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CITY OF DETROIT  
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS  
BOPC VIRTUAL MEETING  
August, 10, 2023 at 6:30 P.M.

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3 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Good evening, ladies and  
4 gentlemen. It is now 6:30 pm and we will now call the  
5 Police Commissioner's meeting of August the 10th, 2023 to  
6 order. At this time we will begin our meeting today as we  
7 do always with invocation, and we're grateful today to be  
8 joined by Chaplain Michael Cadott who will provide us our  
9 invocation for today.

10 CHAPLAIN CADOTT: Thank you, Chairperson Pressley,  
11 Vice-Chair Reverend Holley.

12 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Is his mike on?

13 CHAPLAIN CADOTT: Yes, I think. Are we on? There we  
14 are. I'll speak louder. I can do that. Chairperson  
15 Pressley, Vice-Chair, Holley, and all the commissioners.  
16 Good evening, ladies and gentlemen of the community and  
17 distinguished guests, Chief White. May we please take a  
18 moment to put ourselves in a state of prayerful grace as  
19 your faith tradition dictates. Heavenly Father, we thank  
20 you and give you all glory for this day. We thank you for  
21 the rains that have been here today and that are coming  
22 tomorrow, that refresh and renew the earth. We thank you  
23 for the abundance you give us in life. We thank you for  
24 our community, especially our police department, under  
25 the guidance of Chief White and this commission, these

1 commissioners, and their important duty of oversight. We  
2 thank you for the citizens that are here today.

3 CHAPLAIN CADOTT: Bless them. Bless the good work of  
4 this commission and bless the great work of our police  
5 department. Send your wisdom down to this meeting and  
6 your wisdom to all of our police officers and your  
7 protection upon them as they work diligently to protect  
8 and serve the citizens of this great city and its guests.  
9 Be with us this evening. Give us your wisdom and your  
10 guidance. Lord God, may everything that we do be in your  
11 glory, that we be ever mindful that we are your creation,  
12 that you want to prosperous and that your divine spark  
13 lives in each of us and may we see that divine spark in  
14 each other and follow your great commandment to love each  
15 other. May that always be on our hearts as we go about  
16 the business tonight. I pray that you bring all of us  
17 back home safely to our houses where. I pray that we find  
18 peace, rest, and joy. I ask this through Jesus Christ, my  
19 Lord, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the Holy  
20 Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

21 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Amen. Thank you so very much.  
22 Let it be noted that Father Mike will be a part of the  
23 September celebration for all of the new chaplains. So we  
24 congratulate him and all of the new members that will be  
25 joining the team. Thank you so very much. At this time

1 because we are in the community at this beautiful  
2 facility that's been allowed for our meeting. I would  
3 like to invite Mattie Porter the Executive Dean for the  
4 Student Services to provide us a brief word of welcome  
5 here at WCCC Eastern Campus. Is Mattie Porter here? It  
6 doesn't seem as if she is present at the moment but when  
7 she arrives, we will look forward to a word of welcome.  
8 At this moment we'll now move on to the introduction of  
9 commissioners by Secretary Shah.

10 MS. SHAH: Good evening. Chairman QuanTez Pressley –  
11 Here.

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

13 MS. SHAH: Commissioner Linda Bernard – Attorney  
14 Linda Bernard, District 2, present.

15 MS. SHAH: Commissioner Cedric Banks –

16 MS. SHAH: Commissioner Willie Bell –

17 MS. SHAH: Commissioner Willie Burton – Present.

18 MS. SHAH: Commissioner Lisa Carter –

19 MS. SHAH: Commissioner Ricardo Moore – Present.

20 MS. SHAH: Commissioner Annie Holt – Present At-  
21 Large.

22 MS. SHAH: Commissioner Jesus Hernandez – Present.

23 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: I don't know if it was on the  
24 record, but Commissioner Cedric Banks is also here. So  
25 today we have perfect attendance. Look at that. The

1 quorum is present. Now we'll move on to the approval of  
2 the August 10th, 2023 agenda. But before I entertain a  
3 motion to approve that agenda, please let it be noted  
4 that the closed session that was for consideration of  
5 administrative leave without pay but with medical  
6 benefits for two officers, Officers Apperson, and officer  
7 Szarafinski have been rescheduled for the August 17th  
8 meeting as the time of our late community meeting does  
9 not allow for DPOA schedule and DPOA and DPD are still  
10 working through some discovery items. So with that, the  
11 Chair entertains a motion for the approval of the August  
12 10th, 2023 agenda.

13 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: So moved.

14 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Second.

15 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Proudly moved and seconded.

16 Any objection. Hearing no objection, the agenda has been  
17 approved. Now we move on to the approval of minutes for  
18 the August 3rd, 2023 meeting. The Chair entertains a  
19 motion to approve those minutes.

20 COMMISSIONER HOLT: So move.

21 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Second.

22 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: It's been properly moved and  
23 second. Is there any objection? Hearing no objection,  
24 those minutes have also been approved. Now we'll have an  
25 introduction to BOPC staff, Chief of Police, elected

1 official representatives and community leaders by  
2 Secretary Shah.

3 MS. SHAH: Staff present today is Chief Investigator  
4 Jerome Morefield., Ms. Theresa Blossom, Ms. Jonya  
5 Underwood, Ms. Candace Hayes, Supervising investigator  
6 LiSonya Sloan, Acting Supervising Investigator Elgin  
7 Murphy, Senior Investigator Gianna Coulter. For American  
8 Sign Language Interpreters, we have Ms. Yakata and Jackie  
9 T. We also have DPD HR Director Katrina Patillo. Don  
10 Handyside is our court reporter. Media Services is  
11 providing video and Sergeant Alan Quinn is providing  
12 audio. We have with us today DPD Chief James White. For  
13 elected officials and representatives, we have Ms. Marie  
14 Overall from State Representative Tyrone Carter's office,  
15 Mr. Ron Thomas, VP of DPOA, Ms. LaDon Davis and Ms.  
16 Yolanda Lockett from council member of Fred Durhal, the  
17 Third's office, District 4 CAC member Scotty Boman, and  
18 Former Police Commissioner William Davis.

19 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you for those  
20 introductions. With that, again, we are so grateful for  
21 everyone making some time out on this evening to  
22 participate in our Board of Police Commissioner's  
23 meeting. Again, it is our hope that it's productive for  
24 the matters of the citizens of the city of Detroit. At  
25 this time, we'll move on to our BOPC officers report, and

1 it is our intention when we come out to the community, we  
2 want to highlight and celebrate and appreciate those  
3 members in our community who are making a difference in  
4 their involvement in participation. So I'm going to turn  
5 this over to Commissioner Bell for some accommodations  
6 that we want to be able to provide. Commissioner Bell.

7 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

8 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Yeah, sure.

9 COMMISSIONER BELL: Good evening.

10 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Good evening.

11 COMMISSIONER BELL: I want to say this is one of the  
12 high honors to recognize committee involvement,  
13 especially from my district, District 4 and my home  
14 precinct, Fifth Precinct. It is quite an honor and  
15 privilege. I don't take it lightly. I appreciate the  
16 opportunity. Would the honorees please come forward,  
17 please. I guess I could try to turn this around a little  
18 bit on my back to you a little bit. Okay. Rest it right  
19 there. Face that. Okay. Okay. Resolution recognizing  
20 Joanne Smith was supporting the Fifth Precinct and  
21 stronger police community relation, whereas Kentucky Navy  
22 neighbor Joanne Smith, arrived in Detroit as a new red  
23 with a husband John, and sell in the Jefferson Charmers  
24 community where they raised three daughters. Over 50  
25 years, Ms. Smith was shown a strong passion and

1 commitment for her family and neighborhood, while  
2 continuous working to improve the prior quality of night  
3 and public safety for everyone. Whereas Ms. Smith had led  
4 or participated in an organization closely aligned with  
5 the mission of the Board of Police Commission, a member  
6 of the board of the Jefferson Charmers Citizen District  
7 Council, she's a longtime president of Active Commerce  
8 Block Club. She has organized and rally neighborhood to  
9 participate in countless community safety and  
10 purification program. She routinely probe pandemic area.  
11 She's checked on seniors and other vulnerable resident  
12 and helped provide food.

13 COMMISSIONER BELL: She's a driving force for  
14 donating and sport for the Fifth Precinct monthly keynote  
15 night, an annual event for Police Week, National Night  
16 Out and Trunk or Treat. Whereas past and present, police  
17 commissioner have worked with and known Mrs. Smith  
18 through her work with the Fifth Precinct in Community  
19 Outreach program. A curb project also include championing  
20 the transformation of the Mana State Phillip Alley into a  
21 safe and beautiful space in the area where the City  
22 Recreation Center. Ms. Smith is a member of the Mana  
23 State Community Treehouse a project dedicated to a  
24 community run center for youth, including those with  
25 disability. A retiree Mrs. Smith never stopped working in



1 the community. She weaved many hats as a community leader  
2 and always endeavored to improve the quality of life for  
3 her east side community and all her Detroit resident. Now  
4 be it resolved that Detroit Board of Police Commission  
5 speaking for the citizen of Detroit and Detroit Police  
6 Department congratulate and thank and Mrs. Joanne Smith  
7 for her contribution to the Fifth Precinct, Police  
8 Community Relation, public safety, and the quality of  
9 life in Detroit through her community service and  
10 leadership. On behalf of the Board of Commissioner, I  
11 present this resolution-

12 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: One moment. Let's entertain a  
13 motion to adopt this resolution for our archives.

14 COMMISSIONER HOLT: So moved.

15 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Is there a second? Properly  
16 second. All those in favor, please signify by saying aye.

17 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Aye.

18 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: All those opposed.  
19 Congratulations. You may continue.

20 COMMISSIONER BELL: Just pause. We have another  
21 certificate appreciation for Mr. Jeffrey White. Is Ms.  
22 White here? It's another one of our community activists  
23 for outstanding community service and contribution, a  
24 community leader and support strong police community  
25 relation to Fifth Precinct. Thank you, sir, for your

1 years of service.

2 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you. Congratulations.

3 COMMISSIONER BELL: An outstanding NPO. I can't say  
4 enough about this young man. Plus, his name is Willie. So  
5 for following strong ties with resident community  
6 organization, enhancing police community relations for  
7 better public safety in the field precinct, young man,  
8 would you please come forward? In all due respect, this  
9 young lady is outstanding. I've been working with her  
10 many, many years. NPO Karen Maxey for devoting strong  
11 ties with Resident Community Organization, enhancing  
12 police community relation for a better public state in  
13 the Fifth Precinct. Where is this young lady? I'm sorry.  
14 Okay. She had a definite family. We just want to wish her  
15 the best, but she's outstanding.

16 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Again, we are thankful for  
17 each and every one of your contributions. Again, our  
18 community is made better by those who are active and  
19 engaged in ensuring that every neighborhood has the  
20 quality of life that it truly deserves. At this time, I  
21 know that we did the introduction, but I did note that  
22 Councilwoman Letitia Johnson from District 4 is here. We  
23 want to acknowledge her. Thank you for being here. As  
24 well executive Dean Mattie Porter is here. So we want to  
25 welcome her now as well to provide us words of greetings.

1 MS. PORTER: Good evening to all.

2 COMMISSIONERS: Good evening.

3 MS. PORTER: Welcome to the Eastern Campus. I'm  
4 Mattie Porter, the Executive Dean at the Eastern Campus,  
5 and I bring you greetings on behalf of Mr. Mark Sanford,  
6 who is the campus president, and of course, our  
7 chancellor, Dr. Curtis Ivory, who is our visionary for  
8 Wayne County Community College. Hopefully, anything that  
9 we can do to assist you during your visit here with us  
10 today, we will and we're available. Enjoy your meeting,  
11 and we'll see you next time. I'm a member of the  
12 community too. So I attend these meetings every now and  
13 then.

14 COMMISSIONERS: Thank you.

15 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: So, at this time, again, under  
16 the Board of Police Commissioner's Officers Report we  
17 have three recommendations from Chief White for  
18 promotions. But prior to allowing Chief White to speak  
19 about these promotions, I would like Secretary Shah to  
20 provide us some information about what is in our packet  
21 so the commissioners might be aware of what we have  
22 received for these promotions. Secretary Shah.

23 MS. SHAH: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Honorable  
24 Commissioners in your promotion packets. Those were  
25 emailed to you this week, and they're also included in

1 your packets today. If you look behind tab number one and  
2 behind the resolutions, you will see that information.  
3 For each candidate, there's a letter from the Chief,  
4 their resumes, any disciplinary citizen complaints, as  
5 well as internal affairs allegations and cases present  
6 there for your review as you make your decision today.  
7 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

8 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you. All right. We'll  
9 take these one at a time. So first it would be a Chief of  
10 Police, James White recommendation for executive  
11 appointment of the rank of Deputy Chief or Commander  
12 Melissa Gardner. So, Chief White.

13 CHIEF WHITE: Again, thank you Honorable Board for  
14 this opportunity and thank you for taking this up in the  
15 community. I know how difficult it is with the time  
16 restraints that you have. Commander Gardner was appointed  
17 to the Detroit Police Department on January 26th, 1998.  
18 After completing the academy, she was assigned to the  
19 First Precinct on patrol, and then the planning section,  
20 the Second Precinct Crime Prevention Unit, as well as  
21 community relations and then back to Second Precinct  
22 Patrol. On January 17th, 2007, police Officer Garner was  
23 promoted to the rank of Sergeant and assigned to the  
24 Office of Civil Rights. This is where I first encountered  
25 her.

1 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: You can continue. Chief White.

2 CHIEF WHITE: This is where I first encountered her  
3 as I was over the Office of Civil Rights. A dynamic  
4 worker, a mentor, and certainly someone who understands  
5 what it takes to motivate subordinates to get the job  
6 done. On August 4th, 2014, Sergeant Gardner was promoted  
7 to the rank of lieutenant and was assigned to police  
8 recruiting again, encountering her as the Assistant  
9 Chief. She was responsible for really getting officers on  
10 the street, hiring officers, finding officers to hire and  
11 certainly with an emphasis on recruiting our Detroiters.  
12 Did a phenomenal job there. On May 22nd, 2017, Lieutenant  
13 Gardner was appointed to captain and assigned to the  
14 Fifth Precinct, and was later assigned to communications.  
15 She had the daunting task of reducing response time and  
16 assisting us in the mission of responding to those in  
17 need of police services in an expeditious manner.

18 CHIEF WHITE: Also identifying those outlier calls  
19 that were not being served as appropriately. She was  
20 innovative in that her approach was to not only identify  
21 those who were not operating at the appropriate level,  
22 but to look at the nationwide cost analysis that we had  
23 never done and identify the fact that our dispatchers  
24 were some of the lowest paid in the country. With her  
25 assistance, we were able to identify that and identify

1 funding and to get them better pay. So that's just a  
2 little bit about Commander Gardner. I can go on and on,  
3 but I know we, we have a limited time, so I'll get right  
4 to it. In June 20 21, Captain Gardner was appointed to  
5 the rank of Commander and was assigned to the Fourth  
6 Precinct. Commander Gardner was also assigned to the  
7 Third Precinct Downtown Services.

8 CHIEF WHITE: I did that to her because I already  
9 knew of her work, did an amazing job. It is no secret  
10 that early in the year, we had a number of problems right  
11 out the gate. We had an early summer in April. We had  
12 deployed our spring deployment. We quickly went to our  
13 summer deployment. She works too many hours. Her husband  
14 is here, and I'm sure he would agree. But she has done an  
15 amazing job of not only keeping our community safe but  
16 certainly engaging with our businesses downtown, engaging  
17 with our sports units downtown, the Tigers, the Lions,  
18 red Wings. Just an amazing person. Just an amazing  
19 leader, an amazing mentor. Then it is with great honor  
20 that I make the recommendation for her to serve as Deputy  
21 Chief over the Eastern Operations Bureau, which you'll be  
22 responsible for the entire east side of the Detroit  
23 Police Department.

24 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you.

25 COMMISSIONER HOLT: So moved.

1 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Well, no, we need to put it on  
2 record.

3 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: So there's been a motion. Is  
4 there a second?

5 COMMISSIONERS: Second.

6 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Any discussion?

7 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Yes, Mr. Chairman.

8 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Commissioner Moore.

