
22 want to debrief as an escalated citizen complaint
23 happened on January the second, 2023 in the Second
24 Precinct. There is body-worn camera footage of the
25 incident captured by several officers on the scene. The

1 special response team was executing a search warrant on
2 two homes after a barricaded gunman was cleared from the
3 dwelling. As the officers proceeded toward the location,
4 a dog was chained to a fence and the chain was wrapped
5 around the pole. The officers shot the animal without the
6 dog advancing toward the officer.

7 MR. WARFIELD: Just prior to SRT making the scene,
8 the owner of the dog who requested to secure the dog, was
9 told by a sergeant and a commander, the dog would not be
10 hurt. Typically, in this type of situation, the dog owner
11 is afforded the opportunity to retrieve the dog. Footage
12 from this incident has been shared with DPD leadership.
13 OCI's investigation is ongoing. Once completed, OCI will
14 notify the complainant of the findings, and the
15 commissioners will be advised of the findings and
16 corrective actions that would be taken. Second debrief of
17 escalated citizen complaint happened on May the fourth,
18 2023 in the 11th precinct. The incident is captured by
19 the scout cars in camera and dash camera and by one of
20 the two—

21 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: One second Chief investigator.
22 Sorry to interrupt you, but I do want my fellow
23 commission to know that the report he's giving you is in
24 following tab six. It's in your packets. Tab six. You may
25 continue.

1 MR. WARFIELD: Thank you, sir. The incident is
2 captured by the scout cars in car camera, and by one of
3 the two officers on the scene. According to the in-car
4 camera footage, a white car with tinted windows past
5 officers going in the opposite direction on a residential
6 street. The officers completed a U-turn and initiated a
7 traffic stop on the vehicle after blowing through a stop
8 sign in a school zone. The first officer ordered the
9 driver to roll down all the windows and the windows were
10 rolled down. The first officer who approached the driver
11 did not capture body worn camera footage of the stop. As
12 a result, the first officer's directions to the driver
13 was not audible after he exited the scout car. It
14 appeared the first officer ordered the driver out of the
15 vehicle. The first officer patted the driver down,
16 removed an item from his pocket and escorted the driver
17 to the front of the scout car.

18 MR. WARFIELD: The second officer ordered the front
19 seat passenger to exit the vehicle, patted him down and
20 escorted him to the scout car. The driver and the front
21 seat passenger were physically held by their arms at the
22 front of the scout car by the second officer directly in
23 front of the in-car camera of the scout car,
24 significantly blocking the view of the camera. The
25 backseat passenger was ordered to exit the vehicle and

1 stand at the scout car. While the first officer searched
2 the vehicle, the backseat passenger was standing to the
3 back right side of the second officer who was still
4 holding on to the two other citizens. After the first
5 officer completed his search of the vehicle, all three
6 citizens were asked to return to the vehicle. This is
7 when the first officer requested identification and
8 registration and proof of insurance. The officers
9 returned to the scout car with the driver's documents at
10 the nine minute and 42 second mark in the video, the
11 officers accepted a car to go on another run.

12 MR. WARFIELD: They returned the documents to the
13 driver and advised you will receive a ticket in the mail.
14 This footage has been shared with DPD leadership. OCI's
15 investigation is ongoing. Once completed, OCI will notify
16 the complainant of findings and commissioners will be
17 advised the findings and corrective actions. Debrief of
18 escalated citizen complaint on June the eighth, 2023 in
19 the Sixth Precinct. Video footage of the incident was
20 captured by body-worn cameras of the three main officers
21 and by the scout cars in-car camera. Specifically, video
22 footage of the incident revealed the following. Body-Worn
23 camera footage revealed what appears to be unwarranted,
24 excessive force, and the officers did not identify
25 themselves nor tell the citizens for the rationale for

1 the stop. The citizen was not pulled over for a traffic
2 stop but was observed by officers spending a longer than
3 usual amount of time at a stop sign near his house.

4 MR. WARFIELD: The scout car was positioned to the
5 left of the citizen's vehicle. The officers turned right,
6 made a U-turn, and then made a left turn in order to
7 follow the citizen unto his street. The citizen parked
8 his vehicle in his driveway and began walking toward his
9 house. Three officers pulled up in the scout car, exited
10 and aggressively approached the citizen, telling the
11 citizen to stop and get over here. As the citizen was
12 near the steps of his house, the citizen repeatedly said,
13 I didn't do anything wrong, you all need to chill. The
14 officers immediately placed their hands on the citizen
15 who asked several times for a supervisor. The citizen
16 stopped, asked what he had done wrong and was wrestled to
17 the ground by all three officers, struck in the face,
18 placed in handcuffs, and put in the back of a scout car.
19 While the body-worn camera footage did reveal the citizen
20 was wearing a gun holster, it did not reveal a weapon on
21 the citizen.

22 MR. WARFIELD: Officers searched the vehicle and
23 found an unloaded case weapon in the trunk, which the
24 officer confiscated. The citizen repeatedly complained
25 about his treatment and inquired repeatedly while he was

1 being arrested or detained. At approximately 11-minute
2 mark of the video, an officer briefly responded that the
3 citizen was being arrested for resisting and obstructing.
4 Throughout the interaction bystanders also demand an
5 explanation for the detainment slash arrest and one
6 officer threatened to arrest a bystander if she didn't go
7 into the house. The CCR meets the criteria for category
8 two use of force and has been investigated by the parent
9 command. The command completed their investigation and
10 did not find misconduct. OCI's investigation is still
11 ongoing. Once completed, OCI will notify the complainant
12 of findings and commissioners will be advised of findings
13 and corrective actions. The last debrief of escalated
14 citizen complaint. This happened on June the 19th, 2023
15 in the 10th Precinct.

16 MR. WARFIELD: I will give a disclaimer. There is
17 very strong language that is in this complaint. I will
18 read it not to be profane, but to tell it as it was
19 quoted from the officer. So I indulge your patience and
20 apologize in advance for what I'm about to read.

21 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Proceed.

22 MR. WARFIELD: There is body-worn camera footage from
23 both officers on the scene, which captures the incident.
24 It appears the responding officers breached the door of
25 the apartment of the occupants. The officers entered the

1 apartment with firearms drawn and the male officer
2 instructs the male citizen who is seated in a chair to
3 put your fucking hands up. The male officer asks, what
4 the fuck is God-damned wrong with you, you stupid
5 motherfucker? As the male officer hits the male citizen
6 and knocks something out of his hand, the male officer
7 instructs the male citizen to lay on the god-damned
8 ground. The female officer says to the male citizen,
9 while the male officer searches for the female citizen in
10 the apartment, the female citizen is located in her
11 bedroom sleeping, but is awakened by the disturbance. The
12 female citizen is upset, stating she has mental problems,
13 and she called the police three hours ago when the boy
14 came there with a gun.

15 MR. WARFIELD: The male officer instructs the female
16 citizen to have a good day and go back to sleep. As the
17 male officer walks back to the living room, the female
18 citizen exit the bedroom and the male officer with gun in
19 hand demands that she return to her bedroom. The female
20 citizen is trying to explain her dismay at the officers
21 for showing up three hours late. The male officer then
22 says to the citizen, get back in your fucking room. The
23 female officer adds, maybe if you answered the phone when
24 dispatch calls and we asked for an apartment, we will be
25 here. As the officers were about to leave the apartment,

1 the male officer comments to the female citizen, hey, I
2 have an idea. Don't let people inside your house you
3 don't want inside the house, bottom line. The male
4 officer turns to the female citizen and says, both of you
5 too need Jesus or some shit. The female citizen asked the
6 male officer, what do you need?

7 MR. WARFIELD: The officer responded, what I need is
8 to go straight to fucking hell, ma'am. When I knock on
9 the god-damned door, you answer the fucking door, you
10 dumb motherfuckers. The female citizen responds to the
11 male officer saying, you dumb motherfucker. The male
12 officer responds by saying, that's why you're getting
13 your ass beat every night, you dumb bitch. As the male
14 officer walks down the stairs, he says to the female
15 citizen, good luck bitch. The female officer chuckles at
16 the male officer's remarks. This case was reviewed by
17 Captain Lever and the male officer was immediately
18 removed from the streets and placed on desk duty pending
19 further evaluation. We did find out today that the male
20 officer is back on the streets. OCI's investigation is
21 ongoing. Once completed, OCI will notify the complainant
22 of findings and commissioners will be advised of findings
23 and corrective actions. Thank you.

24 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you for that report. At
25 this time, still noting that there is no quorum. We will

1 move to a public comment. Mr. Brown.

2 MR. BROWN: Yeah. Good afternoon, Mr. Chair.

3 Currently I have six speakers. I'll call those that's
4 present. Minister. Eric Blount, followed by Ms. Fredia
5 Butler, followed by Ms. Bernice Smith.

