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3	CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: It's three o'clock. So much, and
4	good afternoon. My name is Jim Holley, Vice-Chair of the
5	Board of Police Commissioners. In the absence of our
6	president and Chairman, I'd like to call this meeting to
7	order at this particular time. I want to thank all of you
8	for being here in person as well on technology. We thank
9	God for each and every one of you. At this time, Chaplair
10	Lei Sean Curtis, you are on the agenda.
11	CHAPLAIN CURTIS: Amen. I just thank everyone for
12	coming out today via technology, as Reverend Holley said,
13	as well as in the building at headquarters. If we could
14	just go before prayer right now in the Lord's will. Lord,
15	we place this meeting in your hands, committing this
16	meeting to you. We ask that the agenda set forth be
17	accomplished. We ask that you allow unity of spirit as
18	well as for light conversations to be had. As others
19	share their points of view, we ask that we have open
20	minds to hear as long as we are willing to do the work.
21	We ask that you allow progressive work as well as a
22	unified team, as we combine ideas that are impactful with

an outcome that is progressive for your people. You have

blessed us with supportive people who seek to better the

welfare of your people. With that, we ask that you

- 1 continue to cover every representative of this Board,
- 2 it's constituents, the Detroit Police, its first
- 3 responders, as well as the community and residents of
- 4 this great city. It is with fact that we acknowledge you
- 5 in all that we do. Amen.
- 6 COMMISSIONERS: Amen.
- 7 COMMISSIONER BANKS: That was good prayer right
- 8 there.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Thank you so much for being
- 10 there for us, Chaplain Curtis. At this time, the Vice-
- 11 Chair likes to ask for roll call for members.
- MS. SHAH: Chairperson QuanTez Pressley submitted an
- 13 excused absence.
- MS. SHAH: Vice-Chair Jim Holley Present.
- 15 MS. SHAH: Commissioner Linda Bernard submitted an
- 16 excused absence as well.
- 17 MS. SHAH: Commissioner Cedric Banks Present.
- 18 MS. SHAH: Commissioner Willie Bell Present,
- 19 District 4.
- 20 MS. SHAH: Commissioner Willie Burton -
- 21 MS. SHAH: Commissioner Lisa Carter Present.
- 22 MS. SHAH: Commissioner Ricardo Moore Present.
- 23 MS. SHAH: Commissioner Jesus Hernandez -
- 24 MS. SHAH: Commissioner Annie Holt Present At-Large
- 25 and through the Chair. I'd like to thank Mayor Michael



- 1 Duggan for allowing me this opportunity as a citizen and
- 2 a commissioner to better help me understand the absolute
- 3 responsibility of the Board of Police Commissioners,
- 4 which is to conduct civilian oversight. We're not
- 5 appointed to this position. I would not have been able to
- 6 benefit from the education. Thank you.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Go ahead.
- 8 COMMISSIONER BANKS: No, I'm just saying that's good.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Thank you. That's the final roll
- 10 call?
- 11 MS. SHAH: Yes, Mr. Chair.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Do we have a quorum?
- MS. SHAH: We do have a quorum.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Alright. Thank you so much. At
- 15 this time, because we have a quorum, we'd like to move on
- 16 and ask for the approval of the agenda for September the
- 17 seventh, 2023.
- 18 COMMISSIONER HOLT: So moved.
- 19 COMMISSIONER: Support.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Properly moved and supported.
- 21 All in favor say aye.
- 22 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: All opposed. Let the record show
- 24 that the agenda of September 7th will be accepted. Also,
- 25 the Chair would like for approval of the minutes for



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- August the 31st, 2023.
- COMMISSIONER HOLT: So move. 2.
- 3 COMMISSIONER: Support.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: It's probably been supported.
- All in favor say aye. 5
- 6 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Opposes. We would like to let
- you know that we are basically, we'll accept that as 8
- well. At this time, I'd like to ask if you would please
- Ms. Secretary, would you do the honors? 10
- MS. SHAH: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Introduction of BOPC 11
- 12 staff. We have with us today Chief Investigator Jerome
- 13 Warfield, Ms. Theresa Blossom, Ms. Candace Hayes, Mr.
- 14 Robert Brown, Mr. Drew Fries. We also have with us Acting
- 15 Supervising Investigator Elgin Murphy. Our American Sign
- 16 Language Interpreters are Tamara Ethridge and Dr.
- 17 Stephanie Beatty. Also DPD HR Director Katrina Patillo
- has joined us on Zoom. We have with us today also, Don 18
- Handyside is our court reporter. SI is providing video 19
- 20 and Sergeant Alan Quinn is providing audio. Sitting in
- for the Chief today, we have Assistant Chief Charles 21
- Fitzgerald. For our elected officials and 22
- representatives, we have with us today Ms. Marie Overall 23
- 24 from state representative Carter's office. Ms. LaDon
- Davis from City Council member Fred Durhal III's office. 25



- 1 Former Commissioner William Davis. Ms. Fredia Butler,
- 2 Community Relations President for the second precinct,
- 3 and Ron Thomas, DPOA Vice President.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Thank you so much, Madam
- 5 Secretary. Deputy Chief Fitzgerald, do you have any new
- 6 people that you would like to, that we missed?
- 7 ASSISTANT CHIEF FITZGERALD: Yes, sir. Commander
- 8 McGinnis just walked in as the back for professional
- 9 standards. I know you introduced Mark Young, Sergeant
- 10 Romel Alexander from Plan.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Very good. We all thank all of
- 12 you for being here. We know that many of you have many
- 13 other things to do. It's just hour. But many of you are
- 14 always committed to this Board, and to this
- 15 responsibility that we have here as the oversight. We
- 16 continue to hear the discontent of our community about
- 17 violence, the mental health crisis, the community police
- 18 relations. Oversight in these times is more important my
- 19 sisters and brother than ever before. There's a lot of
- 20 business to cover in this particular meeting, including
- 21 addressing police misconduct, updates regarding the BOPC
- 22 budget and the presentation from the community violence
- 23 intervention program. So I'd like to just do everything
- 24 we can to move on because we have also a heavy agenda
- 25 this afternoon, and we want to be effective and efficient



- 1 while doing everything we need to do in terms of being on
- 2 our responsibility to this great community that we called
- 3 and love Detroit City, the city of Detroit. At this time,
- 4 I'd like to have the Chief Investigator have your report.
- 5 MR. WARFIELD: Yes, sir. Through the Chair. Good
- 6 afternoon to you and to the honorable members of this
- 7 Board. We want to give you an update on some escalated
- 8 cases that we had brought before you to let you know what
- 9 the progress is. Then we also want to update you on a
- 10 recent case that came before the news media to let you
- 11 know where the office of the Chief Investigator is with
- 12 that case as well. The first case we want-
- 13 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: 10 minutes.
- MR. WARFIELD: 10 minutes. Okay. The first case we
- 15 want to update you on is regarding a case that involved
- 16 forced demeanor and arrest of a young man that was
- 17 entering into his home. That case has been turned over to
- 18 Internal Affairs, and we're waiting to hear from Internal
- 19 Affairs on the results of that case. The next case we
- 20 want to present to you is regarding a traffic stop where
- 21 individuals were removed from a car and then their car
- 22 was searched. The officer was not wearing a body-worn
- 23 camera at the time. That case is still pending right now.
- 24 The next case was the case. It is now closed. It is the
- 25 case that there were two officers in an apartment and at



- 1 least one officer was very belligerent toward the man
- 2 there. I read that case here. The officer has been
- 3 sustained on multiple findings. Both officers were
- 4 sustained on multiple findings. The officer in that case
- 5 is still on desk duty at this time and not in the street.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: When you say sustained, what
- 7 does that mean?
- 8 MR. WARFIELD: That means that the facts of the
- 9 allegations bared out of the allegations that were made
- 10 against.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: I want to make sure the
- 12 committee understands what you're saying.
- MR. WARFIELD: Absolutely. Thank you, sir. Another
- 14 case regarding the shooting and killing of a dog. The
- 15 officer in that case was sustained. Found that the
- 16 allegation that he shot the dog and the dog was not
- 17 coming at him was sustained. We transferred. We
- 18 interviewed that case and closed it, but we also turned
- 19 it over to the IA just for the IA to take a look at it as
- 20 well. The next case is one that we want to update you on.
- 21 This is the one that we saw in the media on Friday. So
- 22 what we did is that I did a preliminary review of the
- 23 entire case. I looked at all three videos at both scenes.
- 24 This particular case also looked at the interview that
- 25 was done by one of the members of the department. We also



- 1 looked at the information that was submitted as part of
- 2 the officer's report.
- 3 MR. WARFIELD: You have that information in your file
- 4 under tab number six. You have my report, and I'll just
- 5 read some of it. Regarding the 20-year-old man roughed up
- 6 by two members of the Detroit Police Department on
- 7 Friday, September the first, 2023, a local news channel
- 8 reported two officers from the Detroit Police Department
- 9 are off the streets and placed on desk duty, accused of
- 10 roughing up a 20-year-old man without any calls. Incident
- 11 took place on Wednesday, August the 30th, 2023 at
- 12 approximately 3:51 PM on Riopelle Street. A preliminary
- 13 observation of what happened is supported by two
- 14 officers' body-worn cameras and the indoor, I'm sorry,
- 15 the end car video camera. Officers noticed the citizen
- 16 walking westbound on Riopelle about a block and a half in
- 17 front of their vehicle. The officers were also headed
- 18 westbound and followed the citizen stopping in front of
- 19 the citizen's house about the same time that the citizen
- 20 arrives at his house.
- 21 MR. WARFIELD: As the first officer exits the
- 22 vehicle, the citizen is approaching his driveway with his
- 23 cell phone in his hand. The vehicle, the citizen is, I'm
- 24 sorry. The first officer to make contact with the citizen
- 25 says, hey man, let me see your hands. You got a CPL bro.



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- 1 The citizen responds, heck no. You see what I wrote
- 2 actually. The first officer reaches for the citizen and
- 3 says, don't, where are you going? Where are you going?
- 4 The first officer grabs both arms of the citizens from
- 5 behind, causing the citizen to fall to the ground chest
- 6 first. The citizen's upper torso is on the grass, and his
- 7 lower body is on the sidewalk of the cement. The first
- 8 officer falls on the citizen back and holds the citizen
- 9 on the ground while the second officer checks the citizen
- 10 for weapons. As the citizen is taken to the ground, the
- 11 first officer asks, where's your gun?
- MR. WARFIELD: Where's your gun? Stop. The citizen
- 13 responds. Come on, bro, ma, mama, brother. What the?
- 14 Brother, get off me. Brother get off me. Get off me. The
- 15 first officer responds to the citizen, hold on, stop,
- 16 stop. The second officer responds, slow down, slow down.
- 17 The second officer says to the first officer, get him up.
- 18 Get him up. The citizen is released. You can see that
- 19 he's irate and visibly shaken up. The citizen responds
- 20 fairly very strong language. As he walks up to the stairs
- 21 in his house, and he begins to, I'm sorry. As he walks up
- 22 the stairs to his house. The first officer picks up the
- 23 citizen's cell phone from the grass and says to the
- 24 citizen, take your phone, man. The officer placed the
- 25 citizen's phone on the fifth stair leading up to the



- 1 citizen's house. The citizen responds, get them off my
- 2 porch.
- 3 MR. WARFIELD: Shortly after the young man's mother
- 4 was alerted to what happened. She caught up to the
- 5 officers on East Seven Mile and asked the officers what
- 6 did they do to her son. Below is just an excerpt of what
- 7 the officer said to the mother. What happened then, ma or
- 8 ma'am? They actually said, ma, when I tried to talk to
- 9 him, he tried to take off. Look at it this way, had I let
- 10 him run in the streets? And he's scared, right? I get it.
- 11 He may have been scared. I get it. He may have been
- 12 scared. He run into the streets, and he'll get hit by a
- 13 car. I grabbed him. When I grabbed him, it was something
- 14 similar to that. He was pointing to the grass, and we
- 15 fell, and I fell with him. I didn't slam him. I got right
- 16 off him.
- MR. WARFIELD: I am not going no further. I didn't
- 18 slam him. Slamming somebody is using muscle. I used no
- 19 muscle. I did not slam that boy. I promise you. DPD
- 20 official when interviewed by a local news station that
- 21 day, said and reported that the encounter appeared to be
- 22 a general traffic stop, but the way it was handled give
- 23 us concern. The problem is, it was not a traffic stop.
- 24 This guy was walking down the street. He wasn't on a
- 25 bicycle, wasn't on a skateboard, moped or anything. The



- 1 officer's event log states this, the body-worn camera,
- 2 and this is what the officers put in their report. The
- 3 body-worn camera officers observed the right side of his
- 4 pants pushing outward away from his body. Once the male
- 5 observed a scout car, he pulled his shirt down and began
- 6 to walk quickly away from the officers westbound on
- 7 Riopelle Street.
- 8 MR. WARFIELD: When officers got out of the vehicle
- 9 to investigate, the male stated f and began to run away
- 10 as I was asking him, did he have a CPL. When I grabbed
- 11 the male, he fell to the ground. I fell as well. Officer
- 12 checked his right hip with negative results. When I
- 13 attempted to get the male's name, he continued to walk in
- 14 the house, and this was their report. Well, the
- 15 explanation that that officer gave does not match the
- 16 facts of the video on the body-worn cameras that I
- 17 observed. The body-worn cameras officers observed the
- 18 right side of his pants pushing outward away from his
- 19 body. That does seem to be true that there was something
- 20 bulging on the right side. The other statement that says,
- 21 once the male observed the scout car, he pulled his shirt
- 22 down and began to walk quickly away from the officer's
- 23 westbound on Riopelle.
- MR. WARFIELD: That absolutely did not happen.
- 25 According to the car dash video, it just didn't happen.



- 1 His shirt was already over his pants, and he was walking.
- 2 When officers got out of the vehicle to investigate the
- 3 male said the F word. He never said that. It just did not
- 4 happen. At least not at that time. He didn't say it. He
- 5 began to run away. The citizen never tried to run. At no
- 6 point in the interaction did the citizen try to run. This
- 7 is what the officer said is I was asking him did he have
- 8 a CPL. When I grabbed the male, he fell to the ground. I
- 9 fell as well. Well, here's what happened according to the
- 10 video. The first officer who made contact with the
- 11 citizen took the citizen to the ground.
- 12 MR. WARFIELD: As he held both of the citizen's arms
- 13 behind his back, the citizen fell chest first to the
- 14 ground, and the officer remained on the back of the
- 15 citizen. Officers check did check his right hip for
- 16 negative and may receive negative results. There was
- 17 nothing there. And the officer said in the statement,
- 18 when I attempted to get the male's name, he continued to
- 19 walk in the house. There was never attempt by any officer
- 20 to identify or get the male's name. The investigation of
- 21 the CCR is assigned to one of our senior investigators.
- 22 We will begin that interviewing process immediately.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Is that the end of your report?
- CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: That is the end of my report,
- 25 sir.



