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- 3 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Good afternoon to us all. It
- 4 is now 3:00 PM and so we'll now begin the Board of Police
- 5 Commissioner's meeting for Thursday, September the 28th,
- 6 2023. I'll call that meeting to order. We'll begin with
- 7 invocation which we will receive by Chaplain Curtis, who
- 8 is joining us by Zoom. Chaplain Curtis.
- 9 CHAPLAIN CURTIS: Yes.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Go right ahead.
- 11 CHAPLAIN CURTIS: Can you hear me?
- 12 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Yes, we can hear you. Go right
- 13 ahead.
- 14 CHAPLAIN CURTIS: Okay. Good evening, esteemed Board
- 15 of Commissioners, and all of the attendees. Just want to
- 16 go before the Lord in prayer today. Father God, we invite
- 17 you into the presence of this meeting. We ask that you be
- 18 in this space, and we ask that the agenda that is set
- 19 forth is accomplished with pinpoint accuracy. We ask that
- 20 you touch each member and each attendant as they go
- 21 forth, and they speak, and that they be acknowledged in
- 22 all that you do for this committee. Continue to grant
- 23 foresight and wisdom, father, for the necessary processes
- 24 that will be established for the greater improvement and
- 25 empowerment of the city, the committee, the citizens and



- 1 the police department as a whole. We will continue to
- 2 give you honor, glory, and praise always. Amen.
- 3 COMMISSIONERS: Amen.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you so very much. Now we
- 5 have the introduction of our Commissioners by Secretary
- 6 Shah.
- 7 MS. SHAH: Thank you, Mr. Chair.
- 8 MS. SHAH: Chair QuanTez Pressley Here.
- 9 MS. SHAH: Vice-Chair Jim Holley Here.
- 10 MS. SHAH: Commissioner Linda Bernard Attorney
- 11 Linda Bernard, District 2, present.
- 12 MS. SHAH: Commissioner Cedric Banks Present.
- 13 MS. SHAH: Commissioner Willie Bell Present,
- 14 District 4.
- 15 MS. SHAH: Commissioner Willie Burton -
- 16 MS. SHAH: Commissioner Lisa Carter Present.
- 17 MS. SHAH: Commissioner Ricardo Moore indicated that
- 18 he would be late.
- 19 MS. SHAH: Commissioner Annie Holt Here At-Large.
- 20 MS. SHAH: Commissioner Jesus Hernandez -
- 21 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you. We do have a
- 22 quorum. At this time, we will move to the approval of the
- 23 agenda for September the 28th. 2023. Is there objection?
- 24 COMMISSIONER HOLT: So move.
- 25 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Mr. Chair



- CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Commissioner Carter. 1
- COMMISSIONER CARTER: I'd like to make a motion to 2
- amend the agenda to remove the Budget Amendment 3
- proposals. As the budget committee has not met with Mr. 4
- Fries and we'd like an opportunity. 5
- CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you. There's a motion on 6
- the floor to remove the budget amendment proposal from
- the agenda until they have met with the budget committee. 8
- Is there a second?
- 10 COMMISSIONERS: Second.
- CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Is there any discussion? 11
- 12 Hearing no discussion. All those in favor, please signify
- 13 by saying aye.
- 14 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Aye.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: All those opposed? The ayes
- 16 have it. That motion passes. Now we will vote on the
- 17 approval of the agenda for 20, excuse me, the agenda for
- September 28th, 2023 as amended. Is there any objection? 18
- Hearing no objection. All those in favor please signify 19
- by saying aye. 20
- 21 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Aye.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: All those opposed. The agenda
- is approved as amended. Now we'll move on to the approval 23
- of the minutes for the September 21st, 2023 meeting. Is 24
- 25 there any objection? Hearing none. Those minutes will be



- 1 approved. Now we have the introduction of BOPC staff,
- 2 Chief of Police, elected Official Representatives and
- 3 community leaders by Secretary Shah.
- 4 MS. SHAH: Thank you, Mr. Chair. For BOPC staff, we
- 5 have present with us today, Chief Investigator Jerome
- 6 Warfield, Ms. Theresa Blossom, Ms. Jonya Underwood, Ms.
- 7 Candace Hayes, Mr. Robert Brown, Mr. Drew Fries, and Ms.
- 8 Jasmine Taylor. We have also present supervising
- 9 investigator LiSonya Sloan, Acting Supervising
- 10 Investigator Elgin Murphy, American Sign Language
- 11 Interpreters scheduled here for Ms. Yakata and Dr.
- 12 Stephanie Beatty. We have them on the way. Then we also
- 13 have DPD HR Director Katrina Patillo on Zoom. Don
- 14 Handyside is our court reporter. We have Si providing
- 15 video and Sergeant Alan Quinn providing audio. Deputy
- 16 Chief Franklin Hayes is sitting in for the Chief today.
- 17 For elected officials and representatives, we have Ms.
- 18 Marie Overall, State Representative Tyrone Carter's
- 19 office. Ms. LaDon Davis from City Council member Fred
- 20 Durhal the third's office, Former Commissioner William
- 21 Davis. Ms. Fredia Butler, Community Relations President
- 22 for Second Precinct, and Mr. Ron Thomas, DPOA Vice
- 23 President.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you. Again, we are
- 25 grateful for everyone's participation at today's meeting.



- 1 It's our hope that it will be productive in moving the
- 2 business of the Board of Police Commissioners forward. At
- 3 this time, we're now at the BOPC Officer's Report where
- 4 we first have the opportunity to commend a retiring
- 5 lieutenant. So we will have Commissioner Holt to read
- 6 that resolution.
- 7 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Thank you, Chair. Resolution
- 8 honoring Lieutenant Sherell S. Stanley. Whereas Sherell
- 9 S. Stanley was appointed to the Detroit Police Department
- 10 on June 24th, 1996. Upon graduating from the Detroit
- 11 Metropolitan Police Academy, officer Stanley began her
- 12 career at the 10th Precinct. Whereas Officer Stanley's
- 13 assignments with the Detroit Police Department included
- 14 the 10th Precinct and Legal Advisors section. Whereas
- 15 Officer Stanley displayed tremendous knowledge and
- 16 leadership skills as a police officer and was promoted to
- 17 the rank of investigator on January 22nd, 1999. As
- 18 investigator, she was assigned to the Law Department
- 19 Police Unit. On August 11th, 2000, Investigator Stanley
- 20 earned promotion to the rank of Sergeant and was
- 21 transferred to the 12th Precinct. Whereas Sergeant
- 22 Stanley was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant on
- 23 December 21st, 2010, and was assigned to the 10th
- 24 Precinct.
- 25 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Her other assignments included



- 1 the Communications Operations, Sixth Precinct, Second
- 2 Precinct, Investigative Operations Unit, Training
- 3 Academy, Records and Identification, Office of Civil
- 4 Rights, Internal External Relations, Chief Neighborhood
- 5 Liaison, and Second Precinct, where she served until her
- 6 retirement. Whereas Lieutenant Stanley was instrumental
- 7 in creating the Detroit Police Department's Committee on
- 8 Race and Equity, CORE. Their mission is to increase
- 9 awareness, safeguard equality, and equity, and celebrate
- 10 the strength of diversity. CORE also provides a safe
- 11 haven where members can constructively dialogue in a
- 12 forum that is nonjudgmental, intended to preserve the
- 13 dignity of each member by promoting honesty,
- 14 inclusiveness, and courage to facilitate the positive
- 15 change. Whereas Lieutenant Stanley was the deserving
- 16 recipient of the following awards.
- 17 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Three Chief Merit Awards, Ford
- 18 Fireworks Award, both Consent Judgment Awards, Major
- 19 League Baseball All-star Recognition Award, Rosa Parks
- 20 Funeral Recognition Award, Super Bowl 40 Recognition
- 21 Award, and Aretha Franklin Funeral Recognition Award, as
- 22 well as numerous letters of commendations from citizens
- 23 and superiors. Whereas Lieutenant Stanley has tirelessly
- 24 served the Detroit Police Department, the citizens of
- 25 Detroit, and its neighboring communities for more than 27



- 1 years. She has served the Detroit Police Department and
- 2 the citizens of the city of Detroit with loyalty,
- 3 professionalism, integrity, and dedication, and is widely
- 4 respected throughout the law enforcement community as the
- 5 consummate professional.
- 6 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Now, therefore, be it resolved
- 7 that the department, that the Detroit Board of Police
- 8 Commissioners speaking on behalf of the citizens of the
- 9 great city of Detroit, recognizes and honors the lifelong
- 10 contributions and commitment to excellence in public
- 11 service of Lieutenant Sherell S. Stanley. Her display of
- 12 courage and unwavering community spirit has improved the
- 13 quality of life for the citizens of Detroit. We wish you
- 14 all the best in your future endeavors. We thank and
- 15 congratulate Lieutenant Sherell S. Stanley.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you. The Chair now
- 17 entertains a motion to receive this resolution into our
- 18 archives.
- 19 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: So moved.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Is there a second.
- 21 COMMISSIONER: Support.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: All those in favor, please
- 23 signify by saying aye.
- 24 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: All those opposed. The motion



- 1 passes. Again, congratulations to Lieutenant Stanley on
- 2 your retirement.
- 3 COMMISSIONER HOLT: She's here.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: She's here? Why don't you
- 5 stand so that we can honor you. Thank you so very much
- 6 for your tireless. Make brief remarks.
- 7 LIEUTENANT STANLEY: Thank you so very much. I also
- 8 thank the citizenry who are in attendance for making a
- 9 huge difference. My mother says, but for the rebels,
- 10 nothing ever changed. I want to give thanks to the Lord
- 11 my savior Jesus Christ, for bringing me to retirement.
- 12 Again, I thank the Lord for this resolution. I'll revisit
- 13 this at a later date, but just real quick, I did recently
- 14 submit a correspondence to the Board to consider
- 15 assembling an advisory board made up of both sworn and
- 16 non-sworn members. I want to supplement that by making a
- 17 recommendation that you also add retirees to that
- 18 advisory Board to provide some insight with respect to
- 19 the oversight that the Board is obviously charged with
- 20 task with doing. I am more than willing as a retiree now
- 21 to participate. Again, I'll follow up at a later date.
- 22 But thank you so much once again. God bless you.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you for your service as
- 24 well. We will take that recommendation under
- 25 consideration. Alright, and then also under the Board of