6 MINISTER BLOUNT: Good afternoon, Board.

7 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Good afternoon.

8 MINISTER BLOUNT: Chief. I'm Minister. Eric Blount
9 from Sacred Heart Catholic Church here in Detroit. I've
10 been taught that in a serious relationship it's okay to
11 be upset. So lately I've been upset with God, but not
12 revealing the corruption of each and every Board member
13 here today. Why has it taken so long? All of you have
14 prostituted yourselves in one way or another before this
15 Board. I'll start with my own District 2. Commissioner
16 Bernard, offering your legal services to officers you
17 just voted to promote is nothing more than scandalous.
18 But yet no one said anything to her. Everybody gave her a
19 pass. It leads us to believe you're all in on it.
20 Commissioner Chairperson Pressley. The way you press
21 through the license plate reader approval is nothing more
22 than scandalous.

23 MINISTER BLOUNT: With just a brief presentation by
24 DPD, you said, let's vote. You knew or should have known
25 that your own Board Secretary Shah had a presentation, an

1 analysis that was less than flattering about license
2 plate reader. But you went ahead for a vote anyway. You
3 knew or should have known that ACL was doing another
4 analysis that was less than flattering about license
5 plate readers. But you couldn't wait just a week for
6 either one of them. You should have known or should have
7 known they were coming and could have waited. But you got
8 the votes you needed. You did as you were told. The HR
9 report for today should be weekly and it should include
10 all contacts with public-

11 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you. Your time has
12 expended.

13 MINISTER BLOUNT: Body worn cameras are not recorded-

14 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you.

15 MS. BUTLER: Good afternoon, Board.

16 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Good afternoon.

17 MS. BUTLER: Thank you for your discretion for
18 conducting the meeting July 13th at Laborers Local 1191.
19 The next commissioner should come from District 1, the
20 person who received the second highest vote. They live in
21 the district. The decision should be easy to make until
22 the next election and the people will vote for the
23 commissioner to represent them. Commissioners, our
24 neighborhood police officers invite you and the public to
25 a public jazz concert at the Second Precinct this Friday,

1 July 21st at 6:30 PM, location 13530 La Jore, one block
2 west of Schaefer and north of Grand River. The north side
3 gates will open at 5:30 PM. This concert is only one of
4 the many ways our officers are working to create unity in
5 our communities. Commissioners and the public, bring your
6 lawn chair and your snacks or purchase some great food
7 from the food truck and sit back, relax, and enjoy the
8 evening of jazz by the great artist, Mr. Lynn Roundtree.
9 We look forward to you being there. If it rains, the
10 event will take place the next day at the same time.
11 Thank you.

12 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you. One second, Mr.
13 Brown. Dr. Jackson, noting that a quorum is now here, is
14 it in the Chair's right to move to begin the meeting or
15 do we have to complete the public comment?

16 PARLIAMENTARIAN DR. FRANCIS JACKSON: You can begin
17 the meeting, Mr. Chairman.

18 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you. At this time, we'll
19 postpone public comment until the moment where it is on
20 the agenda, and then we'll get right back to you. So
21 again, for any citizens who are here, you still have an
22 opportunity for public comment. At this time, Secretary
23 Shah, would you begin with the introduction of
24 Commissioners.

25 MS. SHAH: Chair QuanTez Pressley – Here.

1 MS. SHAH: Vice-Chair Jim Holley – Here.

2 MS. SHAH: Commissioner Annie Holt submitted an
3 excuse absence.

4 MS. SHAH: Commissioner Linda Bernard – Attorney
5 Linda Bernard present. Welcome everyone. Again, I
6 apologize for my glasses. It's my eyes.

7 MS. SHAH: Commissioner Ricardo Moore submitted an
8 excused absence.

9 MS. SHAH: Commissioner Cedric Banks – Present.

10 MS. SHAH: Commissioner Lisa Carter – Present.

11 MS. SHAH: Commissioner Willy Bell submitted an
12 excused absence.

13 MS. SHAH: Commissioner Willy Burton – I'm present.

14 MS. SHAH: Commissioner Jesus Hernandez –

15 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you. A quorum is
16 present. With that, the Chair entertains a motion for the
17 approval of the agenda for July 20th, 2023.

18 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: So move.

19 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Is there a second?

20 COMMISSIONER: Support.

21 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: It's been properly moved and
22 second. Is there any objection? Hearing none, those
23 agendas will be approved. Next the Chair will entertain a
24 motion for the approval of the minutes for July 13th,
25 2023.

1 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: So moved.

2 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Second.

3 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: It's been properly moved and
4 second. Is there any objection? Those minutes have been
5 approved. Now we move for the introduction of BOPC staff
6 of the Chief of police elected officers and or
7 representatives and community leaders of our Secretary
8 Shah.

9 MS. SHAH: Thank you, Mr. Chair. For BOPC staff, we
10 have Chief Investigator Jerome Warfield, Mr. Robert
11 Brown, Ms. Theresa Blossom, Ms. Jonya Underwood and Ms.
12 Candace Hayes are on Zoom. We have present also from OCI
13 Ms. LiSonya Sloan and Ms. Adela Rivera. Our
14 parliamentarian, Dr. Francis Jackson is present along
15 with DPD HR Director Katrina Patillo. We have Don
16 Handyside as our court reporter, Media Services providing
17 video. Our sign language interpreters are Ms. Yakata and
18 Dr. Stephanie Beatty. We also have present Mr.—I'll move
19 on to elected officials and representatives. Ms. Fredia
20 Butler, Community Relations President for Second
21 Precinct. We have district four CAC member Scotty Boman,
22 Former Police Commissioner William Davis, Ms. Marie
23 Overall, state representative Tyrone Carter's office. Mr.
24 Ron Thomas, VP of DPOA, Ms. LaDon Davis from City Council
25 member Fred Durhal, the Second's Office. Chief White is

1 also present with us today.

2 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you for that. Again, I
3 welcome everyone's presence here to today's Board of
4 Police Commission's meeting. With that, we'll now move on
5 to the BOPC officer's report where we have commendation
6 for several individuals. First will be for retiring BOPC
7 Senior Investigator Adela Rivera. I'm going to ask that
8 Commissioner Carter please read that resolution for us,
9 if you will.

10 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Sure. Thank you, Mr. Chair.
11 Resolution honoring BOPC Senior Investigator Adela Matias
12 Rivera. Whereas senior investigator, Adela Rivera was
13 appointed to the office of the Chief Investigator in June
14 of 2011, where she was assigned to the office of the
15 Chief Investigator. Whereas Senior Investigator Rivera is
16 a lifelong resident of the city of Detroit, she has made
17 significant contributions to southwest Detroit residents
18 and communities. Whereas Senior Investigator Rivera
19 started her career with the City of Detroit in the police
20 department in 1977. She served in various units within
21 the police department, including Patrol Second Precinct,
22 Police Mini Station, Westside Task Force, and a member of
23 the Chief of Police staff. She was promoted to sergeant
24 and was assigned to Executive Protection Unit for Mayor
25 Coleman Young, where she served as commanding officer.

1 She was instrumental in forming the Hispanic Police
2 Officers Association. As Vice-President of the
3 association, she was very successful in garnering support
4 from area businesses, the community, the city officials
5 to help promote its goal to support Hispanics on the
6 police force, and to provide educational scholarships to
7 deserving young students.

8 COMMISSIONER CARTER: She retired from the police
9 department in 2002. Whereas Senior Investigator Rivera
10 was appointed to the Board of Police Commissioner by
11 Mayor Kenneth Cockrell Jr. and served from 2009 to 2011.
12 She has provided years of service as a volunteer in
13 various community organizations. One of her most
14 rewarding activities is fulfilling Dreams and Hope.

15 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Make the motion. I entertain a
16 motion for the adoption of this resolution for archives.

17 COMMISSIONER BANKS: I entertain a motion to adopt.

18 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: You move. I entertain the
19 motion. You move.

20 COMMISSIONER BANKS: I move to entertain the motion
21 to adopt this in the archives.

22 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Mr. Chairman, is that correct?

23 PARLIAMENTARIAN DR. FRANCIS JACKSON: Just correct
24 it, Mr. Chairman, when you say that.

25 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Okay. Is there a second?

1 COMMISSIONER BANKS: I want to second it.

2 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: All right. It's been properly
3 moved and second that we adopt the resolution into our
4 archives. All those in favor, please signify by saying
5 aye.

6 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

7 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: All those opposed. Ayes have
8 it. That resolution is accepted. Congratulations and
9 thank you for your tireless years of service. Will you
10 stand. Excellent. Present that to her.

11 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: We were fighting over you, Ms.
12 Rivera.

13 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Get the Chief in here too.

14 COMMISSIONER: Yeah.

15 COMMISSIONER: White. Get in the front in the center.
16 Could you?

17 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Yeah. Everybody wants to be with
18 the Chief. We were fighting over you, Ms. Rivera.