- 1 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Let me ask you this. I don't
- 2 mean any harm at all. But what is the purpose of
- 3 community impact in terms of informing us and the
- 4 community or perhaps out of all the things that took
- 5 place? How you pick the incident to report to us on
- 6 today. A few weeks ago, it was very ugly in terms of
- 7 language, but I'm not asking you what is the purpose of
- 8 the community impact to this Board and to this community.
- 9 MS. SHAH: Mr. Chair. Is it okay if I respond to
- 10 that?
- 11 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Sure.
- MS. SHAH: So the community impact report was added
- 13 to the agenda to ensure that with all the other business
- 14 that the Board has to take care of, that the Board is
- 15 addressing and spending time talking about concerns that
- 16 the community has brought up. One of those is ensuring
- 17 that the Board is addressing police misconduct. So
- 18 sometimes this report will include reports of escalated
- 19 CCRs that need to be brought to the Board and the
- 20 community's attention. Other times there's reporting
- 21 that's discussed that will be relevant to the community.
- 22 At times we do schedule the policy hearings, the public
- 23 hearings on those.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: I'll leave you alone. I turned
- 25 over to the commissioners. My concern is that how do you



- 1 pick? You got a hundred situations since the last time
- 2 this time. How do you pick the one that we just heard out
- 3 of the others that perhaps were worse or better?
- 4 MR. WARFIELD: Yes. The ones that we bring before
- 5 this honorable body are the ones that fall extremely out
- 6 of the norm to the point where in our investigative
- 7 attempts as we are searching for the facts, that the
- 8 facts bear, that this is so far and above some of the
- 9 normal misconduct that we see that it needs to be
- 10 addressed.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Even though it has not been
- 12 adjudicated.
- MR. WARFIELD: As far as adjudicated it has not been,
- 14 I'm sorry.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: No, probably not the right word
- 16 I should have used, adjudicated, but what am I trying to
- 17 say, Moore?
- 18 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Finished with the investigation.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Right.
- MR. WARFIELD: Yeah. Although we have not been
- 21 finished with the investigation yet. The reason we do
- 22 that is because, again, as Madame Secretary says, we want
- 23 to make sure that the community understands that we have
- 24 a hand and a pulse on what's going on as it relates to
- 25 police misconduct. As you said, Mr. Chair, there are a



- 1 number of cases that we don't bring. But these are the
- 2 ones that in our view are escalated and go over and
- 3 beyond what our normal cases is.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: I appreciate you allowing me to
- 5 just take time out. I missed that piece that we started
- 6 this, and I apologize to you.
- 7 MS. SHAH: Mr. Chair, do you mind if I just add one
- 8 thing to that, if it's okay?
- 9 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Sure.
- 10 MS. SHAH: In addition, and this was especially
- 11 apparent on one of the previous cases that Chief
- 12 Investigator shared in July. It takes quite a long time
- 13 to fully investigate these cases. Sometimes the conduct
- 14 is potentially so egregious that we want to make sure
- 15 that DPD is addressing the behavior early. We have one
- 16 officer that Chief Investigator mentioned is on desk duty
- 17 while the investigation is going on because the behavior
- 18 was so concerning. So some of these are not appropriate
- 19 to wait until the investigation is over before making
- 20 sure that the community is.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: I guess my concern is, and I
- 22 leave you alone, I apologize to the other commissioners.
- 23 Let the record show that Commissioner Hernandez has
- 24 arrived. Commissioner Burton has arrived and let the
- 25 record show. I guess my concern is that of the will of



- 1 the officer even though we know his name. After it is
- 2 fully investigated, it could be the other way. Therefore,
- 3 we've got information out there that was not true. Seemed
- 4 like to me, it ought to be what we have finished rather
- 5 than what we're in the middle of. I'll leave it at that
- 6 because I don't want to take up all this time. So we've
- 7 got a lot to do. But I would like to have commissioners.
- 8 Let me run the table. Commissioner Bank, you have a
- 9 question to the... Is it appropriate to ask? Does the
- 10 Chair normally ask you the commissions to have questions
- 11 to the impact?
- MS. SHAH: Yes. Mr. Chairman, you have a quorum, so
- 13 that's fine.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Okay. Commissioner Banks, do you
- 15 have a question to the Chief Investigator?
- 16 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Yes, I do. Put it through the
- 17 Chair. Chief investigator, the officers asked a young man
- 18 to distance or CPL, right?
- 19 MR. WARFIELD: Yes. If he had a CPL.
- 20 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Okay. Now, a citizen does not
- 21 need a CCL. What's the protocol on that? A citizen
- 22 doesn't need a CCL to do open and carry. You can do open
- 23 and carry, right? You don't need a CCL for that.
- MR. WARFIELD: Well, I feel a little bit
- 25 uncomfortable to answer that question concerning this



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- 1 case. I would turn that over to maybe-
- 2 COMMISSIONER BANKS: I'm sorry about that.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Commissioner, I think your
- 4 question is very appropriate. But my concern is that we
- 5 are getting into the weeds of it and we have not had
- 6 investigation of it. That's what I'm concerned about in
- 7 terms of questions. If you have another question, rather
- 8 than, I don't want to take where we're back and forth on
- 9 the, I'm sorry, on the situation. I don't think we should
- 10 be debating it. If you have a question that's based on
- 11 the report, I'd like for you to do that. If you have
- 12 another, I'll come back if you want to think about it.
- 13 COMMISSIONER BANKS: I'm all set. No, I'm all set.
- 14 Thanks, doctor. Thanks, Father Holley.
- 15 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. So my
- 16 question is for the first assistant chief. I'm sorry,
- 17 assistant chief, soon to be first assistant chief. What's
- 18 the difference between a traffic stop and a Terry stop?
- 19 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: I don't mean no harm. What
- 20 you're really talking about does it have to do with this
- 21 report?
- 22 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Yes, sir.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Please, excuse me. Go ahead.
- 24 ASSISTANT CHIEF FITZGERALD: Can I answer this way or
- 25 format? I think the community impact report the premise



- 1 is okay, but horribly inappropriate to read off details.
- 2 They have a due process right? Under their contractual
- 3 rights. You're reading off information about an
- 4 investigation that hasn't been investigated, and you're
- 5 actually coming to a conclusion. At the end of your
- 6 statement, you said that we were now starting the
- 7 investigation, starting the interview. It's horribly
- 8 inappropriate. I prefer not to talk especially about an
- 9 open investigation.
- 10 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Well, let me just say what I
- 11 heard. I heard him start off saying he was doing a
- 12 preliminary investigation, and also there was an
- 13 assistant chief that was on TV speaking about this
- 14 initially, that's what came to our attention. The first
- 15 assistant, or that assistant chief stated that it was a
- 16 traffic stop. That's why I'm asking you this question,
- 17 Chuck, because he did say it was a traffic stop, and it
- 18 does contradict what the video says. So preliminary,
- 19 finished, whatever is still relevant, and it goes into
- 20 the public trust that we hold so dearly. So it goes back
- 21 to my question, what is the traffic stop versus a Terry
- 22 stop?
- ASSISTANT CHIEF FITZGERALD: Mr. James, your
- 24 question, there's two different situations. Traffic stop
- 25 is a vehicle stopping a vehicle, motorcycle any kind of



- 1 motor vehicle on the street. What this was a Terry stop.
- 2 This was, they had reasonable suspicion that they thought
- 3 they saw a weapon. So they have a reason for the stop.
- 4 You still have to find a reason for the actual pat down
- 5 itself. So there's two different things. We hear it all
- 6 the time, stop and frisk. It's two different things. They
- 7 felt they had a reason for the stop, which is what they
- 8 conducted. At the time, they thought they had a reason
- 9 for the pat down.
- 10 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Thank you.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: You okay? Commissioner Holt.
- 12 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Thank you, Chair. No.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Commissioner Carter.
- 14 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I have a
- 15 couple of questions about the community impact report. I
- 16 know a few years ago, was this approved by the entire
- 17 Board to put this on the agenda?
- MS. SHAH: The committee impact?
- 19 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Yeah.
- MS. SHAH: If this Okay, Mr. Chair. Thank you.
- 21 Through the Chair, I have to pull the exact date, but
- 22 toward the beginning of Chairman Pressley's term as
- 23 Chair, the proposed change to the agenda to include a
- 24 community impact report was brought to the Board. There
- 25 was not a vote, but there was a request for feedback. At



- 1 that time, there wasn't any feedback or pushback in
- 2 regard to what will be included in there.
- 3 COMMISSIONER CARTER: I think that the bylaws speak
- 4 to what's to be included on the agenda, and we should
- 5 take a look at the bylaws to see if this is actually
- 6 appropriate to put on the agenda without the approval of
- 7 the Board or changing the bylaws. That's one thing. The
- 8 second thing is with regards to, I forget what I was
- 9 going to say.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: I'll come back to you. I can
- 11 come back. Commissioner Hernandez, Commissioner Burton.
- 12 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have
- 13 no question at this time.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Commissioner Bell.
- 15 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Taking notes. Thank you.
- 16 COMMISSIONER BELL: Mr. Chairman. I strongly oppose
- 17 this type of approach. It is totally inappropriate, and I
- 18 agree with you, and I agree with the assistant chief.
- 19 This is something that changed the whole scenario, and I
- 20 submit to Commissioner Carter is we have bylaws, and you
- 21 just cannot change casually the bylaw. But this approach,
- 22 the second time around, we indulge in this type of
- 23 behavior. We, as the Board, need to weigh in on this
- 24 issue. If we are going to go forward with this type of
- 25 impact. It's not an impact, but people get the first



- 1 impression of what's going on. Just like this debate
- 2 started here at this table here. How you feel the public
- 3 feel about this issue? Well, he's guilty, without any due
- 4 process, without any investigation. This Board should not
- 5 allow the Board Secretary and the Chief Investigators to
- 6 make the decision for the Board. Thank you.
- 7 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Through the Chair.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Commissioner.
- 9 COMMISSIONER MOORE: We approved the agenda. Because
- 10 that's on the agenda. It's not nothing we just came up
- 11 with. So we did approve this agenda.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: You're absolutely right.
- 13 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Bylaws.
- 14 COMMISSIONER: Bylaw.
- 15 COMMISSIONER MOORE: So can somebody provide a copy
- 16 of those bylaws?
- 17 COMMISSIONERS: Sure.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: But also, what I'd like to do,
- 19 if you don't mind, Commissioner Moore and help me with
- 20 this, because I think that the Chairman need to be
- 21 involved in this. He's the one that basically, so he has
- 22 a reason for doing it. We have a right to vote on it. But
- 23 he has convinced us of whether it should be owned
- 24 according to the bylaw. But if you let this go today and
- 25 let the Chair get back. I don't want to do it. It's his



- 1 responsibility as a chairman. As Vice-Chair, will you
- 2 help me with that?
- 3 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Absolutely.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: You sure?
- 5 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Positive.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Okay. At this time, what's next
- 7 on the agenda?
- 8 MS. SHAH: Mr. Chair, the chief Police report is
- 9 next.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Okay. Deputy Chief.
- 11 ASSISTANT CHIEF FITZGERALD: Yes, sir. I'll be brief.
- 12 I see this is a heavy agenda. We still have an officer at
- 13 home recovering from the officer involved shooting where
- 14 he was shot in a calf. He is a strong young man. He will
- 15 hopefully continue to improve at home. Crime data. As of
- 16 the 6th of September, we're down 11% in homicides, 187 to
- 17 210 last year. We're down 7% in non-fatal shootings, 612
- 18 this year to 659 last year. We're up 6% in robberies,
- 19 1,012 versus 995. Our part 1 violent crime is up 1%,
- 20 8,967 to 8,881. Our carjackings are down. They continue
- 21 to trend down still at 29%. Never ever satisfied with any
- 22 kind of violent crime in the city. So any decrease is not
- 23 enough.
- 24 ASSISTANT CHIEF FITZGERALD: The mental health calls
- 25 is also in your packet. We still receive quite a few.



- 1 Last seven days calls for service 341, the calls we
- 2 service 296. Over 11,000 calls for service so far in
- 3 2023. So the men and women are out there still doing just
- 4 an incredible job. Three significant events I want to
- 5 bring to your attention. This past Saturday the 10,000
- 6 block of Bonita, officers were called for a shooting.
- 7 When they got there, they found the victim to have
- 8 gunshot wounds to her chest, shoulder, back. Officers did
- 9 administer emergency aid until the medics arrived where
- 10 she was transported and pronounced dead on arrival at St.
- 11 John's Hospital. Not a whole lot to go on this one. So we
- 12 really want to ask the community for any help they can
- 13 give us, please, to call Crime Stoppers, 1-800 Speak Up.
- 14 ASSISTANT CHIEF FITZGERALD: We need some help to
- 15 bring some closure for this one. The second incident
- 16 happened on Sunday around 3:00 AM at the 11,000 block of
- 17 Roxbury. This unfortunately, I'll spare all their
- 18 details. This was an argument over parking on the grass
- 19 that resulted in a fatal shooting. Parking a vehicle on
- 20 the grass that resulted in a fatal shooting. The suspect
- 21 has been arrested. He was charged with murder, second
- 22 degree felony firearm. He has been arraigned at 36th
- 23 District Court. He's being held on no bond. Incident
- 24 number three was a fatal shooting that was on the news
- 25 yesterday. It was about a young lady that was shot up at



- 1 the Coney Island on Grand River. Again, it is just an
- 2 awful situation that should never happen. Started as an
- 3 argument inside the Coney Island where the female was
- 4 slapped in the face by a male suspect.
- 5 ASSISTANT CHIEF FITZGERALD: She went out to her
- 6 vehicle to retrieve a weapon, and when she came back, the
- 7 male suspect shot her. Again, it's just senseless. We're
- 8 getting to the point where argument like that leads to
- 9 the loss of just this young, beautiful woman that had her
- 10 whole life to live. Still want more information. So
- 11 anyone who was up there at that time saw anything. Please
- 12 again, call either homicide or crime-
- 13 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: You have not got the guy?
- 14 ASSISTANT CHIEF FITZGERALD: We have a lot of
- 15 positive leads we're working on now. Everything we get
- 16 helps build a very strong team.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: There was no video or nothing
- 18 on?
- 19 ASSISTANT CHIEF FITZGERALD: We have a lot of that
- 20 stuff.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: I'm sorry, go ahead.
- 22 ASSISTANT CHIEF FITZGERALD: Oh, it's okay. The last
- 23 one about a soccer player. No, I'm teasing. This was just
- 24 a horrible incident that happened Tuesday, 9,000 block
- 25 East Jefferson. I'm sure most of you saw it. It was a



- 1 young lady that was threatening suicide. She was hanging
- 2 onto the side of her railing on the 23rd floor for almost
- 3 12 hours, where she eventually jumps to her death. It's
- 4 awful doing our best to get as much help as we possibly
- 5 can to not just the people in that building, but to the
- 6 officers that were out there dealing with her all day
- 7 long. It was a long, tough day for all of them. Some
- 8 positives, just real briefly. Chief recognized at our
- 9 monthly all command, some officers out of the Fifth,
- 10 Eighth, and Ninth Precinct, just for their outstanding
- 11 work, gave some life-saving awards to some officers from
- 12 eight.
- 13 ASSISTANT CHIEF FITZGERALD: Then praised the
- 14 officers for their Meritt award that saved the officer
- 15 who was shot and got him to St. John's Hospital quickly.
- 16 So it was just really, really nice to have them there and
- 17 to honor them. On Wednesday, Chief interviewed Fox Two
- 18 and the Riverwalk discussed the DPD and DMC's
- 19 Rehabilitation Institute. Heart Baby Dog, five K Run and
- 20 walk. It's scheduled for September 30th. There's a cost
- 21 of \$40 to participate. So if you're interested, please
- 22 contact Lieutenant Star Gonzalez, the Chief's
- 23 neighborhood liaison. Finally last night the Chief did
- 24 his walk a mile Wednesday in the Seventh Precinct. The
- 25 weather held out nicely, and it looked like there was a