9 COMMISSIONER MOORE: First of all, I think that  
10 Amanda Gardner is an excellent candidate, and I am going  
11 to support this. I have noticed a pattern though, Chief,  
12 with this particular appointment. Have you noticed that  
13 all four of your deputy chiefs who are women, have the  
14 same commonalities? Let me give you this pattern. I'll go  
15 back to your predecessor. James Craig, Renee Hall, Former  
16 Deputy Chief, Dallas Police Chief, Bachelor's, master's  
17 degree. Going back to Lashinda Stair, Deputy Chief,  
18 became your supervisor, first Assistant Chief,  
19 Bachelor's, master's degree. First Assistant Chief. Thank  
20 you. Yes. Her husband was also a member of DPD. Elaine  
21 Bryant, current Columbus Police Chief, former Deputy  
22 Chief, Bachelor's, master's degree. Her husband, former  
23 DPD into your administration. Now DeShaune Sims,  
24 bachelor's, master's degree. Her husband DPD. Need I go  
25 further.

1 CHIEF WHITE: You are studying. I did not identify  
2 that pattern. That's interesting you say that.  
3 Notwithstanding their marital status the thing I do focus  
4 on that you picked up on is education. I think education  
5 doesn't make us smarter. I know a lot of people without  
6 formal education as much smarter than I, but what it does  
7 do is identify the fact that you could commit yourself  
8 for an extended period of time to completing something.  
9 You're certainly going to have to do that when you are  
10 policing police. I don't think there's anything more  
11 difficult than policing police officers. I support  
12 education. I have my education, and I think it is no  
13 better investment than in oneself to get one's education.  
14 So to that end, she's a graduate of the FBI National  
15 Academy the Institute for Peace and Reconciliation in  
16 Illinois, the Women's Leadership Institute Conference  
17 certificate in 2019, Michigan State University Police  
18 Executive and New Chief School. She also is a graduate of  
19 Wayne State University, 2017. She has her education and  
20 yeah, we can give her a big hand. I have to agree with  
21 you, sir. I did not pick up on that.

22 COMMISSIONER MOORE: I'll save you on the other end  
23 of it, because it's another pattern too. But I'll say we  
24 can have that discussion offline.

25 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you, Commissioner Moore.



1 Any further discussion? Vice-Chair Holley.

2 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Mr. Chairman, I'll have a  
3 problem with I'd like to know who she is. The superwoman.  
4 I'd like to see her. I'd like the community to see her.

5 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Downtown.

6 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: She's better downtown.

7 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: I'm just saying, Mr. Chairman,  
8 that all this going on here, this superwoman. I want to  
9 see her, I want the community see her. I think when I'm  
10 being ready to vote for her, I'd like to know who I'm  
11 voting for and so forth.

12 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Duly noted.

13 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Thank you.

14 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you. Any further  
15 discussion?

16 MS. SHAH: Mr. Chair, there was cheering when the  
17 motion was made. Can we just clarify the motion and who  
18 made it, please, for the record.

19 COMMISSIONER HOLT: That been made.

20 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Well, no. I heard Commissioner  
21 Moore make the motion to-

22 COMMISSIONER MOORE: No, that was Commissioner  
23 Bernard.

24 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Oh, Bernard.

25 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Who seconded?

1 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Who said so moved?

2 COMMISSIONER: Nobody made the motion.

3 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I made the motion.

4 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: I heard it. So moved. I heard  
5 a second.

6 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: I second the motion.

7 COMMISSIONER: Hernandez, yes.

8 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: So let the Chair set the  
9 record straight. There has been a motion to accept the  
10 Chief's recommendation for an executive appointment to  
11 the rank of Deputy Chief for Commander Melissa Gardner.  
12 That motion was made by Commissioner Bernard and seconded  
13 by Commissioner Hernandez. Is there any further  
14 discussion?

15 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Yeah, I got further discussion.  
16 I just wanted to say this commander has really been  
17 tremendous. She was assigned to the downtown area and  
18 responsible for a lot of the crime that has been shut  
19 down downtown during the holiday season. Over 90% of the  
20 crime has been shut down in the downtown area. We haven't  
21 seen that in many, many.

22 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: You can continue, Commissioner  
23 Banks.

24 COMMISSIONER BANKS: I'm through. Thank you.

25 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Any further discussion?

1 COMMISSIONER HOLT: I'd like to also add that  
2 Assistant Chief Ewing is taking the responsibility for  
3 her accomplishments.

4 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Excellent. Any further  
5 discussion? No Discussion. Again, this motion is to  
6 accept Chief White's recommendation for executive  
7 appointment to the rank of Deputy Chief for Commander  
8 Melissa Gardner. All those in favor please signify by  
9 saying aye.

10 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

11 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: All those opposed. That motion  
12 is passed. Congratulations. Deputy Chief Melissa Gardner.

13 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Did she speak?

14 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Would you like to make any  
15 remarks?

16 COMMANDER GARDNER: Thank you, honorable Board for  
17 allowing this promotion to be pushed forward. I want to  
18 first thank God for providing the wisdom and the  
19 knowledge to do what he has called me to do each and  
20 every day. I also want to thank Chief White for just  
21 entrusting that I can continue to push the mission that  
22 he has, but also the mission of the police department,  
23 which is to put the community first in all that we do.  
24 Then just to make sure that we bridge the gap between our  
25 community and law enforcement to ensure that we have what

1 we need to be effective. I also want to give thanks to my  
2 husband who I really don't get to see much of who is  
3 here. Then my daughter who is here from Arizona.

4 COMMISSIONER HOLT: All right, all right.

5 COMMANDER GARDNER: And just so happened to be here  
6 during this time. So I'm glad that she was able to share  
7 this moment with me. But again, I just thank all of you  
8 again, for entrusting that I can move forward with the  
9 mission with this elevated position. So thank you so  
10 much.

11 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you.

12 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Thank you for your service.

13 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Deputy Chief, Melissa Gardner.  
14 Continuing in the Chief's recommendation. We now have  
15 recommendation for executive appointment to the rank of  
16 Commander, Captain Dietrick Lever. Chief White.

17 CHIEF WHITE: Alright. Again, thank you, honorable  
18 Board. Captain Lever was appointed to the Detroit Police  
19 Department September 20th, 1993. After completing the  
20 academy, he was assigned to tactical services section TSS  
21 as a police officer. He was also assigned to the housing  
22 support section in the Eighth Precinct. On February 8th,  
23 1999, police officer Lever was promoted to the rank of  
24 investigator and was assigned to the Eighth Precinct  
25 Investigative Operations Unit. Essentially, he was a

1 detective of at the Eighth Precinct. On September 26th,  
2 2003, Investigator Lever was promoted to the rank of  
3 Sergeant and was assigned to the Fourth Precinct Special  
4 Operations Unit. Sergeant Lever was also assigned to the  
5 10th Precinct Investigative Operations Unit, and then  
6 Internal Affairs.

7 CHIEF WHITE: On August 1st, 2016, Sergeant Lever was  
8 promoted to the rank of lieutenant and was assigned to  
9 homicide. Lieutenant Lever was also assigned back to  
10 Internal Affairs Integrity Unit, Crime Intelligence Unit  
11 and Risk Management Unit as the officer in charge. He's  
12 done a number of things. One of the biggest cases that he  
13 worked on was Operation Clean Sweep where the department  
14 was investigating itself for narcotics activities and  
15 illegal activities in the Narcotics Unit. In January of  
16 2022, Lieutenant Lever was appointed to the rank of  
17 Captain by this Board and myself. He then took over the  
18 Risk Management Unit where he has worked diligently to  
19 identify high risk officers and to provide reports to  
20 this Board, provide reports to myself, as well as to  
21 identify opportunities for the officers to make  
22 improvements to their career and to make sure that  
23 they're able to continue delivering the appropriate  
24 services to the citizens of the City of Detroit.

25 CHIEF WHITE: Captain Lever has attended Spring Arbor

1 University, earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in science,  
2 also earned a graduate certificates in business through  
3 Wayne State University. Captain Lever's also earned a  
4 certificate in staff and command through Eastern Michigan  
5 University. Along with Captain Lever's education and his  
6 accomplishments as a Detroit police officer, he also  
7 served the United States Army and was honorably  
8 discharged in the United States National Guard. So he  
9 served in the Army and the national Guard. Typo here.  
10 Throughout his career, Captain Lever has continually  
11 displayed professionalism, commitment and dedication to  
12 the Detroit Police Department. Again, a very, very hard  
13 worker. He takes on the most difficult task in the  
14 department. When you're talking about risk management and  
15 IA, I had the opportunity to work both. Those are very  
16 difficult jobs.

17 CHIEF WHITE: Holding our folks accountable has never  
18 easy but necessary work. He has done it with dignity,  
19 respect for the officers, but able to make the difficult  
20 call and not the popular call all the time, but the  
21 difficult call. So it gives me great honor to make the  
22 recommendation that Captain Lever becomes Commander Lever  
23 to this Board.

24 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you, Chief White. Is  
25 there a motion?

1 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Yeah, right here.

2 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Commissioner Banks.

3 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Wonderful, wonderful resume. I  
4 move to adopt the Chief's recommendation to appoint  
5 Captain Lever to commander.

6 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Is there a second?

7 COMMISSIONERS: Second.

8 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: It has been properly moved and  
9 second. Is there any discussion?

10 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Yes, Mr. Chairman.

11 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Commissioner Moore.

12 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just  
13 want to know, how did he get through all these years and  
14 didn't have one complaint? Zero complaints.

15 CHIEF WHITE: So it's possible. But it's difficult.  
16 But everyone comes through the front doors of the police  
17 academy, become a police officer, as you know, as a  
18 former police officer yourself, sir. But candidly what  
19 happens is the department identifies certain talents and  
20 folks. He was identified early on and put in positions of  
21 investigating police officers. So he probably has some  
22 complaints from police officers during that  
23 investigation, but he has not acquired any citizen  
24 complaints.

25 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Quality person. Yes, he is.

1 CHIEF WHITE: Thank you, sir.

2 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: To preempt vice Chair Holley,  
3 will captain Dietrick Lever show your face so we can see  
4 who you are. Alright, there he is. Is there any further  
5 discussion? Hearing no further discussion, we're ready  
6 for the vote on accepting the Chief's recommendation to  
7 promote Captain Dietrick Lever to the rank of Commander.  
8 All those in favor, please signify by saying aye.

9 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

10 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: All those opposed.  
11 Congratulation Commander Dietrick Lever. You can come and  
12 make some remarks. If you are so led. You can come make  
13 remarks if you're so led.

14 CAPTAIN LEVER: Good evening to the honorable Board.

15 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Microphone.

16 CAPTAIN LEVER: It's on. Good evening to the  
17 Honorable Board. Thank you. So you obviously reminds me  
18 of that. To answer Commissioner Ricardo Moore's question  
19 with respect. So what I would like to say is thank you to  
20 Chief White, thank you to this honorable Board, and thank  
21 you to the Detroit citizens for giving me an opportunity  
22 to serve you as a Detroit Police commanding Officer. I am  
23 humbly honored to do this. I want to say that there is no  
24 us, I'm sorry. There's no, we. Let me say that again.  
25 There's no us in them. There is we. Like the slogan goes.



1 We are one Detroit, and we will do it together. With that  
2 I promise you, I will work tirelessly to increase the  
3 quality of life for the members of the Detroit Police  
4 Department, the citizens of the city of Detroit, who  
5 live, work, and play in our great city. Thank you.

6 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Congratulations once again,  
7 Commander Dietrick Lever.

8 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Through the Chair.

9 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Commissioner Holt.

10 COMMISSIONER HOLT: That's our risk management  
11 person. Where are you going?

12 CAPTAIN LEVER: I'm going to the Eighth Precinct,  
13 mam.

14 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Tough one.

15 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Congratulations.

16 CAPTAIN LEVER: Thank you.

17 CHIEF WHITE: You're getting a new risk management  
18 person.

19 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Through the Chair.

20 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Yes, Commissioner Moore.

21 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Just a quick question. I know  
22 it's going to be a lot of movement. Chief, will we get  
23 that update?

24 CHIEF WHITE: Yes, sir, you will. In fact, I  
25 presented to this board that we are going to do somewhat

1 of a restructure. I presented that a couple weeks back  
2 and I'll be submitting upon this approval where these  
3 folks are throughout the department.

4 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you. Next up is Chief  
5 White's recommendation for executive appointment to the  
6 rank of Captain of Lieutenant Scott Hall. Chief White.

7 CHIEF WHITE: Lieutenant Hall was appointed to the  
8 Detroit Police Department on April 24th, 2000. After  
9 completing the Detroit Police Academy, Police Officer  
10 Hall was assigned to the gaming division. During his time  
11 as an officer, he was also assigned to Central Events,  
12 central District, and to Night Owl task force. On  
13 February 25th, 2013, officer Hall was promoted to the  
14 rank of Sergeant. Again, it was 2013, promoted to the  
15 rank of Sergeant and then assigned to the Eastern  
16 District. We were in the district format which was the  
17 ninth. Was that nine to five, I believe? Sergeant Hall  
18 was also assigned then just to the Ninth Precinct, then  
19 back to the Third Precinct, and then CIB criminal  
20 investigations Unit and responsible for NIBIN. The NIBIN  
21 Unit is the unit that tracks bullets that are shot and  
22 they run through a process to see which gun they came  
23 from. On June 29th, 2020, Sergeant Hall was promoted to  
24 the rank of Lieutenant and was assigned to the Ninth  
25 Precinct again, and was later assigned to the Seventh

1 Precinct, which is his current command.

2 CHIEF WHITE: Lieutenant Hall has earned his  
3 bachelor's degree in business administration from Wayne  
4 State University. He's also enrolled in his master's  
5 program getting his MBA from Cleary University. Along  
6 with his education and accomplishments, he's certified as  
7 a drug recognition expert and a NIBIN triage acquisition  
8 expert, which he certified in. He was also instrumental  
9 in the Oxford school parent arrest that happened in  
10 Detroit which is very unusual, but he was the key officer  
11 in charge of that operation and did a phenomenal job  
12 explaining what happened, how they got there and  
13 organizing our units that ended up in that very unusual  
14 situation. I'm going to talk a little bit about  
15 Lieutenant Hall. Undoubtedly, this Board has taken a look  
16 at his background and his work history.

17 CHIEF WHITE: I highlighted some things in a letter  
18 that I sent to this Board discussing who he is, and I'm  
19 sure there will be some questions. As you know, I take a  
20 lot of pride in making promotions, but I take them very  
21 seriously. I don't take them lightly. I look at what they  
22 bring to the department, who they are currently, who they  
23 were, the impact they have on other officers that look up  
24 to them, that they're going to have to lead. Officer Hall  
25 had some citizen's complaints. He had a significant

1 number of citizen's complaints. I met with him and we  
2 talked about that, and we talked about some very personal  
3 things that he was going through and how proud he is that  
4 he's overcome those. I look at who he has been since he's  
5 become a leader in this organization, and I also look at  
6 who he is on the street. How he engages with our  
7 citizens, how he engages with other officers who may be  
8 going through similar issues that he found himself going  
9 through early in his career.

10 CHIEF WHITE: I will tell you and as this Board knows  
11 I only make these recommendations if I can do so with  
12 pride and sleep at night comfortably. I proudly make this  
13 recommendation despite who he was. I make this  
14 recommendation because of who he is, and I make this  
15 recommendation because I am confident he can save  
16 officers who are going down the wrong path. Let me say  
17 this. We think we're leading because people sometimes are  
18 nodding their head yes and following, but leadership is  
19 what happens when no one's watching. He is a leader, and  
20 he is a good leader, and he is a leader of people, both  
21 men and women in this organization. So I probably make  
22 this recommendation for consideration to this Board.

23 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you, Chief. Is there a  
24 motion from the Board?

25 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: So move, Mr. Chairman.

1 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: I'm going to ask Commissioner  
2 Bernard that you actually make the motion for the benefit  
3 of our records. Actually say.

4 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Oh, I recommend this  
5 gentleman's appointment. I'm sorry. I was looking at

6 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Through the Chair, I can.

7 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Commissioner Hernandez.

8 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Thank you. Through the  
9 Chair.

10 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I recommend James White's  
11 recommendation. I move James White's recommendation for  
12 executive appointment to the rank of Captain Lieutenant  
13 Scott Hall.

14 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Is there a second?

15 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Second.

16 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Is there any discussion on the  
17 motion?