- 1 Police Commissioner's report let me say that there are
- 2 two items that I'm looking forward to bringing to the
- 3 Board next week. It has become the custom that on a
- 4 monthly schedule, I think we've had two meetings now,
- 5 that myself, the Vice-Chair and the past Vice-Chair has
- 6 the opportunity to meet with the mayor. As an act of
- 7 transparency to this Board, so that you all are aware of
- 8 what is going on, Secretary Shah has prepared some
- 9 minutes so that you all can be aware of what is being
- 10 discussed. So we'll make sure that we distribute that. In
- 11 that same manner, as I have stated last week, we have
- 12 continued conversations about getting an acting attorney
- 13 on the Board until we can solidify all processes.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: I'm confident in the person
- 15 that has been recommended. But I want to wait until her
- 16 documentation is before you because I know how this Board
- 17 operates. We like to see the resumes and the credentials
- 18 and the like. So that will be prepared for us for next
- 19 week's meeting as well. So I did want to provide that
- 20 update to my colleagues relative to our meeting with the
- 21 mayor, as well as the conversations around an acting
- 22 attorney. With that, we will now move on to our community
- 23 impact report. Chief Investigator Warfield.
- MS. SHAH: Mr. Chair, for the Community impact
- 25 report. Would you like this distributed or just by



- 1 request basis?
- 2 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Just by request basis, please.
- 3 Thank you. One second, Chief Investigator. Yes, Vice-
- 4 Chair Holley.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: I see the staff guy's mask is on
- 6 and I want to know if there's something I need to know.
- 7 It's okay. But I need to know, do I need to go and get a
- 8 mask or something?
- 9 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Well, it is not a stated
- 10 policy. But there is a data that's suggesting that Covid
- 11 is around. So I'm just sure it's a precautionary measure
- 12 by our staff. But there's no mandate or no outbreak that
- 13 has occurred that's for that. There's just being
- 14 cautious. So if you desire to be cautious, I encourage
- 15 you to get your mask as well. Chief Investigator.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Thank you.
- MR. WARFIELD: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I had a Covid
- 18 test today. I'm good. I'm clear. Alright. Well, I want to
- 19 give this community impact report in response to the
- 20 questions that came out of last week's meeting as relates
- 21 to the number of backlog cases in OCI. So, while
- 22 researching the backlog situation, I found, as I said
- 23 last week, three cases that were closed in the database
- 24 but not completely investigated. I shared that
- 25 information with the Secretary who ran a query, and when



- 1 she ran that query, she found 711 cases that were closed
- 2 with no findings. After further research, we are
- 3 confident that at least another 256 cases, I'm sorry, 256
- 4 cases were not investigated and was not signed off by
- 5 commissioners, but they are closed. I asked some of the
- 6 investigators in the office questions about these cases
- 7 who indicated to me that they were told by leadership at
- 8 that time to turn in specific list of cases.
- 9 MR. WARFIELD: Many of those cases are on that list
- 10 of 256. Then I was informed that one of the processes for
- 11 closing cases was to bulk closed cases that based on a
- 12 preliminary review that was out of the scope of OCI. I
- 13 heard the memorandums and we found these memorandums just
- 14 yesterday. OCI only investigates allegations of
- 15 misconduct and allegations of arrest demeanor,
- 16 dissatisfaction with DPDs Investigative Services, failure
- 17 to receive updates regarding the case investigation
- 18 progress and or other procedural related concerns
- 19 involving DPD investigations and police operations, but
- 20 not rising to the level of police misconduct. That was a
- 21 quote from the memorandum. The letter that at least some
- 22 of these citizens received as a result of these
- 23 investigations, indicated that their complaint is out of
- 24 the scope of OCI. However, if a case is not fully
- 25 investigated, how can one ascertained that there was no



- 1 misconduct?
- 2 MR. WARFIELD: In addition, the city charter states,
- 3 the Board shall receive and resolve as provided in this
- 4 charter, any complaint concerning the operation of the
- 5 police department and forward all allegations of
- 6 criminality to the appropriate internal or external law
- 7 enforcement agencies for further investigation. Further,
- 8 the OCI standard operating procedures indicate the
- 9 following areas of concern allegation are set forth in a
- 10 citizen complaint and are investigated by OCI. That is
- 11 arrest, demeanor, entry and harassment. Additionally,
- 12 under the findings section of the letter of the bulk
- 13 report memo, I'm sorry, it says, the complainant
- 14 investigation shall be closed immediately forwarded to
- 15 DPD for further resolution and action or closed without
- 16 further action from the OCI, respectively. When I did my
- 17 research in the office in house, I did not find any
- 18 records of those cases that were forwarded on to DPD.
- 19 MR. WARFIELD: What I would like to ask the Board is
- 20 that you'll begin to consider approving reopening all of
- 21 the cases that are identified as closed but not
- 22 investigated. Certainly, we have documentations to
- 23 support what we saw in the office and in the files for
- 24 your review.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you. Is there any



- 1 questions or comments from my fellow commissioners
- 2 regarding the Chief Investigator's report?
- 3 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Mr. Chairman.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Commissioner Burton.
- 5 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I'd like to make a motion at
- 6 this time if you allow me to make a motion that we reopen
- 7 those cases that the Chief Investigator just point out. I
- 8 think it's very important that we do that as a body.
- 9 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Second.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: There's been a motion and it
- 11 has been seconded to reopen the, I want to get the number
- 12 right. Is it 258?
- 13 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: No, it's 967. It's 711 and
- 14 200-
- 15 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Point of order. Let the Chief
- 16 Investigator respond to the amount of cases that are
- 17 being requested to be reopened.
- MR. WARFIELD: Thank you, through the Chair. At this
- 19 time, it's 256. I do want to caution the Board though
- 20 that it could be a lot more. Okay. So we'll start with
- 21 the 256 that has been presented to us today. Any
- 22 discussion?
- 23 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Just quickly. I don't
- 24 understand. Chief investigator, because you started your
- 25 presentation by saying that there were 711 cases closed



- 1 without investigation, then we switched to a separate
- 2 number, which has nothing. Well, 256. That's how I came
- 3 up with 967.
- 4 MR. WARFIELD: Through the Chair. If it's okay.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Yes.
- 6 MR. WARFIELD: One of the things that we looked at,
- 7 commissioner, was some of the cases were included on the
- 8 bigger list, the 711 list. What I did, I was not able to
- 9 check all 716 cases. I spot checked, I checked all of the
- 10 256. So all of those 256 cases that I checked, none of
- 11 those cases were fully investigated and none of those
- 12 cases had commissioner's signature. I did not have the
- 13 time or capacity to go through all 716, but I'm very
- 14 confident that those 256 are the cases that do not have
- 15 any commissioner's signature and they were not fully
- 16 investigated. I did spot check other cases though, within
- 17 that 716 and spot checking the other cases, I did not see
- 18 any cases that had signatures traditionally the way those
- 19 cases are signed, as we are passing them out to you and
- 20 you're giving back to us. Thank you.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Any further questions.
- 22 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Further discussion.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: In discussion. Yes.
- 24 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I just wanted to state that
- 25 when we talk about citizen lives here in the city of



- 1 Detroit, that makes complaints, we ought to do our due
- 2 diligence and investigate those complaints thoroughly.
- 3 These are citizens' voices often being shut down and, and
- 4 I think that the Board would be doing the right thing by
- 5 reopening those cases at this time.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you. Any further
- 7 discussion? Hearing none again, there's a motion on the
- 8 floor to reopen the 256 cases that has been presented to
- 9 us by Chief Investigator Warfield. All those in favor
- 10 please signify by saying aye.
- 11 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: All those opposed, nay? That
- 13 motion passes, those cases will be reopened. Is there
- 14 anything else in the Community impact report. Right,
- 15 hearing none, we're now to our Chief Police report and
- 16 we're glad to be joined by DC Hayes. On you, sir.
- 17 DEPUTY CHIEF HAYES: Thank you, Chair Pressley and to
- 18 the Honorable Body and to our members of the community
- 19 that are watching. The name is Franklin Hayes, Deputy
- 20 Chief of the Detroit Police Department, and I'll be
- 21 presenting to you the chief's report for today. I want to
- 22 start off with our staffing as our officers that are
- 23 injured and unable to serve. We currently have 3 who are
- 24 disabled and recovering at home due to an on-duty injury.
- 25 One officer for the Ninth Precinct who back in August



- l while responding to a shot spotter run was shot in the
- 2 leg while on duty. He is still at home recovering.
- 3 DEPUTY CHIEF HAYES: Additionally, there were two
- 4 officers that were rear ended by a motorist while
- 5 conducting a traffic stop on the city's west side on
- 6 September 24th. Both officers are at home and recovering
- 7 and doing well. But it'll be a moment before we see them
- 8 back in uniform back on the streets. To talk about our
- 9 crime data, our homicides year to date, we are at 198
- 10 this year compared to 218 last year. That's 20 less
- 11 victims of homicide here in our city. Our non-fatal
- 12 shootings, we are at 704 last year. We are at 646 this
- 13 year. I'm sorry, that's 58 less. Robberies. We are seeing
- 14 an uptick over last year. We had 1005 last year. This
- 15 year we are at 1059 for 54 additional robberies.
- DEPUTY CHIEF HAYES: Our carjackings we are down 30%.
- 17 Last year we were at 182. This year we are at 127, which
- 18 is 55 less. Our overall violent crime part 1, we are
- 19 looking even. Very close to even should I say over
- 20 incidents combined. We were at 9,420 last year. We are at
- 21 9,424. We continue to do the work, encourage better
- 22 decision making. We yet hold those accountable who are
- 23 committing these heinous acts on our community. We still
- 24 have more work to do. A couple other initiatives that I
- 25 just wanted to discuss. We continue to run our drag