19 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Well, you can.

20 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: At 37 years, you can do anything
21 you want. You earned it.

22 MS. RIVERA: I just want to say that it has been my
23 absolute honor and pleasure to serve the city of Detroit
24 and all of its citizens, the mayor, and to the amazing
25 people that I have met in all my time with the Detroit

1 Police Department and with the Board of Police
2 Commissioners and with the office of the Chief
3 Investigator. Chief, this time I'll try to stay retired.

4 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Excellent, excellent. Chief
5 Investigator Warfield, would you like to make some
6 remarks?

7 MR. WARFIELD: Yes. Just very briefly. Tomorrow at 12
8 noon at the office of the Chief Investigator, we will be
9 having coffee, cake, and food celebrating Senior
10 Investigator Adela Rivera. So all of those who wish to
11 come by, please come by tomorrow. She has been just a
12 stellar employee. We served together on the Board, but
13 she has always been the consummate professional and we
14 are grateful for her and glad that she's able to enjoy
15 the rest of her life.

16 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you. Now we have three
17 more accommodations, and these have been given by
18 Commissioner Burton. So we'll start with Yvonne Cross
19 Community Resolution. Commissioner Burton.

20 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
21 whereas Yvonne Cross is a native Detroitter with a strong
22 commitment to family, neighborhoods, and community. She
23 attended Detroit Public Schools and majored in
24 engineering at Wayne State University after graduating
25 from Northeastern High School. She is the founder owner

1 of Make It Happen Affordable Homes. Whereas she has been
2 married for 33 years and has three daughters and six
3 grandchildren. Ms. Cross and her family has lived in
4 Russell Woods, Boston, Edison, Alden Park, east Boston.
5 She has rehabilitated homes in each community. Since
6 2008, she also has renovated eight single family homes in
7 historic Russell Woods. Ms. Cross was part of a team
8 featured on front page of Cranes Detroit for magnificent
9 renovations of a home in Boston Edison. She's currently
10 developing two historic 18-unit apartment buildings where
11 she secured parking and adjoined courtyard. It has been a
12 historic Russell Woods at Grassroots entrepreneur. Her
13 goal is to make Detroit a better city house by house and
14 block by block.

15 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Whereas Ms. Cross supports the
16 mission of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners, she
17 has been a leader or a supporter of many projects that
18 improve community safety, including the neighborhood
19 patrol for Autumn Park in Russell Woods. She served as
20 the president of Autumn Park, east Boston Association for
21 three years. She also is a member of the historic Russell
22 Woods Association and a Board member for Care community,
23 which provides pre and postnatal care for mothers and
24 infants to combat infant mortality and other risk during
25 the Covid 19 pandemic. Ms. Cross distributed thousands of

1 food baskets, masks, and hand sanitizers to seniors,
2 children, and others' vulnerable community members.
3 Therefore, be resolved that the Detroit Border Police
4 Commissioners speaking on behalf of the residents of
5 Detroit and the Detroit Police Department, salutes and
6 sincerely thank you Yvonne Cross for her civic
7 participation and contribution to improving public safety
8 and the quality of life in our great city of Detroit.

9 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you, Commissioner
10 Burton. The Chair entertains the motion to adopt this
11 resolution for archives.

12 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: So move.

13 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Is there a second?

14 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Second.

15 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: It's been properly moved and
16 second. All those in favor, please signify by saying aye.

17 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

18 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: All those opposed. It passes.
19 This motion passes. Congratulations, Yvonne Cross on your
20 wonderful service to our community. Finally, we have two
21 certificates of appreciation. Ms. Cross is present. Would
22 you please stand, Ms. Cross? We celebrate you. You may
23 come forward to receive your resolution as well from
24 Commissioner Burton. Again, congratulations. Finally, we
25 have two certificates of appreciation that I'll allow

1 commissioner Burton to introduce.

2 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Mr. Weatherspoon the third is
3 he present?

4 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Excellent.

5 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Mr. Weatherspoon. Certificate
6 of appreciation presents to Julius Weatherspoon the third
7 for outstanding community service and contribution that
8 supports the Board of Police Commission and the community
9 led oversight of the Detroit Police Department presented
10 during the meeting of the Board of Police Commission on
11 Thursday, July 20, 2023.

12 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Excellent. Congratulations.

13 COMMISSIONER: Picture of both of them together,
14 perhaps.

15 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: When we finish this
16 certificate of appreciation, we'll take pictures with
17 both of the honorees.

18 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Our last one for today, Mr.
19 Chairman, is a certificate of appreciation presented to
20 In Harmony Cafe Sweets, and more. Are you present today?

21 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Excellent.

22 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Okay. Awesome. For the
23 outstanding community service and contribution that
24 supports the Board of Police Commissioners and community
25 led oversight of the Detroit Police Department this is

1 presented during today's meeting Thursday, July 20th.
2 Certificate appreciation presented to In Harmony Cafe
3 Sweets and more. They are in the 10th Precinct which is
4 District 5. Can you come forward please?

5 COMMISSIONER: Thank you for this.

6 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Congratulations.

7 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Chief, it's not real. It's not
8 authentic unless you take the picture with us.

9 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Now you know it's real.

10 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Now we know it's real.

11 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you. Again, we look
12 forward to continuing honoring those members of our
13 community doing amazing work, not only in police
14 oversight, but also in ensuring that our communities are
15 safe and strong. So we thank every person for their
16 contribution. With that, that will conclude the BOPC
17 officer's report, and we will now move to the Chief of
18 Police Report. Welcome, Chief White. It's on you.

19 CHIEF WHITE: Thank you very much. Honorable Board,
20 good afternoon.

21 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Good afternoon.

22 CHIEF WHITE: I have a number of people with me
23 today, Assistant Chief Fitzgerald, Commander Gardner. I
24 have Captain Lever lights in my eye. We have Vice-
25 President Ron Thomas from the DPOA. If anyone else I

1 missed, I apologize. Of course, my staff is here. Getting
2 into our report we continue to see really, really good
3 work and synergy from our 12-point plan. Our crime
4 strategy. It's no secret. Early in the spring we started
5 off brutally with violence. Certainly, violence is still
6 too high in our community, and which is why we are doing
7 everything in our power to combat violence and keep our
8 community safe. But we are happy to see some numbers that
9 many major cities are not seeing such as our reduction in
10 homicides at 7% as of this morning. It's just some
11 phenomenal work getting those violent offenders off the
12 street. A 4% reduction in our non-fatal shootings, and
13 incredibly, a 26% reduction in our carjackings.

14 CHIEF WHITE: That is proactive policing and
15 targeting those folks who are targeting our community and
16 our citizens and getting those offenders off the street.
17 We know that there are other major cities that are seeing
18 an uptick in carjackings, particularly the Kia vehicles
19 and others that are very easy to get. They're using a lot
20 of technology to do that. But we're also seeing young
21 people around the country because we track this stuff
22 that are seeing people at gas stations and things like
23 that and making a decision to carjack and use a vehicle
24 almost like an Uber. So proactive policing drives that
25 down. You can get those offenders off the street. We do

1 have a 4% uptick in robberies. When you look at all the
2 numbers together, and we're targeting that robbery
3 number, and we think we're going to be able to get that
4 in the green as well. It's halfway through the year,
5 we're encouraged by what we're seeing. 4% at this point
6 gives us an opportunity to get that in the green.

7 CHIEF WHITE: Hopefully, we'll be reporting to this
8 Board and the community at the end of the year some
9 reductions in some major crime categories across the
10 city. But still, we have a problem with auto theft.
11 Significant problem with auto theft. In fact, so much so
12 that we see as of today, 29% increase in auto theft
13 around our city. We'll talk about that a little bit
14 later. Moving to a few really important crime categories
15 or crime incidents. Homicide that occurred. It's just an
16 update for the Board and the community. On Tuesday, July
17 11th at 12:05 AM officers were dispatched to the 300
18 block of West McNichols to investigate a call for service
19 on an unknown problem. Officers arrived at the scene and
20 observed the victim partially clothed and covered in
21 blood. Medics responded to that scene, declared that the
22 victim had died and was dead at the scene.

23 CHIEF WHITE: Detectives from our Homicide Unit
24 arrived at the scene to investigate and interview
25 witnesses. They did a canvas. They recovered a lot of

1 evidence, and they reviewed video in the area. Detectives
2 developed information on the suspect, broadcasted
3 citywide. The local media was a tremendous help to us,
4 and it was also discovered that the suspect assaulted and
5 attempted to abduct a woman at a target in Troy,
6 Michigan. I'm pretty sure you're familiar with this case,
7 but I'll continue. On Tuesday, July 11th at 2020 or
8 Tuesday, July 11th, 2023, at 5:20 PM officers from
9 Dearborn Heights, the police department observed the
10 suspect in any the area of Telegraph and Midway
11 attempting to get on a bus. The suspect was arrested at
12 the scene without incident. Detectives from multiple
13 departments interviewed the suspect and gathered
14 additional evidence and prepared a warrant to the Wayne
15 County Prosecutor's Office.