18 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Mr. Chairman.

19 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Commissioner Moore.

20 COMMISSIONER MOORE: So I'm glad you did mention  
21 concerns Chief, that way we can have a more open, robust  
22 conversation. So just like commander Lever had zero  
23 complaints. Lieutenant Hall has 56 and some of those came  
24 as a supervisor.

25 CHIEF WHITE: Certainly, yes.

1 COMMISSIONER MOORE: So yeah, it wasn't just police  
2 officer, it was as a supervisor as well. So there's about  
3 a hundred lieutenants on the job approximately.

4 CHIEF WHITE: Yes, approximately.

5 COMMISSIONER MOORE: How did he come to the forefront  
6 where you and I have discussed resumes before  
7 Lieutenants?

8 CHIEF WHITE: Yeah. I get a lot of resumes and I get  
9 a lot of people saying, hey, I should be promoted. I get  
10 a lot of people making phone calls that calls people to  
11 call me. But I look at the body of work. I look at where  
12 people are assigned, I look at how they handle those  
13 assignments. I look at those unpopular assignments and  
14 how they react to them. Sometimes everyone wants to get  
15 promoted until they realize how much work it is. When you  
16 have these comfortable seats and you can't have difficult  
17 conversations because you can't be only as good as the  
18 last time you said yes. Right? You have to be able to  
19 have unpopular conversations with people. So I look at  
20 everything. There is a pattern. I look at the pattern of  
21 education and improvement. Are you the same sergeant as  
22 you were a police officer? Are you the same lieutenant as  
23 you were a sergeant? If you are, you're not growing in  
24 the organization and no one's going to look at you and  
25 want to be better. I looked at his resume and I looked at

1 his history. When I saw some of the things I saw, I  
2 looked at every complaint and I saw some things that were  
3 investigated by this body.

4 CHIEF WHITE: They gave me pause. I asked IA and I  
5 asked Scott to tell me what was going on. He was very  
6 open. I can't get into it because it was somewhat  
7 personal, but he may choose to if he's allowed to come up  
8 and speak. I was comfortable with the fact that his  
9 leadership would impact those who were going through  
10 something themselves. He could be a peer supporter to  
11 them, and they can look at him and possibly see  
12 themselves in him and make the necessary changes. When  
13 you look at his record as a lieutenant you'll see that it  
14 has been very, very positive, very stellar. He had some  
15 stumbles as sergeant. He correlated those stumbles with  
16 the struggles that he was having early on as a sergeant  
17 and he has been exemplary since he has corrected those  
18 problems.

19 COMMISSIONER MOORE: One more thing, Mr. Chairman.

20 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Commissioner Moore.

21 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Did you write this letter up, or  
22 did your staff type it up? The typo on here.

23 CHIEF WHITE: The typo. Well, if it was a typo, I  
24 typed it then.

25 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Okay. You typed it. Okay.

1 CHIEF WHITE: If it was perfect, they typed it.

2 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Okay. The reason why I mentioned  
3 that says Master's Degree in Business Administration  
4 program at Cleary. Then on the actual resume it says  
5 something different. Wayne State University.

6 CHIEF WHITE: Yes.

7 COMMISSIONER MOORE: So is it Cleary or is it Wayne  
8 State?

9 CHIEF WHITE: So he has a Bachelor's in Business  
10 Administration from Wayne State. He's enrolled in the  
11 Master's in Business Administration Program at Cleary. He  
12 has not achieved the Master's from Cleary as of yet.

13 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Right. On his actual resume, it  
14 says Wayne State current Master's in Business  
15 Administration. Unless he's enrolled in both  
16 universities.

17 CHIEF WHITE: I don't think we may want to ask.

18 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Okay.

19 CHIEF WHITE: I missed that. Thank you.

20 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: To that point if Lieutenant  
21 Scott Hall is here, let us see who you are. Right there  
22 he is. Lieutenant, could you clarify that point of  
23 education? Okay, great. Double master, potentially. Any  
24 further discussion. Hearing none. The motion on the floor  
25 is accept the Chief's recommendation to promote to



1 captain Lieutenant Scott Hall. All those in favor please  
2 signify by saying aye.

3 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

4 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: All those opposed?

5 COMMISSIONER: Nay.

6 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Roll call, vote please.

7 MS. SHAH: Chair QuanTez Pressley – Yes.

8 MS. SHAH: Vice-Chair Jim Holley – Yes.

9 MS. SHAH: Commissioner Linda Bernard – Yes.

10 MS. SHAH: Commissioner Cedric Banks – Yes.

11 MS. SHAH: Commissioner Willie Bell – Yes.

12 MS. SHAH: Commissioner Willie Burton – No.

13 MS. SHAH: Commissioner Lisa Carter – Yes.

14 MS. SHAH: Commissioner Ricardo Moore – Abstain.

15 MS. SHAH: Commissioner Annie Holt – Yes.

16 MS. SHAH: Commissioner Jesus Hernandez – Yes.

17 MS. SHAH: Mr. Chair, you have 8 = Yes votes, 1 =

18 Abstain and 1 = No vote.

19 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: The motion passes.

20 Congratulations, Captain Scott Hall. You can come forward

21 to make remarks.

22 CAPTAIN HALL: Thank you. First of all, I'd like to

23 say thank you to the Chief for your support, your words

24 of wisdom. Thank you, your honorable Board for your

25 support as well. Yes, I have had some hiccups throughout

1 my life but I like to think that I'm moving in and  
2 navigating in the correct direction and sticking in line  
3 with the mission of this Detroit Police Department. I am  
4 very humbled and honored and thankful and grateful for  
5 everybody that's standing here in front of me or sitting  
6 in front of me. For this honor, I will not let any of you  
7 down. Thank you guys very much.

8 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you. Congratulations,  
9 once again, Captain Scott Hall.

10 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Mr. Chairman, if I may.

11 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Commissioner Bernard.

12 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I'd just like to note that the  
13 city of Detroit is a city of second chances for  
14 individuals in terms of whatever may have happened at  
15 different points in their life. We even banned the box.  
16 We can even ask you about any previous issues that you  
17 had that were legal issues and which you even went to  
18 jail and things like that. So I just want to commend you  
19 for making the decision and for going forward in a  
20 positive direction in view of all the things that—  
21 whatever happened before that. So, God bless you.

22 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Congratulations once again to  
23 all of the appointments today. Alright. At this time,  
24 we'll move on in our agenda to our community Impact  
25 report. We have a very special presentation from our

1 Youth Advisory council. So is Angelica Williams here?

2 Well, let's welcome Angelica Williams, one of the members  
3 of our youth advisory panel, provide us a report on the  
4 board's work. Welcome.

5 MS. WILLIAMS: Thank you. I'm going to move this  
6 down. I'm short. First I'd like to say good evening to  
7 everyone for having me.

8 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Good evening.

9 MS. WILLIAMS: So for those of you who may not know  
10 me, my name is Angelica Williams. I am one of two of our  
11 co-chair leads for the Youth Advisory Panel and I'm also  
12 a Wayne State University student, as I've heard  
13 representative several times here tonight. I graduated  
14 from Cass Tech with a degree in Communications in 2020,  
15 and I'm now studying Psycholinguistics because I want to  
16 go into the criminal justice system as a forensic  
17 psychologist. So, very excited to be able to do this work  
18 and be here today. I have this on my phone and I printed  
19 out, so please forgive me for referring to it, but I'm  
20 very excited to tell you about some of the achievements  
21 of the youth advisory panel.

22 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Excellent.

23 MS. WILLIAMS: So began in October of 2022 with  
24 support by police commissioners Lisa Carter and Annie  
25 Holt, as well as Miss Theresa Blossom, the Board of

1 Police Commissioners Youth Advisory panel was implemented  
2 as a way to involve youth voice in providing civilian  
3 oversight of police enforcement. After 10 months of  
4 operation, the YAP has been given the opportunity to  
5 advise on several important issues impacting the lives of  
6 Detroit residents and begin conversation that builds an  
7 intergenerational approach to community police relations.  
8 Co-Led by myself, Angelica Williams, and Perry Pace, the  
9 YAP consisting of additional members, Alexis Escaro,  
10 Kiara Johnson, and Ayana Spencer. We have met monthly  
11 since October, 2022 to achieve the following outcomes. In  
12 the past 10 months, we have advised on several policy  
13 directives under review by the BOPC, including facial  
14 recognition technologies, gunshot detection systems,  
15 department internet usage including webpages and social  
16 media, license plate readers, and expanded surveillance  
17 technologies and 21st century policing.

18 MS. WILLIAMS: As we've met monthly for the past 10  
19 months, either in person or via Zoom, utilizing a  
20 flexible hybrid model. We have had several discussions  
21 led by the YAP with highlights, including surveillance  
22 technologies, as I mentioned before, with special mention  
23 of Project Greenlight, as well as ShotSpotter, police  
24 professionalism, including training, social media  
25 policies, local police presence as it relates to

1 immigrated persons and families, especially as it regards  
2 concerns around Detroit being a safe, welcoming community  
3 for people of all backgrounds. The increase in violence  
4 towards women, particularly women of color, addressing  
5 and assisting in better mental health policy action, and  
6 an increase in criminal activity committed by high school  
7 aged youth and younger. We have also appeared and spoken  
8 with the Board of Police Commissioners on another  
9 occasion during the community meeting at the Historic  
10 Second Baptist Church in Greek Town on March 9th.

11 MS. WILLIAMS: We have participated in the newly  
12 appointed Deputy Chief Gardener's Girls Time event on  
13 March 31st. On behalf of the YAP, I would like to say  
14 congratulations to all of those who have been appointed  
15 into a higher position today. We have had representation  
16 at Bridge Detroit's Youth Public Safety Forum, which was  
17 held on April 18th. We've also appeared on the BOPC  
18 social media and have been featured in an official Bridge  
19 Detroit article. That article included discussion topics  
20 such as mass shootings, particularly those committed by  
21 young adults and people experiencing mental health  
22 crises, the ease of access to firearms in the city of  
23 Detroit, the recently implemented curfew for teens and  
24 young adults, and the importance of youth voice in  
25 creating a safe, trustworthy environment for residents of

1 all ages. We have also, under Commissioner Holt's  
2 Advisement Supervision, begun a partnership with the  
3 Association for the Study of African American Life and  
4 History, as well as the NAACP Youth Council.

5 MS. WILLIAMS: As of August 8th, we have over a dozen  
6 in grades regarding 2023 to 24 YAP participation.  
7 Although the YAP is still fairly new, the inaugural  
8 cohort has contributed to building the platform on which  
9 future panel participants will initiate great change. Us  
10 members of the panel are honored to have made the  
11 progress we did over the past 10 months and look forward  
12 to having the opportunity to continue building a  
13 community that allows everyone in Detroit to feel safe,  
14 healthy, and protected. Thank you.

15 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you so very much. At  
16 this time, is there any questions or comments from  
17 commissioners?

18 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Yes, please.

19 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Commissioner Holt.

20 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Those five young people are  
21 probably some of the hardest potential corporate folks  
22 ever. We have one member that is also on the Urban  
23 Leagues Youth Advisory Panel. We have another member that  
24 does a yeoman job as a volunteer with Bridging Detroit.  
25 Which one of you participated with the former Commander

1 Gardner's event? Was it you?

2 MS. WILLIAMS: That was Perry.

3 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Okay. But again, they are very,  
4 very engaging. They're not narrow in their focus, and we  
5 are so proud of them. Thank you, Angelica.

6 MS. WILLIAMS: Thank you.

7 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Any further discussion?  
8 Commissioner Hernandez.

9 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: I have a question to the  
10 Chair. I don't mean to put you on the spot. Given all of  
11 the networking, the research you've done, just all the  
12 great work that the entire panel has done and you co-  
13 chairing this. What I'm thinking of next step in your  
14 career. How do you think the work that you're doing and  
15 the connections you're making are going to help you as  
16 you progress to the next stage of your life and your  
17 career?

18 MS. WILLIAMS: Yeah, so currently I am also an  
19 associate with another organization called Life Leaders.  
20 I do a lot of work in youth advocacy, empowerment, and  
21 leadership because I believe strongly that all youth have  
22 a right to a choice and have a right to be in places in  
23 rooms like these. I do a lot of work to try and build  
24 that narrative. Myself personally, I'm only 20 years old.  
25 I don't turn 21 until October. I've gotten the chance to

1 meet tons of great people and do tons of great things. As  
2 I'm looking at the next steps of my career my biggest  
3 focus is on continuing and finishing and excelling in my  
4 education. So I am set to currently graduate next year  
5 with my bachelor's in Psychology and Linguistics. Thank  
6 you.

7 MS. WILLIAMS: After that, I look forward to  
8 participating in Wayne State's post bachelor's  
9 certification in forensic investigation, and then going  
10 on to get my master's in criminal justice and my  
11 doctorate in psychology and opportunities like this and  
12 getting to meet wonderful people that I do and getting to  
13 be in rooms like this. One, it gives me the kind of  
14 confidence and power that I need to know that I belong in  
15 these rooms and to gain the recognition and respect that  
16 youth my age and younger oftentimes don't get. But more  
17 than that, I also get the opportunity to kind of show the  
18 power that youth have in these spaces and build this  
19 network in which I can bring other people into creating  
20 more youth spaces. As I mentioned with Commissioner  
21 Holt's advisement and supervision, we're getting the  
22 chance to kind of bring youth empowerment and voice into  
23 the association for the study of African American life  
24 and history. We're getting the chance to work with all  
25 these other youth councils and organizations. I've gotten



1 the chance to consult with the Sterling Heights Regional  
2 Chamber of Commerce and Detroit Pistons and everything.  
3 It's just a lot of building pathways where not only I get  
4 to be in these rooms, but I get to open up doors for  
5 everyone else my age.

6 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Excellent.

7 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: No. I know she's doing great  
8 work. I just wanted to give her the stage so she could  
9 shine a little bit more.

10 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Yeah. She's shining bright.

11 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Thank you.

12 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Commissioner Carter.

13 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Just want to congratulate the  
14 panel on successfully completing a year. Thank you for  
15 dedicating your time, your personal time to the panel.  
16 Going forward, I know that there's some things that we  
17 need to work on funding for some things that the youth  
18 want to do. We're going to need the assistance from all  
19 members of the Board as well as the Chief so that people  
20 like Angelica can have this platform to shine as she  
21 does. So thank you. Thank you all The staff that worked  
22 on the panel and spent their time, Ms. Blossom,  
23 especially. Ms. Blossom, thank you for holding it  
24 together. I'm just proud of what I'm seeing today, so  
25 thank you.

1 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Excellent. Any further from  
2 commissioners first? Any further statements from  
3 commissioners? No. Ms. Blossom, would you like to say  
4 something?

5 MS. BLOSSOM: I'll be brief. I just want to thank all  
6 five panelists. They did a lot of work and we appreciate  
7 their feedback. I'll also just mention that we have the  
8 2023 applications out in full force, and we are getting  
9 tremendous response. They're online, but they're also in  
10 the public libraries and in community hubs. They've been  
11 shared with local universities, members of the clergy. In  
12 addition, Dr. Viti has been a great supporter from day  
13 one, and the Detroit Public School Community District  
14 will have a big push as they come back to school for  
15 their applicants. We do have two members who came out of  
16 that effort from last year, and they've been really  
17 great. So we look forward to that. We've also shared them  
18 with private and parochial schools in Detroit as well. So  
19 everyone, thank you so much. We do enjoy lively  
20 discussions and we look forward to what's to come for  
21 2023 through 2024. Thank you.

22 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you. Commissioner Holts.

23 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Oh, thank you. I'd like to also  
24 add, and Ms. Blossom, I believe one other candidate for  
25 the panel has come to two previous Board meetings. Right?

1 I know he was here last week and the previous meet.  
2 Commissioner Hernandez brought him to my attention last  
3 week, so it looks like he's going to be a keeper as well.  
4 Thank you.

5 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Are there any other panelists  
6 here? Can you stand? Perspective. Oh, congratulations.  
7 Oh, you're here. We're looking forward to your  
8 contribution in the future. Yes. Thank you so very much.

9 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Mr. Chairman.

10 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Yes, Commissioner Bernard.

11 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: If I may, I want to  
12 congratulate our colleague, Commissioner Annie Mae Holt.  
13 This was her idea.