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- 1 very nice turnout. That's all I have, sir.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Thank you very much.
- 3 Commissioner Hernandez, do you have a question?
- 4 Commissioner Burton?
- 5 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Yes, Mr. Chairman. Question for
- 6 the Chief.
- 7 COMMISSIONER BURTON: We look at the situation where
- 8 our officer involved in the Midtown situation where a 70-
- 9 year-old male was struck in the head by an officer.
- 10 Questions for the Chief. When will the department release
- 11 the video to the Board and to the public for review as
- 12 well as where was the officer's partner during the
- 13 incident and what changes are you implementing in order
- 14 to ensure officers are properly equipped to deal with
- 15 older residents?
- 16 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: You give it to the Chief.
- 17 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I was going to say elderly.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: You want to respond to that?
- ASSISTANT CHIEF FITZGERALD: To the first part. I'll
- 20 take it to the Chief's office. I know the Chief submitted
- 21 something to the Board with the details of what happened.
- 22 I'll also take it to him to see if he's willing to submit
- 23 the video at this time, but it is an open and active
- 24 investigation. It's been turned over to Michigan State
- 25 Police. So for me to comment on anything else, it'd be



- 1 premature at this time.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: You can. You get a response one
- 3 way or the other to the commissioner?
- 4 ASSISTANT CHIEF FITZGERALD: Absolutely.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Commissioner Bell.
- 6 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Assistant
- 7 Chief, for the sake of impact, how many traffic stop
- 8 investigations we make in 24 hours in terms of the tower
- 9 duty? Just approximate.
- 10 ASSISTANT CHIEF FITZGERALD: Oh, I would be guessing,
- 11 sir, but it's hundreds, hundreds of street
- 12 investigations, traffic stops throughout the city.
- 13 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Commissioner Carter.
- 15 COMMISSIONER CARTER: No questions.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Commissioner Banks.
- 17 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Yes. Through the Chair. AC
- 18 Fitzgerald, I thought Ewing was Assistant Chief.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Yes. They got a couple of them.
- 20 This is Deputy Chief.
- 21 ASSISTANT CHIEF FITZGERALD: Sir, I'm okay with
- 22 whatever you're calling me. So go ahead.
- 23 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Assistant Chief.
- 24 COMMISSIONER HOLT: No.
- 25 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Assistant Chief Fitzgerald, I



- 1 just was wondering if you can get a message to Chief
- 2 White for me.
- 3 ASSISTANT CHIEF FITZGERALD: Of course.
- 4 COMMISSIONER BANKS: The message is, I'm the Chairman
- 5 of the Citizens Complaint Committee, and last month we
- 6 had Commander McGinnis, he was representing DPD. That's
- 7 my vision to have someone from DPD. If I could have
- 8 someone with some rank with DPD and where they could
- 9 speak to the citizens, because we be having citizens
- 10 calling in. I would love Commander McGinness. He's
- 11 professional, he's good, he's solid, he brings a lot of
- 12 life, he's always smiling, and we need to be able to
- 13 represent and present that to the community. So I'm
- 14 requesting Commander McGinnis. That's the guy I'm
- 15 requesting. So can you please let Chief White know that
- 16 if he possibly could.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Deputy Chief, let me know if you
- 18 don't mind for a pause, because of Protocol.
- 19 Commissioner, the secretary, has a job, have her to put
- 20 that together for you, the secretary, if you don't mind.
- 21 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Okay.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: She can do that for you.
- 23 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Okay.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: That's her job. Staff job.
- 25 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Got it. Dr. Holley, we are



- 1 trying to build something special with me, you, and
- 2 attorney. I mean, Commissioner Bernard. I think we can
- 3 build something special on that committee.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: No doubt about it but would like
- 5 to work through the secretary.
- 6 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Okay.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: That's what they do. Am I right,
- 8 Madam Secretary?
- 9 MS. SHAH: The staff can assist with that, Mr. Chair.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Commissioner Moore. Commissioner
- 11 Holt.
- 12 COMMISSIONER HOLT: No thank you, Chair.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Chief, thank you so much for the
- 14 time that you've given us as you respond to the
- 15 commissioners, and we thank you for setting in for the
- 16 Chief. At this time, I'd like to have Mr. Brown, oral
- 17 comments.
- MR. BROWN: Good afternoon, Mr. Chair. Currently
- 19 there are 12 speakers, and I'll call those in attendance
- 20 first. Ms. Bernice Smith, followed by Ms. Aaron Maria,
- 21 followed by Lieutenant Mark Young, LSA president.
- MS. SMITH: Good afternoon.
- 23 COMMISSIONER: Good afternoon.
- MS. SMITH: I'm not going to do too much criticizing
- 25 today because I see sometimes it does do some good. But



- 1 the fact is that we, as commissioners, and I spoke about
- 2 it before, we must be respectful, not only of the police,
- 3 but especially of our police Chief. Two of our
- 4 commissioners were on the air or wherever they were, and
- 5 they spoke very unnecessary, saying, giving the Chief a C
- 6 plus. Now, how in the heck you going to give a Police
- 7 Chief a C plus when he had four degrees? Okay, so that's
- 8 number one. But the fact is I was very upset about that
- 9 comment, but one of them did give him an A, and I'm very
- 10 proud because he knows the distance that the Chief has
- 11 come. In the meantime, our commission has really been
- 12 lacking in attendance. We have some that come in late and
- 13 some that don't come at all.
- 14 MS. SMITH: How in the world are you going to get any
- 15 business done if you don't have a quorum? I do wish the
- 16 excuses that you give, I'm not aware of it. But anyway,
- 17 you do have excuses. But the fact is, this is a police
- 18 commission meeting, and we must address the issues that
- 19 are happening in our city. We cannot do that if we cannot
- 20 have the work of the police commissioners doing and come
- 21 in for their attendance. I do not wish to keep on talking
- 22 about this. I wish you would be aware of what you're
- 23 doing and your position on the Board. Good to see you
- 24 young man. But the fact is it's not getting any better. I
- 25 hope it will get better. I'm sorry I can't talk to much



- 1 because I don't have my teeth in my mouth, but the fact
- 2 is I'll get them soon anyway. I'm glad to see that we do
- 3 have a quorum today.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Thank you, Ms. Reverend.
- 5 MS. SMITH: All right. Take care of yourself and be
- 6 safe all the time that you're out here in the city.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Thank you. Your time.
- 8 MS. SMITH: Alright.
- 9 MR. BROWN: Aaron Maria.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Say your name for the record if
- 11 you don't mind once again.
- MR. MARIA: Good afternoon, police commission. My
- 13 name is Aaron Maria, where I'm a member of King David
- 14 Church, where the commission meeting was back in April.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Right.
- MR. MARIA: Pastor Brewer has given me the okay to
- 17 present myself and the church. I'm a licensed
- 18 professional counselor where I retired from the VA
- 19 working with veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder
- 20 and substance use disorders. I would like to present the
- 21 church and myself to do a group setting for first the
- 22 presentation and then maybe a group session afterwards
- 23 for the police officers and their family members. Because
- 24 I know that post-traumatic stress disorder can affect
- 25 families also. So to be able to get the family members to



- 1 understand the coping mechanisms as well as the police
- 2 officers so that they can work together and help our
- 3 city, because some of our police officers may be
- 4 suffering from the symptoms of post-traumatic stress
- 5 disorder, may not get the help that they need and may be
- 6 from the outside. It may be a different avenue of
- 7 approach. So I present myself and King David's church.
- 8 It's on Sunset & Nevada.
- 9 MR. MARIA: You can't miss it. I would just like to
- 10 present. I have some business cards that I will give, and
- 11 also, I will submit my credentials, outline of the
- 12 presentation, objectives and the goals of the
- 13 presentation to each one of you that are on the Board.
- 14 I'd just like to say I need some help and I would like to
- 15 help. With these cards also, I'm retired, and I do
- 16 nothing but help people to the best of my ability. When I
- 17 leave here, I have to go over to Mama Shoe and teach the
- 18 children chess and work with young men from 12 to 21
- 19 doing a group session there. So please, I'm going to give
- 20 these cards to commissioner or the Chief.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: I'd like you to give them.
- MR. MARIA: Take them to Brown?
- 23 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Okay. Thank you. Mr. Herandez.
- MR. MARIA: That's all I have.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Then, if I don't mind a few,



- 1 Commissioner Hernandez. Secretary, we need to have a
- 2 conversation or a letter from him and what we are doing
- 3 in this area already and how he can plug in what we're
- 4 already doing if we're okay.
- 5 MS. SHAH: Okay. Thank you.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: She'll take your card and call
- 7 you input. We need a letter from you and ask you what you
- 8 want us to do on your behalf, and then we'll try to work
- 9 it out. Okay. Thank you so much.
- 10 MR. MARIA: Thank you.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Thank you for your work that
- 12 you're doing in the community rather. Thank you so much.
- MR. BROWN: Lieutenant Young.
- MR. YOUNG: Community Impact. Selective. It's
- 15 designed with only one purpose to inflame the community.
- 16 Non-Factual. Due process. Public trust. Let's talk about
- 17 it. It used to be a person on this Board that I used to
- 18 look up to, that used to fight for due process. Now that
- 19 individual only fights for themselves. Pause to a consent
- 20 agreement is irresponsible and irreprehensible. A consent
- 21 agreement was the first guard and the city's decline for
- 22 receivership bankruptcy and the destruction. It only
- 23 empowers criminals. I was ashamed and embarrassed about
- 24 that statement. Do we have problems? Yes. Do we have
- 25 great leadership? Yes. Are we working through that



- 1 leadership to create solutions? Yes. Call for a consent
- 2 decrement was a statement of failure based on one
- 3 individual. But I'm a person of hope and of faith. We
- 4 made awesome progress. We've achieved a lot. We don't
- 5 talk about that.
- 6 MR. YOUNG: The Open Meetings Act does not deny
- 7 communication among parties. It does not deny a round
- 8 table. To deny the unions a place to determine the
- 9 destiny of our great department we are the ones that have
- 10 the risk and our risk is our lives. To be politically
- 11 pontificating is seen as a lack of leadership, not
- 12 leadership. I have never looked up the definition of
- 13 leadership. I know it when I see it, and I know it when I
- 14 don't. By the way, I teach leadership.
- MR. BROWN: Mr. Chairman, the next set of speakers
- 16 would be Ms. Charnita Williams, followed by Mr. James
- 17 Ford, followed by Minister Eric Blount.
- 18 MS. WILLIAMS: Hello everyone. My name is Charnita
- 19 Williams, and my first concern is about internal affairs.
- 20 I was there months ago concerning my issues with the
- 21 situation I was having. The officer told me that I was
- 22 talking too much when I mentioned the UPS robbery. So all
- 23 of the legal stuff that's been going on with my life, and
- 24 I'm not saying all Detroit police officers are corrupt,
- 25 but what I've been going through for the last two and a



- 1 half years is not acceptable. When I went to the Third
- 2 Precinct Sunday, I was in there for three hours and they
- 3 broke into my car, tore my car up inside out. My car was
- 4 parked in the precinct parking lot. That's not
- 5 acceptable. I have illegal listening devices in my
- 6 vehicle, and I was there making a complaint concerning
- 7 the Detroit Police Department.
- 8 MS. WILLIAMS: Not all of them. Let me reiterate
- 9 this, but they've been following me in their civilian
- 10 cars, like I said, for over two years. I am in fear of my
- 11 life and I made a statement of that and I said, I don't
- 12 want to be a statistic like Roxberry was. They said they
- 13 had something to do with that. So at the end of the day,
- 14 my concerns is my wellbeing and all this illegal
- 15 corruption that's going on in this city, especially when
- 16 this person is doing all this illegal stuff and I
- 17 continue to see police officers escort this woman
- 18 stalking me all the time and it's not acceptable, period.
- 19 When my life is in fear. When I leave out that door every
- 20 freaking day, that's my concern. At the end of the day,
- 21 OCI can only do so much.
- 22 MS. WILLIAMS: So that means in my opinion that the
- 23 FBI needs to come in and intervene and see what's really
- 24 going on. Because I can't continue to make over 30
- 25 reports, and they falsify these reports. They said this,



- 1 and they saying that when it's criminal. So which one is
- 2 it?
- 3 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Ms. Williams.
- 4 MS. WILLIAMS: Thank you. Have a good-
- 5 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: My concern is also, if you don't
- 6 mind, did you fire a police report about the break-in in
- 7 the police department?
- 8 MS. WILLIAMS: Oh, yes, I do. I have all the
- 9 information right here, Reverend. Yes, I do and I came to
- 10 OCI. They have the pictures of everything. Like I said,
- 11 dealing with internal affairs when they mentioned-
- 12 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: I got you. That's okay. You
- 13 noted that you do aid. You did report it.
- MS. WILLIAMS: Okay.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: He'll follow through on it.
- 16 Thank you so much.
- 17 MR. BROWN: Mr. Ford.
- 18 MR. FORD: Took my life on Jeff Street. Just for a
- 19 moment of silence. It was unbearable. But anyway, it's
- 20 still a great day to be alive. I just want to say this
- 21 right here, fellow police commissioners. I just want to
- 22 commend Commissioner Holt, Commissioner Banks, what they
- 23 did a couple of weeks ago. Holt did a great thing over at
- 24 Mack Alive. Commissioner Banks brought force out and
- 25 showed what police do in difficult situations. 2017 stats



- 1 say that 24,000 accidents in Detroit a year, 10,000 are
- 2 at intersections. 74 in a 24-hour period. That means it's
- 3 almost two or three every hour. There's no brainer why.
- 4 Car insurance is 60% higher in Detroit, 45% higher in
- 5 Detroit than anywhere. It's no brainer why there's no tax
- 6 base. It's no brainer why they're not building new things
- 7 in Detroit and there's no building in wherewithal down
- 8 the city. The thing is this right here. Your children are
- 9 in danger.
- 10 MR. FORD: Your elderly are in danger, you are in
- 11 danger, and you are at risk from not coming home. How are
- 12 you going to tell a child that their mother may not be
- 13 coming home? How are you going to tell a mother their
- 14 child might not be coming off of this reckless driving in
- 15 the city? Detroit cars are running wild. We are in
- 16 trouble. I brought you 50 letters and the 50 letters are
- 17 all from community activists and people that want to help
- 18 you stop the situation. This reckless traffic. You all
- 19 have them. Commissioner has them. The city council has
- 20 them. We've got to do something about this. The city
- 21 people that signed those letters are asking for a city
- 22 ordinance that says, if you blatantly run a red light, we
- 23 going to take your car, we're going find you, we're going
- 24 to put you in jail, and you will lose your car or
- 25 whatever else that you have.