16 CHIEF WHITE: On Saturday, July 15th, Wayne County
17 prosecutor's office signed a warrant for the arrest of
18 the suspect for homicide. On Tuesday, July 17th, the
19 suspect was arraigned at 36th District Court for
20 premeditated murder and he's being held in Wayne County
21 with no bond. Just horrible. Just absolutely horrible a
22 chance encounter. We're confident that he was probably
23 going to strike again had it not been for the information
24 that was broadcasted by Detroit police officers and a
25 very alert Dearborn Heights police officer who was able

1 to get him off the street. He was setting up this strike
2 again. Just absolutely horrible. Another incident that's
3 senseless is an incident that happened and was
4 erroneously reported by the media that agencies couldn't
5 figure out who was going to take the lead on the case.
6 This involved a 12-year-old victim who was assaulted with
7 acid at a school playground, or on a school playground.

8 CHIEF WHITE: On July 9th, at 7:50 PM officers were
9 dispatched to Finkel or the area Pembroke 13,000 block
10 for felonious assault. Officers arrived at the scene,
11 spoke to the victim who was 12 years old, and the
12 victim's mother. The victim explained that she and
13 several of her friends got into a fight with an unknown
14 female at the school. The victim started yelling I got
15 something for you, and a few other expletives, and threw
16 a red substance in a clear bottle onto the victim causing
17 significant burns. DPSPD, which is Detroit Public School
18 Police Department, were the lead on the investigation who
19 supported an assisted. But they did a really good job and
20 a really strong investigation that led to the Wayne
21 County prosecutor issuing a warrant against a 12-year-
22 old, which had to be a very difficult decision. But the
23 facts of the case supported the issuance of the warrant,
24 and we certainly support it.

25 CHIEF WHITE: The child who has permanent burns from

1 acid—I don't even know how they just happened to have
2 acid—was taken into custody. The investigation continues.
3 There's some other parts that I can't discuss right now
4 that are wide open. But the good news is that the child
5 that was victimized is expected to recover. The final
6 incident before I get into a few other issues occurred
7 July 16th Sunday.

8 PARLIAMENTARIAN DR. FRANCIS JACKSON: Mr. Chairman.

9 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Yes.

10 PARLIAMENTARIAN DR. FRANCIS JACKSON: You don't have
11 a quorum.

12 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you. It is noted that
13 there is no quorum present, and so we must pause the
14 Chief's report seeing that there is no quorum. So at this
15 point, we will now move to public comment.

16 MR. BROWN: Yeah. Mr. Chairman, currently—

17 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: I apologize, Chief.

18 MR. BROWN: Speakers. Ms. Bernice Smith, followed by
19 Ms. Charnita Williams, followed by Mr. Ronald Foster.

20 MS. SMITH: Good afternoon.

21 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Good afternoon.

22 MS. SMITH: Chief, bless your heart. Congratulations
23 to you. I'm kind of late, but that's all right. Better
24 late than never.

25 CHIEF WHITE: Thank you.

1 MS. SMITH: Wish you the best for your future and
2 your Mrs.

3 CHIEF WHITE: Thank you.

4 MS. SMITH: I'm looking forward to meeting her,
5 though.

6 CHIEF WHITE: Thank you.

7 MS. SMITH: Anyway, I came today. Again, I'm
8 heartbroken because I hear reports from our police
9 department that I don't even want to hear about. I came
10 to tell you about what happened in the Chicago last
11 weekend, but the fact is that we are not doing what
12 they're doing in Chicago. Chicago's always been needing
13 in their racism and everything else as far as the
14 citizens of Chicago. I was born there, and I was raised
15 there. I came here 60 years ago, and I loved Detroit. But
16 what happened last week that I saw, and I hope it'll
17 never happen here, and I'm sure we won't let it happen.
18 The migrants that were shipped there from Mexico, would
19 you believe where they were? They were in front of the
20 police station on Madison Avenue. Tents and everything
21 was there for their, I guess, comfort. I don't know. Then
22 on top of it, what happened, two policemen raped one of
23 the immigrants. I can't talk to guys because my mouth
24 doesn't have my teeth in there.

25 MS. SMITH: But anyway, I was heartbroken in the fact

1 that this happened. I talked with several of my friends
2 there in Chicago, and we went over it and everything.
3 Then I called the mayor's office because I knew Jerry
4 Butler years ago when he was a policeman commissioner.
5 Well, they call him Alderman's over there. So I kept the
6 number and of course, they didn't say anything about what
7 I expressed to them, what my thoughts were. They said, we
8 cannot speak Ms. Smith about anything goes on here. So I
9 just want to let you know, Chief, and I'm glad that you
10 here. I'm glad my other ones are here. I love my police
11 department. You did wrong when you used profanity. That
12 upset me while I was sitting there because my department
13 here in Detroit, there's always been-

14 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: With respect, your time has
15 ended.

16 MS. SMITH: Oh my God.

17 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you so much.

18 MS. SMITH: Anyway, keep up the good work police.
19 Chief, take care of the police.

20 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you.

21 MS. SMITH: Make sure they don't do this again.

22 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you. Hold on one second.
23 As our quorum has been reconstituted we will now return
24 to the Chiefs report. I ask that all commissioners please
25 remain in place until the Chief's report has ended. Thank

1 you.

2 CHIEF WHITE: All right. I'll be brief. Sunday, July
3 16th, 2023, officers were dispatched to the 9,000 block
4 of Grasset to investigate a call on a critical assault,
5 which turned out to be a stabbing. Officers arrived at
6 the scene, observed that the victim lying face down with
7 stab wound to his back in his neck and eye. Medic 12
8 responded, and the victim was taken to Detroit Receiving
9 Hospital. Officers reviewed video evidence and spoke to
10 witnesses, and it was determined that a male wearing a
11 camouflage face mask stabbed the victim. We searched for
12 the suspect. We found out that the suspect went through
13 the victim's pockets after he was stabbed to rob him. He
14 left the location on foot, still wearing the mask heading
15 Northbound. Officers released the information on the
16 suspect community tips and other information helped us.
17 Great detective work from the Seventh Precinct that
18 culminated with the arrest of the suspect on July 18th.

19 CHIEF WHITE: Again, just phenomenal police work. It
20 just turned out to be a vicious attack and robbery. That
21 suspect is in custody. He was charged. I don't have the
22 charges with me right now, but he is in custody. We did
23 our walk mile Wednesday yesterday. A fantastic turnout in
24 the Eighth Precinct. We're going to continue to do those
25 all throughout the summer. If the Board would like to

1 join us, we'll make sure that you get the location that
2 we're going to be in. We continue to do that so we can
3 connect with the community, have conversations. I make
4 sure that I'm at each and every one of them. It's like a
5 walking meeting and conversation for us. I want to move
6 on to just a couple more things. The Board is aware that
7 we had a retirement of Deputy Chief Sims, who were in our
8 Western operations.

9 CHIEF WHITE: I know the Board is well familiar with
10 her. She's gone on to retirement and calling me almost
11 every other day, laughing how much fun she's having doing
12 nothing. So hopefully that stops soon. But 27 years of
13 service. So that leaves our western operations area of
14 the department wide open. I'm in the process right now of
15 interviewing a number of candidates. We've got a good
16 problem to have in the police department. We have a
17 highly educated well equipped, well experienced group of
18 people all vying for one job. So I've got my work cut out
19 for me, but I'll be presenting this Board with a number
20 of promotional recommendations in the near future. Often
21 times when this happens the Board asks, chief, why are
22 you moving people? Chief, why are you promoting so many
23 people?

24 CHIEF WHITE: Well, as you know, the Deputy Chief
25 position is a very high position in the organization.

1 Commissioner Bernard's smiling because he's one of the
2 people who always ask me this. What that causes is when
3 you promote at that level, everyone under that person
4 takes a step up. When those step up happen we have to
5 move people around. I will assure the Board, I do not
6 want to be disruptive in moving commanders from
7 precincts, but there will be some movement to adjust for
8 the new promotion that's coming forward. In addition to
9 that, behind that you'll see in the next few weeks
10 recommendations for promotion to Lieutenant and Sergeant.
11 I am very proud of the fact that we are in a position to
12 promote from a new list very soon. Few Chiefs get the
13 opportunity with my time as chief to do their own list.

14 CHIEF WHITE: I came in at the right time where one
15 list was aged out, and we had already budgeted for a new
16 test. That test has happened, and we're excited about the
17 opportunity in the next month or so to present this Board
18 with some recommendations for promotions of some very,
19 very quality candidates. Then the old list as you would
20 imagine would expire out and would not be used again. So,
21 a lot of movement in the department, which certainly
22 helps with morale. I want to move on finally to
23 commissioner, or I apologize. Not commissioner. I want to
24 talk about every time I look at Jerome Warfield, I keep
25 thinking Commissioner Warfield.