14 COMMISSIONER HOLT: No. I appreciate the accolade. It  
15 really came from Commissioner Carter.

16 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: And Carter, the two of you met  
17 on this and have made this a reality, something that I  
18 think is very important for young adults in our  
19 community. So I want to thank you both. Thank you,  
20 commissioner Carter, Commissioner Holt, and I think the  
21 Board and the community is equally grateful to you for  
22 your creating. This is your baby. Thank you.

23 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Thank you.

24 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Excellent. Thank you, co-Lead  
25 Angelica Williams and I'm looking forward to you

1 succeeding in all of your academic endeavors. We are  
2 looking so forward to you making a continued meaningful  
3 contribution in the City of Detroit. Thank you once  
4 again.

5 MS. WILLIAMS: Thank you all.

6 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Alright, moving along. We now  
7 have the Chief of Police report, and we'll do that as  
8 well as the Fifth Precinct report as the Chief directs.

9 CHIEF WHITE: Okay. Again, good evening Board. I'll  
10 be as brief as I can. We'll start with crime homicides.  
11 We're looking at a 11% reduction. Non-fatal shootings  
12 we're looking at a 7% reduction. We are also looking at a  
13 9.3% reduction in sexual assaults. We have a 5% uptick  
14 in, I'm sorry, 2.4% uptick in aggravated assaults and we  
15 have a 5% uptick in robberies. Our total violent part 1  
16 crime is up 2%. We also have a 26% reduction in  
17 carjacking. I'll briefly go through a couple cases and  
18 get to a very significant incident. Homicide  
19 investigation on Friday, August 4th, 7:50 AM. Officers  
20 were dispatched to the 6,000 block of Gunton to  
21 investigate a call for service on a shooting. Officers  
22 arrived and observed a Black male wearing all black with  
23 a handgun. Officers immediately secured the weapon and  
24 arrested the suspect.

25 CHIEF WHITE: Officers then discovered that the

1 victim was the suspect's wife, and she was laying near  
2 where the suspect was standing. Officers attempted to  
3 administer first aid until the medics arrived. When the  
4 medics did arrive, the victim was declared dead at the  
5 scene. This was a domestic violence homicide. The suspect  
6 was arrested. He was charged with first degree murder,  
7 premeditated and felony firearm. He was being held at  
8 Wayne County Jail without bond. The second investigation  
9 was also on August 4th at 2:20 PM. They were dispatched  
10 to the 9,000 block of East Jefferson, the Jeffersonian  
11 apartments for a call for service on the shooting. Upon  
12 arrival, the officers were informed by bystanders that  
13 there was some type of argument between two gentlemen or  
14 two males. One of the males pulled a gun and shot the  
15 victim.

16 CHIEF WHITE: Unprovoked other than the argument, the  
17 detective interviewed witnesses and canvas the area for  
18 evidence and looked at several videos in the area. We are  
19 still pursuing the vic or the suspect in that matter.  
20 First incident was August 8th, 7:11 AM. Officers were  
21 dispatched to the 4,000 block of Hereford to investigate  
22 a call for service of a shooting. Officers arrived at the  
23 scene and discovered that the victim had already been  
24 transported to St. John's Hospital. The victim arrived at  
25 the hospital and he was pronounced dead. On arrival.

1 Officers at the scene, they were advised of the victim's  
2 status, and they preserve the scene. Officers discovered  
3 a witness at the scene later identified as the victim's  
4 boyfriend. The witness stated that they were putting the  
5 gun away. So he indicated that they were putting the gun  
6 away.

7 CHIEF WHITE: The lights were out in the home and the  
8 gun accidentally discharged and shot the victim, who was  
9 later identified as his live-in girlfriend. We later  
10 determined that that was not the case and this was  
11 another instance of a domestic violence homicide. He was  
12 subsequently arrested. Very quickly, we had our revenue  
13 sharing press conference with the mayor and some state  
14 lawmakers, and I did not bring their names, I apologize.  
15 One of them is Mr. Carter. I cannot remember his name. I  
16 apologize. I'll provide it to the Board later. In any  
17 event we have \$3.1 million that have been given to the  
18 city of Detroit. We're going to expand our CIT, which is  
19 our Crisis Intervention Unit by 11 officers. We're going  
20 to be adding 14 officers to our NPOs citywide to help  
21 with that work.

22 CHIEF WHITE: So we're very happy to be selected and  
23 given those dollars. You'll see those officers on the  
24 street very soon. Moving to the press conference I did  
25 yesterday regarding the arrest of one of our citizens for

1 a carjacking. I want to get into this discussion. Facial  
2 recognition, certainly remains a controversial topic. I  
3 am always transparent with this Board and this community.  
4 I did not run behind the no comment because it was a  
5 lawsuit. I had an opportunity to talk to the family  
6 involved in this. Her attorney brought him to my office  
7 to discuss this situation. It's inexcusable. It is  
8 absolutely inexcusable. It's a beautiful young lady,  
9 beautiful family. Certainly, probably wasn't in the best  
10 interest of the lawsuit to have the conversation I had  
11 with her.

12 CHIEF WHITE: But it's not about the lawsuit. It's  
13 about doing what's right at the right time. So we talked.  
14 Her attorney was present. Grant Ha was present. Her three  
15 beautiful children, including the one that she was  
16 pregnant with at the time that she was arrested. I  
17 explained to her what happened. Did not want to get into  
18 right and wrong because frankly this action was  
19 inexcusable, shoddy, detective work, unacceptable and  
20 should not have happened. So with that there has been a  
21 number of reports that this was a misidentification with  
22 facial recognition. That is simply not true. What this  
23 is, however, is a lack of oversight and shoddy  
24 investigative work. There's no nice way, there's no kind  
25 words that I can add to that to make it any better than

1 that.

2 CHIEF WHITE: In my review of this I have found a  
3 number of things, and I'm going to share some of those  
4 with the Board and the community. On January 29th, 2023,  
5 an individual picked up an unknown female in the area of  
6 East Seven Mile in Hoover. He then drove her to the area  
7 of Gratiot and Bessemer. After arriving at Gratiot and  
8 Bessemer, the unknown female exited the vehicle and got  
9 into a black Tahoe. A male that was in that Tahoe exited,  
10 produced a handgun, walked over to the vehicle, and  
11 carjacked the individual taking his phone and his  
12 vehicle. The phone was later tracked down to a BP gas  
13 station in the 6,400 block of Van Dyke. So what happened  
14 was, he calls his brother and says to his brother, I've  
15 been carjacked. They took my car and my phone. He  
16 describes the woman. He tells his story about what  
17 happened.

18 CHIEF WHITE: He drove around for a while and he was  
19 carjacked. The brother then repeatedly calls his phone.  
20 At some point, finally, someone answers the phone and it  
21 turns out to be a store employee at this bp. So he said,  
22 he tells the store employee, my brother was carjacked,  
23 and tells his brother, your phone has been located.  
24 Brother calls the police, police sets, the detective goes  
25 out, the investigator in the case walks in, talks to the



1 store, employee gets the phone as she should have and  
2 then ask if there's any video of the person dropping the  
3 phone, to which she's advised that there is. She takes a  
4 still shot from that video and an image of a female was  
5 submitted for facial recognition in accordance with our  
6 policy. So in accordance with our policy as a part 1  
7 violent crime being a carjacking weapon used.

8 CHIEF WHITE: So that part is appropriate. Taking the  
9 still photo, submitting an interfacial recognition is  
10 appropriate. The technology yielded an investigative lead  
11 that underwent the peer review, which is appropriate, and  
12 actually produced 73 possibilities of being the person in  
13 question. 73. Of the 73 they looked at them and  
14 eliminated the ones that were not female, because we were  
15 looking for a female. They eliminated all the other ones  
16 that could not have been the person. For example, if we  
17 are looking for an African American male, we would  
18 eliminate all African American females. Because of the  
19 measurements and Abu rhythms of facial recognition, it's  
20 going to produce those measurements. So that was  
21 separated out and it yielded a number of potentials. Of  
22 those potentials one was selected by the investigators,  
23 or not facial recognition. This was a human who made the  
24 selection.

25 CHIEF WHITE: They then did the peer review, and the

1 lead was turned over to the investigator. An image of the  
2 individual identified through the peer review process was  
3 placed into a photo lineup and presented to the  
4 carjacking victim. So this was presented to the  
5 carjacking victim. The carjacking victim identified the  
6 image of the person as Ms. Woodruff. He said, that's her.  
7 That's the perpetrator. The victim's act of identifying  
8 Ms. Woodruff as the perpetrator served for the basis of  
9 the warrant. But there's a problem with that, which I'll  
10 get into in a moment. The warrant was subsequently signed  
11 by the prosecutor, and Ms. Woodruff was arrested. It was  
12 later learned that Mr. Woodruff was not the perpetrator  
13 involved. I have no reason to conclude at this time that  
14 there has been any violations of the facial recognition  
15 policy. However, a number of policies have been violated,  
16 and we are opening and have opened an investigation with  
17 our internal affairs section to look at those violations.

18 CHIEF WHITE: DPD's policy clearly states that  
19 members are to avoid the use of photos that so closely  
20 resemble the suspect that a person familiar with the  
21 suspect might find it difficult to distinguish the  
22 suspect from other individuals presented in the lineup.  
23 This is very complex, and I'm not going to get too far in  
24 the weeds, but I think it's important that I explain.  
25 Whether we're talking about facial recognition or whether

1 we're talking about the old mug books, which exists. If  
2 you look at a mug book, and you are putting together what  
3 we call a six pack, commonly referred to as a six pack.  
4 There're two types of lineups. There's an in-person live  
5 lineup, and then there's a photo lineup. If you are doing  
6 a photo lineup and you're doing what's called a six pack,  
7 that's six people that are presented to a victim to be  
8 identified, you can't put the twin brother in it.

9 CHIEF WHITE: You can't put people in it that so  
10 closely resemble the suspect that they're likely to be  
11 picked out. Facial recognition is going to pick up people  
12 who closely resemble. Human interaction and the ability  
13 to commit the crime. The opportunity and desire to commit  
14 the crime is the investigator's responsibility. That  
15 responsibility was neglected, plain and simple. Whether I  
16 pull out a mug book and I say, was this the person who  
17 robbed you and you say, yes, I then have to see if that  
18 person was at the BOPC meeting, were they at work? Were  
19 they pregnant? Did you identify them as being pregnant  
20 when you were robbed? Those things are the responsibility  
21 of the investigator, plain and simple.

22 CHIEF WHITE: Normally identification from a photo  
23 lineup is not deemed conclusive by investigators or  
24 prosecutors, but what made this unique is that they spent  
25 time together. So logically, because the person didn't

1 just run up and rob them, but because they had spent time  
2 together, there was more credence put on the fact that  
3 this person was identified. But the problem is the  
4 identification was because we had such similar people in  
5 the lineup, which was put in there by the investigative  
6 process. From their investigators follow up to see if  
7 there was other evidence, incriminating evidence and  
8 individuals who was identified. When the victim  
9 conclusively identified the suspect from the photo  
10 lineup, as they indicated, was giving great weight. In  
11 this case, one of the photos in the lineup had been  
12 generated by the facial recognition system. In  
13 retrospect, it seems clear that while the victim's ID  
14 seemed conclusive, the victim had identified what equated  
15 to a lookalike.

16 CHIEF WHITE: What I will tell you is I looked at the  
17 photos myself, and she looked very similar to the  
18 suspect. She isn't the suspect, and that would've been  
19 captured had we done an investigation. You can't come in  
20 here and say, this person robbed me, and here's a picture  
21 of him robbing me, and we make an arrest and we do no  
22 further investigation. It could be someone who looks very  
23 similar to them. Photo lineups are IDs that must be  
24 treated cautiously. They must be treated cautiously.  
25 Outside of facial recognition a photo lineup is a very

1 powerful tool. So we looked at this, I looked at this and  
2 I made some recommendations very quickly to make sure  
3 that this never happens again. Outside of apologizing to  
4 Ms. Woodruff and her family, her mom was there, her  
5 children, very difficult conversation, but a necessary  
6 one. I've issued an order changing the department's photo  
7 ID lineup policy so that this can never happen again. I'm  
8 instituting three reforms immediately. First, no member  
9 will be allowed to use facial recognition derived images  
10 in a photographic lineup, period. They cannot do it  
11 because facial recognition is designed to identify people  
12 who look like the suspect.

13 COMMISSIONER MOORE: But doesn't the policy already  
14 say that?

15 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Please allow the Chief to  
16 finish the presentation.

17 CHIEF WHITE: It doesn't. It's not expressly specific  
18 at all. That's okay.

19 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Please note your questions for  
20 the Chief.

21 CHIEF WHITE: In fact, all photo lineups will be  
22 conducted using sequential double blind presentation to  
23 the victim. Sequential means that the victim will only be  
24 shown one photo at a time. So here's what a sequential  
25 double blind is. So if I'm the investigative detective, I

1 know who my suspect is. You know this, and of course you  
2 know this because you're law enforcement. However, we  
3 would pick a person who doesn't know who my suspect is. A  
4 double-blind, instead of doing a six pack with six people  
5 lined up, we will put each photo of a suspect in an  
6 individual envelope marked one through six. An uninvolved  
7 detective who doesn't know who your suspect is, sits with  
8 the victim of the crime, opens the envelope, pulls photo  
9 out. Is this the person who did it? No. Puts it back in,  
10 sets it to the side. Number two, is this the person?  
11 Sequentially one at a time.

12 CHIEF WHITE: He doesn't know. If the person says  
13 it's number three, they mark down number three, shows  
14 them all six takes goes back, tells the detective who  
15 does know that number three was the one picked out.  
16 That's very different than what we're doing now. That  
17 will be memorialized in policy. Prior to conducting a  
18 photographic lineup, a supervisor is to ensure that there  
19 is an independent basis for believing that the suspect,  
20 whose picture is to be presented in the course of the  
21 photo lineup committed to crime. So if the person's out  
22 of state when the crime happened, it couldn't be them. If  
23 you verify they're out of state, it couldn't be them. If  
24 you verify that they did not have the opportunity or  
25 ability, for example, they were chased down the street

1 and shot you find out that the person that you have in  
2 the lineup can't run and couldn't run the day of the  
3 incident, then obviously there's a problem. In this  
4 instance, you had a eight month pregnant suspect.  
5 Intellectual curiosity should have led you down the path  
6 of wondering if the suspect was pregnant and that didn't  
7 occur. It's unacceptable. I make no apologies. I make  
8 corrections. That is my presentation on this matter.

9 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you, Chief White. Any  
10 questions from our commissioners? I'll begin with  
11 Commissioner Moore.

12 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Mr. Chairman, what is the status  
13 of the investigator currently?

14 CHIEF WHITE: The status of the investigator  
15 currently is she is out of investigations and she's going  
16 to be moved and she's under investigation with Internal  
17 Affairs.

18 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Did that happen today?

19 CHIEF WHITE: I was directed by me yesterday.

20 COMMISSIONER MOORE: I saw her in court.

21 CHIEF WHITE: You saw her?

22 COMMISSIONER MOORE: That's another story.

23 CHIEF WHITE: Okay.

24 COMMISSIONER MOORE: You said shoddy detective work  
25 and you went into details. It's interesting how we were

1 talking earlier about the promotions. You say your staff  
2 and how you get phone calls. Folks will call me too from  
3 within the department, and they'll say, look, we've been  
4 doing this for the last year and a half, and that's  
5 consistent with what we've been doing. Whether it's right  
6 or wrong, that's what we've been doing. So I'm just  
7 concerned that this practice has been going on for quite  
8 some time, and it's acceptable, but not that a lawsuit  
9 has been filed, now it comes to light. So that's just a  
10 concern I have Chief.

11 CHIEF WHITE: Commissioner, you may have a point.

12 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Excuse me, Chief, for a point  
13 of clarification. Are you saying that you received phone  
14 calls about this incident that say things like this has  
15 been currently happening?

16 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Absolutely.

17 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Okay. Thank you. Chief White.