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- 1 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Thank you.
- MR. FORD: You need a city ordinance to stop all this 2.
- 3 stuff. God bless everybody and thank you.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Thank you.
- MR. BROWN: Minister Blount. 5
- MINISTER BLOUNT: Good afternoon, Board. My name is 6
- Minister. Eric Blount from Sacred Heart Catholic Church
- right here in Detroit. First of all, I want to again 8
- voice my support for the consent decree for the City
- Police Department and the Board of Police Commissioners. 10
- The corruption on this Board is forever evident even in 11
- 12 this meeting. The leadership willfully allows the police
- 13 department to hijack precious minutes of this meeting
- 14 with crime statistics. We're not here for crime. We are
- 15 here for police officer misconduct. The community impact
- 16 report is a small step in the right direction. Why not
- 17 talk about current events, especially when they are so
- 18 egregious?
- 19 MINISTER BLOUNT: Most importantly, they didn't give
- an opinion. They just said the police officers report 20
- doesn't agree with the body worn camera footage. We need 21
- to know that straight and fast, not delayed. Like the 22
- killing of Porter Burks, still no video. I refuse to 23
- 24 accept any excuse about why it's not being released. If
- 25 you want a good example of oversight and accountability



- 1 and transparency, look no further than the city of Ohio
- 2 in the suburb of Columbus. A pregnant woman was shot and
- 3 killed by the police in a supermarket parking lot. August
- 4 24th of this year, body worn camera footage was released
- 5 to the public and to the media, August 28th. Less than a
- 6 week. Thank you.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Thank you, sir.
- 8 MR. BROWN: Mr. Chair, your next set of speaker will
- 9 be special election Black Jesus, followed by Mr. Ronald
- 10 Foster, followed by Mr. Burl Woods.
- 11 BLACK JESUS: I don't want anybody to think that's
- 12 some kind of funny name or something.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: I need you to be at the mic,
- 14 sir.
- 15 BLACK JESUS: At the Detroit Detention Center when I
- 16 was falsely arrested, and they gave me that name. I
- 17 wasn't going to say do this, but now that I'm down here,
- 18 I might as well go ahead and do this. That's violation of
- 19 Detroit City Charter Warrant.
- 20 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Black Jesus, could you put it up
- 21 to the mic, please? You'll be more impactful. There you
- 22 go.
- 23 BLACK JESUS: Violation of the Detroit City Charter.
- 24 This man is sitting on the Board of Police Commissioner
- 25 right here, Willie Bell. One person. Now I understand



- 1 he's the director of the towing trap, in conjunction with
- 2 the pastor over there at the church. The old is doing
- 3 trap. You all let him stay here this is serious. You need
- 4 to resign immediately. Commissioner Bell, with all due
- 5 respect, sir, I'm going to ask you to stand down and move
- 6 out the way. Kaniesha Coleman's murder is going to be
- 7 addressed, sir. I don't know what you guys think you all
- 8 are going to do. Now, the case of Kaniesha Coleman, DPD
- 9 case number 20-11112 is in the hands of the Michigan
- 10 State Police. They're doing an investigation. I sat with
- 11 him. But they're going to find out is that man obstructed
- 12 justice and he interfered. He's in the way of what Nene
- 13 wants. All the rest of you all that didn't do nothing is
- 14 in the way of what she want. Mr. Moore, I commend you,
- 15 sir, and I applaud you. My kudos, my hat goes off to you
- 16 even though I don't wear one.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Thank you. Thank you, sir.
- 18 BLACK JESUS: Only commander. Listen, I don't know
- 19 what you-
- 20 MR. BROWN: Mr. Thomas.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Ms. Smith, if you cannot. Ms.
- 22 Smith.
- 23 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Hey.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: You cannot do this, Ms. Smith.
- 25 You cannot do this. Sir, I'm asking you. Sir.



- 1 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Dr. father Holley, mostly
- 2 instigate a lot of stuff too to get people roused about.
- 3 That's got to be shut down.
- 4 MS. SMITH: You know what? We need to shut this down.
- 5 We don't need any fuel. We don't need any fuel.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: You're right.
- 7 COMMISSIONER: Right.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Ms. Smith, I'm going to have to
- 9 ask you to leave if you keep this up.
- 10 COMMISSIONER: Thank you.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Okay. Sir, I'm asking you to sit
- 12 down or go out. You can't walk around. Okay. Thank you
- 13 and thank you for your remarks. Sir, just tell us your
- 14 name again. I apologize.
- MR. THOMAS: Good evening. My name is Ronald Foster.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Thank you.
- 17 MR.THOMAS: Just had a few things more than a few
- 18 things. But first thing I wanted to say is if you can
- 19 identify a problem, you can identify a solution as well.
- 20 So it might not be the best solution. It might not be the
- 21 right or the perfect solution, but it is a solution to
- 22 start. Second thing, the secretary here, I think that
- 23 she's been pretty fair on both ends of the Board. She's
- 24 been trying to protect and be faithful to this Board. I
- 25 think that that should be taken into account. Third



- 1 thing, racism within the ranks. It's been too long within
- 2 this department with racism. You have a Black Board here.
- 3 This city has at least 70% Black or non-white. But just
- 4 last week during promotions, there was maybe four or five
- 5 African Americans in there. So we have to do better with
- 6 what's representing to reflect the population here.
- 7 MR.THOMAS: The things that we have in common, high
- 8 divorces. It goes on in the department, in the collective
- 9 home and children to go to work. Good pay, but physically
- 10 absent. Domestic violence. I say it to say that titles
- 11 kind of removes the humanity from things. At the bottom
- 12 line, we're all human beings. We all go through the same
- 13 struggles in our own different ways. Empathy and
- 14 stability. To understand and share the feelings of
- 15 another, we have to practice and learn empathy. That's
- 16 the only way that we could really get along with each
- 17 other. Through empathy and understanding and love. So I
- 18 just wanted to just share those few things that we need
- 19 to do a better job recruiting from within the city.
- 20 Provide incentives for officers to stay in this city and
- 21 really have of course, deep side inside this department
- 22 about racism. You need to have a study about the impact
- 23 of it as well as promotions and everything else that goes
- 24 along with reflection of the community they serve.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Thank you for your remarks too.



- 1 Thank you very much.
- 2 MR. BROWN: Mr. Woods.
- 3 MR. WOODS: Reverend commission. I'm here to say that
- 4 I have been connected with the family on the case in 11
- 5 Precinct. Me and my team, and I'm very, very appreciative
- 6 of Mr. Warfield in this investigation. We know it's an
- 7 investigation. We believe in due process. However, this
- 8 mother is very, very traumatized as it relates to what
- 9 happened to her child. We are not living in a society
- 10 where people should be snatched up in the community for
- 11 no reason. So just like the officer deserve due process,
- 12 that young man deserves due process as well. We are here
- 13 to say that as a community, we outraged about what this
- 14 mother is going through. We hope that there is an
- 15 expeditious process here and that it should be elevated
- 16 because this is not how we treat our citizens.
- MR. WOODS: Our citizens have the right to walk down
- 18 the street. They have the right to walk while Black. They
- 19 should not be accosted by a police officer, by anyone. So
- 20 that young man is in fear. That young man is working.
- 21 He's doing what he's supposed to do as a young Black male
- 22 in this community. We say hey let's let the chips fall
- 23 where they may in this investigation. If there's some
- 24 lying here, if there's some perjury, if there's some
- 25 false statements, I think you guys need to really



- 1 expedite this investigation. We definitely stand with
- 2 Chief White. We respect him, we regard him. I live in the
- 3 Jeffersonians. I was there. I've seen the massive
- 4 operation. I see officers sacrifice their time and
- 5 everything to try to save this young lady's life and we
- 6 applaud that. Let's stay positive, let's stay productive,
- 7 but let's get the job done.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Thank you so much, judge, and
- 9 thank you for being here as well.
- 10 MR. BROWN: Mr. Chair, I don't see Ms. Lucinda Dara.
- 11 So your next speaker would be Ms. Michelle George,
- 12 followed by the caller with the last three members 124,
- 13 followed by former Commissioner Davis. Ms. George?
- MS. GEORGE: Yes. Can you hear me Mr. Brown?
- MR. BROWN: Yes.
- MS. GEORGE: Okay. Hi to Chair Holley and to the
- 17 Honorable Board. The gentleman that that spoke before me
- 18 said a lot that I was thinking of. I would like to first
- 19 of all know where your bylaws of the Board of Police
- 20 Commission if I can. Maybe it's online. I would like to
- 21 see what your bylaws say because I know in the last few
- 22 years this Board has been a lot of conflict. A lot of
- 23 times the role of the Board is oversight of what's going
- 24 on with policing to make sure they're accountable. I give
- 25 Chief White an A. I know Chief White is doing all. I may



- 1 not agree with everything that Chief White does, but I
- 2 know he is doing an awesome job.
- 3 MS. GEORGE: I see what our police officer, it is a
- 4 balance. But just like the gentleman stated. But if you
- 5 all are not addressing, I rarely hear that you all
- 6 address issues that the Chief Investigator Warfield was
- 7 reading on. Usually, I do not hear anything. So that's
- 8 why you are going to run into your problems. It is not
- 9 anything on the police. I'll call the police in a minute
- 10 if somebody comes after me because they've taken the oath
- 11 to protect and serve. But on the other hand, you do have
- 12 oversight and what's happening across this country and
- 13 just what happened in Lansing with police, you need to
- 14 investigate the case of the young man and the officer.
- 15 Both need their due process. But when you don't address
- 16 what you are called to do, then you're going to always
- 17 have this issue on the Board.
- 18 MS. GEORGE: So I would ask I would like to know
- 19 where your bylaws, because I would like to read your
- 20 bylaws. I was going to comment on the issue last week
- 21 when officer was talking about the missing 400 people
- 22 missing in the city. I would like to know how many are
- 23 children. That's a lot of missing people, but I just want
- 24 to ask that with the Board. You are always going to have
- 25 conflict if you all are not doing what you were called



- 1 and served to do. So that's my comment. Thank you.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Thank you for the comment.
- 3 MR. BROWN: Caller with the last three numbers 124.
- 4 CALLER 124: Yes. Good afternoon. May I be heard?
- 5 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Yes, you can be and you are.
- 6 CALLER 124: Thank you. Yeah. I would like to echo
- 7 the sentiments of the gentleman speaking about the need
- 8 for empathy and sympathy and understanding and love and
- 9 understanding of trauma to whatever degree. I do remember
- 10 hearing the last meeting I was at, I commend the police
- 11 for admitting the mental health crisis that we're dealing
- 12 with. I've heard that there's a lot of people retiring
- 13 from the field of mental health and not enough people
- 14 going back in. So what does that mean? It gets pushed off
- 15 on teachers and police officers and whoever else is in
- 16 the village. So I hope that we can understand that for
- 17 all. I think it gets overlooked a lot and people are
- 18 quick to blame others instead of like consider those
- 19 factors. I also would like to understand why I continue
- 20 to hear helicopters and it's my understanding it costs a
- 21 lot of money to fly those.
- 22 CALLER 124: They seem to have been flying around in
- 23 the lower or middle Woodward area a lot. There's also a
- 24 lot of drag racing, but they don't seem to be stopping
- 25 the drag racing. I'm wondering if someone can address



- 1 that. Also, if my police commissioner could contact me. I
- 2 really wish that the investigator would follow up on the
- 3 property crime because the norm in Detroit is, oh well
- 4 you get ripped off, that's not cool. People are going to
- 5 go, oh, how long am I going to put up with this? That's
- 6 not a good way to grow population if you don't take that
- 7 seriously. So hopefully there can be some follow-up on
- 8 that as well.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Thank you so much.
- 10 CALLER 124: Can somebody address.
- MR. BROWN: Mr. Chair, your last two speakers will be
- 12 former Commissioner William Davis, followed by Samir
- 13 Kareem.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Commissioner Davis.
- MR. DAVIS: Hello. Can I be heard?
- 16 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Yes, you can.
- 17 MR. DAVIS: Okay. I'd like to start off by thanking
- 18 Commissioner Banks. Far too often, too many commissioners
- 19 they look at bad information on police officers and still
- 20 vote yes and still vote to promote them. If an officer
- 21 has a whole lot of questionable stuff in their past more
- 22 of you should be voting against that. When I was on the
- 23 Board, I probably voted against more people that
- 24 ultimately probably was promoted because I was overruled.
- 25 But because of the fact that people need to know that



- 1 people are actually reading and care about officers that
- 2 have a whole lot of complaints against them, a whole lot
- 3 of actions against them. So we need more of the
- 4 commissioners actually to do their job and be there to
- 5 represent the people. Because seven of the commissioners
- 6 are actually elected by the people. I realize four are
- 7 appointed and sometimes some of the appointed people
- 8 don't really care. But we need the Board of Police
- 9 Commissioners to be more proactive. I think the community
- 10 impact is one of the great additions to the Board. People
- 11 need to feel that you are there to listen to what's going
- 12 on, how the police are affecting them. Most police
- 13 officers are good, but when you try to cover up for the
- 14 bad ones that make the whole department look bad. Thank
- 15 you.
- MR. BROWN: Mr. Kareem.
- 17 MR. KAREEM: We need to talk about concerning how
- 18 this Commissioner Willie Bell racketeering with Goch &
- 19 Son's Towing. Okay, now y'all understand something. See
- 20 the news story about Goch & Son's Towing. What you all
- 21 didn't know that who sits on the Board of the medical
- 22 court? Who hired them? Who conspire with them? Willie
- 23 Bell. Mr. Willie Bell. Look up, 150,004 people visiting
- 24 the Detroit Receiving lost their vehicle. 28,000 kids
- 25 lost their school for this scam. They're charging \$650,



- 1 \$50 a day. It's private property but you can't break the
- 2 law. What they do, they steal the car first, then they
- 3 call the Third Precinct and said we're getting ready to
- $4\,$ tow a car. They already took the car. They stole the car
- 5 first. Then the racketeering. I met with this man three
- 6 times. Mr. Willie Bell. How many times we met. Look where
- 7 his conversation is. Can we work something out to keep my
- 8 name out of it?
- 9 MR. KAREEM: This what he wanted to do, ma'am. He
- 10 been at the federal court apartments involved this scam.
- 11 You cannot take your CPLs into the receiving. So they
- 12 slim the cars, Goch & Son's Towing and I got video. They
- 13 on social in box about how they sell the guns. I come
- 14 that's the way the Beverly's complaint, guess what he do?
- 15 Up the tip that money and that stops them. He's comprised
- 16 of me. I'm here now so I'm going to pull the cover. Sir,
- 17 we need to set a date. I can bring complainant, show you
- 18 the evidence. This man is brought racketeering and 18
- 19 people die. What is Goch & Son's break all the toing
- 20 laws. They got connections at the Third Precinct. They
- 21 don't have to call and get permission for them to tow a
- 22 car because Willy Bell got them hooked up. That's how he
- 23 knows how many cars come from medical court they
- 24 residents.
- MR. KAREEM: That's why he know how much kit that can



- 1 get from them. I met this man three times. They want to
- 2 pay me and get ready for this. I refuse to take the
- 3 money. I'm not going to accept them money you all are
- 4 pressing my people. My car gets shot up at my vehicle. So
- 5 they're going, oh you know the officer that just seen his
- 6 name Michael Pelvis. What his name? The officer they just
- 7 sent us. That was one of his allies.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Your time us up.
- 9 MR. KAREEM: That's the one come to my house and
- 10 threaten me right here, sir. We need to meet. I just show
- 11 you video. The man got to get off to state here. This is
- 12 a copy.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Your time is up. Your time is
- 14 up.
- MR. BROWN: Mr. Chair, that was your last speaker.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Ladies, gentlemen, basically,
- 17 this ends our public comment. Let me just say this in
- 18 short, we are all public officials. We are told by the
- 19 law department that we cannot respond to any allegations
- 20 that you state to any of us. We have to sit here and take
- 21 it whether what you say about us, we cannot respond in
- 22 one way or another because of the fact is that this is
- 23 what public service is all about. So, when people come in
- 24 here and make accusations to any of my colleagues, it's
- 25 not fair in the sense that we have no way of responding



- l to allegations like this. So, I've said to you again, if
- 2 you're going to continue this, I'm just saying to you
- 3 again, I'm telling you on behalf of our commissioners,
- 4 all our commissioners, when I hear this word, these
- 5 certain cold words that basically is very disturbing for
- 6 people who do take time out week after week.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: When I get through with my stuff
- 8 that secretary sent me, last week, it was two feet high
- 9 with stuff that they sent to us. We have to go through
- 10 all of this stuff and nothing but the fact is because
- 11 what we want to do is serve. So I leave it at that. I
- 12 know, again, you have a chance next week to have comments
- 13 about my comments, but I'm just saying to you again, it's
- 14 not fair. It's really not fair. I'm just saying it to you
- 15 again. But you have a right, this is America. You have a
- 16 right to walk around here and basically when I tell you
- 17 to sit down, you have a right to walk anyway, when I tell
- 18 you to sit. I just want you to understand you got those
- 19 rights. I'm telling you, my sisters, brothers, this is
- 20 not the way that we do business here in the city like
- 21 Detroit. So, I say to you again, thank all of you for
- 22 your comments. Thank you for your presence here. At this
- 23 time, we'll go to presentations. Mr. Fries, are you
- 24 available?
- 25 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the Chair.