- 1 racing enforcement detail. Just year to date, we have
- 2 investigated 547 individuals, 292 traffic stops, 157
- 3 citations. We investigated 344 vehicles. We impounded 31
- 4 vehicles. We also recovered 6 stolen, 5 were forfeited.
- 5 DEPUTY CHIEF HAYES: We made 23 felony arrests, 5
- 6 misdemeanor arrests. We recovered 10 illegally possessed
- 7 firearms and responded to 271 police runs or calls for
- 8 service while on this detail. One of the other efforts
- 9 that we continue to do our very best in partnership with
- 10 DWIHN and other mental health providers are responding to
- 11 those that are in crisis with this mental health epidemic
- 12 that we're experiencing. Just to share our year-to-date
- 13 numbers. Last year we answered 9,566 calls with a mental
- 14 health nexus. This year we've answered 10, 663. Over a
- 15 thousand more calls with a mental health nexus that our
- 16 members have responded to here in the city. Few
- 17 significant incidents that we'd like to share. We can
- 18 certainly use the community's help as we still work to
- 19 solve these crimes.
- 20 DEPUTY CHIEF HAYES: The first one is a fatal
- 21 accident that occurred on Friday, September 22nd at 1:06
- 22 AM in the 18,000 block of Conant. Officers arrived at the
- 23 scene, observed a black Dodge Durango against the utility
- 24 pole at Conant and Conch. Officers then observed a victim
- 25 lying on the sidewalk near the crash site, suffering



- 1 multiple injuries. The medics came and the injuries that
- 2 this individual had on the sidewalk had sustained, were
- 3 incompatible with life and was declared deceased on the
- 4 scene. Detectives from our fatal squad responded and then
- 5 speaking with witnesses, they observed the victim's
- 6 vehicle traveling north on Conant at a high rate of
- 7 speed. He then made a right turn and headed east on
- 8 Conch. While attempting to turn, the victim's vehicle
- 9 struck the utility pole causing the vehicle to flip
- 10 multiple times. The victim was ejected from the vehicle
- 11 and was injured on impact.
- 12 DEPUTY CHIEF HAYES: Witness also stated that two
- 13 unknown individuals exited from the Jeep Cherokee parked
- 14 nearby and approached the victim. Both suspects were
- 15 armed with assault rifles. The two individuals stated
- 16 that they were just checking on the victim, then left the
- 17 scene and traveled northbound in this white Jeep.
- 18 Detectives had also received information that the
- 19 incident may have started at a nearby Coney Island
- 20 related to a disagreement over some stolen Cartier
- 21 glasses. The DPD is asking for anyone with additional
- 22 information in this incident to call either Crime
- 23 Stoppers at 1-800 Speak Up or our homicide section at
- 24 596-2260. Another incident is a quadruple shooting with
- 25 one fatality that occurred on September 23rd at 2:27 AM



- 1 in the 17,000 block of West seven Mile. Officers
- 2 responded to the scene and observed two victims lying on
- 3 the ground behind a food truck. Victim one suffered a
- 4 gunshot wound to the back, and victim two suffered from
- 5 gunshot wound to the leg and chest.
- 6 DEPUTY CHIEF HAYES: The medics arrived on the scene
- 7 and transported both the Sinai Grace. Victim one was
- 8 pronounced dead on arrival, and victim two was listed in
- 9 temporary serious condition. While officers were
- 10 preserving the scene, victim three returned to the
- 11 location stating that he was shot in the back. The medics
- 12 arrived to the scene and treated victim three who had
- 13 sustained a grays wound. We were also notified by
- 14 dispatch that victim four had arrived at the hospital
- 15 stating that he was shot at the incident location. The
- 16 victim four was transported privately to Sanai Grace with
- 17 multiple gunshot wounds to the body. Victim four is in
- 18 critical condition. Detectives from the homicide task
- 19 force were notified and responded to the scene. What we
- 20 got from witnesses were that, excuse me, that victim four
- 21 got into a fight with the suspect when the suspect pulled
- 22 out a handgun and started randomly firing shots, injuring
- 23 all the victims.
- 24 DEPUTY CHIEF HAYES: The suspect left the location in
- 25 an unknown make or model vehicle traveling eastbound on



- 1 West Seven Mile. This is still an active and open
- 2 investigation. Anyone with information regarding this
- 3 incident, we are asking that you contact Detroit Police
- 4 homicide, or Crime Stoppers at 1-800 Speak Up. One last
- 5 incident and that occurred a double shooting, one fatal.
- 6 One of the victims suffered fatal injuries and this
- 7 occurred on Sunday, September 24th 2023 in the 17,000
- 8 block of Schaefer when officers were dispatched to Sinai
- 9 Grace Hospital to take a gunshot report for two victims
- 10 who walked into the hospital for treatment. Victim one
- 11 sustained a gunshot wound to the back and was listed in
- 12 temporary serious condition. Victim two, sustained
- 13 multiple gunshot wounds and was pronounced dead on
- 14 arrival. Victim one stated that he and victim two were
- 15 leaving the comfort zone nightclub when someone began
- 16 firing shots from inside the club.
- 17 DEPUTY CHIEF HAYES: Victim one could not try the
- 18 suspect. Detectives from the 12th Precinct and Homicide
- 19 arrived to investigate the scene. The detectives found
- 20 some evidence that a shooting had occurred at the
- 21 location, and the witnesses at the scene cannot provide
- 22 information to assist in the investigation. So this is
- 23 still an active investigation. We ask that again, anyone
- 24 with information on this incident, contact Detroit
- 25 Police, homicide, or also Crime Stoppers at 1-800 Speak



- 1 Up. As an after action item in relation to the last
- 2 shooting. With Chief White's commitment to holding venues
- 3 responsible when they open their doors for business and
- 4 welcome the public in, there's a responsibility to foster
- 5 a safe environment. So from the shooting, we responded to
- 6 that location in coordinated efforts with DC and found
- 7 that this business was not properly licensed to be open.
- 8 DEPUTY CHIEF HAYES: As such the building was closed.
- 9 The business was shut down for being improperly licensed.
- 10 There's a pathway if they want to reopen, but the
- 11 operator of this venue was held responsible as well for
- 12 those actions for operating this unlicensed business. We
- 13 have a new installation of a soft interview room. At
- 14 headquarters on Wednesday through a partnership with
- 15 Project Beloved, DPD installed a soft interview room at
- 16 Detroit Public Safety Headquarters. This is for victims
- 17 of Sexual Assault. Project Beloved is a nonprofit
- 18 organization that strives to educate, advocate, and
- 19 collaborate to change the conversation about sexual
- 20 assault and empower survivors to share their voices.
- 21 Project Beloved provided DPD with everything for the
- 22 room, including furniture, blankets, rugs and art. This
- 23 is the first and only soft interview room installed here
- 24 in the state of Michigan.
- 25 DEPUTY CHIEF HAYES: Chief White hosted a youth



- 1 engagement summit yesterday at Wayne County Community
- 2 College. This event allowed for discussion of issues of
- 3 safety and concern from the youth perspective. Chief
- 4 White led a panel discussion with several community
- 5 members and also other offers to educate the youth. It
- 6 was highly attended and we are certainly viewing that as
- 7 a success, as we believe we have met our goals of
- 8 encouraging and educating our youth to make better
- 9 decisions for both their health as it relates to drug
- 10 abuse or use, alcoholism, certainly bullying, cyber
- 11 bullying, the power of social media, and not to be
- 12 influenced negatively and encourage bad decision making.
- 13 So we believe that it certainly made an impact, and we
- 14 look to continue to have future dialogue with our youth
- 15 and our young leaders here in the city.
- DEPUTY CHIEF HAYES: We are having a one day hiring
- 17 fair September 30th here at Detroit Public Safety
- 18 Headquarters from 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM. There are more than
- 19 a hundred Detroit Police Department opportunities
- 20 available to apply for. The process of the one day hiring
- 21 Fair will include same day interviews, a medical
- 22 screening, physical agility, written tests, and an
- 23 application orientation. Those interested, please call
- 24 Detroit Police Recruiting at (313) 596-2607 to register
- 25 for this event. There are also civilian



- 1 opportunities@www.detroitmi.gov/jobs. Or call (313)596-
- 2 2730. Lastly on Saturday as well, DPDs Partnership with
- 3 DMC's Rehabilitation Institute of Michigan will host the
- 4 Heart Diggity Dog 5K run and walk at 9:00 AM at the DMC
- 5 Heart Hospital, located at 311 Mack Avenue.
- 6 DEPUTY CHIEF HAYES: All proceeds go to the Detroit
- 7 Public Safety Foundation and the Michigan Humane Society.
- 8 Registration for this event is \$40, and you can sign up
- 9 on DPDs Facebook page. For more information, please
- 10 contact the Chief Neighborhood Liaison Office or
- 11 Lieutenant Star Gonzalez at Gonzales-S as in Sam-
- 12 580@detroitmi.gov. Mr. Chair, that completes the chief
- 13 report, and I'll gladly field any questions that this
- 14 body may have.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you. First of all, let
- 16 the records show that Commissioner Burton and
- 17 Commissioner Hernandez has joined us. So are there any
- 18 questions from my colleagues? Commissioner Banks.
- 19 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Through the Chair. Deputy Chief
- 20 Hayes, I didn't have any question, but what I wanted to
- 21 do, I wanted to commend DPD on yesterday for the incident
- 22 on Gratiot and State Fair where the Ninth Precinct was
- 23 driving down the street. If you could please get this
- 24 back to the Chief, if you could please. When Ninth
- 25 Precinct was driving down the street, and there was a



- 1 gentleman Jimmy, had tried to get into his car, he didn't
- 2 have keys. He was Jimmy in his car. The Ninth Precinct
- 3 officer asked him what he doing and what was his name. He
- 4 didn't want to give up his name. So Ninth Precinct was
- 5 working with me, and it turned into a confrontation. When
- 6 they got out the car. There was many citizens around.
- 7 They began to jump in this altercation. There was one
- 8 citizen. He came from behind and got the Detroit police
- 9 officer in a bear hug. But again, it came back towards
- 10 right senses and he backed off.
- 11 COMMISSIONER BANKS: So about two minutes later, what
- 12 he did was he did it again when he got him another beer
- 13 hug from behind. The officer handled himself very well.
- 14 He was very well poised. He didn't tase him, he didn't
- 15 pull out no gun, he didn't shoot him. I thought that was
- 16 really wonderful the way DPD handled himself under major
- 17 conflict. Can you please get that back to the chief for
- 18 me please?
- 19 DEPUTY CHIEF HAYES: Through the Chair. Certainly,
- 20 Commissioner Banks, I will relay your observations to the
- 21 Chief. That matter is an active investigation. We can't
- 22 discuss it at the moment, but an opportunity to share
- 23 your comments, I will make sure that the Chief receives
- 24 them.
- 25 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Okay. Now it was on the news.