18 CHIEF WHITE: Okay. As part of the investigation,  
19 internal Affairs and Civil Rights Integrity Bureau have  
20 been directed to look at any instance that a photo lineup  
21 was used as a basis of a warrant that involved facial  
22 recognition the way that it was used in this instance,  
23 number one. Number two, if someone is reporting that to  
24 you, they need to be reporting it to me. I have almost  
25 2000 employees that I'm responsible for. At any given



1 time I'm involved in a number of different things. So I  
2 appreciate that commissioner, but I don't accept that we  
3 have a duty and responsibility in this organization, that  
4 if something is improper to report it up. I also make  
5 painstaking efforts to put the right leaders in place so  
6 that they can address these issues. I truly believe in  
7 intellectual curiosity. So right now, someone should be  
8 curious if we have any other instances before this  
9 investigation touches their shot and these new commanders  
10 and captains and deputy chiefs.

11 CHIEF WHITE: If I were them, the first thing I would  
12 do is look at every single case. Now, I am confident  
13 based on the information I've received, preliminarily,  
14 but I'm not ready to make a declaration. It is impossible  
15 because the investigation isn't complete. That all other  
16 boxes were checked in instances where we have used  
17 lineups. To say that it's happening and it's accepted, it  
18 is not accepted. I would ask whomever that is to come  
19 forward and identify those cases because we're going to  
20 find them if that is the case.

21 COMMISSIONER MOORE: What they're saying through the  
22 Chair, one last thing. They're almost saying it's part of  
23 the culture. So the culture trumps policy. So you could  
24 have a policy, you could tweak it publicly. But the  
25 culture itself says this is an acceptable practice that

1 we've been doing. Again, my sources, they know I'm not  
2 going to use their name, but you and I have talked before  
3 about different things that have come out with the police  
4 department. So I'm not just making this up, but I am  
5 concerned for the public trust.

6 CHIEF WHITE: Well, I appreciate that through the  
7 Chair. I do apologize. But I'm going to be required to  
8 bring even more robust reporting to this Board now, as a  
9 result of this, and we're going to be bringing more  
10 robust reporting to a number of different entities. I  
11 have to present information now to the prosecutor's  
12 office on cases, prosecutor's very concerned. I'll be  
13 reaching out to the US Attorney's office. We were under  
14 consent judgment. So there are a lot of checks and  
15 balances to this process. So there is no end arounds, and  
16 there is no sneaky calls. I mean, if you are doing  
17 something that you know is improper, start with yourself.  
18 Stop. If there's other people doing it, then let me know  
19 about it, because when I find it I'm going to take  
20 absolute action against it. The policy is a directive.

21 CHIEF WHITE: It's not a request. I'm not asking you  
22 to do it. I'm directing you to do it. This is  
23 unacceptable. This is not something that this police  
24 department is built on. The detective should have done a  
25 better job. That's a difficult declaration to make

1 publicly, but it's the right one. She should have done a  
2 better job, period. Here's the other thing. We also got  
3 to get to the point where when we make an arrest and the  
4 person's eighth month pregnant, we have to ask ourselves,  
5 where's she going? Do we have to get her right now? I  
6 mean, can we come back? We know where she's at. I mean,  
7 that's called empathy. I love this department and we've  
8 got hardworking men and women, but we're also working  
9 with people, and we have to always keep that in mind. She  
10 wasn't going anywhere. We know where she's going to be,  
11 at least in one more month.

12 COMMISSIONER MOORE: I'll just say this in closing,  
13 Chief, and that's why the Board, we can help you fulfill  
14 this public trust issue with the raw data we've been  
15 requesting.

16 CHIEF WHITE: Yes, sir. I hear you well played, and  
17 we will absolutely be participating in most of the  
18 requests you have made.

19 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you. Any further  
20 questions from commissioners? Yes, Commissioner Bernard.

21 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Okay. I want to thank you,  
22 Chief, for clarifying what happened in the sense that it  
23 was not quote, facial recognition. We all recognize the  
24 fact that facial recognition is very controversial and  
25 that the algorithms that are used in facial recognition

1 are discriminatory, particularly with respect to African  
2 Americans and people of color. That's the national fact.  
3 Harvard has researched and everybody has researched it.  
4 But what I'm concerned about, and I agree with you about  
5 the lineup, and I agree with all the processes and  
6 procedures that you've outlined for changing the lineup.  
7 But I want to go back to facial recognition for just one  
8 moment. When we get a report from your office every week  
9 on facial recognition with the graphs, how many people we  
10 look for with facial recognition, how many people were  
11 Black, how many people were white. But in this process  
12 has caused us internally to decide to look at how this  
13 reporting is done to the Board on facial recognition.

14 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I guess what I'm saying is  
15 that I'd like to recommend a few things. Number one, in  
16 terms, I can give you the list. You don't have to write  
17 it down. But instead of just these graphs would show,  
18 well, there's 50 and then 60 and this, that and the  
19 other. This tells us nothing. Let's suggest that the  
20 Board, because this is such a sensitive issue in our  
21 community, that the department give us one, a report. It  
22 can be weekly or monthly, or biweekly. However, you work  
23 it out with our staff on the date of a facial recognition  
24 search. Let's say we do 500 of them. I don't care what we  
25 do, but the date that we do it. The type of crime, and

1 that's, as we've already pointed out, the facial  
2 recognition policy that was approved by the Board and  
3 that you concur with 100% is that it has to be a serious  
4 crime.

5 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Not any. It can't be any  
6 breaking and entering into my house or my car or anything  
7 like that, irrespective of the fact there may be a video  
8 of it. It has to be a serious violent crime. A class one,  
9 I think is what you call the crime. So we'll have the  
10 date of the facial recognition search, the type of crime,  
11 part 1, violent or home invasion. You're going to have to  
12 identify them by name. But clearly that there were two  
13 examiners and one supervisor conducting the search, which  
14 is what you indicated that you were in favor of. The  
15 image source. Whether this is a still shot from a video  
16 or from a digital photograph. Because our current policy,  
17 as you know, forbids you using a video in order to take a  
18 picture. We get the video to run it through facial  
19 recognition.

20 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: So we're going to identify  
21 this. That's number four. We identify the source. Number  
22 five, the number of possible matches, like you just said,  
23 in this young lady's case, there were 67 possible  
24 matches. The source of the image if it's used in a six  
25 pack. If an image is used in a six pack Most of them are

1 not, I'm sure. But anyway, there must be some sources  
2 other than from facial recognition. You can indicate that  
3 to us. Finally, if there was a warrant requested, if a  
4 warrant was issued, so we can tighten up our review of  
5 facial recognition and it will help the department and I  
6 think is more responsive to the community in terms of  
7 what we're trying to do. It is a hot button issue. It's  
8 an issue that deserves more attention than it's getting  
9 from us and more attention from the department in terms  
10 of your reporting.

11 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: So I can give you these things  
12 and maybe our new reports will reflect that. Because as  
13 you pointed out and others in this room, of course,  
14 facial recognition is here to stay. I did not know. I  
15 told you that that Rite Aid pharmacy has been using it  
16 for 10 years. I didn't even know every time I walked in,  
17 I was being facially recognized and profiled. I mean,  
18 it's airport. You can tell all of us all the places that  
19 it's being used and every law enforcement agency, federal  
20 in the country uses it to my knowledge. So it's not going  
21 anywhere. The only question is how can we I improve our  
22 oversight and help the department be more accountable?  
23 Because once the stats are done, then you can say, we  
24 need to adjust this. We need to adjust that. So helps all  
25 of us be more accountable to the community on this,

1 particularly in an African American city.

2 CHIEF WHITE: Through the Chair. I didn't hear  
3 anything in there that's unreasonable at all. I mean, we  
4 can make those adjustments. Please send me the list.

5 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I'll give you the memo.

6 CHIEF WHITE: Alright.

7 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Commissioner Bell.

8 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I want  
9 to be brief and to the point, Chief. You did an excellent  
10 job of explaining what transpired. I just want to say  
11 there's no 100% proof in terms of the issue. We had a  
12 photo lineup, lie detector, even eyewitness did it wrong  
13 sometime. We know historically we come a long way in  
14 terms of accountability. We are trying to use the best  
15 telling technology that we can use in terms of all this  
16 crime in this nation. The reality is, sometimes we got  
17 shoddy police work that's sort of age old and that's all  
18 areas from the medical, the legal, you name it. So that's  
19 accountability. I have a great deal of confidence that we  
20 are going to rectify that, but some things just fall  
21 through the cracks and people make mistakes and therefore  
22 we got go forward with wisdom so we just thought the  
23 whole technology. I think people wanted to take one issue  
24 by a small percentage of people. Most people in Detroit  
25 is for facial recognition. They understand that we have a

1 serious problem and we trying to do the best job we can.  
2 Therefore, I think we have the Chief and accountability  
3 of his staff and the police officers on the street daily  
4 doing their work, the best of their ability overall.  
5 Thank you.

6 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you, Commissioner Bell.

7 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Mr. Chair.

8 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Commissioner Carter.

9 COMMISSIONER CARTER: I just have a comment. Thank  
10 you, Mr. Chair. Regarding is it a directive at this time  
11 and not a policy?

12 CHIEF WHITE: Through the Chair. Correct. It's an  
13 immediate directive. Then I have 30 days, I believe, to  
14 get it to you, but it's coming. It should have been sent  
15 already. I'm not sure. It will be sent by the end of  
16 business tomorrow for sure. But the directive has already  
17 been issued.

18 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Thank you.

19 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you. Commissioner Banks.

20 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Yeah. through the Chair. Peace  
21 and blessings upon your household, Chief.

22 CHIEF WHITE: Thank you.

23 COMMISSIONER BANKS: How's the pregnant woman  
24 wellbeing doing?

25 CHIEF WHITE: Well, I don't know. Through the Chair.



1 I don't know her wellbeing. As you can imagine, she's  
2 devastated. As you can imagine, the investigator's  
3 devastated. But the fact of the matter is a lot of things  
4 transpired to get us here. She shouldn't be in that  
5 position. She's innocent and we've got a lot of work to  
6 do with restoring how she feels about police. But we  
7 didn't get into her wellbeing.

8 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: She had the child, as I  
9 understand it.

10 CHIEF WHITE: She did.

11 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: She's fine.

12 CHIEF WHITE: The child was in attendance yesterday.

13 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Good. I still have another one  
14 too. I mean, with the facial recognition product, we  
15 can't afford to get it wrong because we dealing with  
16 people's livelihood here. So we just can't afford to get  
17 it wrong. I got one more.

18 CHIEF WHITE: If I may just quickly respond. So  
19 again, I agree with you 100%, but this was human error.  
20 This wasn't the facial recognition system. This was  
21 somebody who picked a picture out of 73 and decided to  
22 use it in a lineup. But I 100% agree with you. We're  
23 going to take the opportunity to tighten up some things.  
24 There was some things highlighted yesterday in a meeting  
25 that I was in that would make it cleaner language with

1 regards to video images by one of the commissioners. We  
2 we're going to take the opportunity to tighten it up and  
3 we're going to be more than committed to providing a more  
4 robust reporting model. So that's not a problem. But this  
5 was human error.

6 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Wonderful. I got one more,  
7 Chief. Okay. Now, the facial recognition policy 307-5,  
8 section 3-2 states that members shall not use facial  
9 recognition on livestream or on recorded videos. It's my  
10 understanding that the image of the suspect that was run  
11 through facial recognition was captured from a gas  
12 station security video, according to the policy. Isn't  
13 that image ineligible for use of facial recognition  
14 technology since it was captured from a video?

15 CHIEF WHITE: That is incorrect. As you know, we've  
16 been using facial recognition since 2017. I think it was  
17 about three years ago, there was a question by the Board  
18 about video imaging and facial recognition. Meaning that  
19 if I'm walking up the street and I'm being captured on  
20 facial recognition by a camera the Board did not want  
21 that. The other thing the Board did not want is to use  
22 video streaming where you and I are walking up the  
23 street. I'm the suspect. You are not. The video is  
24 capturing and facially recognizing both of us. To satisfy  
25 the Board, we entered into the agreement and the policy

1 that we would not use livestream and video images, but we  
2 would then take a screenshot from the video image. The  
3 reason that that's important, and if you think about what  
4 you're solving for here, is if you didn't have the  
5 ability to take a photo screenshot from a video image,  
6 you would essentially not have facial recognition  
7 abilities because you would only be able to use it where  
8 someone has taken a picture. So, hypothetically, let's  
9 say there's a murder that occurs at a place that has a  
10 ring doorbell. Ring doorbells have video.

11 CHIEF WHITE: Now, our policy allows us to take a  
12 shot of the video, a screenshot of the video and use it.  
13 Otherwise, that video would be ineligible unless you had  
14 a ring doorbell that took pictures when you pushed the  
15 button. That's just not logical there. The streaming  
16 video is what's happening or video images is what's  
17 happening in the large majority of places that have video  
18 not still shots. So that's what we were satisfying. It is  
19 artfully written, to say the least and we're committed to  
20 cleaning that language up, but we would never commit to  
21 not being able to get a screenshot from a video image.  
22 But we will not livestream or put facial recognition in  
23 cameras that are picking up video live.

24 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Mr. Chair, I'm all set.

25 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you. Commissioner Banks.

1 Vice-Chair Holley.

2 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Thank you  
3 for your patience as well. Chief historically, how many  
4 violations have been made with the facial recognition?

5 CHIEF WHITE: Since the new policy, this would be the  
6 first. But again, this is not a facial recognition issue.  
7 It as a human error issue. Prior to that, there were two,  
8 prior to the policy. Early on there was the first one in  
9 a couple years later, I believe there was another. I  
10 don't have them with me. But this would be the first  
11 since the policy.

12 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Right. So historically, we're  
13 talking about only once on our policy and oversight is  
14 basically, this is the one we're talking about now, which  
15 is really not facial recognition. But for the most part,  
16 that's what we are talking about. Am I right?

17 CHIEF WHITE: That's correct.

18 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: The other thing, Mr. Chair.  
19 Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My last question. During  
20 yesterday's process conference Chief, you indicated three  
21 changes that will be made, implemented immediately as a  
22 special order forthcoming is a permanent policy change  
23 requisition recommendation to the Board. You talked about  
24 it yesterday when I was there, you talked about how  
25 witness identification and lineup policy, correct?

1 CHIEF WHITE: That's correct.

2 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Does the police department  
3 currently operating under the Board approved policy for  
4 eye witness recognition identification line up? Or is it  
5 basically already operating under temporary special order  
6 enacted in December of 1922?

7 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: 2022.

8 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: 2022. I'm sorry.

9 CHIEF WHITE: They are operating under the new  
10 special order that was issued as a result of these  
11 findings and the policy will be forthcoming.

12 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: So, which means then you're not  
13 in violation in terms of oversight, in terms of what we  
14 are looking at here.

15 CHIEF WHITE: Well, we weren't in violation of  
16 oversight because prior to the special order that I  
17 issued and I'll have to check the publication on the  
18 special order. It was directed to be published last  
19 night. But policy is coming to this Board by tomorrow for  
20 their approval. As you are aware, we have a period of  
21 time that we can operate under special order for awaiting  
22 the Board's approval. We'll be operating on the special  
23 order. I don't want to misrepresent a case. This special  
24 order has not gone out or been published, but it should  
25 have been. It was directed to be.

1 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Very good. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

2 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you. Commissioner Holt.

3 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Yes, thank you. Okay. Thank you,  
4 Chief White, for being there in that hot seat and trying  
5 to lead with integrity and the show of a heart. Okay. So  
6 you're going to send to us what's titled as the Special  
7 Order as opposed to Policy Change.

8 CHIEF WHITE: Through the Chair. The point of  
9 clarification. I have the authority to issue a special  
10 order for a period of time. I'm doing that. I'm sending  
11 the Board the policy, the permanent policy for your  
12 review. While awaiting that review we'll operate in a  
13 special order, but the Board may come back and say, don't  
14 like certain parts of your policy, and then you need to  
15 change them. So we'll work together with that.

16 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Through the chair. Thank you.

17 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you. Any further  
18 questions from commissioners? Commissioner Burton.

19 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the Chair. Chief,  
20 according to the most recent member of our community, was  
21 falsely arrested based off of facial recognition  
22 technology. Apparently, this happened in February. When  
23 was this going to ever make it to the Board of Police  
24 Commissioners?

25 CHIEF WHITE: I found out about it from the lawsuit,

1 sir. Through the Chair. I didn't have this information  
2 about this incident happened. When the lawsuit came in I  
3 was alerted to it, and I sent you a notification. I sent  
4 you a letter. I sent every commissioner a letter that  
5 I've just been served with a lawsuit that I'm reading.  
6 But the cursory review of it, it was problematic, and I  
7 would update you with more information when I got it. I  
8 did do that update. So there was no desire to not present  
9 it to you. When I found out, I let you know.