1 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Chief Investigator.

2 CHIEF WHITE: Yeah, it's Chief Investigator
3 Warfield's report earlier today with regards to officer's
4 conduct. I just want to assure this Board that that
5 conduct, if true after that investigation is reviewed,
6 will be taken very seriously, and discipline will be
7 certain. But I'm also aware that the investigation is
8 ongoing, but there's no part of the investigation with
9 that type of language, regardless of the outcome of
10 investigation would be acceptable. That is not the
11 standard of this organization. It will not be tolerated,
12 and it is not acceptable. But I also want to provide the
13 fact that this department to date has investigated and
14 responded to 174,752 police runs. As you would imagine,
15 the overwhelming number of those runs were handled
16 appropriately. So that conduct does not represent, in
17 totality, our agency. It represents those officers who
18 chose to take that posture and position and they will be
19 held accountable for it.

20 CHIEF WHITE: So I just want to put that on record
21 with this Board. It'd be negligent for me not to do so.
22 Then finally, I want to just comment on one of the public
23 comments, and I believe it was Minister. Blount.
24 Disagreement doesn't mean disrespect. I have tremendous
25 respect for Minister. Blount's positions and

1 presentation. We simply don't agree on LPRs. LPRs have
2 been in use in this department since 2018. It's in use in
3 the city with municipal parking. That's how they do
4 booting in the city. I would, again, just ask this Board
5 to keep in mind the victims. The accountability of misuse
6 of technology is one piece. If that happens, there can be
7 zero room for anyone who misuses technology. To date
8 since 2018, we haven't had a misuse with an LPR. As this
9 Board is aware, and certainly the attorney on this Board
10 is aware that there's no expectation of privacy of a
11 public facing license plate.

12 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Right.

13 CHIEF WHITE: But at the same time, we have to be
14 responsible for this technology. It is my goal to make
15 the proposition of committing a crime a risky one in the
16 city for the criminal. If there's any misuse of
17 technology, certainly hold me, whatever Chief is here and
18 this police department accountable. But we have to keep
19 in mind baby Winter who was murdered maybe in our city.
20 We don't know. But we know she was murdered by a suspect
21 who had a relationship with her mom. Had nothing to do
22 with it. We know that we were able to track her and track
23 him with the use of technology, including in LPRs. We
24 also use this technology to track and find people who hit
25 and run. We also use this technology for our elderly

1 people who sometimes become disoriented, and their
2 families call and say, I can't find my mom, or I can't
3 find my dad and they're in a car.

4 CHIEF WHITE: We use that technology and say, your
5 mom or dad are at this street and that street, and we
6 sent a car over there, and we were able to get that car
7 stopped and get that person the help that they need
8 because they're disoriented. What would happen if we
9 didn't have that type of technology and they landed with
10 someone who recognized that they did not have their
11 appropriate orientation and then chose to victimize them?
12 So we have to keep a totality of the circumstances and a
13 broader lens to what we're trying to accomplish, and not
14 run and be in fear of technology because of the
15 possibility of misuse, but have accountability for
16 misuse.

17 CHIEF WHITE: I would encourage the Board from a
18 context for context perspective, to take a look at when
19 fingerprinting was first introduced as the law
20 enforcement tool. It is amazing how some of the same
21 fears of misuse were talked about. Now, many, many, many
22 years later the first question asked at a crime scene is,
23 did you get fingerprints? Then when it was first
24 introduced, the idea was that officers would take those
25 prints and put them in different places to make sure that

1 those victims were identified in those areas, that they
2 needed them to be in an illegal manner. I'm not saying
3 it's never happened, I'm not naive. But I'm saying that
4 if in fact it did or does happen, the accountability is
5 on the officer's actions in the criminality that goes
6 along with that, not the elimination of the technology.
7 That's in conclusion of my report. Thank you.

8 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you, Chief White. With
9 that we will have questions from our commissioners. Let
10 me encourage our commissioners to discern whether or not
11 your question is best served in this setting or in
12 writing and also to note that questions lifted here will
13 be memorialized in the minutes to ensure follow up with
14 the Detroit Police Department. With that, Commissioner
15 Bernard.

16 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: First of all I want to
17 congratulate you, Chief, and welcome back from your
18 honeymoon.

19 CHIEF WHITE: Thank you.

20 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: My grandmother used to say all
21 the time, nothing can come between two heads on one
22 pillow. So now that they're two heads on your pillow, I
23 hope that nothing comes between the two of you.

24 CHIEF WHITE: Thank you.

25 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: You've started your report by

1 indicating that you wanted to cover important crime
2 incidents, and then you ended by saying that you wanted
3 us to keep the victims in mind. I agree with you. We must
4 always keep the victims in mind. But what occurred before
5 you got here, I wasn't sure you were going to appear. So
6 I talked to Chief Fitzgerald and I had asked to meet with
7 him tomorrow. We agreed on time myself and the Chief
8 investigator about the reports that were reported to us
9 today. You were offended and as was I about the language
10 that the police officers used in the last incident? But
11 the incident that offended me the most in which was a
12 crime, and which could be prosecuted by the prosecutor,
13 was the assault and battery that the officers did to a
14 man in the driveway to his own home, in broad open
15 daylight, without saying anything to him, asking him for
16 any information, not telling him what the proposed crime
17 was.

18 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: We have pictures of him with
19 his head bashed in, and he's dark, so you can't see the
20 big bruises. So for him to bruise at all, of course, is
21 amazing because he has great skin and his skin doesn't
22 show bruises. But what happened to him, this was an
23 illegal search and seizure, illegal assault and battery,
24 illegal detainment. He violated a number of your
25 policies, our policies, illegal confinement and in the

1 other video, intentional blocking of the dash cam. This
2 is common. I've heard of this before as a lawyer, I'm
3 sure you have too because you've been to court on
4 different proceedings. But this kind of conduct Chief is
5 the kind of conduct as you well know and as I recall,
6 that got us the consent decree before. These incidents
7 you don't see the videos. When you see these videos it's
8 amazing that I can be pulled over in my car, pulled out
9 of my car, really held in front of a running hot car,
10 police car that's running, the engine standing there.

11 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I'm sweating like I'll get
12 out. While you search me you never asked me for a
13 driver's license, never asked me for ID. The search is
14 illegal. The stop is illegal. The assault is illegal.
15 These things are criminally actionable. You and I both
16 know that. That bothers me a lot because I don't want to
17 move back to the consent decree. We can assume, as you
18 and I both know, that for every one real complaints you
19 get, you probably had 10 other people the same thing
20 happened to, but they didn't say anything. In fact, one
21 of these complaints was by someone's mother. It wasn't
22 even by them. So I really think that I want you to, if
23 you can, among all your responsibilities, to talk not to
24 me, but to the rank and file and everybody about
25 constitutional policing and about respecting the citizens

1 of Detroit.

2 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: The fact that I have dreads,
3 or I've got sagging jeans or whatever, that does not give
4 you the right to treat me this way. It does not give you
5 the right to go upside my head. That's what's happening
6 now. I know you're way up here and they're way down here.
7 But I think I know where your heart lies. I think I know
8 where your principles lie. I think I know what you stand
9 for. I'd like to think that whatever it takes, you need
10 to bring in some consultants, bring in whatever you got
11 to do. This has to stop. It has to stop against poor
12 Black people in this community in particular, because I
13 don't think it would happen if it was white people.
14 That's just my own personal opinion. But thank you, Mr.
15 Chair, for allowing me to speak.

16 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you, Commissioner
17 Bernard. Commissioner Carter.

18 CHIEF WHITE: If I may.

19 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Yes. Okay. Briefly please.

20 CHIEF WHITE: It'll be brief, but there's a lot
21 there. We have to be careful when we create this
22 narrative of there will never be misconduct in any
23 organization, period across the board, doctors, lawyers,
24 police officers, I can't state my life on the fact that
25 an officer in the Detroit Police Department isn't going

1 to commit misconduct. I just can't. You couldn't state
2 your life on the fact that the Board of Police
3 Commissioners are not going to commit misconduct. You
4 would hope that they don't and you have policies in case
5 they do. That's where we are. We have policies, very
6 strict policies. Myself and Assistant Chief Fitzgerald
7 sit on an IA meeting every single week. We listen and
8 watch video. We just watch video today. We submit
9 warrants to the prosecutor's office if an officer
10 violates the rules. That's why a number of officers have
11 been charged by virtue of we submitting warrants. There's
12 one right now for assault and battery on an officer that
13 was brought to us by another officer who said that the
14 conduct of this officer was inappropriate. IA
15 investigated it, brought it to me. I looked at it and I
16 said, submit it to the prosecutor's office for a warrant.
17 Very difficult to do.