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- 1 DEPUTY CHIEF HAYES: Understood. Yes, sir.
- 2. COMMISSIONER BANKS: Okay. Good to see you though.
- 3 DEPUTY CHIEF HAYES: My pleasure.
- 4 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Amen.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Any other questions or
- 6 comments.
- 7 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Mr. Chairman.
- CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Yes. Commissioner Bernard. 8
- 9 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Several things and it's a
- 10 pleasure to see you, Chief Hayes. I might remind our
- viewing and obviously our audience that's present that 11
- 12 you are the only Deputy Chief in the City of Detroit, as
- 13 I understand it, under Chief White. Everyone else is an
- 14 assistant chief. Am I correct in that?
- 15 DEPUTY CHIEF HAYES: Through the Chair. There are
- 16 five Deputy Chief.
- 17 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Okay. So you have five Deputy
- 18 Chiefs. Okay. So I thought, okay. In any event I want to
- 19 congratulate you again, not even again, because this is
- 20 brand new that you've just been appointed to the board of
- the association's Hall of Fame, of the Michigan Trap 21
- Shooting Association after shooting, I've forgotten how 22
- many thousand rounds of ammunition at traps. That's 23
- significant one because there's never been a Black man 24
- 25 that's done it. Secondly, you were also elected the



- 1 president of the National Trap Shooting Association,
- 2 which has nearly a hundred thousand members. I want to
- 3 congratulate you on that again. But my questions relate
- 4 to an article that was in the paper this past Sunday
- 5 about police officers serving personal protection orders.
- 6 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Obviously, the recommendation,
- 7 it was a fairly long article, was that police officers
- 8 serve personal protection orders because it protects
- 9 women more than when they're just served by a process
- 10 server. I wanted to know, I don't even want your comment
- 11 on that right now. I'd really like you to take it back
- 12 and examine the feasibility of that. It's a good idea,
- 13 it's done in other communities, but we need to see the
- 14 feasibility of doing that here in Detroit. Rather than an
- 15 off the cuff answer, I'd like an informed answer, if
- 16 that's okay with you. Secondly, the soft interview room
- 17 is an interesting concept. I'm not aware of it, but I
- 18 think it's a good idea. I assume you'll be using it for
- 19 children who are victims as well as women who are victims
- 20 or anyone who's a victim, male or female of sexual
- 21 assault. Is that what you're going to be doing?
- 22 DEPUTY CHIEF HAYES: Through the Chair. If I can go
- 23 in line with your question so I don't lose track as it
- 24 relates to the PPO service, I'll certainly take that back
- 25 to Chief White as well as our Chief Legal Advisor Grant



- 1 Ha and see if there's an opportunity there, and then that
- 2 informed conversation can happen. As it relates to the
- 3 soft interview room, my understanding is that anyone
- 4 that's a victim of a sexual assault, regardless of age or
- 5 gender, this is a safe space for their voice to be heard.
- 6 If your schedule allows, and I'll coordinate with the
- 7 Board Secretary, Commander Blackwell who oversees our
- 8 major crimes division would love, I'm confident, she
- 9 would love to host you and give you a tour, matter of
- 10 fact, this entire body of the room of this space up there
- 11 so that you can see it and certainly answer any questions
- 12 from our Special Victims unit as to the room's purpose.
- 13 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Thank you, Deputy Chief Hayes.
- DEPUTY CHIEF HAYES: My pleasure, ma'am.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Any further questions or
- 16 comments? Commissioner Burton.
- 17 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the Chief. I have some
- 18 questions. There's been some time now I call for the
- 19 video of a Wayne State University graduate by the name of
- 20 Nikila Wallace, who was placed in a chokehold by Detroit
- 21 Police. I never saw that video, nor have this Board saw
- 22 the video. I'm still requesting that video as a member of
- 23 the Policy subcommittee and the past chair of that
- 24 committee as well as we saw in the media where a
- 25 gentleman was allegedly shot 30 sometimes by the Detroit



- 1 Police, and I think later on it came out it was 18 times.
- 2 We still as a Board, as a body still calling for that
- 3 video as well. As well as we looked at what occurred in
- 4 Grand Rapids with Patrick Lyoya. They released that video
- 5 immediately, but here in Detroit America's Blackest poor
- 6 city like this city here where the police is involved in
- 7 the community 24/7, 7 days a week.
- 8 COMMISSIONER BURTON: We know we got some officers
- 9 out there that really love and care about the community,
- 10 but we're worried more about those that don't have the
- 11 same love and respect for our community as we do. So
- 12 therefore, we're still calling for the video. I'd like to
- 13 see the video about Wallace, a young Wayne State graduate
- 14 who was placed in the chokehold and also the was the
- 15 gentleman that was shot 30 sometimes.
- 16 COMMISSIONER: Porter Burks.
- 17 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Porter Burks. A number of us at
- 18 this body still have not seen that video. Commissioner
- 19 Moore raised it several times. Commissioner Linda Bernard
- 20 has raised it several times. I raised it along with
- 21 Minister Eric. Blount from Sacred Heart and so many
- 22 others including the late Brenda Hill, who used to come
- 23 in these meetings quite regularly. So as a commissioner,
- 24 as a member of this community, I'm calling for the video.
- 25 Thank you.



- 1 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you. Any other questions
- 2 or comments?
- 3 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Yeah, I want to say one quick
- 4 thing to the Chief.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Quickly, Commissioner Banks.
- 6 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Yes. Thank you, through the
- 7 Chair. Listening to my colleague, Commissioner Bernard,
- 8 it seems like you have accomplished history DC. I just
- 9 want to commend you for that because a man making
- 10 history, it take a lot of effort and a lot of work, and a
- 11 lot of termination. So, bless you. Blessings on you and
- 12 your household.
- 13 DEPUTY CHIEF HAYES: Thank you.
- 14 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Thank you, commissioner.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Excellent. Right now we'll
- 16 move on to public comment. Oral communication and public
- 17 comment. Mr. Brown, how many do we have?
- MR. BROWN: Mr. Chair, at this time there are
- 19 currently eight speakers.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Okay.
- 21 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the Chair.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Yes. Commissioner Burton.
- COMMISSIONER BURTON: No disrespect, I'm sorry. We
- 24 passed a motion some time ago that we give citizens up to
- 25 a hour to plug into the meeting for public comments. So



- 1 they still have approximately 19 minutes. If you still
- 2 want to proceed early, that's fine, but we still want to
- 3 be able to get them an hour in. Four o'clock was the cut
- 4 off.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Duly noted. Thanks. Go right
- 6 ahead, Mr. Brown.
- 7 MR. BROWN: Okay, Mr. Chair, your first two speakers
- 8 would be Minister Eric Blount, followed by Ms. Fredia
- 9 Butler.
- 10 MINISTER BLOUNT: Good afternoon Board.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Good afternoon.
- 12 MINISTER BLOUNT: Many of you heard and saw my
- 13 frustrations with this quorum trick that sometimes is
- 14 played on this Board, but I'm more horrified at the
- 15 leadership of this Board. Reverend, Dr. Holley, your
- 16 corruption is well documented, so we'll move away from
- 17 you. But Reverend Pressley, before you were Chairperson,
- 18 you pushed through a vote for approval of the license
- 19 plate reader only after a brief description and a one-
- 20 sided point of view by the Detroit Police Department. You
- 21 couldn't wait just one week to hear an opposing point of
- 22 view from Board Secretary Shah. So you invited this
- 23 corruption. Yes. I call it evil. Reverend Lance Watson
- 24 says, evil takes you to places you don't intend to go. It
- 25 makes you stay longer than you intended to be there. So



- 1 as you did that, shortly you were promoted, voted in as
- 2 Chairperson without you even being there.
- 3 MINISTER BLOUNT: The puppeteers saw in you a vessel
- 4 of their corruption, and they promoted you. They elevated
- 5 you to this new position of Chairpersonship. So don't be
- 6 surprised when you see craziness happen on this Board. It
- 7 is part of the fabric and the culture of this Board. It
- 8 won't stop until we start getting serious about police
- 9 officer misconduct, not a half hour about crime and this
- 10 detail of crime and that detail of crime. It's got to
- 11 stop. We got two new commissioners coming very soon, and
- 12 I hope they can turn the corner as well. Because It's got
- 13 to stop. You got to stop.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you.
- 15 MR. BROWN: Ms. Butler. After Ms. Butler will be Ms.
- 16 Bernice Smith, followed by Ms. Charnita Williams.
- 17 MS. BUTLER: Good afternoon.
- 18 COMMISSIONERS: Good afternoon.
- MS. BUTLER: As a quote from Attorney Merrick
- 20 Garland. I speak without fear of favor or affection.
- 21 Thursday, September 21st, 2023, your meeting did not
- 22 represent us. When observing your behaviors,
- 23 Commissioners Banks, Bernard and Burton, understand why
- 24 we are in the condition that we are in. We don't have
- 25 people who are dedicated to serve. Some people take a



- 1 position because they like having a title or expecting to
- 2 receive courts. To be effective as commissioners or
- 3 leaders to serve our communities, it takes dedication.
- 4 There has been a backlog of cases and will continue to be
- 5 due to an overwhelming number of cases received each
- 6 week, which is a problem. We have received reports that
- 7 were a lack of qualified staff to investigate and
- 8 recently you were told the number of staff members needed
- 9 to keep current.
- 10 MS. BUTLER: Because of their qualifications, you
- 11 asked Mr. Akbar and Ms. White to be the interim office of
- 12 Chief Investigator and Secretary. Instead of searching
- 13 outside the department, I asked why not hire them as
- 14 permanent employees in those positions. It was explained
- 15 that it is written in the city charter, that they had to
- 16 be put out of their former positions for three years
- 17 before becoming interim OCI and the secretary. Mr. Akbar
- 18 was Supervisor Investigator and Ms. White was the
- 19 Executive Manager of Policy for the Board of Police
- 20 Commissioners. You didn't hire and still do not have
- 21 enough qualified staff to process and close cases. Some
- 22 of you have decided to fire Mr. Akbar and Ms. White by
- 23 not working fast enough to close-
- 24 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you. That's your time.
- MS. BUTLER: I'll continue next week. Thank you.