10 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Thank you. But Chief, this is  
11 the third incident here in the city of Detroit, America's  
12 Blackest and poor city, where three individuals has been  
13 misidentified by the technology. Robert Williams, Michael  
14 Oliver, who slept in the Wayne County Jail and had to eat  
15 bologna sandwiches for breakfast, lunch, and dinner for  
16 crime he didn't commit. Now you have a sister by the name  
17 of Porsche Woodworth who was eight months pregnant. This  
18 technology appears to be techno racism is the new Jim  
19 Crow that's falsely arrested innocent people here in  
20 Detroit. Years ago our Detroit residents have spoke loud  
21 and clear that this day would come, that this technology  
22 is not right.

23 COMMISSIONER BURTON: But we're still using the  
24 technology in Detroit. What are we going to do as elected  
25 officials, as members of this department to ensure that

1 something like this never happens again? We need to do  
2 more to protect human lives in the city of Detroit. No  
3 one should be afraid of the police. No one should be  
4 afraid of being falsely arrested by this technology.  
5 These lives are affected not just today, but for many  
6 years to come.

7 CHIEF WHITE: May I respond, please?

8 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Yes. Through the Chair.

9 CHIEF WHITE: There was a lot there, and I'll try to  
10 carve out the question. There are this year 161  
11 homicides. 161. Facial recognition has a success in  
12 getting 16 murderers off the street. LPRs helped us catch  
13 the guy who drove from Lansing and decided to murder a  
14 beautiful baby.

15 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Explain what LPRs are.

16 CHIEF WHITE: License plate readers and decided to  
17 murder a beautiful baby in our city. We have a number of  
18 people that are victims. Senseless violence in the city.  
19 Facial recognition is not only in Detroit, it's around  
20 the state and other cities with Michigan State Police.  
21 It's also at casinos around the state. It's at airports.  
22 We don't need to fit the technology. We need to hold  
23 folks accountable, and which is what this presentation is  
24 about today. This was not facial recognition identifying  
25 anybody. In fact, facial recognition identifies 73



1 people. Human error identified the wrong person, and bad  
2 tactics we arrested the wrong person. We have to do  
3 better. I understand, commissioner, your passion, maybe  
4 even your anger. But what I'm asking you to do is look at  
5 this whole total circumstance and not blame it on a tool.

6 CHIEF WHITE: But hold me accountable for the  
7 officer's behavior. We have fantastic officers in the  
8 Detroit Police Department. I think everybody in this room  
9 will agree with that. But we had an officer who did not  
10 follow our policy and that has to be addressed. Whether  
11 we're looking at a mug book with 500 pictures in it, or a  
12 digital system, there are checks and balances that have  
13 to happen. This is a business that you cannot get it  
14 wrong, period. It's like being a pilot with 200 people on  
15 your plane. You can't forget to check the landing gear,  
16 and you can't think about it when you land on the plane.  
17 So every time you have to do it right. What we're about  
18 is getting it right. But I'm not going to sit here and  
19 tell this Board that we're not going to get it wrong  
20 sometime. But I will tell this board when we get it wrong  
21 I'm going to hold them accountable.

22 CHIEF WHITE: This was not about facial recognition.  
23 Embarrassingly, this was not good policing.

24 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Chief, I respect you as a  
25 person, as a human being. But when this technology

1 misidentify a single person of color that doesn't have  
2 the resources for a good legal defense, it criminalizes  
3 those that wake up every day in poverty. When this  
4 affects one person, one member in our community directly,  
5 it affects a whole community indirectly.

6 CHIEF WHITE: This technology, which in this case did  
7 not arrest a person or identify the wrong person, but  
8 when this technology does assist us in getting a murderer  
9 off the street, when this technology brings comfort to a  
10 mother who lost her son, who's walking to school and was  
11 shot because they thought he was someone else, and we're  
12 able to use this technology to get that person off the  
13 street before they victimize someone else. Or if we have  
14 a shooting that's happening in the 12th precinct and a  
15 person is walking around indiscriminately shooting people  
16 and for no reason, and we're able to use this technology  
17 and to find out where he lived and what he's dealing  
18 with, and how we can get him off the street before hurt  
19 somebody, I would argue with you, this is a valuable tool  
20 to be used appropriately. Part 1 violent crime, not being  
21 ease, and ironically, one of the biggest complaints I get  
22 about facial recognition when someone's home is broken  
23 into, or someone's car is stolen and they got pictures,  
24 why won't you arrest a person through facial recognition.  
25 Murder in this attempt, robbery and rape, home invasion

1 1, meaning people are in the house when you broke in, is  
2 when we use it, period,

3 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Through the Chair. Just a quick  
4 comment.

5 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Commissioner Moore.

6 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Thank you, sir. I believe you  
7 Chief, when you said you just found out, because you told  
8 us, and then you updated us Friday evening, and the  
9 incident did happen in February. So again, that's my  
10 concern about the timeframe and it being an ongoing issue  
11 where officer just said, this is like our normal.

12 CHIEF WHITE: If I may just, just real quick.

13 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Yeah, Chief.

14 CHIEF WHITE: Through the Chair. I knew, I mean, this  
15 was going to be a hot button topic as it should be. As  
16 part of our investigation, we're going to track. IA is  
17 here, and I think the commander from IA is here and he's  
18 taking notes. One of the things we're looking at is the  
19 origin of the complaint when it came into the police  
20 department, when we identify what the problem is, how the  
21 problem was characterized. It was likely characterized as  
22 a misidentification through process of lineup, but not as  
23 a facial recognition mischaracterization. But all of that  
24 will be presented to this Board. My commitment is when  
25 this investigation is complete, I'm back here in the seat

1 presenting it to you, and you will get a formal  
2 presentation from the commander. We are not going to  
3 stretch this thing out to Christmas. We're not going to  
4 be here next summer talking about it. He should be done  
5 with this complaint in the next 45 days, hopefully  
6 sooner, and you will be getting a presentation on when  
7 the call came in, what was done, and all the different  
8 pieces to it.

9 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you. I am heartwarming  
10 that this is a hot button issue that's very  
11 controversial, that we have been able to deliberate it  
12 with respect in decorum. So I appreciate all of my  
13 commissioners for allowing that to occur. Chief, my  
14 question is relative to the fact that, again, I accept  
15 the fact that this was an incident of human negligence or  
16 human error. But again, for you to have just found out  
17 about it recently seems as if it may be more than just  
18 one person, meaning some oversight mishaps. So while we  
19 are aware that policy is forthcoming tomorrow and  
20 presentation is forthcoming in 45 days, I'm wondering if  
21 disciplinary actions will be coming to this Board as a  
22 result of this incident.

23 CHIEF WHITE: If misconduct is identified, neglective  
24 duty is identified, most certainly misconduct will be  
25 coming to this Board in with respect to any other

1 instances. There's already an audit underway by the civil  
2 Rights Integrity Bureau, who was over our consent  
3 judgment to identify any light cases where this has  
4 occurred. I've already reached out to the prosecutor to  
5 let her know I'm going to update her if that did occur,  
6 and that we will be pulling back those cases. I was  
7 updated today that as of today, that that has not been  
8 the case. Meaning no additional have been found, but  
9 we're going to scrub all of them, and I'll make that part  
10 of the report out.

11 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: I appreciate that. Thank you.

12 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Mr. Chairman, I have one more  
13 question unrelated to this for the Chief.

14 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Briefly.

15 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: It's related to a citizen  
16 complaint. Chief, as you know, currently, you have  
17 designated this, I think it's the Second Precinct right  
18 there at the Boulevard and the lodge.

19 CHIEF WHITE: Third.

20 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Third. I'm sorry. I get it  
21 right. That's my second, right? Third, I'm sorry. Right.  
22 Yeah. Former the hospital building, right. As the place  
23 where people pick up police reports, incident reports.  
24 The citizens that have approached me about it have  
25 indicated that because the hours are only 8 to 4:00 PM

1 and people who work, especially if they catch the bus or  
2 so forth, they can't get there only eight to four Monday  
3 through Friday, which is really rough. Of course, the  
4 department charges \$10 per police report and I guess you  
5 got that \$10 charge approved by City Council.

6 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: But in any event, that's a  
7 separate issue. I have an issue with that because our  
8 community, they shouldn't have to pay for a copy of the  
9 report that involves them. It's just a xerox, it's just  
10 of something that's on a computer. But back to the point,  
11 the hours are a problem for working people and people on  
12 the bus and the fee is a problem. You don't have to  
13 address it right now, but if you could, maybe by the next  
14 meeting, let us know if there's anything that you can do  
15 about this. Because if it's an electronic report. Hit a  
16 button. I mean, can we just forward them to people  
17 perhaps electronically? Or do I have to come and say, I'm  
18 Linda Bernard, prove who I am. State the date. Go through  
19 all this stuff.

20 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Sign papers.

21 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Yes, sign papers. Okay. Sign  
22 papers to order to get my police report.

23 CHIEF WHITE: I'll have an answer for you next week.

24 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Thank you.

25 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you. Let the record show

1 that all questions and promises for documentation will be  
2 memorialized in our minutes to ensure a proper follow-up.  
3 At this time, we still are in the Chief's report, but we  
4 will welcome the Fifth Precinct for their report.

5 CAPTAIN FIRDSON: Thank you. I'm Captain Richard  
6 Firdson from the Fifth Precinct. Thank you to the Board  
7 for showing up and inviting us here to present to the  
8 Board. Thank you, Chief White. I'm going to make this  
9 really brie.

10 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you.

11 CAPTAIN FIRDSON: Yeah, really quick, congratulations  
12 to Deputy Chief Gardner, captain Hall, and a very, very,  
13 very good friend of mine. I love the Man. Dietrick Lever.  
14 I've never called him by his first name. He's a good  
15 friend of mine, Dietrick Lever, awesome promotion there.  
16 So the Fifth Precinct's located in the southeast side of  
17 the city of Detroit. We cover 12.8 square miles, and it's  
18 bordered by the Ninth Precinct to the north. The city of  
19 Harper Woods to the east. To the south side is going to  
20 be Grosse Pointe and the river. Then to the west side is  
21 going to be the Seventh Precinct.

22 CAPTAIN FIRDSON: We're the home to many very strong  
23 community groups, which includes Morningside, East  
24 English Village, Cornerstone Village, River Bend,  
25 Jefferson Chalmers in the East Village. The Fifth

1 Precinct is in the Board of Police Commissioners Fourth  
2 district, which is represented by Commissioner Bell, who  
3 is very instrumental in our community groups. Make a lot  
4 of our presentations, a lot of our community events, and  
5 thank you for that. We are also in the city Council's  
6 District Fourth District represented by council person  
7 Leticia Johnson, which is a good friend of mine. Yes, we  
8 have a good history. I love her. So some of our notable  
9 organizations within the Fifth Precinct are going to be  
10 the East Warren Business Association, the Capuchin  
11 Kitchen. If you don't know where that is, it's right down  
12 here on East Jefferson.

13 CAPTAIN FIRSDON: If you have the time to volunteer,  
14 please do. It's an amazing organization. They provide  
15 meals all day for people that don't have them. The  
16 commander of the Fifth Precinct, which is my supervisor,  
17 Commander Harris, also, my classmate, does volunteer a  
18 lot. I can't say a lot of times. He does volunteer days  
19 there. He encouraged me to go there. We go there and  
20 sometimes and serve food to the community. So for those  
21 that are watching at home, don't hesitate to go down  
22 there and learn about what the Capuchin Kitchen offers.  
23 It's an amazing facility. Also, we have recently at the  
24 corner of Bewick and Mac, we now have a substance abuse  
25 treatment center for those with opioid addictions. If you



1 know anybody that needs the methadone clinic that's been  
2 recently opened there, that's opened, I believe, six days  
3 a week during morning hours.

4 CAPTAIN FIRDSON: So the Fifth Precinct has 101  
5 members, which is represented by one commander, myself, 1  
6 captain, 5 lieutenants, 13 sergeants, 6 detectives, 2  
7 NPOs. Thank you for recognizing them at this meeting. We  
8 do have two with increased personnel. We are going to be  
9 adding more, hopefully very soon. We also have our NPO  
10 Sergeant, which is figured into that. NPO Soles, NPO  
11 Maxi, I will put them toe to toe with any full service  
12 six person NPO service. They are incredible. They do this  
13 very well. So I would like to discuss our crime stats for  
14 the year to date. As of yesterday, these numbers, we are  
15 seeing a 33% increase in homicide. Two of them that were  
16 discussed today during the meeting were actually happened  
17 within the Fifth Precinct.

18 CAPTAIN FIRDSON: We've had a 3.3% reduction in CSCs  
19 criminal sexual conducts, a 12.7% reduction in aggravated  
20 assaults, a 26.8% increase in armed robberies. If you  
21 read the report at one point in time in early on in this  
22 year, in January, we had a 1200% increase, which was  
23 driven by armed robberies of our dollar stores, dollar  
24 General Family Dollar. We instituted a task force with  
25 our precinct and major crimes. Those numbers had been

1 significantly consistently reducing since then. We are  
2 still up. We were working our darnest to get that number  
3 down. The next stat would be our 41% reduction in non-  
4 fatal shootings, which we take great pride in. Our part 1  
5 property crimes, we're seeing a 3.7% increase, in  
6 burglaries a 25.7% increase in larcenies, which is mainly  
7 driven by our retail frauds. We do have several patterns.

8       CAPTAIN FIRDSON: We've arrested three of our major  
9 offenders with that, with warrants pending. Gentlemen is  
10 currently in the custody of Wayne County Jail. But that's  
11 one thing that we've been plagued with. But we are  
12 getting those numbers under control also. We have an  
13 18.4% increase in auto thefts. So for our homicide and  
14 non-fatal shootings, we continue to show the decrease. We  
15 were seeing that a lot of these were happening along the  
16 East Warren corridor. That's all the way from Connor all  
17 the way to Mac. So we identified those as hotspots, and a  
18 lot of that was being driven by stats from the end of the  
19 year last year. So we've been concentrating on known  
20 identify, excuse me, known identifier pushes to identify  
21 those that are involved in crime, MDOC checks, Michigan  
22 Department correction checks following up with  
23 probationers and parolees within the precinct.

24       CAPTAIN FIRDSON: When I was thinking about this, the  
25 pull up and park disruption and the non-permitted block

1 party disruption. I don't like that term. It's not the  
2 disruption, it's the education. A lot of what we do and  
3 Commissioner Bell, who attends all of our community  
4 meeting, this is something we consistently talk about, is  
5 the permitting process. We do have people, we address the  
6 community, and sometimes it's the, I did not know that.  
7 So we are doing the education piece. We go out there, the  
8 citizens want to see what the process is. Sergeant Turner  
9 was just out there a couple days ago from the Morningside  
10 Community Educating, getting block party permitted. It  
11 was a family event. It's been going on for years. So  
12 that's, if it's not permitted and it's outside of the  
13 parameters, then we do this disruption, which has been  
14 consistently happening for the summer.

15 CAPTAIN FIRSDON: Also, we are maintaining our park  
16 detail, which is concentrating on Maheras-Gentry Park,  
17 Chandler Park, Balduck Park, and Mariner Park, which so  
18 far this year, if anybody's familiar with those parks,  
19 they've been good to us. A lot of people hanging out,  
20 having good time. We have not had any major incidents.  
21 We've had some disruption with pull up and parks, and  
22 we've disrupted them successfully. But that's been once.  
23 So we are staying on top of those through our crime C  
24 task system, which searches open source events and  
25 advises if we have these within our precinct. So like I

1 said, for the robbery report, the January 29th report, it  
2 did show a 1200% increase and it was all based upon  
3 business robberies. We had a good year the previous year  
4 with one.

5 CAPTAIN FIRDSON: So our strategies within the  
6 precinct are hot spots are identified as the areas along  
7 the East Warren Corridor. Again, a scout car area is 53,  
8 54, 55, 56, and 57. That's going to be 94 to Kingsville,  
9 Mac to Alter Road. Our hotspots is directing our officers  
10 to maintain special tensions and concentrating on our  
11 family dollar's dollar stores, liquor stores, retail  
12 businesses, and green light locations. If you can see by  
13 our violent crime numbers, they're definitely trending  
14 downward. We do have an overall part 1 reduction of  
15 10.5%. We do have a domestic violence because a lot of  
16 our aggravated assaults and our homicides have had a  
17 domestic nexus. We do have an embedded social worker.  
18 She's our Ms. Tracy. She follows up with our domestic  
19 violence victims and suspects, offenders to educate, to  
20 offer resources.