18 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: That's what I wanted to do
19 today.

20 CHIEF WHITE: Okay but hear me out. So we look at all
21 of these cases. We have a risk management protocol led by
22 Captain Lever who looks at risk throughout this
23 department, who identifies problematic behavior, brings
24 it to me early. We put the officers in programs where
25 they can be better because what made them go bad? What

1 made it happen? But there are some things you cannot
2 recover from. There are some things that will erode the
3 confidence of this community with this police department,
4 and you don't get to be a police officer anymore. I take
5 that very seriously. Wearing this badge is a privilege.
6 It is not a right. You give up that privilege if you
7 treat our community poorly. If you use race to determine
8 any actions you're going to take against another person.
9 If you assault them, if you victimize them. Because we
10 cannot stand to get this wrong. If we lose this
11 community, we lose everything. So rest assured that we
12 are not sitting here trying to camouflage any bad
13 behavior. I'm just telling you, it's not the entire
14 police department.

15 CHIEF WHITE: Because 174,752 times we responded to a
16 run and now you may have a hundred complaints. I don't
17 know the number, but statistically I know that the
18 officers are overwhelming doing what we ask them to do.
19 Now, those who step outside of their badge don't get to
20 wear it. I love giving a badge and a promotion, and it's
21 very difficult to take one from someone. But I am proud
22 to take a badge from someone who doesn't deserve to wear
23 it because of the people who have laid their lives down
24 on a day in a day out basis for this community. I'm not
25 going to let them wear it. I'm not going to let them wear

1 it. So you're not going to hear me. You know what I
2 submit to you, and oftentimes I don't get what I'm asking
3 for.

4 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Correct.

5 CHIEF WHITE: I mean, I come out hotter than you do
6 sometimes. So I just want to, and I was asked to be
7 brief, but I just want you to know because of your words,
8 what my response is. But my position is what my position
9 will always be. This is about this community. It's not
10 about one individual officer. I'm not going to let one
11 individual officer define this organization. We went
12 through an 11-year consent judgment. We've got great
13 officers out there that are working hard, and one officer
14 that stepped out of line in that type of language, I'm
15 going to deal with it and I will bring it to this Board
16 when this report is complete. Thank you.

17 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you. Commissioner
18 Carter.

19 COMMISSIONER CARTER: No questions, thank you.

20 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you. Commissioner Banks.

21 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Yes, sir. Through the Chair.
22 Chief, I haven't seen you in a long time. How's your
23 wellbeing, man? How have you been?

24 CHIEF WHITE: I've been good. Thank you, sir.

25 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Okay. Good to see you. Always

1 good to see you. One of the things I wanted to mention
2 for the 4th of July up under your administration, the
3 Detroit Police Department have turned around downtown
4 during the holidays. The holidays were horrible. We were
5 having a hundred arrests under the other administration.
6 I won't call any names. A hundred arrests, 120 arrests.
7 But through your administration thank God for your plans,
8 your strategy only five arrests this year?

9 CHIEF WHITE: No arrests.

10 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: It was raining.

11 CHIEF WHITE: No arrests.

12 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Oh, okay. No arrests. Okay.

13 Wonderful. That's even better. That's even better. I got
14 another one too, Chief. I need an update too. The Detroit
15 Board of Police Commissioners have subpoenaed the Detroit
16 Police Department because the police department has not
17 been turning over information to the Board of Police
18 Commissioners. How is that information coming? Can you
19 give an update, Chief, please?

20 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: One, one second. Commissioner
21 Shah, we subpoenaed the Detroit Police Department.

22 MS. SHAH: Secretary Shah.

23 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Secretary Shah. Sorry about
24 that.

25 MS. SHAH: There is a request from former Chair Bryan

1 Ferguson to the law department to submit a subpoena. I
2 don't know the status of that.

3 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: There's no active subpoena.

4 MS. SHAH: At this time.

5 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Just wanted to make that
6 correction for the record.

7 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Sorry.

8 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Yeah, no problem.

9 COMMISSIONER BANKS: I'm sorry.

10 CHIEF WHITE: Through the Chair. The goal is always
11 to cooperate with the Board. There's an issue, I said
12 through the Chair. The goal is always to cooperate with
13 the Board. There's some information that I believe former
14 Chair Ferguson sought some additional legal advice on.

15 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Right.

16 CHIEF WHITE: I saw a document in the media with
17 regards to some requests. But the goal will always be to
18 cooperate with this Board. The things that we can turn
19 over legally we will do so.

20 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Wonderful. Through the Chair. I
21 want you to know, I'm very sorry about that.

22 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Yeah, no problem at all.

23 COMMISSIONER BANKS: I did receive an email.

24 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: I just want to be clear for
25 the record, but no problem at all.

1 COMMISSIONER BANKS: I thought, as I was reading the
2 email, I thought they had subpoenaed DPD. But I'm very
3 sorry. I'm all set. Thank you very much, Chief, and good
4 to see you again.

5 CHIEF WHITE: You too.

6 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Alright.

7 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you. Commissioner
8 Burton.

9 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Thanks, Mr. Chairman. A
10 question for the Chief. Is the city Detroit budgeted in
11 this coming fiscal year for more speed bumps that you
12 know of. I was reading a national study somewhere in a
13 publication that where there's speed bumps, there's a 53%
14 reduction in injuries as well as deaths and things of
15 that nature, and how have they worked here in the city
16 Detroit. I don't know if you have any statistics on any
17 of that right now, but that's just something that I have
18 for you. Where are we as far as budgeted, far as more
19 speed bumps. You hear a lot of community members want to
20 see those. I'm hearing people in west Boston, east
21 Boston, I'm hearing people in west Village, Indian
22 Village I mean, just all over the city, including just
23 your core neighborhoods in the city.

24 CHIEF WHITE: Thank you for the question, sir.
25 Through the Chair. So that budget goes through DPW but

1 they've been quite responsive to us when we asked for
2 them. You're right, they work. Initially I didn't know if
3 they were going to, but we definitely see the results of
4 having them throughout the city. So I am now a fan of
5 them. So we have moved them around strategically and
6 asked for them ourselves and worked with the neighborhood
7 groups to get them. Just by way of example, you think
8 about what drifting and drag racing was last year, this
9 time July 14th through 16. Seven people investigated for
10 drifting drag racing, 1 traffic stop, 4 vehicles
11 investigated, one felony arrest, 1 misdemeanor arrest.
12 Think about where we were when I was giving you numbers,
13 like 80, a hundred last year this time. So the speed
14 bumps are helping us in those areas. I will connect you
15 with Sergeant Matthews from my office. He's here, and
16 he'll follow up with you to get you in contact with the
17 person from DPW to put them in areas that you want him
18 in.

19 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you. Vice-Chair Holley.

20 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and
21 through the Chair. Chief, I'll check my pillow tonight.

22 CHIEF WHITE: I've never heard that one before.

23 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: What's going on in my new
24 marriage? I need to check pillow. But Chief as always,
25 you give us a mental health related calls for the service

1 report. It shows that the nature of the mental health
2 calls that I hear. I've been following it for several
3 months now. We need to know if the Detroit Police
4 Department current approach to mental health calls is
5 effective. If there's certain types of calls that needed
6 to be alternatives. The Board needs to know, from my
7 standpoint, the outcomes of these calls. I got seven
8 points in this. I want to make sure I just read it in the
9 record, Mr. Chair, because of the time. You can get back
10 with me Chief. I get this to you. I just wanted to read
11 it in the-

12 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: You may proceed.

13 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Thank you. Perhaps Mr. Chairman,
14 I'd like to, based upon what I'm trying to do here, maybe
15 the mental health ought to have a report to us at some
16 time. The division that deals with mental health.

17 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Duly noted.

18 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Thank you. So Chief, for the
19 record, I just want to submit these questions to you. For
20 those who are armed and armed with what. Which calls
21 resulted in persons being transported, where were they
22 transported, hospital, detention or what? Which calls
23 resulted in persons not being removed from location? What
24 was the direction to follow up? Which calls resulted in
25 force being used and what level of force? For suicide in

1 progress or the suicide threats, were officers successful
2 in preventing this suicide? Do they have a weapon and so
3 what kind of weapon? Which calls the CIT officers where
4 they present on these calls? Then finally, what
5 correlations are there between the nature of the calls
6 and the outcome? I just want to submit that to you. I
7 know where your heart is and your training in regard to
8 mental health. I'm basically very much have been involved
9 in mental health in the community in the new center area
10 and North end.

11 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: I wanted to just try to make
12 sure that as oversight there's somehow some kind of way
13 that we'd be able to have a communication from what's
14 going on with mental health. These calls, yes. But what
15 happens when the calls are made? These questions are
16 basically just to ask if you can respond to them at a
17 later date, or perhaps, as I indicated Mr. Chairman, if
18 there could be a presentation in regard to what's going
19 on with mental health.