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- 1 MR. BROWN: Ms. Smith.
- MS. SMITH: Good afternoon, commissioner. 2.
- 3 COMMISSIONERS: Good afternoon.
- MS. SMITH: What a blessing to be here today. Amen. 4
- Because last week it was outrageous. You had 5
- 6 commissioners walking out because they did not want to
- vote for a certain subject. That is outrageous. I was
- very upset about it, and it was under control to me to be 8
- quiet. Glad to see you Herandez. I know Ford. It was
- 10 killing you out there. My son is out there. So anyway, I
- cannot believe that we can continue weekly to go on and 11
- 12 on and do the things that we want to do personally.
- 13 That's what it is personally. So what I did, I did a
- 14 little investigating myself and told some people of
- 15 stature what was going on down here at this commission,
- 16 and they're going to investigate it. Also, three people
- 17 that I have talked about that will not do any better than
- 18 what they've been doing.
- 19 MS. SMITH: So what I got to do is go outside this
- Board and let other people know what's going on this 20
- Board. You have continuously badgered Reverend Holley and 21
- for what? I don't know. The man is a religious man. He's 22
- been in politics in Coleman young days where I have been. 23
- 24 So I don't know what in the world you can see that's so
- negative about him. He has a church or he is retired from 25



- 1 the church, whatever. I have never seen or heard anything
- 2 negative about him and why people continue to come up
- 3 here and just berate him all the time. Why don't you talk
- 4 about the other members that are on this Board that's
- 5 doing wrong. But you got something against Holley. I
- 6 don't know what it is, but I'm going to fight for him.
- 7 MS. SMITH: Every time you've talked negative about
- 8 him, I'm going to fight for him because I've known him
- 9 for over 40 some years and I've never seen anything
- 10 that's negative about him in the public. You Hayes, I
- 11 would love you dearly. I saw him down at Greek Town with
- 12 his daughter marching down, not marching, but walking
- 13 down Greek Town. I stopped him and he introduced me to
- 14 his daughter. We need more police like this that have a
- 15 visual in the public with their children or their parents
- 16 if they have the time.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you.
- MS. SMITH: I'm through.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Yep.
- MR. BROWN: Ms. Williams, followed by Mr. Bob
- 21 Carmack, followed by Special Election Advocate, Black
- 22 Jesus.
- MS. WILLIAMS: Hello everyone. I've been coming here
- 24 for about the last six months. So all my reports that I
- 25 have made, my question is with everyone on this Board,



- 1 how could all this stuff that I went into the police
- 2 department and made reports that you all cannot get this
- 3 stuff together. A federal truck robbery, home invasion,
- 4 all of that, like I stated before, is under general
- 5 report. This young woman, this woman been harassing me is
- 6 going on three years, Nikita Wilson, and I continue to
- 7 complain about the Detroit Police Department stalking me,
- 8 harassing me, following me in their civilian vehicles.
- 9 You all, if you're not going to do your job correctly,
- 10 what's the purpose of anyone sitting up here? Because
- 11 when you guys conspire to cover up a crime, it is
- 12 conspiracy. How long do I need to wait before somebody
- 13 contact me? Me seeing this woman come in my house with my
- 14 house keys on camera?
- MS. WILLIAMS: Come on, ma. Then the woman who pulled
- 16 the gun. I need to see that video, that footage. Where's
- 17 that at? It's a whole lot of illegal stuff going on in
- 18 the city. What's the purpose of being on this Board if
- 19 you choose not to do your job correctly? All this illegal
- 20 DTE fraud in the city. It's ridiculous. All of this is
- 21 illegal. But you guys sit up here every week and talk
- 22 about all this other garbage and not address the issue
- 23 what's really going on in the city of Detroit. No
- 24 disrespect mom, but Coleman Young was on the corruption
- 25 too. So you entitled to your opinion just like I am. We



- 1 already know the difference. They just kept their mouth
- 2 closed and he had loyalty people. Thank you.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you.
- 4 MR. BROWN: Mr. Carmack, followed by Black Jesus.
- 5 DEPUTY CHIEF HAYES: Mr. Chair, if I may. Commander
- 6 Michael McGinnis from our professional standards just
- 7 stepped out in the hallway. I'd like to direct commander
- 8 McGinnis to speak with Ms. Williams when he comes back
- 9 in.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Of course. Go right ahead.
- 11 MR. CARMACK: Good afternoon, commissioners.
- 12 COMMISSIONERS: Good afternoon.
- MR. CARMACK: My name's Bob Carmack and I spent
- 14 \$614,000 on the development. I went to planning today. I
- 15 asked him for more money back. I gave him \$125,000 in
- 16 cash. James Tate told me to. What'd he say? Go back to
- 17 your town. Yeah, go back to where you come from. He said
- 18 that at the council meeting. All I asked for was my
- 19 money. You took my money. You going to give it back?
- 20 That's a fact. I know how to collect money. I'm not a guy
- 21 to mess with. I get you.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: I want to caution you. You
- 23 have to make threats.
- 24 MR. CARMACK: I am not making a threat. I just want
- 25 my money. I'd like to make a police report and do things



- 1 right. I make a police report here. Have an investigation
- 2 done and have it legally done the correct way. That's all
- 3 I'm looking for. If there's somebody that would take my
- 4 report and investigate this, I would very well appreciate
- 5 it. I don't like to be told to go leave the town and go
- 6 back to my town when I've been in business here since I
- 7 was 10 years old. I'm 64 years old, so I've been here 54
- 8 years. Before that I went to public schools in Detroit. I
- 9 lived here all my life. I deserve respect. I deserve my
- 10 money back. You can't keep my money. That's false.
- 11 pretense. That's fraud. There's an investigator's report
- 12 by a police officer that took it from a city worker. Say
- 13 I gave him 50,000. It took another 50,000 from another
- 14 city worker and another city worker did a transcript
- 15 testimony. They took 25. I didn't get my money back.
- 16 Would you be mad? \$125,000? I would be mad. I'm mad.
- 17 Thank you.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you.
- MR. BROWN: Black Jesus, followed by Mr. Ronald
- 20 Foster, followed by Ms. Michelle George.
- 21 BLACK JESUS: Yes, Chairman Willie Bell. This is
- 22 Ruben Crowley calling you, Lawrence Akbar's trying to
- 23 reach you to determine whether or not he can accept some
- 24 complaints from me over at the OCI. I kind of informed
- 25 him that he doesn't have an option or whether or not to



- 1 take a complaint, but he feels as though he needs to get
- 2 approval from his bosses over at the why not? Is there a
- 3 reason? When I have appeal the complaint deserves [audio
- 4 distortion] have are separate sign from the complain that
- 5 was filed. You can't just do this Willie Bell. Who do you
- 6 think you're dealing with, man. Hey, I'm not no Joe Jack.
- 7 I'm real deal man. I don't know what's wrong with you.
- 8 You keep trying to do this, man. You go out babe. Man,
- 9 come on man. You don't got to do this.
- 10 BLACK JESUS: Hey, look man, this is serious man. Why
- 11 don't you just. Hey look. Commissioner Bell, with all due
- 12 respect, sir, I'm going to ask you to stand down and move
- 13 out the way. Kaniesha Coleman's murderer is going to be
- 14 addressed, sir. I don't know what you think guys think
- 15 y'all going to do, but I'm going to do that. That's
- 16 Willie Bell violating the city charter numerous times in
- 17 two minutes. But I'm going to stop this tape at this
- 18 time. He's a corrupt individual, but Mr. State Police had
- 19 a case now. DPD case number 20-11112. The murder of
- 20 Kaniesha Coleman, not a suicide. Now I want to take my
- 21 hat off that I don't have on to Chief James White, but
- 22 being a standup dude, not like you, Holley, or you Bell
- 23 or you Hernandez.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you. That's your time.
- MR. BROWN: Mr. Foster.



- MR. FOSTER: Good afternoon. 1
- 2. CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Good afternoon.
- MR. FOSTER: Good. Just wanted to take the time out. 3
- A few issues. First thing the community meeting at 4
- District 6, I acknowledge that they're doing really good. 5
- Excellent policing over there. There's real sound on 6
- 7 everything.
- CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: We're hearing you, but just 8
- not as loud as we can.
- MR. FOSTER: District 6 appeared to be doing some 10
- 11 really excellent policing over there. They had a good
- 12 presentation a couple weeks ago. I just wanted to take
- 13 the time off from the community and say that was a good
- 14 job. Secondly, DC Hayes, I don't think a lot of people
- 15 really give him the recognition. He's going to see it a
- 16 lot of times, but he is a standup guy and I think from
- 17 the community standpoint, he need to hear it. A lot of
- 18 times wearing the badge don't allow you to get those type
- of respect and accolades, but just being a man, just 19
- continue doing what you're doing and being an example and 20
- 21 the line of work. Third thing, everybody, each one of
- these commissioners. 2.2
- 23 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Microphone.
- MR. FOSTER: Okay, each one of these commissions got 24
- 25 six days from today to get up to date on everything. I'm



- 1 prior service and so I see straight through a lot of that
- 2 stuff. If your other obligations are superseding your
- 3 volunteer work, then I respectfully ask that you guys
- 4 make a decision. It's not reasonable or acceptable to
- 5 come up every week and not be filled in on the things
- 6 that you need to do to do your jobs. Okay? So these are
- 7 volunteer things that you guys are choice. Just take some
- 8 real accountability. I'll call up sometimes throughout
- 9 the week and commissioners are not available. The
- 10 response I get is that they only come to Board meetings.
- 11 So if you're not available in the building, a lot of
- 12 times, and I know that you don't have access to the files
- 13 and things that you need to do your job, you just can't
- 14 wait till Thursday to do it.
- 15 MR. FOSTER: We want and expect accountability. Just
- 16 like we critical we could praise the good as well. So I
- 17 just want to just ad advise you guys in that. You guys to
- 18 keep up the good work where it's good and tighten up the
- 19 areas that need to be tightened up. Thank you.
- MR. BROWN: Ms. George.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: As Ms. Georges come, let the
- 23 record show that Commissioner Moore has joined us.
- 24 Welcome.
- MS. GEORGE: Good afternoon. Good evening to this