21 CAPTAIN FIRDSON: So we can hopefully continue to  
22 push those numbers down. So within the precinct, we also  
23 have a very robust police explorers program. We do have  
24 two coordinators that's also coordinated through the NPOs  
25 office. If you ever have a chance to see them, they're

1 all on our Facebook website. Please take an opportunity  
2 to look the Fifth Precinct Explorers or the Detroit  
3 Police Department's explorers websites. They're amazing  
4 what they're doing with the youth. Regarding my the NPO  
5 staff, like I said, they are heavy hitters. Everybody  
6 here knows where I came from. I've been removed from the  
7 precinct for a while, coming to a precinct again and  
8 seeing exactly what the NPOs do. It's mind blowing. It's  
9 shocking. The community involvement, the community  
10 initiatives that they push and the resources they bring.

11 CAPTAIN FIRDSON: Just to highlight some of their  
12 efforts over the year. They do host a Thursday game night  
13 at the Command. They also host cookouts. A lot of the  
14 members here come to our community, cookouts, also bring  
15 us food and contribute and have break bread with us and  
16 spend time with us. They also host the National Night  
17 Out. They sponsor five families for Christmas. They also  
18 participate in a Turkey giveaways for Thanksgiving. Also  
19 they do the distribution of the Goodfellow boxes for  
20 children within the community. Those that are age four to  
21 13 years old. So with that, I'll open it to questions.

22 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you so very much. Any  
23 questions for our commissioners?

24 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Yes. One.

25 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Commissioner Bernard.

1 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: In my precinct in District 2,  
2 and there are four precincts that are part of that. The  
3 liquor stores and so forth now, everywhere. I mean, even  
4 in the gas stations, there's a strip. When you go into a  
5 door, you hit the door to get in and out. There's a strip  
6 there on every door that says, this door is not to be  
7 locked. If someone is in other than an employee. If  
8 someone is in the interior of the building. Can you do  
9 something about that within your precinct as well? I  
10 think it's so important that people understand you can't  
11 do that because of the incidents that we've had in  
12 Detroit.

13 CAPTAIN FIRDSON: Are you saying as it comes to  
14 locking of doors?

15 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Yeah. It's just a strip that  
16 tells the gas station owner or the liquor store owner.

17 CAPTAIN FIRDSON: You're talking about an actual  
18 placarding.

19 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Yeah.

20 CAPTAIN FIRDSON: No, it's no problem.

21 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Write on the door, you cannot  
22 lock this door so long when you go get ready to walk the  
23 door, you can't miss it. You cannot lock this door if  
24 customers are in inside.

25 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Commissioner Bernard, maybe

1 you can share that with Commissioner Bell and when he  
2 attends the community meetings, he can have a visual of  
3 what you're referring to.

4 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Thank you.

5 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you. Any further  
6 questions from commissioners? Thank you so very much for  
7 your report.

8 CAPTAIN FIRDSOON: Thank you, sir. I appreciate you.  
9 Thank you.

10 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: All right. So because we are  
11 in the Fifth Precinct, we're so grateful to be able to  
12 hear from the Community Relations President of the Fifth  
13 Precinct Jay Henderson. If you're here, you may come up  
14 now for your report.

15 MR. HENDERSON: First of all, I want to say good  
16 evening to the commissioners.

17 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Good evening.

18 MR. HENDERSON: It's been an interesting night. I've  
19 learned some things. I've spent lots of times in  
20 workshops, so how to have meetings and keep-

21 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: President Henderson, we ask  
22 that you would speak a little bit more into the mic.

23 MR. HENDERSON: How to have meetings and keep people  
24 engaged for the entire meeting, and how to get young  
25 people to come and attend. One of the things I would like

1 to say, my name is Jay Henderson. I'm president of the  
2 Fifth Precinct Community Relations Council. I have  
3 Loretta Yancy, who's here tonight. She's my Vice-  
4 President. Stacy Jackson is my secretary. Glen Jones is  
5 the Sergeant at Arms. I want to make it very clear that  
6 this is a position that does not pay any money. We all  
7 volunteer. I would like to say a special hello tonight to  
8 Willie Bell who attends lots of our meetings and a  
9 special hello to a friend who was at the Fifth, Ms.  
10 Gardener. Commander Gardener.

11 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Yes.

12 MR. HENDERSON: But when you're this far down on the  
13 agenda, just about everything that can be said has  
14 already been said. Unfortunately, that's the reason they  
15 tell you when you on an agenda, make sure you're near the  
16 front of their agenda. Otherwise, everything has already  
17 been said and you become redundant. That's something that  
18 I do not want to do or be like a preacher at a ceremony.  
19 This will be ending in a few minutes and you go on and on  
20 and on. Our meetings are the first Wednesday, and Ms.  
21 Hope, I want to say a special thanks to you because  
22 you've attended lots of our meetings. So hello to you and  
23 we would like to see you back. Our meetings are the first  
24 Wednesday of each month at 6:30 until 8. We try to start  
25 at exactly 6:30 and end at 8.



1 MR. HENDERSON: Otherwise, you start losing people  
2 that have something to do and you go on and on and on. As  
3 the young people will say. Some of you older people start  
4 a meeting on Monday and end it on Wednesday. So we want  
5 to try to get young people back to the fifth. The best  
6 way to get them is to encourage them to come and we start  
7 the meeting on time. We also like to encourage people who  
8 ask questions to ask a question that can be answered and  
9 not to make a statement where the individual has got to  
10 figure out what was the question. But having said that, I  
11 want to say one thing about your meeting tonight. I  
12 thought it was an interesting meeting, but there's some  
13 people who had a question for the Chief. So when there is  
14 a question for the Chief and he left, how does that  
15 question get answered? Chief Deputy.

16 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: He's right there.

17 MR. HENDERSON: Okay. What's the deputy? What is your  
18 name?

19 DEPUTY CHIEF STEWART: My name is Deputy Chief  
20 Tiffany Stewart.

21 MR. HENDERSON: Deputy Chief Tiffany Stewart. Well,  
22 the question was asked they had some questions for the  
23 Chief. So now that I know that the Chief is gone, the  
24 Deputy Chief takes over.

25 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: To be clear, president. Does

1 he mean community had questions for the Chief or  
2 commissioners had questions?

3 MR. HENDERSON: No. There was some community—

4 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Okay, great.

5 MR. HENDERSON: Who may have had a question for the  
6 Chief himself, not the Deputy Chief, but the Deputy  
7 Chief, I guess, could answer those questions. So it's a  
8 protocol that I've got to figure out how it works. Now  
9 the Fifth Precinct is made up of an interesting group of  
10 people. We have commander Harris, who's one of the best  
11 commanders around. We have the captain who's made up a  
12 presentation in our Captain Firdson. We have Leticia  
13 Johnson, who's the individual from the city council. All  
14 of us work in congestion with each other, and we try to  
15 do a good job. I would like to get invited to this  
16 meeting again, but I would like to be somewhere near the  
17 beginning so that everything has not been said before I  
18 get here. Let me just say a special thanks to Pastor Jim  
19 Holley. We've worked together with lots of programs that  
20 he have up there at Little Rock Baptist Church, even  
21 though he's not there, I don't think anymore. But sir,  
22 thank you for your work that you've done in the  
23 community. Special thanks to the commissioners for  
24 inviting me out here tonight.

25 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you so much, President

1 Henderson, and we'll do our best to get you early on the  
2 agenda the next time you're here. Were there any  
3 questions or comments for President Henderson? Alright,  
4 thank you. At this moment we'll move to oral comment. Let  
5 me say, I try my best to keep these meetings within two  
6 hours, but because of the promotions that we had to deal  
7 with and the matter dealing with the facial recognition  
8 incident, our meetings had lasted a bit long. But we want  
9 to ensure that we give our citizens every minute that you  
10 have to state what you came here for. So, at this time  
11 Ms. Blossom.

12 MS. BLOSSOM: Excuse me, Mr. Chairman, you have six  
13 speakers. I'll call them in the order that I have the  
14 cards.

15 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Ms. Blossom, was that six?

16 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Yes. If someone else has a  
17 card—

18 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: If you have a comment cards,  
19 would you please give them to Ms. Blossom at this time.  
20 Have comment cards, please give them to Ms. Blossom.

21 MS. BLOSSOM: As this lady walks towards me, I'll  
22 call Charnita Williams, followed by Minister Eric Blount.  
23 Speaker has two minutes. Thank you.

24 MS. WILLIAMS: Oh, yes, I'm very aware of that. Okay.  
25 I'm not going to waste your time. My concerns and issues

1 is the reports I made concerning home invasion, a US  
2 federal truck robbery, DT fraud. All this stuff that I  
3 made complaints about that I've never had a response from  
4 the 12 Precinct. It is a huge issue concerning these  
5 concerns I have concerning Nikita Wilson. You know  
6 exactly what I'm talking about, and I need to get some  
7 type of results, something going on because it's not  
8 acceptable when this person have two different sets of  
9 laws or rules that she can get away with all this stuff  
10 and no one's doing their job correctly and nobody ever  
11 contacted me, especially with this home invasion. That  
12 happened the beginning of the first of the year. It's  
13 August 9th. So everybody on this Board or everybody on  
14 this committee, and unfortunately the Chief of police  
15 officer, I mean, the Chief left. That's my concern. My  
16 concern if I'm not saying everybody at the 12th Precinct,  
17 but whoever got my cases never contacted me concerning my  
18 issues and concerns. Then, especially when somebody  
19 threatened to kill my life, I mean, take my life and  
20 nobody ever responded back. It's a huge issue concerning  
21 that. Everybody on this Board, you guys need to do what  
22 you got to do. If you're not going to do your job, you  
23 don't need to be on this Board.

24 DEPUTY CHIEF STEWART: Ma'am, Deputy Chief Stewart,  
25 I'm going to have somebody get your phone number and I'll

1 call you tomorrow to figure out what's going on in the  
2 12th Precinct.

3 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you. Deputy Chief.

4 MS. BLOSSOM: Mr. Blount will be followed by Scotty  
5 Boman will be followed by black Jesus. Thank you.

6 MINISTER BLOUNT: Good evening, Board and audience.  
7 I'm Minister Eric Blount from Sacred Heart Church. These  
8 are dangerous times for Detroit citizens and their  
9 interaction with the Detroit Police Department. The  
10 latest horror with facial recognition technology  
11 highlights the corruption on this Board and its  
12 relationship with the Detroit Police Department. Just  
13 note, facial recognition technology had a scheduled  
14 presentation for April 27th, 2023 this year, but it never  
15 happened and it was never rescheduled. This must have  
16 been due to the fact that BOPC and the police department  
17 knew of the eight month old, I mean the eight month  
18 pregnant Black woman and her unborn child near death. As  
19 the Chief, he is not aware of any false arrest until it  
20 hits a lawsuit. You all should know as well, but James  
21 White, I'll call you just that. James White and facial  
22 recognition must get out of town this week. Mr. White,  
23 this human error you describe amounts to allowing an  
24 officer to execute a citizen and their peers in chain of  
25 command never say a word in question. When I say chain of

1 command, it goes beyond the police department. Who in the  
2 prosecutor's office approve this? What judge approved the  
3 prosecutor's recommendation? This is systemic and it's  
4 got to stop. A Black woman and her unborn child almost  
5 died. I don't know why everybody isn't taking this a lot  
6 more seriously because it could happen again very, very  
7 easily. Thank you.

8 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you.

9 MS. BLOSSOM: Mr. Boman. Followed by black Jesus.

10 MR. BOMAN: Hello. Two minutes doesn't begin to cover  
11 the number of issues that I would like to bring. I'll  
12 have to put some in writing and as well as bring them up  
13 at later meetings. But I will start with the topic at  
14 hand. My comments were almost going to be the same thing  
15 that Chief White said as far as his analysis of the  
16 problem with one critical exception. That was his  
17 restatement that this was not a facial recognition  
18 problem. Problems with other policy items in relation to  
19 facial recognition are facial recognition problems. The  
20 facial recognition policy must be amended to cite any  
21 changes in other policies that are connected to facial  
22 recognition so that a person doesn't necessarily have to  
23 go through all the other policies to see if he or she is  
24 applying the facial recognition policy correctly.

25 MR. BOMAN: For that reason, I support the resolution

1 that I understand is going to be presented later to this  
2 Board concerning facial recognition that there be a  
3 suspension or a cessation of its use until the policy is  
4 amended. Secondly, different issue. I am appalled by the  
5 lack of sensitivity and concern regarding gun violence in  
6 this city. I'm not talking about political posturing and  
7 about gun control or anti-gun control. I'm talking about  
8 simply enforcing existing laws when there is a violent  
9 crime committed. I witnessed a fatal shooting almost in  
10 front of my house, on my street, on my block. I watched a  
11 victim slowly bleed out. I watched the baby mama. This  
12 was a canine person, but it was a member of the family.

13 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank Mr. Boman, your time has  
14 elapsed.

15 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: He sent us the information on  
16 that, Mr. Chair, please.

17 MR. BOMAN: I'll do that.

18 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Sounds criminal. So yeah, we  
19 can receive that information, but that's something that  
20 also should be given to Detroit Police Department. Thank  
21 you.

22 MS. BLOSSOM: Black Jesus will be followed by Judge  
23 Debra Thomas, then by Brenda Butler before we move  
24 online, Mr. Chairman.

25 BLACK JESUS: Okay, while we are in the house, let me

1 just set it off. Jesus Hernandez, we just talked. Snake  
2 oil salesman. Your snake oil is over with. Annie Holt,  
3 you don't have to worry about the here days no more.  
4 There's been two cases, confirmed cases now, absentee  
5 ballot fraud in the city of Detroit. District 2, District  
6 3. Now, how many of you all got absentee ballots? Ones  
7 elected? You appointed. You appointed. You appointed, and  
8 you appointed. How many of you all got voted in Willie  
9 Bell? Now I'm going to tell you something. Willie Bell, I  
10 told you on that phone call I was different. DPD case  
11 number 201-112 Kaniesha Coleman. In the hands of the  
12 Michigan State Police, I told you stand out. You wouldn't  
13 do it. You stayed in the way. You Chairman, Board of  
14 Police Commissioners in the way. Jesus Hernandez in the  
15 way. Annie Holt, in the way. Linda Bernard, in the way.

16 BLACK JESUS: Nah, it's a little leprechaun that put  
17 you all in place to do what you all are doing. He got to  
18 go too. He in the way too. You know what I'm talking  
19 about. I'm talking about you. Bryan Ferguson. He didn't  
20 do nothing. You all broke that lady. She came down here  
21 to tell you all about her daughter, her little  
22 granddaughter, five your old asked me, Mr. Rue, can you  
23 help me with my mama? You all didn't want to do nothing.  
24 You all are in the way. We got two cases, absentee ballot  
25 fraud here in the city of Detroit. District Seven Regina



1 Ross lost about 57 votes. So if it's 58 absentee ballots,  
2 that's fraudulent. Red door horse shouldn't be in office.  
3 Leticia Johnson got up and cut out because she knew what  
4 I was about to say.

5 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you, sir. Your time has  
6 elapsed.

7 MS. BLOSSOM: Judge Thomas, followed by Brenda  
8 Butler. Thank you.

9 JUDGE THOMAS: Good evening.

10 COMMISSIONERS: Good evening.

11 JUDGE THOMAS: As a member of the fifth, I live in  
12 the Fifth Precinct, so Mr. Henderson, I know he saw when  
13 I chased the white out the door. Okay. Everybody was  
14 listening about the computer process identification. I  
15 listened for a living. What stood out to me is that he  
16 said the Chief said he was going to change the process  
17 for showing the photos and a six pack lineup. It's been  
18 some years, but yes, I did practice law for 16 years. So  
19 I took the bench for another 20 something and not telling  
20 my age. There are constitutional attachments as to how a  
21 lineup is conducted in the city of Detroit. The Chief did  
22 confirm we have always either done a live lineup or a six  
23 pack, as you say, with the photos. So if you're going to  
24 decide doing sequential, how you going to comply with the  
25 constitution as well as the attorneys, the defense buyer.