20 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: I'm definitely in agreement
21 with the presentation. For the sake of time, we will have
22 those questions sent to the Chief and we would be
23 expecting responses to those. But Chief in this moment,
24 you can just answer the general question of whether or
25 not you believe the Detroit Police Department's strategy

1 with mental health runs is effective.

2 CHIEF WHITE: Through the Chair. Yes, I do think it's
3 effective. We, as you know and we've presented to this
4 Board, had to pivot from our original strategy early as a
5 result of two very tragic events. We have responded to a
6 grand total of 7,976 mental health calls in 2023 and
7 counting as opposed to 7,077 last year at the same time.
8 So there's a significant uptick. Of the 805 suicides in
9 progress to answer your question this year we were
10 successful in preventing 804 by our presence and getting
11 the person the help they need. One person called and
12 committed suicide before we arrived. So he was found
13 deceased when we got there by his loved one. So yes, it's
14 effective. We have 19 officers out there that are our
15 primary. We have well over a hundred officers that are
16 trained.

17 CHIEF WHITE: But I do want to be clear these
18 processes are just training processes and we learn from
19 what works and what doesn't. We're going to be outfitting
20 officers with more equipment and more tools, non-lethal
21 tools. But this is a crisis, and we're the police. We are
22 not mental health professionals. I don't want the Board
23 to believe that there will be a time that this problem
24 should lie with the police department, but we have it as
25 in our lap, and we're doing the very best we can. I'm

1 proud to work the officers are doing. Those 19 officers
2 are doing some amazing work. I'm very happy to present to
3 this Board a presentation. I would ask that you give us a
4 significant amount of time, maybe 20 minutes, to give you
5 everything that we have and what we've done thus far.
6 We'd like to bring some videos to share with you as well.
7 I think it'll really level set for you what the officers
8 are up against.

9 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Great. Thank you for that.
10 We'll dedicate one of our meetings upcoming for that
11 report.

12 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

13 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you. With that, that
14 concludes the Chief's presentation. At this point, we
15 will resume public comment. Mr. Brown.

16 MR. BROWN: Yeah. Good afternoon, Mr. Chair.
17 Currently there are four speakers left. Ms. Charnita
18 Williams, followed by Ms. Ronald Foster. Ms. Williams.

19 MS. WILLIAMS: Hello. Earlier today I went to go
20 speak to the Chief of OCI and we went over some cases,
21 and I'm very disappointed at the 12 Precinct because they
22 had my weapon almost two years ago. The report he stated
23 is they on discretion and they said, I had mental
24 illness. I done had my CCW over 20 years. So how can they
25 determine something like that and my weapon been there. I

1 was never charged with anything. As you guys know, I've
2 been coming here for a while discussing the
3 disappointment with not everybody on the force like the
4 Chief stated, there's some good cops out here. Then
5 there's also some dirty cops out here and do not respect
6 their badge or the oath they took. So I'm trying to
7 figure out how could they come up with that decision and
8 my gun has been in there almost two years. When I was
9 stating that the first of the incident that occurred the
10 beginning of this year, 23, when I said I was going
11 through something and what I've been going through
12 personally, and for them to have my weapon and the
13 information that he gave me today, I have an issue with
14 that. That's all I have to say.

15 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you.

16 MR. BROWN: Mr. Foster.

17 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Hello Mr. Foster. You might go
18 ahead.

19 MR. FOSTER: Hello. Good afternoon. First thing I
20 wanted to say is that our police force is more than just
21 law enforcement. According to our charter, the police
22 department shall reserve the public peace, prevent crime—

23 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Microphone.

24 MR. FOSTER: Prevent crime, arrest offenders, protect
25 the rights of persons and property, guard the public

1 health, preserve order, and enforce laws in the state of
2 Michigan, US ordinances city. I just want to say, I think
3 that it's important that we recognize everything that the
4 police is obligated to do is everything that we as a
5 community should be wanting to do as well. We all should
6 be wanting to limit crime. We all should be wanting to
7 have public peace. So I'm asking all of us as a
8 community, police, government to get on one accord to
9 tackle our issues and we can't do it individually.

10 MR. FOSTER: Second thing, BOPC has a supervisory
11 control and oversight of police. Supervisory control and
12 oversight can only be achieved by advocating for more
13 authority and authority than the unions. It's been too
14 many times since the Chief of police came up here with
15 officers for discipline problems, and this Board lacked
16 the laws to act. You have to advocate for more authority
17 to dismiss and do things than the unions do. Now, if
18 there's a conflict in any unions that you all have, I ask
19 that you examine yourselves so that you can effectively
20 oversight this police force. We ask this community that
21 you advocate for more authority, that you provide the
22 centers for the veterans that are officers. We ask that
23 you provide the centers for officers that live in the
24 city, that you provide numbers for each one of them.

25 MR. FOSTER: How many officers on this force actually

1 live in this city? Then also when we are holding
2 accountability for officers, it's important to understand
3 that the community recognizes that officers are held to
4 less punishment, even when convicted and tried of these
5 things. So we ask that you accept responsibility,
6 advocate for more authority than the unions, get some
7 independence amongst each other. Support our Chief and
8 collectively-

9 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you. Your time has
10 commenced.

11 MR. FOSTER: Make a difference.

12 MR. BROWN: Your next speakers would be Ms. Ladonna
13 Harris, followed by Ms. Marguerite Maddox.

14 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Good afternoon, Ms. Harris.
15 You might go right ahead.

16 MS. HARRIS: Greetings. My name is Ladonna Harris
17 from LJH Artistry Investments. I am an artist, a mother,
18 and I am here speaking on an incident that happened 7-16-
19 2023. I was in front of the Coleman Young Municipal
20 Center as a street vendor supposedly. I had paid my fees
21 for my vendor's license, and I have a flip vendor's
22 license, and I was supposed to have a stationary street
23 vendor's license. I paid my monies on 7-14th that Friday.
24 Well, I was there from nine to three o'clock waiting to
25 get my vendor's license and what I left with was a

1 vendor's plate and two IDs, a helper vendor's license for
2 my son, he's 12, and just not a license, two IDs and I
3 was supposed to get a stationary vendor's license. I have
4 been waiting since 2022 to get my location for vendoring
5 as well as my stationary vendor's license.

6 MS. HARRIS: That didn't happen. The incident that
7 happened on Sunday was that I was unlawfully detained by
8 three Detroit police officers. Okay. I have 15 bolts and
9 screws in my arm. My shoulder was grabbed, my arm was
10 twisted all the way to the back, and I was arrested by
11 two police officers. Okay. It was very traumatic for me
12 because I am a survivor of domestic violence. Only to
13 have flashbacks come back to me from the stress of this
14 situation. Now, I was detained. I was in a car for about
15 an hour because Investigator Clark, I guess he works for
16 business licensing, comes up to me and says, oh, I need
17 to see your license. I said, well, I have my credentials.
18 He looked at all my paperwork, but what business
19 licensing failed to do was give me a copy and the okay,
20 which should have been written in writing. It wasn't on
21 there. He didn't see it. He said, oh, well, you're
22 supposed to be a flip vendor, so you're supposed to just
23 walk around with a book bag selling.

24 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: I'm sorry. Your time has
25 commenced. First, let me apologize for this incident. I

1 can already tell that it was a significant one for you. I
2 want a Senior Investigator, Sloan, who will take your
3 information and we will investigate this incident and
4 they will reach back out to you with any further
5 information.

6 MS. HARRIS: Appreciation.

7 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you.

8 MR. BROWN: Ms. Maddox.

9 MS. MADDOX: Yes, good afternoon.

10 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Good afternoon.

11 MS. MADDOX: I would like to find out what is taking
12 so long to investigate the incident around Seven Mile.
13 About a month and a half ago when this person was during
14 the donut and this person hit a van that my friend was
15 in. The van was destroyed, and he was disabled. Please
16 tell me how much longer do we have to wait for justice
17 and with the ATVs, the all-terrain vehicle. Please, we
18 need to do something about the ATVs. Thank you.

19 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you.

20 MS. MADDOX: I'm done.

21 MR. BROWN: Mr. Chair, your last speaker would be
22 Former Commissioner William Davis.

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

24 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Yes, you can. Good afternoon.

25 MR. DAVIS: Okay. I'd like to say I'm pleased that

1 you are pushing the meeting along instead of dragging as
2 much as some previous Chairs have done. Also, I'd like to
3 say that just listening to that incident earlier about
4 those two different incidents about what appear to be
5 officers excessive force and also excessive bad language,
6 I think that we need to make sure that we put a little
7 bit more teeth and duty to intercede. I wrote a national
8 white paper on that. I know that was a policy that was
9 supposed to have been pushed. I don't know how it's being
10 pushed now. But I do know that not only should other
11 officers, when they see contact being done, if they do
12 not tell, they should get in as much trouble as the ones
13 that's doing this. Also, when the officer hear their
14 partner or other colleagues using foul language to any of
15 our citizens, there should be some consequences for that.
16 I still think it's problematic to have a Chair and a
17 Vice-Chair both being appointed. Not at-large, appointed.
18 That means that the only person that put you there is the
19 mayor. So I think that's problematic because there's a
20 lot of people who already do not trust this Board,
21 especially some of the stuff that's been going on with
22 this Board the past four years. Anyway, that's all I have
23 for today. Thank you.