- 1 honorable Board.
- 2 COMMISSIONERS: Good afternoon.
- 3 MS. GEORGE: Attorney Hayes, Deputy Chief Hayes. I
- 4 just want to make a comment, first of all Deputy Chief
- 5 Hayes. I want to thank the police department for rating
- 6 that mushroom place. I was reading in the article because
- 7 one of the things I was telling Mayor Duggan is that even
- 8 though the voters voted for it's illegal in the state of
- 9 Michigan, but somehow it made its way to it our City of
- 10 Detroit. So thank you for that because that drug is LSD.
- 11 So I do want to thank the police department. That's why
- 12 we are fighting, even though the marijuana, everything's
- 13 been legalized, what we are doing and what we're seeing.
- 14 I'm going to a high school in a few weeks to talk to kids
- 15 who's putting drugs in vaping.
- MS. GEORGE: I was at City Temple the other day where
- 17 we had the United States Department to talk and some of
- 18 Wayne County Sheriffs what we are seeing in the school.
- 19 So I do want to say thank you for the police department
- 20 because it's making your jobs harder. Now, I do want to
- 21 address the Board of police Commissioners, and I'm sure
- 22 you all know this. One of the reasons that you all are
- 23 having problems, transparency is important. I am a member
- 24 of National Action Network with a lot of the families are
- 25 in our organization, George Floyd, Ms. Carr, who did a



- 1 chokehold law in the state of New York. So that's
- 2 something that we are fighting about. But if there are
- 3 videos that have not been released, transparency is
- 4 better. We see it coming when I'm at my convention in New
- 5 York, when I'm in DC. It will come better for the Board
- 6 to be transparent.
- 7 MS. GEORGE: If there are videos that have not been
- 8 released, it's okay to show it. We were in New York with
- 9 Tyree Nichols family as they get those officers in
- 10 Tennessee. So I would advise and we talk about a lot in
- 11 policing in New York. Release the videos. It's okay. We
- 12 are working together. We work very closely with the
- 13 Detroit Police Department. I pray for them. You've got a
- 14 prayer group that pray for Chief White all the time. But
- 15 I would advise to release the videos for transparency.
- 16 That's my comment. Thank you.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you. Just to be clear,
- 18 the release of videos is a Detroit police department
- 19 issue, not the Board.
- MS. GEORGE: Okay, thank you. Okay.
- MR. BROWN: Mr. Chair, your next couple of speaker
- 22 will be former Commissioner William Davis, followed by
- 23 District 4 CAC member, Mr. Scotty Boman.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Please let the record reflect
- 25 that it is 4:00 PM and so if there aren't any other



- 1 comments at this moment, that hour has expired.
- 2 MR. BROWN: Commissioner Davis.
- 3 MR. DAVIS: Good afternoon. Can I be heard?
- 4 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Yes, you can go right ahead.
- 5 MR. DAVIS: Okay. I'd like to start off by saying it
- 6 is very troubling that there are so many cases that was
- 7 put aside. Not only should those cases all be
- 8 investigated, you should find out who was in charge of
- 9 OCI and who was in charge of the office there and who
- 10 gave permission for those to be set aside or not to be
- 11 investigated. That in and of itself raised a lot of
- 12 questions about the Board and whether or not those people
- 13 had authorization for somebody that's sitting on that
- 14 Board. Also, I think it is a good step in the right
- 15 direction for when the so-called leadership have meetings
- 16 with the mayor. At the very least, all the Boards should
- 17 know what was discussed and what was on the agenda. So I
- 18 think that's a step in the right direction. Also, many
- 19 places throughout this country, because I have contacts
- 20 all over this country.
- 21 MR. DAVIS: When incidents happen, it does not take a
- 22 year or six months or three months or two months to have
- 23 videos released. You all should be proposing some
- 24 policies as to how soon or how quickly or under what
- 25 circumstances some of these videos should be released.



- 1 Also, this Board needs to have greater transparency. In
- 2 some ways things are more transparent, but in some ways
- 3 they haven't opened up like they should. Thank you.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you.
- 5 MR. BROWN: Mr. Boman.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Mr. Boman, are you there. Mr.
- 7 Bowman? Is there another speaker?
- 8 MR. BROWN: No, Mr. Chair. He would be the last
- 9 speaker.
- 10 MR. BOMAN: Hello?
- 11 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: There we go.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Go right ahead.
- MR. BOMAN: Can you hear me?
- 14 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Yes, we can. I think we may
- 15 have lost you again.
- MR. BROWN: Still there.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Mr. Boman, can you hear us?
- 18 MR. BOMAN: A BOPC matter. The reason it is, is
- 19 because the Board of Police Commissioners has the power
- 20 of the subpoena and the Board of Police Commissioners has
- 21 the responsibility of investigating non-criminal
- 22 complaints. Therefore, they have the authority to request
- 23 copies of any video that might pertain to a non-criminal
- 24 complaint and the department has an obligation to provide
- 25 it. If the department does not recognize that obligation,



- 1 the BOPC should subpoena those videos. Because it seems
- 2 like a lot of times commissioners aren't getting access
- 3 to videos when they request them, I would suggest that
- 4 the Board should automatically subpoena every single
- 5 video any one member of the Board of Police commissioners
- 6 requests. Furthermore, promotions, the BOPC is the final
- 7 word on promotions.
- 8 MR. BOMAN: Therefore, if there's a workaround in
- 9 contracts, you need to make sure the contracts do not
- 10 have said workaround. Since the Board sets policies, you
- 11 need to make it against policy for any member of the
- 12 police department to do anything toward working around
- 13 the charter when it comes to contracts. There should be
- 14 no workarounds in the charter, and there should be
- 15 insubordinate and cause for termination for any member to
- 16 try to circumvent the Board's authority in the
- 17 department. That's how you do it. Use all the authority
- 18 you have, however, by whatever means necessary in order
- 19 to do your jobs and assert the powers you have as an
- 20 oversight Board. Thank you.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you.
- 22 MR. BROWN: Mr. Chair, that was your last speaker.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you for all of those who
- 24 made public comments. We appreciate your participation in
- 25 our meeting today. At this time, we'll move on to the



- 1 report for the Board Secretary and incoming
- 2 Communications Secretary Shah.
- 3 MS. SHAH: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Your incoming
- 4 correspondence are outlined in the agenda. In addition, I
- 5 have several updates for the Board. Since appointed as
- 6 the Secretary to the Board, I have been addressing and
- 7 sharing inconsistency that they come. However,
- 8 commissioners have been requesting a summary and
- 9 additional context around that. So I will provide some of
- 10 that now. The first one is that I have not received
- 11 personnel files for any BOPC or OCI staff, except for
- 12 four from OCI. The files have been missing since March
- 13 20th, 2023. I've been working closely with Chief
- 14 Investigator Warfield and Mr. Brown to build new
- 15 personnel files for the staff in keeping with management
- 16 best practices. In addition, it was discovered that
- 17 salary increases for two staff members were submitted for
- 18 processing with no record of a Board's approval last
- 19 year.
- 20 MS. SHAH: I've been working diligently to ensure
- 21 that any requested changes in salary or budget are first
- 22 approved by the vote of the Board going forward. In
- 23 addition we continue to work with class compensation to
- 24 determine staff members whose salaries should be adjusted
- 25 and bring those recommendations to the Board for approval



- 1 as has been in discussion over the last several months
- 2 here. In addition, I've asked executive manager Fries to
- 3 conduct a payroll audit due to inconsistencies that I've
- 4 seen in payroll and financial reporting. There are a few
- 5 examples. In taking a look at the BOPC monthly financial
- 6 reports that I've received from finance, one thing that's
- 7 been discovered is the staff member holding a position
- 8 with no record of Board appointment, no apparent work
- 9 product, and initially contracted as a GIS analyst and
- 10 then on staff as a legal assistant for a period of time.
- MS. SHAH: Also found was repeated staff payroll
- 12 payments that well exceeded and sometimes doubled the
- 13 base salary for exempt employees that are not eligible
- 14 for overtime. In addition, an employee showing promoted
- 15 with no record of the Board's appointment of that
- 16 individual as well. Again, I'm ensuring that going
- 17 forward appointments come before the Board for approval
- 18 first. In addition, executive manager Drew Fries will
- 19 hopefully uncover through his audit and explanation for
- 20 the excess payroll. The next item I'll share is around
- 21 investigator positions. So, investigator positions are
- 22 exempt, meaning that according to the Fair Labor
- 23 Standards Act, they are not eligible for overtime
- 24 compensation.
- MS. SHAH: Under special circumstances, the City of



- 1 Detroit makes exceptions to pay overtime for special
- 2 projects such as the OCI backlog case reduction project,
- 3 which was run in 2022, which according to HR and labor
- 4 relations was approved through the end of 2022. Upon my
- 5 appointment and discovering that OCI staff members were
- 6 still being compensated for overtime beyond the approval
- 7 of the project, I did end the overtime for OCI effective
- 8 April 17th of this year. In addition, the overtime
- 9 project required that employees complete a minimum of 18
- 10 cases per month, 15 of which shall be overdue cases. So I
- 11 did a spot check audit to see the number of cases closed
- 12 by those who are working overtime during the month of
- 13 March of this year.
- MS. SHAH: Of the nine OCI employees who worked
- 15 overtime, none of the employees closed 18 cases in the
- 16 month. The highest close was 11 and the lowest was zero.
- 17 These are just some examples of some of the
- 18 administrative inconsistencies that have been found and
- 19 changes that have been made to make improvements to
- 20 monitoring and managing the activity of the Board and
- 21 staff. In addition, I will move on to outstanding
- 22 reporting requests of DPD. Please see the attached
- 23 outstanding DPD requests for 9-28 -2023 in your packets.
- 24 Just want to bring the following request to the Board's
- 25 attention. There are four requests that have not been