1 Okay. I know how those motions go.

2 JUDGE THOMAS: I have filed them, I have heard them.

3 You getting ready to change this process? I'm sure the  
4 Detroit department is going to have an attorney. I would  
5 suggest one that does defense work. All right.

6 Constitutional protections that attach with lineup  
7 processes. I don't even know if you're doing live lineups  
8 anymore. It is been that long. But you talking about  
9 going sequential, are there any studies on that? Is  
10 sequential supposed to be more reliable than that six  
11 pack you're talking about? Okay, then how are you going  
12 to be preserved, those photos that you're sequentially  
13 showing? Is there anything suggestive in terms of how you  
14 laying the pictures down, how you're picking the pictures  
15 up? That's the defense in me. I'm sorry. So while you  
16 were listening to that other, the Constitution was  
17 screaming on terminating the process that has been  
18 litigated to the Supreme Court.

19 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you so much. Your time  
20 has elapsed.

21 JUDGE THOMAS: Numerous times. Thank you.

22 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you.

23 MS. BLOSSOM: Ms. Butler followed online by Former  
24 Police Commissioner William Davis and a comment from  
25 someone from the Smart Sheet.

1 MS. BUTLER: Good evening.

2 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Good evening.

3 MS. BUTLER: To the Board of Police Commissioners.

4 Welcome to the Fifth Precinct. I'm District Four Brenda  
5 Butler here. First I'd like to congratulate the Young  
6 Advisory Panel. I think that that is one of the most  
7 important things that this Board has done since I've been  
8 in the city of Detroit. I think we need more than a five  
9 member. And I think they should come from all districts.

10 COMMISSIONER: Yes, ma'am.

11 MS. BUTLER: City council districts. But it is  
12 fantastic and I'd like to congratulate the young lady  
13 Angelica, who spoke this evening so eloquently. I'm  
14 looking forward to reading their pamphlet of the work  
15 that they have done. But the main thing that I want to  
16 talk about this evening is what happens to me and my  
17 neighbors when we are falsely arrested, whether it is  
18 under facial recognition or whether it is just falsely  
19 arrested. If you put me in jail and I lose time from my  
20 job, who pays my salary for that false arrest? Who pays  
21 for my attorney to get me out on bond? I post this  
22 question before a few years ago to a former Chief, Chief  
23 Craig. His answer was to go to the prosecutor that they  
24 should have that answer. In my opinion, if we voted, the  
25 Board here voted, the police department brought it to the

1 Board.

2 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: I'm so sorry, your time has  
3 elapsed.

4 MS. BUTLER: Please let me say this.

5 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: I want you to complete your  
6 question, but your past 15 seconds now.

7 MS. BUTLER: Okay. Is that we have a policy in place  
8 on how our people are compensated once we are falsely  
9 arrested? Put a policy in place for this for our  
10 neighbors and our community.

11 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you.

12 MS. BUTLER: Thank you very much, Chairperson.

13 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you.

14 MS. BLOSSOM: We will move online to Former Police  
15 Commissioner William Davis, followed by Anita Ellsworth.

16 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Former Commissioner Davis.

17 MR. DAVIS: Good evening. Can I be heard?

18 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Yes, you can go right ahead.

19 MR. DAVIS: Okay, great. I'd like to start off by  
20 saying judge Deborah Thomas said much of what I was going  
21 to say. I find it horrible the fact that we do have  
22 techno racism in the city of Detroit. I find it horrible  
23 that our mayor does not care as long as they keep  
24 misidentifying Black people. This is and has and continue  
25 to be racist. The studies all show that. This is not a

1 good process. We have people that their lives are being  
2 ruined needlessly. We need a whole lot more checks and  
3 balances in this system. We do not have it. We need to be  
4 doing more. You all need to be serving the residents of  
5 the city of Detroit. You should not be there to be a  
6 cheer section for the police department. They have a lot  
7 of cheerleaders. We don't need the 11 of you all to be  
8 cheerleaders also. This whole thing stinks.

9 MR. DAVIS: This whole thing is horrible. How could  
10 you have somebody that's detained, be it six months, a  
11 year, two years ago, and the Chief is just finding out  
12 about it? That doesn't sound right. The Chief should know  
13 within 30 days, if somebody was wrongly arrested, they  
14 should know if they made a mistake. You all should get a  
15 report on that. If you're not getting a report on that,  
16 if you're not asking for that, maybe you all should all  
17 step down. Have a nice day.

18 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you.

19 MS. BLOSSOM: Mr. Chairman, that was your last  
20 speaker. But we did have someone in Smartsheet, Lynette  
21 Silas who had a comment about a technology glitch in  
22 verifying car insurance during a traffic stop that we  
23 will just share and make sure that's on the record.

24 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you so much. At this  
25 time, we'll quickly try to complete our agenda and moving

1 on to the report from the Board Secretary, secretary  
2 Shah.

3 MS. SHAH: Thank you Mr. Chair. For the Secretary  
4 report today, your incoming correspondence are outlined  
5 in your agenda. For staffing updates, the administrative  
6 assistant position is in the recruitment process. 20  
7 applicants were received and their applications were  
8 shared with the commissioners via email on the 2nd of  
9 August and in the meeting, electronic packets on the 3rd  
10 of August. Of the 20 applicants seven are being  
11 recommended for interviewing based on their  
12 qualifications. I've requested that recruiting schedule  
13 interviews for next week, unless the Board or the  
14 Personnel and Training Committee requests otherwise,  
15 those interviews will be conducted by staff. Staff will  
16 bring a recommendation to the Board or the committee for  
17 consideration. Regarding outstanding requests to DPD, a  
18 list of outstanding requests for reports data and other  
19 information from DPD is included in your packet. There  
20 have been responses on two of those.

21 MS. SHAH: The LPR data sharing agencies report from  
22 DPD is also in your packets listing 31 law enforcement  
23 agencies that DPD is saying they have sharing agreements  
24 with and indicating that there are no data sharing  
25 agreements with non-law enforcement agencies on that

1 document. The second response is the letter included in  
2 your packet from DPD responding to the consideration of  
3 fees, hours of operations, and location for obtaining  
4 police reports. Mr. Chair, that concludes my report.

5 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you. You might continue  
6 with announcements.

7 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Right here, Mr. Chair. You've  
8 got one.

9 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Let's secretary Shah and then  
10 I'll bring announcements from Commissioners.

11 MS. SHAH: For announcements, our next meeting is on  
12 Thursday, August 17th at 3:00 PM at Detroit Public Safety  
13 Headquarters. The next community meeting is in September  
14 Thursday the 14th at 6:30 PM. The Fourth Precinct will be  
15 hosting at Kemeny Recreation Center at 2260 West Fort  
16 Street in Detroit.

17 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you. Commissioner Banks.

18 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Yes, sir. Through the Chair. I  
19 have an announcement for the citizens Complaint  
20 Committee. Citizens Complaint Appeal Process, Standard  
21 Operating Procedures, SOP revisions. Secretary Victoria  
22 Shah and Chief Investigator Jerome Warfield, review their  
23 recommended update to the standard operating procedures  
24 to align OCI and BOPC processes to the city charter  
25 Section 7-809 resolution of complaints. They also

1 answered questions from the commissioners. Commissioners  
2 expressed no opposition to the review changes. There are  
3 three outstanding action items to complete before the  
4 Secretary and Chief Investigator will have final draft to  
5 present to the committee for consideration, for final  
6 disposition letters, develop language that provides  
7 clearly rationale for the findings. Draft and update how  
8 to file an appeal brochure aligned with proposed updates  
9 to the SOPs. Obtain a legal opinion to determine if all  
10 pleadings filed and all hearings before the Board and the  
11 fact finder shall be public as stated in the city charter  
12 section 7-809, resolution of complaints.

13 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Or if these appeal hearings are  
14 eligible for a closed session pursuant open meetings act  
15 26715268 section eight dash one A to consider the  
16 dismissal, suspension or disciplining of or to hear  
17 complaints or charges brought against or to consider a  
18 periodic personal evaluation of a public officer,  
19 employee, staff member or individual agent if named  
20 individual a closed hearing. Okay. What that is saying is  
21 if a Detroit police officer pulls over a resident in the  
22 city of Detroit and that resident want to appeal that  
23 case, if the policy is passed through the Board here, the  
24 Board can overturn an appeal for that resident against  
25 that Detroit police officer. That's very, very powerful



1 for the Board to be able to get some power like that in  
2 their hands. That is a major blessing. But we got to go  
3 back to Chief Investigator and Secretary Shah for putting  
4 this package together that's in the city charter. So we  
5 thank God for them for what they're trying to put  
6 together. Keep pushing on.

7 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you Commissioner Banks.  
8 There'll probably be some clarification on that and we'll  
9 do that at a committee report. So again, that policy has  
10 not yet been approved and so as we're doing that, we'll  
11 clarify some of the things that were just communicated.

12 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Mr. Chair.

13 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Yes.

14 COMMISSIONER BANKS: I did say it was putting a  
15 policy together. I didn't say it was approved.

16 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: No, absolutely, absolutely.

17 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Okay.

18 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: But there still was some  
19 things that were not clearly stated that we'll clarify at  
20 further meetings. But for the sake of time we'll move on.  
21 Yes. Commissioner Hernandez.

22 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Thank you. Through the  
23 Chair. That sounded a heck of a lot like new business,  
24 but I continue to notice that we don't have unfinished  
25 business listed on our agenda. Is that intentional?

1 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: That is through advisement  
2 from our parliamentary unfinished businesses items that  
3 we didn't complete at our previous meeting? So when we  
4 know that there's no business that was not completed at  
5 our previous meeting, there's no need to put unfinished  
6 business on the agenda.

7 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Awesome. So I have some  
8 unfinished business that is no longer unfinished  
9 business, I guess. Have we filled Board vacancies? If  
10 not, by when will we or committee, not Board, committee  
11 vacancies. So HR Personnel and Training. Could you just  
12 give the—

13 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Yes. There is a proposed  
14 committee scheduled that Secretary Shah has that we are  
15 planning on handling our next Board of Police  
16 Commissioner's meeting. So you all should have. Were  
17 copies presented to the Board?

18 MS. SHAH: No, not yet. Mr. Chair.

19 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Okay. So we can share the  
20 proposed committee assignments and then again, we'll  
21 address that at our next committee meeting.

22 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Thank you.

23 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you. Is there any new  
24 business?

25 COMMISSIONER BURTON: New business, Mr. Chairman.

1 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Commissioner Burton.

2 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Mr. Chairman, I move that we  
3 passed the draft resolution today calling for a one year  
4 moratorium on the use of facial recognition.

5 COMMISSIONER: Support.

6 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Is there a second?

7 COMMISSIONER: Support.

8 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Oh. So he moves. You're right.  
9 It's been properly moved and seconded. Is there any  
10 discussion?

11 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Seeing no discussion. We'll  
12 move down to a vote. All those in favor please signify by  
13 saying aye.

14 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Roll call vote. Mr. Chairman.

15 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Roll call has been called.  
16 Roll call vote.

17 MS. SHAH: Chairman QuanTez Pressley – Abstain.

18 MS. SHAH: Vice-Chair Jim Holley – No.

19 MS. SHAH: Commissioner Linda Bernard – Abstain.

20 MS. SHAH: Commissioner Cedric Banks – Yes.

21 MS. SHAH: Commissioner Willie Bell – No.

22 MS. SHAH: Commissioner Willie Burton – Yes.

23 MS. SHAH: Commissioner Lisa Carter – No.

24 MS. SHAH: Commissioner Ricardo Moore – Yes.

25 MS. SHAH: Commissioner Annie Holt – No.

1 MS. SHAH: Commissioner Jesus Hernandez – No.

2 MS. SHAH: Mr. Chair, you have 3 = Yes votes, 5 = No  
3 votes and 2 = Abstain.

4 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: The motion does not pass.

5 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Mr. Chairman.

6 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Commissioner Burton.

7 COMMISSIONER BURTON: For the record, I'd like to  
8 read this into the record because everyone has a copy at  
9 the table. I want the citizens of Detroit know what was  
10 voted down today when you have three individuals that was  
11 misidentified. So I'm going to read this. Whereas the  
12 false unrest–

13 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: This is new business  
14 Commissioner Burton. There was a motion made, that a  
15 motion did not pass. You have provided us the  
16 documentation, which will be added to the minutes. But  
17 just to be clear, I would state that my abstention was a  
18 result of not only receiving this prior to the meeting  
19 and I have an opportunity to review it. There is  
20 currently a likewise resolution that has been working  
21 through our staff. So I encourage you that through our  
22 staff we can bring a likewise resolution back and I think  
23 you might have more support from your fellow  
24 commissioners. With that, is there any further new  
25 business?

1 COMMISSIONER BELL: Mr. Chair.

2 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Commissioner Bell.

3 COMMISSIONER BELL: I'd like to speak to what  
4 transpired last week based on the media radio news—

5 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: I'm having a hard time  
6 hearing.

7 COMMISSIONER BELL: Based on the radio and media  
8 report, it is clear we felt a false impression of last  
9 week meeting. I believe it is necessary to put on the  
10 record that supervised Investigator, Lawrence Akbar,  
11 Executive Policy Manager, Melanie White whole position  
12 that exists and they did. They held those positions for  
13 several years. Mr. Akbar and Mrs. White continued to  
14 perform their senior management duty while taking on  
15 additional assignment after Board voted for them to work  
16 as Interim Chief Investigator, Interim Board Secretary in  
17 2020. They did double duty because their interim  
18 assignment were supposed to be temporarily. Our records  
19 show that the Board voted to go forward to Ovid 19 to  
20 hire outsiders like the city council required. Police  
21 commissioner interviewed and decided on two families in  
22 2021, but the majority of police commission did not  
23 agreed on hiring anyone. A new Board came in 2022.

24 COMMISSIONER BELL: We started the process again. No  
25 one expected us to take as long as we did. We never had

1 before. We have had senior management service interim  
2 base before and go back full time to existing job with no  
3 problems. In fact, Mr. Akbar has done so three times  
4 since 2017 with approval of three different times by the  
5 Board. Finally, I want to say remind that what we talked  
6 about in terms of past action by the past Chair that was  
7 not in according to our bylaws and et cetera, et cetera.  
8 HR and law department supported that position that you  
9 continue down this path, but it's wrong. But you continue  
10 in terms that. Sadly what has started, we have to  
11 continue to close that out and we're waiting on that  
12 report. Mr. Akbar and Ms. White know that the Board and  
13 city have had and continue to have two employees with  
14 dedicated, honorable and spotless records and  
15 performance.

16 COMMISSIONER BELL: The longevity of their  
17 unblemished record is worth noting particular now for the  
18 real use and anyone who heard it. I just want to make  
19 sure people understand. There are no ghost employees at  
20 the Board, and the Board is only paying staff for jobs  
21 that actually exist and have existed for year. Thank you  
22 for the opportunity to speak on this here. Mr. Chairman.

23 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Is there any further new  
24 business?

25 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Mr. Chairman, for the record,

1 just real quick briefly. This resolution that I read. I  
2 mean this resolution that I made a motion to earlier that  
3 was voted down. I do thank my colleagues for those that  
4 did support this. But I want this to also be added into  
5 the minutes. For those that did not support this, how can  
6 you go back and look at your constituents that you're  
7 supposed to serve to?

8 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you. It will be added to  
9 the minutes and the failure of that motion will also be  
10 recorded in the minutes.

11 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Just one quick point to what  
12 Commissioner Bell said. I haven't seen a report either  
13 way saying whether there was a ghost employee or not. I  
14 understand the Detroit News did publish that there was  
15 not a ghost employee that the department said it wasn't.  
16 However, I haven't received that report. I would love to  
17 see it because I'm glad there's not a ghost.

18 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: It hasn't come out yet.

19 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Yes, we work through our Board  
20 Secretary to ensure we get that information from our  
21 Detroit Police Department to ensure that that information  
22 is provided to our Board. Is there any further new  
23 business? Hearing none that you're entertains a motion  
24 for adjournment.

25 COMMISSIONER HOLT: So move.

1 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Is there a second? It's been  
2 properly seconded. All those in favor, please signify by  
3 saying aye.

4 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Aye.

5 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: All those opposed. This  
6 meeting is now adjourned. Thank you.

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10 (Meeting Adjourned at 9:02pm)

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