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- 1 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Yes. I'm sorry, commissioner.
- 2 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I'd like to make a motion today
- 3 that-
- 4 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Not right now, I have a new
- 5 business coming up. You can do it then. But I'd like to
- 6 this time, just like to get through the agenda. But
- 7 you're certainly welcome to do this, sir.
- 8 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I'd like to make a motion about
- 9 one of the presentations today.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Okay. Oh, I'm sorry. Okay.
- 11 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I'd like to move that we
- 12 eliminate line item 11, section B, which is to stop
- 13 ShotSpotter CVI program, 10-minute presentation today
- 14 because of the four closed door sessions that we have and
- 15 that the Board should be focusing more on oversight.
- 16 Therefore, today we do have a pretty heavy agenda. So I'd
- 17 like to move that we eliminate that line item today,
- 18 since it has nothing to do with oversight. So we can
- 19 focus more on the closed door sessions.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Is there a second? Hearing no
- 21 second the motion fails. Let's go to the presentation if
- 22 you don't mind, please. This is fiscal division. We have
- 23 10 minutes.
- MS. SHAH: Mr. Drew Fries.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Thank you so much. Thank you,



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- Madam Chair.
- MR. FRIES: Vice-Chair Holley. 2.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Yes. Thank you.
- MR. FRIES: Commissions of the Board. 4
- 5 MR. FRIES: We're going to be talking about the BOPC
- budget today. From a budget perspective, addressing who 6
- we are, where we're coming from, where we're today, and
- as we look to the horizon where we're going. 8
- CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Just to do a little louder for 9
- 10 me, because I need them to really hear what you're about
- 11 to say and-
- 12 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Because of and e.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: But just go ahead and say it
- 14 over again if you don't mind.
- 15 MR. FRIES: Yep, absolutely. So we're going to be
- 16 talking about the budget today. We're going to start with
- 17 how we closed out last year. We're going to be looking at
- 18 where the fiscal budget is in the current fiscal year,
- and then where we're going. 19
- 20 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Is this in your package?
- Commissioners? Yes, sir. How to do it in 10 minutes and 21
- 2.2 less?
- MR. FRIES: Yes, sir. So we can go to the next slide. 23
- I want to introduce myself. This is my first presentation 24
- 25 to the Board as the fiscal executive manager.



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- 1 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: All right. Welcome.
- 2 MR. FRIES: Thank you. It's great to be here. It's
- 3 great to be a part of the team. Want to call back to a
- 4 question? My first time in front of you was part of my
- 5 interview, Commissioner Banks asked me, what skills do
- 6 you bring to the disposition? if I had another
- 7 opportunity to speak to my background, it wasn't too long
- 8 ago in my past life in the private sector that I was
- 9 managing the budget for a billion-dollar business. So I
- 10 just want to assure everyone that I can do this job. I'm
- 11 excited to be here. I'm excited to do it well. Thanks to
- 12 the training and teachings of Secretary Shah and Mr.
- 13 Robert Brown, they have set me up for success to do just
- 14 that.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Very good.
- 16 COMMISSIONER: Wonderful.
- MR. FRIES: Turning to the budget. How we ended last
- 18 year. If we go to the next slide, and that is underspent
- 19 relative to the fund that were budgeted to us. We are
- 20 underutilized the degree of 68%, and that's really due to
- 21 two things. Vacancies in the staff and an inability to
- 22 pay rent to the Merrill Plaisance construction. So
- 23 there's a delay in that construction. So therefore, we're
- 24 not able to pay rent to that space.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: What space is that?



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- 1 MS. SHAH: The Merrill Plaisance.
- 2. CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Got you.
- 3 COMMISSIONER: PCI.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Got you.
- 5 MR. FRIES: So this underspent we take very
- 6 seriously. We're working very hard today to fill those
- vacancies and make the staff whole. Can we go to the next
- slide. Proud to say that the secretary of the Board is 8
- filled, Chief Investigator filled, the Executive Fiscal
- Manager filled. The administrative assistant has been 10
- extended an offer, also a couple investigators have also 11
- 12 been filled. The rest of these positions, we are
- 13 progressing every single day. We go to the next slide. As
- 14 we look at our current fiscal year budget, we are
- 15 currently down versus last year by 2%. This is important
- 16 and I want you to keep this in mind in the upcoming
- 17 slides. So as we look at this budget, go to the next
- slide. The large majority of this, 83% of this, if we go 18
- 19 to the next slide, is our people. So, salaries, wages,
- benefits, all the more reason it's so important for us to 20
- have that staff be full, to make sure that our 21
- 22 capabilities are a hundred percent.
- 23 MR. FRIES: We go to the next slide. So it's all
- relative, and that's what I want to speak to here, is 24
- 25 that on average, the BOPC budget has grown 0.6% year



- 1 after year. In relation to the DPD's budget, they have
- 2 grown six and a half percent over the last three years.
- 3 So, with our charter responsibility to provide civilian
- 4 oversight, I just want to call out that five years ago,
- 5 the BOPC's budget represent 1.2% that of the police
- 6 departments. Every year since that ratio has waned.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: What do you mean by that?
- 8 MR. FRIES: So the BOPC, it's never going to be close
- 9 to the size of the budget that it had given to the police
- 10 department. But as the police department's resources and
- 11 number of officers, I'm sorry, officers grow and their
- 12 budget grows, we would expect that the BOPC budget should
- 13 grow in parallel.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: So grow in what way?
- 15 MR. FRIES: Proportionally. So five years ago, we
- 16 were 1.2% of the police department. So today we would
- 17 expect to be also 1.2% of the police department's budget.
- 18 In a similar spirit, if we go to the next slide, again,
- 19 if we look at the BOPC's budget, which is the blue line,
- 20 this is essentially flat. Over the last three years,
- 21 we've only grown it 0.6% year after year. Whereas the
- 22 number of investigations that our staff is fielding has
- 23 gone up double digits, 12.5%. So there's a lot more work
- 24 being done, there's a lot more oversight to be had, and
- 25 our resources have essentially stayed flat.



- 1 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Because I'm mathematically and
- 2 not calculus, I don't care.
- 3 MR. FRIES: Calculus Sure.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Just math.
- 5 MR. FRIES: Yep.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Then if the police department is
- 7 moving up, and we need to have more investigators, we
- 8 need to have more staff.
- 9 MR. FRIES: Exactly.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Because basically more
- 11 complaints are coming in and we've got the same number of
- 12 people working with the same number of people that we've
- 13 been working with in the past, and the police department
- 14 is moving this way. That's what you mean by that. Am I
- 15 right?
- 16 MR. FRIES: That's exactly on point.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Okay. But I just want to make
- 18 sure and you understand, I mean, I'm sure you do because
- 19 I'm the only one that's seem like I don't but go ahead.
- MR. FRIES: So that's it, Dr. Holley. Thank you very
- 21 much. That's exactly the point. The police department is
- 22 growing their budget, growing their people, growing their
- 23 capabilities. The number of complaints from the citizens
- 24 are also growing. The Board of Police Commissioners is
- 25 staying flat.



- 1 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Got you.
- 2 MR. FRIES: So, taking this information in, if we
- 3 turn to the next slide, it is our plan to make an
- 4 amendment to the current year fiscal budget to ask for
- 5 more funds. Our plan is to go to city councils to do
- 6 this. We will be pulling together this presentation and
- 7 bring it before the Board before to ask for the Board's
- 8 blessing. This additional funds will be exactly your
- 9 point, Vice-Chair Holley, more investigators, audio and
- 10 video equipment, food and community events, a case
- 11 management system, and a contract for audio and visual
- 12 capabilities. So, look forward to that presentation at
- 13 the end of the month.
- MR. FRIES: Then just zooming out to go to the next
- 15 slide. Again, excited to be in this role. I'm planning to
- 16 present to the board every month about how our budget is
- 17 actualizing on a monthly basis. My plan tentatively is
- 18 for that presentation to be in the first week of every
- 19 month. In addition to looking at the BOPC budget, which
- 20 we'll be rolling our sleeves on, we will also be
- 21 analyzing and tracking the police department's budget as
- 22 well.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Got you.
- MR. FRIES: I want to thank you for your time.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: I really applaud you for this



- 1 first presentation. Even like me understands it a lot
- 2 better. So I just want you to know that. Thank you so
- 3 much. Because of time, anybody got a question just raise
- 4 your hand. Commissioner, you would be before.
- 5 COMMISSIONER CARTER: No, I just have a question, and
- 6 it may be more appropriate when the presentation comes
- 7 about the amendments. So would it be more appropriate to
- 8 ask questions about the amendments and why these things
- 9 were chosen to?
- 10 MR. FRIES: I believe so because we will have much
- 11 more detail prepared at that time.
- 12 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Okay.
- MR. FRIES: Looking forward to that.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Commissioner Bell.
- 15 COMMISSIONER BELL: Mr. Chairman, my understanding is
- 16 that DD budget is the largest in the city of Detroit due
- 17 to the public safety issue, as you well know, the great
- 18 impact by the council. So I do don't understand this
- 19 comparison. I would hope we would be going to the Budget
- 20 Committee before we bring this stuff out in terms of let
- 21 them weigh in. That's how the council weigh, and we
- 22 should weigh in on that. Council did not buy food and
- 23 such and such cetera for their meetings that I'm aware
- 24 of. I have been to several meeting, but that is not our
- 25 function. That is not oversight. We had that temporarily.



- 1 Then the council and the budget people said, you can't do
- 2 that. So we had withdraw. So it's clearly, but I think I
- 3 have a whole lot of issue with this type of budget
- 4 comparison to DPD. We have more staff in the history of
- 5 the Board now. We have more staff. So I can't see how
- 6 we're going to compare.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: I don't mean to be argumentative
- 8 or anything like that. When I hear the young man, Mr.
- 9 Fries, talk about using the budget of the police
- 10 department. In other words maybe rather than having 13
- 11 investigators, maybe I need 18. You see what I'm saying?
- 12 Based upon the fact is I've got more police officers and
- 13 I got more complaints coming in. So I'm thinking that
- 14 perhaps that's how he's comparing it on that kind of
- 15 level. Because again, how many people complaints do we
- 16 have?
- 17 MR. WARFIELD: Have 14 investigators now.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: How many complaints do we have?
- MR. WARFIELD: Oh, I'm sorry. Just last month, we had
- 20 914 in house a week ago, and we have 70 that we just sent
- 21 out to investigators. So that takes us close to a
- 22 thousand.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Right. So I'm saying, I know you
- 24 know more about this.
- 25 COMMISSIONER BELL: I just want to make one more



- 1 question.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Go ahead, sir.
- 3 COMMISSIONER BELL: That the budget by DPD is
- 4 impacted by a significant pay increase, as you well know,
- 5 to retain these officers on terms of on the job. So
- 6 basically, that have an impact, but we should not be
- 7 comparison to the DPD. It's a whole different factor.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Point well taken, commissioner.
- 9 If you could, you got two minutes to do it, if you don't
- 10 mind.
- 11 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the Chair. We just
- 12 learned something here today from this gentleman's
- 13 report. I think we need to really look at what we budget
- 14 for as far as dollars wise and looking at how the
- 15 department is budgeted and looking at the growth. I think
- 16 that's really great as far as what he pointed out. But
- 17 also, I'd like to see something added where we have a
- 18 Parliamentarian present at every meeting, just like other
- 19 boards and other elected bodies. That's something we
- 20 don't have here today. It was good to see that our Board
- 21 is looking to fill other vacancies. There has been some
- 22 areas that we have improved on. We just recently hired
- 23 the Chief Investigator.
- 24 COMMISSIONER BURTON: We just hired the Secretary
- 25 position and some other positions that we are still



- 1 looking to fill. But we need a parliamentarian president
- 2 at every meeting as well. We definitely badly need a
- 3 Board Attorney. But this presentation was something that
- 4 we have learned. I'm interested in learning more from
- 5 these presentations each month. But I think we need to be
- 6 more involved in handling-
- 7 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: The budget.
- 8 COMMISSIONER BURTON: The budget situation here, but
- 9 also these positions that we need to fill, as well as
- 10 really addressing the oversight. What it's really come
- 11 down to our fiduciary responsibility and if we are short
- 12 personnel in order to do that then we need to push to
- 13 increase our budget so we can hire those personnels so we
- 14 can address oversight. Cases are going up over in OCI.
- 15 There's still 700 or some cases right now that's in the
- 16 General's office that come from OCI. So we really need to
- 17 do a better job in increasing our budget so we can better
- 18 increase our personnel.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Thank you, Mr. Commissioner.
- 20 Noted to Madam Secretary of the comments that
- 21 Commissioner Burton is making. Commissioner Banks.
- 22 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Yeah. I'm real quick.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Einstein, the more you stand
- 24 there, they're going to talk. There you go.
- 25 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Through the Chair. All I wanted



- 1 to say, you're flowing beautiful tonight. Father Holley,
- 2 you're flowing. Looking good. You're flowing beautiful.
- 3 Just wanted to let you know.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: It isn't over yet. Scott
- 5 Spotter. Scott. What am I saying?
- 6 MS. SHAH: ShotSpotter.
- 7 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Oh, wait, I have a-
- 8 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Please forgive me.
- 9 COMMISSIONER HOLT: That's okay.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Please start, please.
- 11 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Right. I'm impressed with the
- 12 presentation and the focus through the Chair. I think we
- 13 need to say again, citizens are starting to submit their
- 14 complaints. I don't translate that to more acting out of
- 15 DPD. I think citizens are becoming more educated on the
- 16 fact that they do have the right, and that there is an
- 17 agency that will address those complaints. So kudos for
- 18 that. I can remember going back to 2019 when Commissioner
- 19 Holley said, can we please somebody help us understand
- 20 DPD's budget? It looks like that might be part of the
- 21 activity that's going to be looked upon as it relates to
- 22 the Executive Financial Manager, along with the support
- 23 of the Secretary to the Board. So, I'm feeling real good
- 24 about these reports that are coming out now. Come time to
- 25 understand the DPD's budget, I won't be here, but I'm



- 1 sure it will be more comfortable even with that
- 2 presentation. Thank you.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Thank you, Commissioner. Your
- 4 name, sir, and your topic.
- 5 MR. PETERSON: Absolutely. Thank you. My name is Mike
- 6 Peterson. I am the program administrator over the
- 7 ShotStoppers program, the new program that the city
- 8 announced and release and was underway as of August 1st
- 9 of this month. I want to first thank this honorable body
- 10 for having us here. I want to thank all the citizens and
- 11 residents for being here. As a resident of the city, I
- 12 truly appreciate all the passion. I would much rather
- 13 have a passionate meeting and a passionate city versus a
- 14 passive one. So just for what it's worth, I want to thank
- 15 each of you for being here and time. To the time point,
- 16 Commissioner Burton, I'll get right to it so you guys can
- 17 get back to your focus at hand. Again, as a program
- 18 administrator over the ShotStoppers program I hope to be
- 19 able to go through some of the details of the program,
- 20 make sure that we can discuss how it came to be, where we
- 21 are and what we're hoping to see. You can go to the next
- 22 slide, please.
- MR. PETERSON: Back one. Thank you very much. So I
- 24 believe Assistant Chief Fitzgerald already went through
- 25 these numbers. This obviously was through August 26th of