- 1 fulfilled despite DPDs commitment date on these. The
- 2 Porter Burks footage, which was committed on May 16th of
- 3 this year. DPD members suspended with pay, which was
- 4 committed by August 30th of this year.
- 5 MS. SHAH: Domestic violence and homicide correlation
- 6 was committed by 9-6 of this year, and facial recognition
- 7 updates on the investigation of Ms. Woodruff's arrest
- 8 that was committed by September 24th of this year. These
- 9 items have not yet been received and we're waiting on
- 10 that from the Chief's office. In regard to staffing
- 11 updates, several questions have come up regarding the
- 12 staff's recommendation to submit a position amendment for
- 13 the legal assistant. I'd like to add some context around
- 14 the rationale for that recommendation for the benefit of
- 15 the Board. Currently the Board is budgeted for an
- 16 attorney and a legal assistant. We know the challenges
- 17 the Board has had with appointing an attorney. Similarly,
- 18 the Board has not received approval from corporation
- 19 counsel to appoint a legal assistant either. So that much
- 20 needed position also remains open.
- 21 MS. SHAH: Classification and compensation has
- 22 completed adopt evaluation on the attorney position and
- 23 the legal assistant position. You can find their findings
- 24 in your packets behind tab number six. Based on their
- 25 analysis, a more appropriate position will be executive



- 1 Administrative Assistant 2, understanding that the
- 2 candidate selected would need to have legal experience
- 3 and will be expected to support the Board in legal
- 4 matters. Once an attorney is appointed, support that
- 5 attorney as well. The budgeted salary recommendation of
- 6 65,000 is the same as the currently budgeted 65,000 for
- 7 legal assistance. So there will be no change to the
- 8 overall budget. This is a recommendation for a simple
- 9 position amendment to change title. Mr. Chair, if you'll
- 10 allow, I can address any questions commissioners may have
- 11 regarding this recommendation.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you. Again, we are
- 13 hoping that we can change the title and I know there was
- 14 some unreadiness last week, and so if you have any
- 15 questions for Secretary Shah that might provide you
- 16 clarity on this potential motion, I encourage you to ask
- 17 them now. Commissioner Bernard.
- 18 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Just quickly Mr. Chairman, our
- 19 Board Secretary is very methodical in her report, much
- 20 more so than I would be. I just want to sort of go over a
- 21 couple of the things that she indicated.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Commissioner Bernard, if you
- 23 could keep these questions relative to the staffing
- 24 updates and then we can have a general-
- 25 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: The staffing?



- 1 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: About her report.
- 2 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I support your staffing
- 3 recommendation. It's consistent in every other major
- 4 commission and so forth and department in the city has a
- 5 legal assistant to assist them and their lawyer. Because
- 6 most departments also have an in-house lawyer with
- 7 respect to the duties of their body. So I support your
- 8 request.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Any further questions?
- 10 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Just the question.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Vice-Chair Holley.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Madam
- 13 Secretary, although we know that our lead is
- 14 investigators, those files. Is it possible that the
- 15 people that we're talking about hiring legal assistance,
- 16 can they also do other things besides in terms of job
- 17 description? So they can help us with that. Mr. Chairman.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Ms. Secretary.
- 19 MS. SHAH: Thank you. Through the Chair. Commissioner
- 20 Holley through the Chair, are you asking if the legal
- 21 assistant can also assist with processing cases or?
- 22 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: I think it's my matter.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Well, let's just be clear of
- 24 what we are attempting to do. So we're wanting to change
- 25 them to an executive assistant 2 position. So the



- 1 question will be, is that executive assistant 2 position,
- 2 allowing them to also work on our backlog.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: You're welcome.
- 5 MS. SHAH: So that's not exactly the skillset that
- 6 would be hired for that position. Certainly, the backlog
- 7 is going to require definitely more hands than one.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Got you.
- 9 MS. SHAH: As the Board will see in the budget
- 10 recommendation, once that's brought before the Board.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: You're so welcome. Again, that
- 13 presentation that was postponed until there's a meeting
- 14 with the Budget Committee, it's still in your packet. So
- 15 you have an opportunity to review it and there are some
- 16 recommendations around how we can fulfill the staff needs
- 17 for the backlog.
- 18 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the Chair.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Yes. Commissioner Burton.
- 20 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I feel like the citizens of
- 21 Detroit do not want to see the title change from legal
- 22 assistance to administrative assistant 2. I think that we
- 23 should keep the position, what it is, legal assistant and
- 24 also bring on an attorney where that legal assistant can
- 25 assist.



- 1 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you. Any further
- 2 questions or comments? Commissioner Banks.
- 3 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Chair, I got that motion to
- 4 remove the legal assistant to executive.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: It's in order. It's in order.
- 6 You can make your motion.
- 7 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Alright. Thank you, Mr. Chair. I
- 8 move to amend the motion. I move to amend the budget to
- 9 remove the legal assistant and add executive
- 10 administrative assistant to pending approval from the
- 11 budget, finance and HR.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Is there a second?
- 13 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Second.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: It's been properly moved and
- 15 second that we amend the budget to remove the legal
- 16 assistant and add executive administrative 2, pending
- 17 approval from budget, finance and HR. Is there any
- 18 discussion on this motion? Hearing none. All those in
- 19 favor?
- 20 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I'd like to amend the motion.
- 21 Mr. Chairman.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: That is your right.
- 23 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I'd like to move this line item
- 24 to the Policy subcommittee.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: That's a separate motion.



- 1 That's not the amendment of this motion. That would be a
- 2 separate motion, which is not in order. Any further
- 3 discussion on the motion? Hearing none. Again, to remind
- 4 you is the motion to amend the budget to remove the legal
- 5 assistant and to add executive administrative assistance
- 6 2 pending approval from budget, finance, and HR. All
- 7 those in favor please signify by saying aye.
- 8 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Aye.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: All those opposed?
- 10 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Opposed.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Alright. So the ayes have it.
- 12 That motion passes.
- COMMISSIONER BURTON: I don't think everybody voted
- 14 at the table, Mr. Chair.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: It was a majority vote it
- 16 passed. At this time, is there any further discussion? I
- 17 mean, Secretary Shah, do you have anything else in your
- 18 presentation?
- MS. SHAH: No. Mr. Chair, that concludes my report.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Okay. So that's the conclusion
- 21 of report. So there any comments for her report as at
- 22 large? She talked about some inconsistencies and if there
- 23 was one more item that she discussed. So if you have
- 24 anything relative to Secretary Shah's report, you can ask
- 25 that now. Commissioner Bernard.



- 1 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: My fellow and sister
- 2 commissioners and Chairman Pressley, her report is
- 3 absolutely devastating. Not only were the 256 cases
- 4 signed off on by a person who worked for us at that time,
- 5 but they were also signed off on by a commissioner to
- 6 summarily close these cases. Secondly the issue regarding
- 7 personnel files, and I stated this as a former CEO and
- 8 president CEO of legal services. The fact that we have an
- 9 affidavit from our longest serving employee, Mr. Brown,
- 10 down there at the end of this table who says that the
- 11 personnel files were removed from all the files for every
- 12 single employee including obviously dated regarding
- 13 emergency contacts. That I fell down and had a heart
- 14 attack or any of these things, anything could happen to
- 15 me at work.
- 16 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: The entire personnel file was
- 17 removed by one of these persons, and he gave the person
- 18 the key. Only one person had the key to personnel files
- 19 for the BOPC. How does this happen? It's unthinkable. The
- 20 issues with respect to the cases and for a Board member
- 21 to sign off on the closure of 200 and some cases that
- 22 have not been investigated is incredible to me. The
- 23 issues that she raised concerning salary, how do I go
- 24 from my paycheck of 3000 a week or two weeks, whatever it
- 25 is, to \$10,000 the next week? How'd that happen with no



- 1 documentation and no backup? How do several people get
- 2 appointed to positions that not only does this Board
- 3 knows nothing about, HR knows nothing about? How do we
- 4 pay a person quote, who has this fake title of legal
- 5 assistant and then moved into a management role that put
- 6 \$90,000, something like this?
- 7 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Then the final, the coup
- 8 d'état for me was not only the payment of overtime, which
- 9 greatly offended you. I saw it when you were talking
- 10 about it for nearly four months this year, from January
- 11 to April till Shah comes in and cuts it off for work
- 12 that's not being done at all. There's no work, nothing.
- 13 Then of course, as I mentioned earlier, the fraud and the
- 14 payroll. It's just unbelievable. I'm embarrassed, I'm
- 15 ashamed. All of us are guilty for not being, obviously
- 16 spending more time or examining the underlying detail by
- 17 having confidence in people who did not deserve our
- 18 confidence.
- 19 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Mr. Chairman, just a quick
- 20 question.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Commissioner Moore.
- 22 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Thank you, sir. I came in late,
- 23 so I don't know what discussion took place prior to me
- 24 getting here. However, you say a commissioner signed off
- 25 on that?



- 1 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: That is correct.
- 2 COMMISSIONER MOORE: So maybe the commissioner gave
- 3 permission to conduct this type of investigation?
- 4 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: No, no. The Commissioner
- 5 wholesaley is signed off on all these cases with no
- 6 investigation. One commissioner, not the Board.
- 7 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Thank you.
- 8 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: None of this incidentally that
- 9 I've discussed has ever been seen by the Board.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Any further questions or
- 11 comments?
- 12 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: May I?
- 13 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Right here.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Holley.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: I don't know. Mr. Chairman, I
- 16 thank you as always. I'm always concerned about
- 17 commissioners speaking in public about incidents that
- 18 perhaps didn't have all the facts. I know that perhaps
- 19 some of the things that commissioner is saying could be
- 20 true. I know some of them are not. But what gives me a
- 21 concern, Mr. Chairman, and I appreciate the leadership so
- 22 much, and that is, I got citizens listening to this. We
- 23 have this audience listening to this and when someone
- 24 walks up here and says, corruption and the kind of things
- 25 that they're accusing us of, I feel like we for the most



- 1 part are adding to this with this kind of insidious
- 2 comments that commissioners make that should be basically
- 3 in-house and come out publicly.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: But I can understand why they're
- 5 saying that we are what many of them are saying, because
- 6 we are adding to this. Sometimes the big problem I have
- 7 in all of my life in Detroit in many times is that we
- 8 don't really do the best of us. We always basically try
- 9 to go with the worst of us, whether it's the city
- 10 council, whether it's the mayor, whether this Board, the
- 11 police department, or for the citizens of Detroit. But I
- 12 am concerned about some of the things that the
- 13 commissioner is saying, but I do feel like I know for
- 14 myself that 50% of this is not true. But again, my
- 15 concern is that when we say something like this and get
- 16 it with passion as the commissioner does, it gives me
- 17 concern in terms of the community, how they really
- 18 perceive us.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: That's my concern. I know you'd
- 20 be glad when my three months is up. I'm just saying this
- 21 to you that I'm just concerned how we view ourselves and
- 22 how basically we cut ourselves and how we be backdoor
- 23 ourselves. I just concerned about it, Mr. Chairman, and I
- 24 thank you for allowing me to take these three and a half
- 25 minutes.