24 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you. That concludes
25 public comment, and again, we thank every citizen for

1 your feedback. It helps us to do our job and to ensure
2 our police department is doing their job. But with that,
3 we will now move to presentation to the Board by our
4 Human Resources Bureau. Director Pattillo, you have 10
5 minutes.

6 MS. PATILLO: Good afternoon through the Chair. I'll
7 be presenting the human resources report for the month of
8 June. I believe everyone received their packets, so you
9 can follow along. I gave you the report in addition to
10 some additional slides as well, so I don't know if you
11 all have those.

12 PARLIAMENTARIAN DR. FRANCIS JACKSON: We don't have a
13 quorum Mr. Chair.

14 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: I'll let the record report
15 that we no longer have a quorum, and it has been
16 advisement that you are not considered staff. So we'll
17 have to pause this presentation until our quorum—

18 PARLIAMENTARIAN DR. FRANCIS JACKSON: You can ask for
19 a five-minute recess if there's no objection.

20 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: I want to see if we can just
21 stall a little bit if VC Holley can ask—

22 PARLIAMENTARIAN DR. FRANCIS JACKSON: Stand at ease,
23 sir.

24 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Can I ask that we stand at
25 ease? Would that require a vote?

1 PARLIAMENTARIAN DR. FRANCIS JACKSON: It can be
2 unanimous consent.

3 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: May I entertain a motion that
4 we stand at ease?

5 PARLIAMENTARIAN DR. FRANCIS JACKSON: You can ask.

6 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Is there any objection?

7 PARLIAMENTARIAN DR. FRANCIS JACKSON: To stand at
8 ease?

9 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Is there any objection to
10 standing at ease?

11 PARLIAMENTARIAN DR. FRANCIS JACKSON: Standing at
12 ease is about five minutes.

13 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Right. Hearing no objections.
14 We will stand at ease for about five minutes.

15 PARLIAMENTARIAN DR. FRANCIS JACKSON: Thank you, sir.

16 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Noting that our quorum has
17 been constituted, the Chair now calls the meeting back.

18 PARLIAMENTARIAN DR. FRANCIS JACKSON: Sorry, Mr.
19 Chairman, you just lost your quorum.

20 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: All right. Seeing that there
21 is no quorum, we will now move to the secretary's report.

22 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: I'm sorry. Did the best I could.

23 MS. SHAH: Thank you, Mr. Chair. For the secretary
24 report today, your incoming correspondence are outlined
25 on your agenda. Please reference the document outstanding

1 DPD requests dated for July 19th, 2023. Those are in your
2 packets behind tab number six. That does outline the
3 status of 16 requests for data and other information that
4 DPD has not yet fulfilled. In regard to BOPC's annual
5 report, DPD has not yet provided the budget, use of
6 force, and disciplinary data needed to complete this
7 report. Those have been added to the list of outstanding
8 reporting requests. Despite that missing data, the draft
9 of the 2022 annual report contents are included in your
10 packet for review over the next week. Staff would
11 appreciate the Board's feedback and approval to proceed
12 with the proposed content at next week's meeting on July
13 27th. Keep in mind that what you have now are proposed
14 contents and there's no design applied to the draft as of
15 yet.

16 MS. SHAH: There are two staffing updates. The first
17 one is on administrative assistant. The open
18 administrative assistant position is now posted on the
19 City of Detroit website. This position will provide the
20 additional staffing needed to launch the Commissioner
21 Community partnership model. This model will provide
22 commissioners and their constituents with dedicated
23 support to increase BOPC visibility in the community,
24 public education, and gleaning public input. If you know
25 someone who has great administrative skills and will

1 represent commissioners well in the community, please
2 encourage them to apply. For the attorney to the Board,
3 please see the memo attorney sourcing comparison in your
4 packets behind tab number six, which compares the
5 currently budgeted approach for staffing and attorney to
6 the recommended approach from corporation Council.

7 MS. SHAH: BOPC is currently budgeted to appoint a
8 full-time attorney at a cost of approximately \$99,000 for
9 salary plus benefits. Corporation council is recommending
10 contracting an attorney part-time up to 25 hours per
11 week, which will cost up to 375,000 for a year. The
12 lateral approach will require a budget increase, and that
13 memo is in your packets for the Board's consideration.
14 That concludes my report, Mr. Chair.

15 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you, Madam Secretary.
16 Announcements, Mr. Brown.

17 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Wait a minute. Can we—

18 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: You can ask no questions while
19 there are no quorum, but you can make a comment.

20 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Okay. Comment. Thank you, Mr.
21 Chairman. I just want to say to anybody and everybody
22 that's watching, as well as my fellow and sister
23 commissioners, that it is totally inappropriate for us to
24 be treated the way that we are being treated by the law
25 department. This organization has had a lawyer as long as

1 I can remember, and even when my sister was on the Board
2 when Coleman Young was the mayor. It is impossible for us
3 to do our job without full-time legal assistance. The
4 Chief of Police has a 1.4 million budget for his lawyers
5 right upstairs. They're right here in this building. So
6 he has a 1.4 million budget for legal assistance. We have
7 a basically a hundred thousand dollars budget for legal
8 assistance to suggest. For anyone to suggest to us that
9 we should contract out to a private attorney for 25 hours
10 a week says that you don't have any respect for the
11 mission of this body. Furthermore, if you contract out
12 for a lawyer, as it's pointed out in the secretary's
13 report, you're at about \$375,000 a year.

14 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Most lawyers, the minimum wage
15 now for lawyers in the state of Michigan, and you could
16 pull the law office economics report off the state bar of
17 Michigan is roughly \$300 an hour. That would be \$375,000
18 a year for us to have a lawyer for 25 hours a week. But
19 the point of the matter is that we need legal assistance.
20 The staff needs legal assistance. The Board needs legal
21 assistance. Just like we have a Chief Investigator, we've
22 always had a lawyer, and we constantly ask legal
23 questions, especially Commissioner Holley. If we wanted
24 to subpoena something, we ask for legal advice on
25 positions that the Chief takes. We ask for legal advice

1 on proposed policies. We ask for legal advice on proposed
2 hires. We need our own lawyer. This is not acceptable
3 under any circumstances. Quite frankly, I think if you
4 went to court on it, we would win.

5 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I can't see a Wayne County
6 Circuit Court judge saying that the past practice of this
7 Board, which as member of unions and so forth, is
8 absolutely applicable in this particular situation. We
9 have historically had a lawyer. There is no reason
10 articulated as to why we don't have a lawyer, except for
11 the fact that the law department is chagrined by the fact
12 that we raised the issue about them sending us a half a
13 lawyer representing us as a lawyer when he wasn't a fully
14 licensed member of the State Bar of Michigan. We cannot
15 accept this. Let me urge the Board. We can go straight to
16 City Council without even going to court. The city
17 council has a whole nine lawyers over there just working
18 for them, not the Corporation Council. Virtually every
19 department in the city of Detroit has internal counsel,
20 including building the safety and engineering, DAH,
21 everything has their own lawyer.

22 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: So what are we, stepchildren?
23 It is not acceptable. Totally not acceptable and I will
24 support the leadership of the Board in any way that I
25 can. Not only that, the State Bar of Michigan. But I

1 mean, there's just so many organizations that would
2 support us in this initiative that we must do something
3 about that aspect of your report.

4 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you, Commissioner
5 Bernard. Ms. Shah. Thank you, Commissioner Bernard.
6 Announcements

7 MS. SHAH: For our announcements today, we have
8 information regarding our next meetings. Our next meeting
9 is Thursday, July 27th at 3:00 PM here at Detroit Public
10 Safety Headquarters. The BOPC next community meeting is
11 Thursday, August 10th at 6:30 PM. The Fifth Precinct is
12 hosting at Wayne County Community College District
13 Eastern Campus in the Cooper Room. The address is 5901
14 Connor in Detroit. That concludes the announcements, Mr.
15 Chair.

16 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you. Please let it be
17 noted that as a result of a lack of a quorum the Human
18 Resources report will now be on next meeting's agenda as
19 unfinished business. With that, the Chair entertains a
20 motion for adjournment.

21 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: So moved.

22 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Is there a second? Properly
23 moved and second. All those in favor, please signify by
24 saying aye.

25 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Aye.

1 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: All those opposed. This
2 meeting is adjourned.

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4 (Meeting Adjourned at 4:35pm)

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