- 1 this month. But as we know, obviously with the city, it
- 2 doesn't have the best history when it comes to violence.
- 3 But I do want to recognize that this year compared to
- 4 last year, we are trending in the right direction. We're
- 5 very happy with that. But as Assistant Chief has
- 6 mentioned, the Chief has mentioned, the mayor has
- 7 mentioned, we're never satisfied, and we always feel like
- 8 we can do better. Right? So crime is still too far. Far
- 9 too high. Excuse me. We're hoping that through creative
- 10 programs such as ShotStoppers, we will be able to find
- 11 other solutions in a more holistic way to address the
- 12 violence within the community. Next slide, please.
- MR. PETERSON: Before I get into what is community
- 14 violence intervention, I do want to make sure and address
- 15 that obviously, we've made investments into our law
- 16 enforcement. We've made investment into the technology.
- 17 Now is the opportunity for us to truly invest in the
- 18 community and the community organizations that are
- 19 already doing what they feel they've been called to do,
- 20 which is try to find ways to prevent violence and
- 21 intermediate when situations arise. So a simple response
- 22 to what is community violence intervention? It's
- 23 community groups, building relationships, and preventing
- 24 violence before it even occurs. What we've done is
- 25 obviously go through a process to select six



- 1 organizations that are currently using different
- 2 evidence-based models of community driven strategies,
- 3 excuse me, to prevent and try to interrupt violence.
- 4 MR. PETERSON: These groups are able to interact with
- 5 the community in a way that law enforcement just cannot
- 6 do. So that is one of the biggest benefits of community
- 7 violence intervention and why it's so important to invest
- 8 in them. Next slide, please. Obviously as well, the White
- 9 House has encouraged each city and state to invest in
- 10 CVI. This program is using 100% ARPA or American Rescue
- 11 Plan Act funds currently. So, we are looking to be able
- 12 to utilize that and these groups are each doing something
- 13 in the form of mediation, mentoring, wraparound services,
- 14 just things, again that we know from the community
- 15 standpoint are things that will help reduce the violence
- 16 that we're seeing. Next slide, please.
- 17 MR. PETERSON: Then just wanted to point out also,
- 18 the CDC has recognized that violence is not just a law
- 19 issue. It is an issue of public health. So we're making
- 20 one of the benefits, again, of investing in these
- 21 community organizations is that they recognize that all
- 22 of them have relationships with mental health
- 23 professionals and they're looking to do things in a way
- 24 that are a little different. Again, we can't arrest our
- 25 way out of anything. So they're finding other solutions



- 1 to really be able to go in and hopefully make a
- 2 difference in their areas and in their communities. Next
- 3 slide, please. So this really just goes over what our
- 4 goals are. I'm really just trying to keep it simple.
- 5 Obviously, we want to make sure we can help with bringing
- 6 down the level of violence, especially gun violence by
- 7 partnering with these community groups, hoping to be able
- 8 to measure these results and prove which CVI tactics
- 9 works, which ones do not.
- 10 MR. PETERSON: Thirdly, we want to make sure that we
- 11 can also expand the investment into the programs that we
- 12 find show positive results. Next slide, please.
- 13 Impossible to read. So I do apologize, but I'll go
- 14 through it and read it for you guys here. So the program
- 15 structure, what it does, this goes through the budget
- 16 first. So if you can't see it it was, again, \$10 million
- 17 total funding from ARPA. Each group, each of the six is
- 18 receiving a \$700,000 base budget that allows them to grow
- 19 their personnel, actually start looking at doing some of
- 20 the things that a lot of these groups have only dreamed
- 21 of doing as they've only been working off of really
- 22 volunteers and donations from residents that believe in
- 23 what they're doing. In addition to their \$700,000 base
- 24 budget for the year, they have the opportunity to get an
- 25 additional 700,000 based on their performance.



- 1 MR. PETERSON: So we're measuring the areas that
- 2 they're in. We're looking at homicides and non-fatal
- 3 shootings. If they're able to see the positive or the
- 4 positive trend and decrease in those statistics, they are
- 5 eligible for an additional amount of funding. The next
- 6 thing that you'll see here, again, I won't go into the
- 7 exact details, but essentially, we are trying to make
- 8 sure that we can get them excuse me, get their scores
- 9 below the area that they're in from the year prior, but
- 10 in addition, beat the city trend. That's the only way to
- 11 really, truly see if they're making impact in their
- 12 areas. Next slide, please. So when we worked with DPD and
- 13 the Crime Intelligence Unit we looked at a five year look
- 14 back which gave us this hotspot map that really showed
- 15 where the violence is. I think there's always been
- 16 somewhat of an idea that violence just gets pushed
- 17 around.
- MR. PETERSON: But as we looked at the last five
- 19 years, it was really evident that it's happening a lot in
- 20 the same places. You look at the different incidents that
- 21 you guys have brought before this body in the last few
- 22 meetings, you'll see a lot of them fall within these
- 23 zones. So each group picked the area that they were
- 24 familiar with and their zone. No more than five square
- 25 miles to be able to operate within and build their



- 1 relationships or continue to build the relationships
- 2 within that community. The next slide. So I'm just going
- 3 to list them from the east side going to the west side.
- 4 You've got the Alliance of Wayne Metro, the Denby
- 5 Neighborhood Alliance and Camper Store. They're in
- 6 partnership in one area. Next slide. Right next to them,
- 7 we have Detroit Friends and Family. They have the CCI
- 8 zone that's directly next to them. Again, covering up a
- 9 good chunk of that hotspot on the east side. Next slide,
- 10 please.
- MR. PETERSON: We've got the Detroit People's
- 12 Community in the Northwest. They're also known as the
- 13 People's Action. So I want to make sure I let that be
- 14 known. I think a lot of folks in the community are used
- 15 to that name. Next slide, please. We've also got new
- 16 community connection. They come along into District 7
- 17 along Hubble. Next slide, please. Detroit 300. I think a
- 18 lot of people obviously are familiar with them. Many of
- 19 these groups have been doing this work for over a decade.
- 20 They are doing the work. They're right there. Again,
- 21 ordering new era on the way down south. The next slide,
- 22 please. Then our sixth group is Force Detroit. They are
- 23 right there in the Warrendale, like the Cody Rouge area.
- 24 Next slide, please.
- MR. PETERSON: This is coming to the end here. So I



- 1 just wanted to point out when you look at our program and
- 2 you look at other programs that are getting started or
- 3 have been implemented across the nation, there's three
- 4 things that are really unique about the ShotStoppers
- 5 program. One, each group is responsible for a defined
- 6 boundary. If you look at a lot of other programs that are
- 7 out there right now, the city tells them, hey, do what
- 8 you do and let's fix the city. It's not realistic. It's
- 9 unfair to the groups, and it's hard to measure that. The
- 10 second thing is that each group has designed their own
- 11 violence reduction plan for their area. Again, one of the
- 12 major differences from other programs that you'll see
- 13 instead of the city or anyone else telling these groups,
- 14 this is what we want to see, these are the activities you
- 15 need to do.
- MR. PETERSON: We were able to take a step back and
- 17 give them the autonomy to understand you're the experts
- 18 in this space, and we want you guys to be able to do what
- 19 you feel is necessary for your community. A lot of these
- 20 groups as I can tell you from the first month of going,
- 21 have been holding community events and just first trying
- 22 to listen, which I love. Listen to the community, the
- 23 people that you're serving, what do you want to see? The
- 24 third thing here again, groups can earn 100% increase in
- 25 their funding with the performance grants if they are



- 1 successful in reducing the violence. One thing, that last
- 2 point I just want to make with the program, because I
- 3 know it's going to continue to get mixed up with the
- 4 ShotSpotter technology, that's purposeful.
- 5 MR. PETERSON: Because when ShotSpotter came about
- 6 for the technology of hearing the gunshots which we know
- 7 is having a positive impact, because unfortunately, a lot
- 8 of folks do not report when those shots are fired. So
- 9 it's allowing us to, or not us, but DPD to go out, the
- 10 city to go out and do that. But a lot of folks in the
- 11 community and residents said, okay, that's nice, but
- 12 where's the investment in the community? Where's the
- 13 investment in the people that are trying to stop the
- 14 shots? Once the shot is fired it is too late. So that's
- 15 why ShotStoppers is so closely related, but it's
- 16 purposeful because this is the investment in the people
- 17 that are already out there doing the work and trying to,
- 18 again, prevent the shots, or if there's something that
- 19 has already happened coming into mediate, deescalate, and
- 20 try to prevent future violence from occurring. So the
- 21 last slide, just if you go to the next slide. This last
- 22 slide, it just gives you the map again. But I appreciate
- 23 all your time.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Thank you.
- MR. PETERSON: Thank you. Again, commissioners, and I



- 1 appreciate your patience with this. I thought it was very
- 2 important when I saw this presentation about six or seven
- 3 months ago, that you would be able to have this knowledge
- 4 of what's taking place. The whole idea is trying to push
- 5 crime back into the home, push it back out of the
- 6 streets, and then somehow, we can be able to handle
- 7 domestic violence and that kind of a thing. Then you're
- 8 investing in the community. The people know who's causing
- 9 the crime. We need the people know who's causing it.
- 10 That's the reason why the police don't know all the time.
- 11 So, this is why this is so important, I think, for your
- 12 knowledge and for the community to know who's listening
- 13 today in and out in terms of what's going on with this
- 14 particular program that you're investing in the
- 15 community. These people have been doing it for years
- 16 voluntarily, but now they're getting help with resources
- 17 and more to come if it works very well. Do I have anybody
- 18 want to ask a question before I let the young man go?
- 19 Commissioner Moore.
- 20 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Good
- 21 presentation, sir. Just a quick question. Once the group
- 22 gets to \$700,000, what is the accountability of checks
- 23 and balances for the funds?
- 24 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Good question. Yeah.
- MR. PETERSON: Thank you. That is a wonderful



- 1 question. So to be clear, no group has received a large
- 2 check sum, right? Obviously, that's not the way the city
- 3 operates. So really the city operates on a reimbursement
- 4 model. But to your point, one of the requirements when we
- 5 put this SFA out, all the groups apply. One of the things
- 6 that we put in there that we strongly encouraged was that
- 7 they had a fiduciary partner. Because again, we
- 8 understand a lot of these groups are grassroots, they
- 9 have not dealt with this level of funding. So what we
- 10 decided was we wanted to make sure that each of these
- 11 groups could partner with a fiduciary that was used to
- 12 managing this type of funding. We really want to make
- 13 sure we didn't set them up for failure. So they have a
- 14 fiduciary, we have our grants manager. There're several
- 15 things that are in place to make sure that everything is
- 16 being held accountable and that they're doing it.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: It's a good question,
- 18 Commissioner Moore, because these would be met, the
- 19 success or the lack of it be measured. Therefore, they
- 20 won't get any more money basically, if they're not really
- 21 successful with this. So it's measured and so that they
- 22 would not be abused.
- 23 COMMISSIONER MOORE: So through the Chair. So for
- 24 each item purchased, they have to produce a receipt. I
- 25 mean, what's the process?



- 1 MR. PETERSON: Absolutely. an invoice, a receipt, and
- 2 the proof of payment. That all has to be submitted over
- 3 for. Again, there's it's a laundry list of people that
- 4 have to review it on our side before that funding even
- 5 goes back out.
- 6 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Then the final question. At the
- 7 end, they get to 700,000 bucks because it sounds like
- 8 it's just balanced up until they receive the 700.
- 9 MR. PETERSON: Correct. So at this point, they all,
- 10 again, because the majority of them don't have the cash
- 11 flow to go to the traditional reimbursement only model.
- 12 So what they were able to do was receive at least an
- 13 advance of that. So not the full amount, but enough to
- 14 get them up and running. Start hiring, interviewing,
- 15 secure a space if you didn't already have a building and
- 16 things like that. Then they will move over into the
- 17 reimbursement model. So at this point, they've got their
- 18 advance. Now what they're doing in the first couple of
- 19 months here is now they're starting to submit those
- 20 invoices and receipts for reconciliation. Once we can see
- 21 where each of those dollars have gone, then we can move
- 22 forward again and provide more funding.
- 23 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Thank you.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Good question, commissioner. For
- 25 example, back in 1995, they could be a fiduciary. They



- 1 have somebody, a lawyer, and they have a somebody that
- 2 does finance, and they volunteer. The government requires
- 3 all these lawyers and financial people to have some
- 4 community time. So that's how it helps a whole lot. But
- 5 Good questions. Any other questions on my left or to the
- 6 right?
- 7 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Thank you Chair, and I'm
- 8 impressed that you are aware of these activities. Now, I
- 9 do recall Chief White and Mayor Duggan sharing a mic
- 10 relating to ShotStoppers. Now when it comes to DPD, we
- 11 have defined statistics that show increase, or not. I
- 12 hear about the money. How do these organizations document
- 13 success?
- MR. PETERSON: Yeah, wonderful question as well.
- 15 Thank you. So one of the ways I can tell you that
- 16 obviously we have been working closely with DPD both when
- 17 we were developing and looking at previous statistics.
- 18 But also moving forward, we have regular meetings and
- 19 these groups as well have access to the Crime
- 20 Intelligence Unit, the director there, and they're
- 21 sharing this information. So when there's an incident,
- 22 for example, that may happen in their zone majority of
- 23 them, to be honest, it's really impressive. Majority of
- 24 them know about it already, because again, they've got
- 25 those community roots. They're getting texts about, hey,



- 1 such and such just happened. But in the event that they
- 2 don't get that text they have built relationships with
- 3 their precinct commanders in their area.
- 4 MR. PETERSON: So they're working with the precincts
- 5 to be able to gather some of that information as well.
- 6 Again, the DPD has been more than willing. Of course,
- 7 again, the holistic idea. Everybody's here for the same
- 8 reason. They're more than willing to provide the
- 9 information that these groups need to be able to continue
- 10 to see where they need to put their energy and emphasis
- 11 into.
- 12 COMMISSIONER HOLT: One other question, Chair. I
- 13 discovered that the new era group is housed on the
- 14 schoolcraft down from my home. Because the particular
- 15 location had generated a lot of negative attention from
- 16 the community, we were suspicious of what was going on. I
- 17 mentioned it to Chief White and of course, he was very
- 18 forthright with his knowledge of the organization and the
- 19 fact that they were located here at that particular
- 20 building. When were we, the community educated on the
- 21 fact that this organization was moving into our
- 22 community?
- MR. PETERSON: Actually, the same meeting that you're
- 24 referring to where Chief White and Mayor Duggan were all
- 25 together, that is when the groups were announced as well



- 1 as their actual locations of where they were going to be,
- 2 which is called their CVI zone. So that was when the
- 3 community was introduced to the groups that were-
- 4 COMMISSIONER HOLT: On the TV.
- 5 MR. PETERSON: I'm sorry.
- 6 COMMISSIONER HOLT: I'm sorry. I'm sorry. Through the
- 7 Chair.
- 8 MR. PETERSON: Website. It's been on the
- 9 detroitmi.gov website. Several different places that was
- 10 announced as well. Again, we just launched the program
- 11 August one. So again, a lot of the groups right now are
- 12 in the position where they're looking to get their
- 13 spaces, hire their people and start to have their
- 14 community events and talk to the folks that are within
- 15 that area to make themselves known to the folks. Because
- 16 they had to wait to process and procurement before they
- 17 can actually go out and start doing that work. So now
- 18 they're at that point where they'll be holding meetings
- 19 and introducing themselves.
- 20 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Through the Chair. Thank you.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Thank you. Tell sir, who are you
- 22 again?
- MR. PETERSON: Again, my name is Mike Peterson.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: What you got to do with the
- 25 program?



- 1 MR. PETERSON: I'm the program administrator. So I
- 2 was one of the ones that helped develop, one of the ones
- 3 that helped with the evaluations and now overseeing to
- 4 make sure that, again, to the other commissioner's points
- 5 that all the checks and balances are in place and that
- 6 we're continuing to learn and develop together.
- 7 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Okay. You're the developer. You
- 8 work for the City of Detroit?
- 9 MR. PETERSON: Yes. I'm sorry. I work for the City of
- 10 Detroit Mayor's office. I work for Deputy.
- 11 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Oh, the mayor's office. Oh, okay.
- 12 Thank you.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Thank you very much and thank
- 14 you to each and every one of you. Thank you so much for
- 15 being here. I'm sorry.
- 16 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Thank you.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: About this right here, sir.
- 18 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the Chair. First of all
- 19 my constituents in District 5 would like to know what
- 20 type of training do these organizations bring to the
- 21 table. They feel like the \$750,000 is really
- 22 preposterous. It's not really addressing the real issues
- 23 at hand like combating poverty. I mean, you have four
- 24 different groups of poverty. You got poverty, extreme
- 25 poverty, working poverty and childhood poverty, which is



- 1 actually growing in America's Blackest poor city like
- 2 Detroit. You've got over 20,000 families out here
- 3 sleeping on the streets, sleeping underneath the bridges,
- 4 sleeping in vacant buildings and vacant structures. So in
- 5 order to fight crime, you have to grow jobs. These are
- 6 the concerns that the citizens of Detroit has. We often
- 7 hear about the two Detroits. You look at downtown and
- 8 other areas of the city and you see the beautification
- 9 and the transformation.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Do you have a question?
- 11 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Things are being developed, but
- 12 in other areas, you see the opposite. So they really want
- 13 to know more about how are we going to really address
- 14 these real issues? Because poverty is a real problem here
- 15 in the city of Detroit, and given \$750,000 to these
- 16 organizations, that money can be best utilized in our
- 17 communities. They want to know more about the training
- 18 that these companies, organizations are bringing to the
- 19 table and in the state of Detroit is going to see the
- 20 return on an investment in the long run.
- 21 MR. PETERSON: Yeah. So if I may, am I okay to
- 22 respond to that now? So I'll speak first because there's
- 23 a lot in there to impact. The training I'll speak to
- 24 first. The majority of them have if they're offering
- 25 training it is professional training and the form of de-



- 1 escalation mediation. Again, there are true models, for
- 2 example, there are different models that are available
- 3 that are out that have been proven. So they are actually
- 4 holding these trainings for their violence interrupters
- 5 that they're bringing on, so that way they know how to
- 6 properly come to a scene, a situation and understand the
- 7 whole view and then be able to best address what that
- 8 situation is.
- 9 MR. PETERSON: That'll take me actually to the
- 10 poverty piece, which again, I think each of these groups
- 11 have specifically already mentioned to us that they
- 12 understand the intergenerational poverty. Understanding
- 13 that, to your point, no one that is lost upon no one. But
- 14 I will say that because of that, they understand that. So
- 15 there are certain things that are being done. Each group
- 16 has a different tactic. But certain things that are being
- 17 done to address that. For example, a couple of the groups
- 18 have workforce development and job training. We have the
- 19 jumpstart program through the city as well. So if it is
- 20 purely a situation, again, if they go in, let's say, to a
- 21 household for someone that's at risk or someone that was
- 22 a victim of violence, majority of them will assess the
- 23 situation first and try to understand what is it.
- MR. PETERSON: If it is purely just, hey, I'm worried
- 25 about if I'm going to be able to put my lights on. I



- 1 don't even know that I'm going to be able to make rent. A
- 2 lot of them are focusing on that first. If it's a money
- 3 situation, again, there's job training referrals that
- 4 they have, workforce development. Then also there are
- 5 certain forms of emergency services. Sometimes you come
- 6 into a situation, and they realize, we've got to get this
- 7 family out of here for fear of retaliation, whatever the
- 8 case may be. Or purely because everything's about to be
- 9 shut down. Let me help give you some assistance and see
- 10 where else we can help fill in those holes. So that's
- 11 where a lot of these groups come from. To your point
- 12 about the money the amount and it being too much I would
- 13 just recommend that we actually take a look at what's
- 14 being spent in other places.
- MR. PETERSON: I will say that when we were going
- 16 through and developing this and learning how much we
- 17 wanted to spend, yes, we wanted to invest in our
- 18 community. We didn't feel that giving a group a couple
- 19 thousand dollars was fair for the amount for what we're
- 20 asking of them, what these groups are already doing with
- 21 no money. So we want it to be intentional about the
- 22 focused work in certain areas, but we want it to be
- 23 intentional about making sure they had significant
- 24 funding. Again, they need to get a building personnel.
- 25 Those things are not cheap salaries that has to be paid



- 1 somewhere if you're going to actually hire on folks to
- 2 help you develop.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Thank you so much.
- 4 MR. PETERSON: Any life saved is returning your
- 5 investment.
- 6 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Chair, one other comment.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: I really want to move.
- 8 COMMISSIONER HOLT: I know you do, but one other
- 9 comment. To the concern that our citizens are not able to
- 10 acquire a job. The city of Detroit is hiring. Wayne
- 11 County is hiring, DPD is hiring. Detroit Public School
- 12 Community District is hiring. So skilled trade programs
- 13 are hiring, and all you have to do is go online and
- 14 Google. I mean, all kinds of job opportunities and most
- 15 of these jobs provide training.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Thank you.
- 17 COMMISSIONER HOLT: The courts provide training in
- 18 the juvenile department.
- MR. PETERSON: No, it's important to note that.
- 20 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Right. The jobs are out here. We
- 21 need to go to where they are to submit an application.
- MR. PETERSON: They are able to meet folks where they
- 23 are.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Thank you. Thank you so much.
- 25 Thank all of you very much. Thank you so much for coming.



- 1 MR. PETERSON: Absolutely.
- CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Wonderful presentation. Madam 2.
- 3 Secretary.
- MS. SHAH: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Would you like me to 4
- move on to the secretary report? 5
- 6 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: You know I do.
- 7 MS. SHAH: Okay. I will move through this as quickly
- as possible. Commissioners, your incoming correspondence 8
- are outlined in your agenda. Have several updates for
- your benefit and the benefit of the public this evening. 10
- Regarding critical incident debriefs. The first one, an 11
- 12 officer involved shooting occurred on August 18th at 7:59
- 13 PM. The Chief's office did reach out yesterday evening to
- 14 schedule the Board's debrief. I propose this to occur
- 15 once the chair returns Tuesday, September 12th, and once
- 16 the date and time are set, I will share the information
- 17 with the full Board. The next one is in regards to Chief
- White's email to the Board. This was also shared by 18
- various media outlets. There was a force use of force 19
- resulting in serious injury that occurred on September 20
- 1st at 6:50 PM. 21
- 2.2 MS. SHAH: Once the chief's office schedules a
- debriefing for the Board for that incident, I will share 23
- 2.4 the date and time with all commissioners. In regard to
- the administrative leave without pay considerations. 25



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- 1 Later on in the agenda, the Board is scheduled to
- 2 consider Chief White's request to place four officers on
- 3 administrative leave without pay, but with medical
- 4 benefits. Commissioners, if you could reference in your
- 5 packets, they're supporting documentation that you
- 6 received via email yesterday and today. There're also
- 7 printed in your packets behind tab number nine and DPD's
- 8 responses to the follow-up questions for police officer
- 9 stand defer. Police Officer Smith and Police Officer
- 10 Hamawi were received today and have been added to your
- 11 packet as well. In regard to BOPC staffing updates.
- 12 MS. SHAH: Since June, there have been several
- 13 position amendments approved by the board. Please know
- 14 that after the Board approves such actions, there is a
- 15 series of paperwork steps and approvals with the city
- 16 that have to occur for these actions to go into effect.
- 17 BOPC staff has been working diligently with various city
- 18 departments to get these requests processed. However,
- 19 there are a lot of hands involved and delays in the
- 20 approval chain sometimes occur. A meeting was held on the
- 21 fifth of this month between BOPC staff, the Chair, HR,
- 22 recruiting, finance, and budget. As a result, there's
- 23 been significant progress on these requests, and I'll
- 24 provide you with updates on those now.
- MS. SHAH: The request for the GIS analyst one to be



- 1 converted to the task worker performing analyst work on
- 2 behalf of the Board. That was approved June 22nd. The
- 3 amendment was approved by budget and finance on
- 4 yesterday, and the requisition to recruit that position
- 5 was submitted on yesterday, and it is moving through the
- 6 approvals. For the request for non-union investigators.
- 7 There were two to be converted to union investigator
- 8 positions through the open positions. The Board approved
- 9 that on the 3rd of August, and the amendment is still in
- 10 the approval process. The change from office assistant
- 11 three to administrative assistant and salary increase for
- 12 Ms. Stephanie Phillips. The Board approved that on the
- 13 17th of August.
- 14 MS. SHAH: The amendment was approved by budget and
- 15 finance on yesterday and the requisition to convert Ms.
- 16 Phillips to administrative assistant and her salary
- 17 increase is still in the approval process. We expect that
- 18 to conclude in the next couple days here. Then for the
- 19 administrative assistant salary increase for Ms. Angela
- 20 Cox, that was also approved on the 17th of August. The
- 21 increase was approved by budget and finance on yesterday.
- 22 The letter from HR notifying Ms. Cox of her salary
- 23 increase was signed by the Chair on yesterday. If she has
- 24 not received that letter yet, Ms. Cox should be receiving
- 25 that soon. Just as a note there's an exception being made



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- 1 by HR to make the effective date for both of these
- 2 changes back to the 17th of August when the Board
- 3 approved the change, considering how long the paperwork
- 4 process has been taking.
- 5 MS. SHAH: So when Ms. Cox and Ms. Phillips receives
- 6 their letters, they will see an effective date of August
- 7 17th. In regard to open positions, the administrative
- 8 assistant position as was voted on 8-31 to appoint Ms.
- 9 Jasmine Taylor to administrative assistant. The
- 10 contingent letter has gone out to her and HR is working
- 11 on the background check and salary negotiations.
- 12 Attendance start date is September 25th, and there is a
- 13 requisition in progress for one investigator opening
- 14 currently at OCI. Two more updates, Mr. Chair.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: That's okay.
- MS. SHAH: In regard to DPD training class
- 17 presentations. BOPC and OCI have historically provided a
- 18 history and overview of BOPC and OCI to new recruit
- 19 classes and sergeant and lieutenant classes. Commissioner
- 20 Bell fully coordinates and speaks on behalf of the Board
- 21 in these presentations. If and when the Board office
- 22 becomes aware of these presentations, information will be
- 23 shared with the entire Board. For transparency and to
- 24 allow commissioners to attend as desired, please consult
- 25 Commissioner Bell if you have questions regarding these



- 1 presentations. The presentation that is scheduled is for
- 2 Friday, September 8th, from one to 3:00 PM at the
- 3 training center at 6050 Linwood.
- 4 MS. SHAH: My last update is around contract
- 5 services. The contract for parliamentarian services is up
- 6 for renewal. City procurement puts the services out for a
- 7 two-year bid, and there was a single bidder to respond,
- 8 which is our current parliamentarian, Dr. Francis
- 9 Jackson. City Procurement is working through the
- 10 contracting process with Dr. Jackson and once finalized
- 11 we'll share the updated contract with the Board. In
- 12 addition, commissioners, you receive details via email
- 13 regarding the status of the Board's contract for
- 14 transcription services. City procurement also put this
- 15 service out for two-year bid. There was a single bidder,
- 16 which is our current court reporter, Hansen's. Once all
- 17 clearances our complete, the updated contract will be
- 18 shared with the Board. Mr. Chair, that concludes the
- 19 secretary report.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Announcements.
- 21 MS. SHAH: For announcements. The Board's next
- 22 meeting is next week, Thursday, September 14th, at 6:30
- 23 PM. This is a community meeting with the Fourth Precinct
- 24 hosting at Kemeny Recreation Center, 2260 South Fort
- 25 Street in Detroit. Then the next community meeting will



- 1 be Thursday, October 12th at 6:30 PM. The Seventh
- 2 Precinct will be hosting at St. John Presbyterian Church,
- 3 1961 East Lafayette.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Thank you. Any other new
- 5 business? Hearing none, the Chair will entertain a motion
- 6 to go into closed sessions.
- 7 COMMISSIONER HOLT: So move.
- 8 COMMISSIONER: Support.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: I have to read the whole thing.
- 10 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Okay, please.
- 11 COMMISSIONER: Sorry, Mr. Chair.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: That's okay. I can understand
- 13 the impatience. The Chair would like to entertain a
- 14 motion to go into closed section pursuant to section 8(a)
- 15 of the Open Meeting Act MCL 15.268(a) the department's
- 16 request for the Board to consider administrative leave
- 17 without pay with the medical benefits of Corporal Melanie
- 18 Armstrong, badge 326 assigned to the Special Victim's
- 19 Unit. May I have a motion?
- 20 COMMISSIONER HOLT: So move.
- 21 COMMISSIONER: Support.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Roll call.
- MS. SHAH: Vice-Chair Jim Holley Yes.
- 24 MS. SHAH: Commissioner Cedric Banks Yes.
- MS. SHAH: Commissioner Willie Bell Yes.



- MS. SHAH: Commissioner Willie Burton -1
- MS. SHAH: Commissioner Lisa Carter Yes. 2.
- MS. SHAH: Commissioner Ricardo Moore Yes. 3
- MS. SHAH: Commissioner Annie Holt Yes. 4
- 5 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: The report of that is?
- 6 MS. SHAH: Mr. Chair, you have 7 = Yes votes.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Yeah. Ladies and gentlemen, I
- need to have five minutes. 8
- Closed session. 9
- CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: This meeting will now come back 10
- to order. The Chair will now entertain a motion to accept 11
- 12 the Chief's recommendation to change the duty status of
- 13 Corporal Melanie Armstrong badge 326 to administrative
- 14 leave without pay but with medical benefits. At this
- 15 time, we have a roll call. Yes, or no? Roll call. I need
- 16 a motion to, I'm sorry for this motion. I need a yes.
- COMMISSIONER HOLT: Support. 17
- CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Thank you. Is it okay? Now we 18
- have a roll call. 19
- 20 MS. SHAH: Just to clarify the record who made the
- motion, Mr. Chair? 21
- 2.2 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Why? I supported.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: I made the motion.
- MS. SHAH: Mr. Chair. So, Mr. Chair, if you're 2.4
- 25 stating the motion, and Commissioner Holt is saying so



- 1 moved.
- 2. COMMISSIONER BANKS: I say support.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Banks support.
- COMMISSIONER HOLT: I said so moved. 4
- 5 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: He supports.
- 6 MS. SHAH: Okay. Thank you. So for roll call vote,
- Vice-Chair Jim Holley.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Which means yes or no, right?
- MS. SHAH: I'm sorry. Did you want to open for 9
- discussion? 10
- 11 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: No. What's going on? No. So my
- 12 vote is no.
- 13 MS. SHAH: Before we do the roll call vote. I
- 14 apologize. Mr. Chair, can you ask for if there's
- 15 discussion?
- 16 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: I can do again if there's
- discussion. Hearing no discussion, roll call. 17
- MS. SHAH: Okay. Thank you. Mr. Chair. 18
- 19 MS. SHAH: Vice Chair Holley - No.
- 20 MS. SHAH: Commissioner Cedric Banks - Yes.
- 21 MS. SHAH: Commissioner Willie Bell - Yes.
- MS. SHAH: Commissioner Willie Burton I was absent 22
- 2.3 from most of this closed sessions, so I don't know how
- 24 would I quote on this one?
- 25 COMMISSIONER HOLT: What's your vote?



- 1 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I didn't get a chance to really
- 2 hear this closed session.
- 3 COMMISSIONER HOLT: What are you voting?
- 4 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: You want to abstain?
- 5 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Abstain.
- 6 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Thank you.
- 7 MS. SHAH: Abstentions do go in as a no vote.
- 8 MS. SHAH: Commissioner Lisa Carter Yes.
- 9 MS. SHAH: Commissioner Ricardo Moore -
- 10 MS. SHAH: Commissioner Annie Holt Yes.
- 11 MS. SHAH: Mr. Chair, you have—
- 12 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Did you vote yet?
- 13 MS. SHAH: I apologize.
- 14 MS. SHAH: Commissioner Jesus Hernandez Yes.
- 15 MS. SHAH: Mr. Chair, you have 5 = Yes votes and 3 =
- 16 No votes.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: The Chief's recommendation
- 18 stands.
- 19 MS. SHAH: The motion passes.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: The Chair now would like to
- 21 offer a motion to go into a closed session, pursuant to
- 22 section 8(a) of the Open Meetings Act MCL 15.268(a).
- 23 COMMISSIONER MOORE: I hate to interrupt you.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Okay, go ahead.
- 25 COMMISSIONER MOORE: But it has to be a six to 3 vote



- 1 for it to pass. It was five to...
- 2 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: According to the parliamentary,
- 3 she had the majority.
- 4 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Oh, majority is not two thirds.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Right? She's down here.
- 6 COMMISSIONER HOLT: It's not two thirds.
- 7 COMMISSIONER MOORE: I believe it was two thirds
- 8 according to the city charter.
- 9 MR.THOMAS: City charter and the Law Department, it
- 10 must be two thirds majority.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Okay.
- MS. SHAH: Mr. Chair, if we can just have one moment
- 13 to check that. So this is clear, because we do have on
- 14 the agenda majority vote. So if you could just give me
- 15 one moment.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: That's why I'll agree with what
- 17 I see. Apologize. I just follow the directions.
- 18 MR.THOMAS: It's in a brief right above conclusion.
- 19 Paragraph starting with recording.
- MS. SHAH: There's two thirds.
- 21 COMMISSIONER HOLT: There's two thirds or majority.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Two thirds.
- MS. SHAH: Two thirds. Alright. So with the two
- 24 thirds, Mr. Chair. Correct. Then the motion would not
- 25 pass as two thirds.



- 1 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Okay, then the motion fails. I
- 2 mean, the recommendation fails. Wow. Okay. The Chair now
- 3 entertain a motion to go into close session pursuant to
- 4 section 8(a) of the Open Meetings Act MCL 15.268(a)
- 5 department's request for the Board to considerate
- 6 administrative leave without pay for the medical benefits
- 7 for a police officer Rakan. Can you give me some help
- 8 with that?
- 9 MS. SHAH: Hamawi.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Say it again.
- MS. SHAH: Hamawi.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Badge s 22102 assigned to the
- 13 downtown services. Do I have a motion?
- 14 COMMISSIONER HOLT: So moved.
- 15 COMMISSIONER: Support.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: All in favor say aye.
- 17 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: We're going to closed session
- 19 for this particular officer.
- 20 Closed session.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: He gave me the thumb.
- 22 COMMISSIONER: Okay. Now.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Okay. The Chair will entertain a
- 24 motion to accept the Chief's recommendation to change the
- 25 duty status of police officer Rakan...



- 1 MS. SHAH: Rakan Hamawi.
- 2. COMMISSIONERS: Hamawi.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Is that okay? Badge 2102,
- administrative leave without pay but with medical 4
- benefits. The chair will recognize a motion. 5
- 6 COMMISSIONER HOLT: So moved.
- 7 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the Chair.
- COMMISSIONER HOLT: Second. 8
- CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: At the end of discussion. 9
- COMMISSIONER BURTON: Can the legal opinion be read 10
- into the record? 11
- CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: She did already. You want to 12
- 13 hear it again? You want to hear it again, sir?
- 14 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Sure.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Okay.
- 16 MS. SHAH: Mr. Chair, would you like me to just read
- 17 the short answer component? So this is the Corporation
- Council opinion in regards to the DPD change of duty 18
- request. Officer Rakan Hamawi, badge 2102 assigned to 19
- 20 downtown services. The short answer section indicates,
- 21 based on the facts currently presented by DPD, and
- assuming DPD has followed the appropriate procedural 22
- steps, there is no legal impediment to the Board 23
- 24 concurring with Chief White's recommendation to place
- Officer Hamawi on administrative leave without pay, but 25



- 1 with medical benefits. The law department recommends that
- 2 the Board afford each party the opportunity to identify
- 3 and address any procedural concerns along with any other
- 4 statements they wish to provide.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Commissioner? Okay. Commissioner
- 6 Bell.
- 7 COMMISSIONER BELL: Yes, sir. It confirms me that we
- 8 have a concern about intentional turning off the body
- 9 camera. We have concern. I think I could speak to that
- 10 issue.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: It's unreadiness.
- 12 COMMISSIONER BELL: Okay. I just have a concern that
- 13 the body camera was intentionally turned off. That is
- 14 something that we take very seriously. I just want to
- 15 share that too.
- 16 COMMISSIONER MOORE: To what Commissioner Bell
- 17 stated, that's why I would like to see it so that we all
- 18 can have a clear understanding of what took place and not
- 19 just giving the guidance tour of what took place. I think
- 20 we should, in all due diligence, see that camera footage.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Roll call please. I'm sorry.
- 22 Commission you not through? You're not ready?
- 23 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the Chair. I'd like to
- 24 move this to table to next week until we can get more
- 25 information. One of my colleagues called for a body-worn



- 1 camera.
- CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: The Commissioner Burton has 2.
- 3 asked for a motion to delay this decision.
- 4 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Support.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Right then.
- 6 COMMISSIONER BANKS: So moved.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Support?
- 8 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Support.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: All right. So then we have to
- have a roll call on that. On the first one. What we're 10
- going on now is to delay and then we'll come back how 11
- 12 long. But right now, we're voting on the motion.
- 13 Commissioner Burton.
- 14 MS. SHAH: Thank you, Mr. Chair. The delay is to the
- 15 next meeting. That's all that's permitted.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Right.
- MS. SHAH: So for the roll call vote. 17
- MS. SHAH: Vice-Chair Holley No. 18
- 19 COMMISSIONER BELL: Chairman, we normally don't have
- closed session on a community meeting, so it would be 20
- 21 inappropriate to entertain that motion on that particular
- 2.2 date.
- 23 COMMISSIONER BANKS: A week after. It's two weeks.
- 2.4 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Right now. I'm just saying if
- 25 you want to delay it, we'll come back to at time.



- 1 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Alright. Okay.
- 2. CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: No.
- 3 MS. SHAH: Your answer is no.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Yes.
- MS. SHAH: Commissioner Cedric Banks Yes. 5
- MS. SHAH: Commissioner Willie Bell No. 6
- MS. SHAH: Commissioner Willie Burton Yes. 7
- MS. SHAH: Commissioner Lisa Carter Yes. 8
- 9 MS. SHAH: Commissioner Ricardo Moore - Yes.
- MS. SHAH: Commissioner Annie Holt No. 10
- MS. SHAH: Commissioner Jesus Hernandez No. 11
- 12 MS. SHAH: Mr. Chair, you have 5 = Yes votes and 3 =
- 13 No votes.
- 14 MS. SHAH: The motion passes.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Basically, to move it to another
- 16 day. Question now is the person who gave the motion you
- 17 want two weeks, three weeks? When do you want to move it?
- MS. SHAH: Mr. Chair with an order is for delay for 18
- 19 one meeting. So that will put this item on the agenda for
- next week, which is a community meeting. 20
- CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Does it have to be next week? 21
- 2.2 Can I do it two weeks from now? I have it here in the
- 23 place.
- MS. SHAH: Based on previous direction from the 24
- 25 parliamentarian, the delay or postponement is only



- allowed for one week.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Okay. Then at that time we can
- delay it again if you want to. Okay. Do it for one week
- based on the parliamentarian's recommendation. All in
- 5 favor say aye.
- 6 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Opposes. That rule. We all have
- 8 it. The yeses have it. We're going leave it to next week.
- 9 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Can we open it up for
- discussion? 10
- 11 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Not now.
- 12 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Okay. That's all we had. Okay.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: We just fixed that.
- 14 MR. THOMAS: Okay.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: It is a problem, Ronald.
- 16 MR.THOMAS: Mr. Chair, sorry to interrupt. The other
- 17 case is the exact same case. So for the sake of time, do
- 18 we just push that other one?
- 19 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Okay. Is it okay with you
- commander, how you want to? 20
- 21 COMMANDER: Yeah. Officer Smith is the second officer
- on this same set of circumstances. 2.2
- 23 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: You're okay with it? We just
- 24 move it to next week?
- 25 COMMANDER: Yes.



- 1 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Okay.
- MS. SHAH: Mr. Chair for the record, can we have a 2.
- motion to that effect? 3
- CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: I have to have a motion to that 4
- effect. Let do this. I'm sorry. The chair recognized or 5
- entertain a motion to accept the Chief's recommendation 6
- to change the stance of Police Officer Javier?
- 8 MS. SHAH: Javier.
- CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Javier Smith badge 5009 to 9
- administrative leave without pay for medical benefits. 10
- The Chair recognizes a motion. 11
- 12 COMMISSIONER: So move.
- 13 COMMISSIONER: Support.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: I'm asking for motion to move it
- 15 to next week.
- 16 COMMISSIONER: So move.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Okay. I haven't said that
- though. You have to make that. You have to say that. 18
- 19 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the Chair. I'd like to
- move that we can move this line item to next week's 20
- 21 meeting.
- 2.2 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Is there a second?
- 23 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Support.
- 2.4 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Any discussion? Hearing no
- 25 discussion? All in favor say aye.



- 1 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Opposes. Okay. So at this
- 3 particular time, the Chair recognized adjournment. Motion
- 4 to adjourn.
- 5 MS. SHAH: Mr. Chair, you have one more closed
- 6 session.
- 7 COMMISSIONER BANKS: We've got one more. We have four
- 8 today.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Always on your time, Deputy
- 10 Chief. I don't know what it is about this.
- 11 DEPUTY CHIEF: I agree with you, sir.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Okay. I'm sorry.
- 13 MS. SHAH: Mr. Chair, this will be closed door
- 14 Session D for Jujuan Sandifer.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Yeah. Right. Got you. Okay. So
- 16 we move to a closed session pursuant to section 8(a) of
- 17 the Open Meetings Act MCL 15.268(a) department's request
- 18 for the Board to consider administrative leave without
- 19 pay with the medical benefits for Police Officer Jujuan
- 20 Sandifer badge 1129 assigned to the 10th Precinct. So we
- 21 moved to a closed session
- 22 COMMISSIONER HOLT: So move.
- 23 COMMISSIONER: Support.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: All agree to say aye.
- 25 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.



- 1 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Any discussion? No discussion at
- 2 all, say aye.
- 3 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Opposes. I can give you three
- 5 minutes.

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- 7 Closed session.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Is a young man here? Hands up
- 9 and ready to go. This meeting will now come back to
- 10 order. The Chair will entertain a motion to accept the
- 11 Chief's recommendation to change the duty status of
- 12 Police Officer Jujuan Sandifer for badge 1129 to
- 13 administrative leave without pay, but with medical
- 14 benefits. I need a motion.
- 15 COMMISSIONER HOLT: So move.
- 16 COMMISSIONER: Support.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: It's supported. Any other
- 18 discussion? Hearing no other discussions discuss? Sorry.
- 19 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to amend
- 20 this motion for us to table this until we can get a copy
- 21 so the Board can get a chance to review the video based
- 22 off of the arguments that was raised in closed session.
- MS. SHAH: Through the Chair. Just for the record,
- 24 the appropriate term for the motion is postponed.
- 25 COMMISSIONER BURTON: To postpone. I would like to



- use the term postpone. Thank you.
- CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Is it support for that? 2.
- 3 COMMISSIONER: Yes.
- CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Okay. All right then. So now we 4
- have an end discussion about the amended motion. Hearing
- none, then we have a roll call on the amended motion.
- First, yes or no?
- MS. SHAH: Vice-Chair Jim Holley on the motion to 8
- postpone No.
- MS. SHAH: Commissioner Cedric Banks No. 10
- MS. SHAH: Commissioner Willie Bell No. 11
- MS. SHAH: Commissioner Willie Burton Yes. 12
- 13 MS. SHAH: Commissioner Lisa Carter - No.
- MS. SHAH: Commissioner Ricardo Moore Yes. 14
- 15 MS. SHAH: Commissioner Annie Holt - No.
- 16 MS. SHAH: Mr. Chair, you have 2 = yes votes and 5 =
- 17 No votes. The motion fails.
- CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Which means now go back to the 18
- original motion. Roll call or there is motion is either 19
- 20 to accept the Chief's recommendation or not to accept it.
- 21 Everybody understands the original motion is what we're
- 22 voting on now. To accept the Chief's recommendation or
- 23 not to accept it. Roll call please.
- 2.4 MS. SHAH: Mr. Chair, if we could just read it again
- 25 into the record.



- 1 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Do that for me because I just
- 2 cannot.
- 3 MS. SHAH: I can do that, Mr. Chair.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: I apologize.
- 5 MS. SHAH: So for the record, it's been moved and
- 6 seconded that the motion is to accept the Chief's
- 7 recommendation to change the duty status of Police
- 8 Officer Jujuan Sandifer badge 1129 to administrative
- 9 leave without pay but with medical benefits.
- 10 COMMISSIONER HOLT: So moved.
- 11 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Support.
- 12 MS. SHAH: Roll call vote, Mr. Chair.
- 13 MS. SHAH: Vice-Chair Jim Holley No.
- 14 MS. SHAH: Commissioner Cedric Banks Yes.
- MS. SHAH: Commissioner Willie Bell Yes.
- 16 MS. SHAH: Commissioner Willie Burton Sustained,
- 17 because I don't have enough information. I requested for
- 18 video and audio and I've also made a motion prior to
- 19 postpone and that motion failed. So I'm going to sustain
- 20 at this time.
- 21 MS. SHAH: Commissioner Lisa Carter Yes.
- MS. SHAH: Commissioner Ricardo Moore Sustained.
- 23 MS. SHAH: Commissioner Annie Holt Yes.
- MS. SHAH: Mr. Chair, you have 4 = Yes votes and with
- 25 the abstentions 3 = No votes. The motion fails for two



1 thirds. CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Okay. So that means that the Chief's recommendation is not accepted. Right. Okay. Any other things before the Board. Hearing nothing else., the Chair recognize a motion to adjourn. COMMISSIONER HOLT: So move. COMMISSIONER: Support. (Meeting Adjourned at 6:24pm)

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9	RECORDER'S CERTIFICATE AND NOTARIZATION
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11	I, Donald Handyside, Court Recorder, do
12	hereby certify that on September 7, 2023 at 3:00
13	p.m., I did record the Detroit BOPC meeting, the
14	same being later reduced to typewriting and that the
15	foregoing is a true and accurate transcription of
16	said electronic recording taken at such time and
17	place.
18	I further certify that I am not related to
19	or employed by any party of this cause or their
20	respective counsel.
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23	DONALD HANDYSIDE (CER 1464)
24	Notary Public

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