- 1 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Your point is well taken. So
- 2 to be clear this report was requested by the Board.
- 3 COMMISSIONER: Yes.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Last week, we asked our
- 5 Secretary to provide us with the inconsistencies that she
- 6 and Chief Investigator were seeing. We tried to do this
- 7 without it, but the Board requested this information.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Got it.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Then on top of that again, it
- 10 has been stated that some of that might be factual or
- 11 not. She's only lifting the inconsistencies, but those
- 12 documents that you can ask for at request.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: I'm talking about my
- 14 commissioner.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Yeah, I'm about to explain
- 16 that. Those documents that you can ask for at request is
- 17 what she's using for the basis of her commentary. So
- 18 there is documentation to support what has been lifted.
- 19 Now, again, there are ongoing investigations to suggest
- 20 who exactly was responsible and to be clear about the
- 21 processes. But the inconsistencies are indeed there. I
- 22 mean, I share, and I think all of our fellow
- 23 commissioners share in the embarrassment that it is to
- 24 have this to come to light. We've even explored closed
- 25 sessions, which, obviously, the Open Meetings Act doesn't



- 1 provide for that in these certain instances.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: But I'm reminded of something
- 3 my mom told me when I had to clean my room. She said,
- 4 sometimes, son, it gets worse before it gets better.
- 5 Maybe the airing out of what is actually going on helps
- 6 us to be clear about what we need to do to rectify it.
- 7 But I share in your embarrassment. Any further questions
- 8 or comments? Commissioner Banks.
- 9 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Yes. Through the Chair. Dr.
- 10 Holley, you've been the father to this Board. You've been
- 11 the father to me. Appreciate you and love you, man. You
- 12 helped me make that adjustment. I'm still adjusting, but
- 13 you are a big part of it. Look, through the Chair. What
- 14 Commissioner Bernard mentioned that the one commissioner
- 15 signed off on that. What's the standard procedure that we
- 16 do that as a committee? Can one commissioner sign off on
- 17 something or does it have to be a group of us, or a
- 18 committee?
- 19 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: It could be a board vote.
- 20 COMMISSIONER BANKS: That's what I'm talking about.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Well, it's actually unclear. I
- 22 think that's what's called or a vote. It's unclear.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Excuse me, Chairman.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Vice-Chair Holley.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Then I'll leave you alone. I



- 1 think the concern is that one person. I signed off on
- 2 reports. The question that I think the file is that they
- 3 have not been investigated. That's the problem that I
- 4 understand it from my report.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Again, what's unclear Vice-
- 6 Chair Holley, is that there was a process that was
- 7 created by previous leadership. That process was signed
- 8 off on by a commissioner. So I think that's what's being
- 9 discussed. Now we're being made aware of this process and
- 10 finding it to be unreasonable to our expectations. But it
- 11 wasn't as if on each of these files, there is one
- 12 commissioner's signature on all of them being closed.
- 13 There was a process created and there is a commissioner
- 14 who signed off on that process who at the time was the
- 15 Chair of the Citizen's Complaint Committee. So, again,
- 16 there might have been some legal opinion. Again, it's
- 17 unclear. It's unclear. That's why the investigation is
- 18 ongoing. But what is clear is that now that we're aware
- 19 of it, I think most of us are unsatisfied with how it
- 20 rolled out. Any further questions or comments? Alright.
- 21 Hearing none. We will now move on to our announcements. I
- 22 believe I lost my agenda here.
- MS. SHAH: That's where we are, Mr. Chair.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Okay. Announcements.
- MS. SHAH: The Board's next meeting is Thursday,



- 1 October 5th at 3:00 PM at Detroit Public Safety
- 2 Headquarters. The next community meeting is Thursday,
- 3 October 12th at 6:30 PM. The Seventh Precinct will be
- 4 hosting at St. John Presbyterian Church, 1961 East
- 5 Lafayette in Detroit.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Alright, thank you. So now we
- 7 move on to new business. Under new business, we have a
- 8 closed session pursuant to section 8(a) of the Open
- 9 Meetings Act MCL 15 dash, excuse me, 15.268(a), the
- 10 department's request for the Board to consider
- 11 administrative leave without pay but with medical
- 12 benefits for officer. How would you say that? Jawan.
- 13 COMMISSIONER: Jawan.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Jawan Brown, badge number 563
- 15 assigned to downtown services. So the Chair entertains a
- 16 motion to enter into closed session.
- 17 COMMISSIONERS: So moved.
- 18 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Second.
- 19 COMMISSIONER: Support.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: All those in-
- 21 COMMANDER MCGINNIS: Forgive me. Commander McGinnis
- 22 through the Chair. There was requests for two close
- 23 sessions on the agenda, and we have issues with both. So
- 24 if you would like, I could present some additional
- 25 information to you now.



- 1 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Had resistance to the closed
- 2 session, or these are manners that will be deliberated in
- 3 the closed session.
- 4 COMMANDER MCGINNIS: No, I think it causes us to not
- 5 be able to proceed with closed session at today's
- 6 meeting.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Okay. Yes. We'll receive that
- 8 information now.
- 9 COMMANDER MCGINNIS: So in regard to officer Jawan
- 10 Brown, Madam Secretary had sent some questions that the
- 11 Board had to me last week. I failed to respond promptly
- 12 to those responses to answer those questions until just,
- 13 I sent them up my command this week. So I don't think the
- 14 Board has had the opportunity to review those questions
- 15 or answers as of yet, as well as the DPOA and the
- 16 attorney representing the officer. So with that, I
- 17 respectfully request that that closed session be
- 18 postponed until next week.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Okay. That's one. Is that for
- 20 Officer Jawan Brown?
- 21 COMMANDER MCGINNIS: That is, sir, yes.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Okay. Then the other.
- 23 COMMANDER MCGINNIS: The other is for Officer Smith.
- 24 I think it's Javier Smith, if I remember correctly. He is
- 25 not present here. I don't know why he's not present.



- 1 However, he's been present for the last two sessions that
- 2 his case has been held up on a closed session and he
- 3 intends on speaking during the closed session. I've been
- 4 advised that he's not here, but he respectfully requests
- 5 that it be adjourned till next week as well.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Okay. Well, I'll leave that up
- 7 to my colleagues to determine whether or not they want to
- 8 continue with that closed session in its absence. I think
- 9 we should keep in mind that we were the reason why closed
- 10 session didn't occur last week. But again, I'll leave
- 11 that to my colleagues. Secretary Shah.
- 12 COMMISSIONER: So moved.
- 13 MS. SHAH: Through the Chair. You have a motion on
- 14 the floor. Just as a reminder where we are. You have a
- 15 motion on the floor for a closed session for Jawan Brown,
- 16 currently.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Correct.
- 18 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: So we are moving to adjourn.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: So, who moved to the motion?
- 20 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I did.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Can you repeal that motion?
- 22 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Yes. I moved to adjourn both
- 23 closed sessions that you-
- 24 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: To adjourn to repeal your
- 25 motion to enter into closed session.



- 1 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Appeal my-
- CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Repeal your oath. 2
- 3 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I repeal my motion for closed
- session. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Good parliamentarian. 4
- CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you. Yes. 5
- COMMANDER MCGINNIS: Thanks sir. 6
- CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Alright, so with that, is 7
- there any other new business? 8
- 9 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Do I need a motion to postpone
- 10 them though?
- 11 MS. SHAH: Through the Chair that?
- 12 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Yeah, I think I should have a
- 13 motion to postpone pending the information that was just
- 14 received.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Yes.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Can the Chair entertain a
- motion to postpone this item of Police Officer Jawan 17
- Brown until next week. 18
- 19 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Mr. Chairman, I move that we
- will postpone it. 20
- 21 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Is there a second?
- 22 COMMISSIONERS: Second.
- CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Is there any objection? Any 23
- 24 discussion rather? All those in favor, please signify by
- 25 saying aye.



- 1 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.
- CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: All those opposed? Alright. 2.
- 3 That motion passed to postpone this item until next week.
- COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Mr. Chairman. Also, if you 4
- 5 don't mind that the gentleman that was speaking, please
- convey our apology for the delays. But there was just 6
- business that we had to take care of as an organization
- for him coming twice and us not being prepared to move
- forward. So please convey that to both gentlemen. Thank
- you. If that's okay, Mr. Chairman? 10
- 11 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: That's okay. Yes. Commissioner
- 12 Burton.
- 13 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I'd like to make a motion. Is
- 14 it okay at this time?
- 15 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Yes, it's okay at this time.
- CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Mr. Chairman, it's out of order. 16
- 17 We have the second.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: We postponed it.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: We got another one.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: We're still under new
- 21 business.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Right.
- 2.3 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: The other one is unfinished
- 24 business. So if his motion pertaining new business, it's
- in order. Okay. Commissioner Burton. 25



- 1 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'd
- 2 like to make a motion that we suspend facial recognition
- 3 for 72 hours so we can investigate the Detective Bureau
- 4 as Board members.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Is there a second? No Second.
- 6 There is no motion. Any other new business? Hearing none,
- 7 we'll now move to unfinished business. So, under
- 8 Unfinished business we have a closed session pursuant to
- 9 section 8 of the Opening Meetings Act for police
- 10 commissioner Joseph Mosley. But I want to direct the
- 11 commissioner's attention to your packet as we have.
- 12 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Mr. Chair, you state Police
- 13 Commissioner. You say a police commissioner?
- 14 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: I'm just reading here. That
- 15 was a mistake, but it says police commission Joseph
- 16 Mosley, because he works with the Police Commission.
- 17 MS. SHAH: The Investigator Police Commission.
- 18 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Oh, okay.
- 19 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: OCT.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Yep. Okay. Alright, come on.
- 21 Let's get together, you all.
- 22 COMMISSIONER: Good job. Good job, Mr. Chair.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Right.
- 24 COMMISSIONER CARTER: I'd like to make a motion that
- 25 we accept the resignation of Joseph Moseley via his



- 1 attorney James McKowski and Kama Patel.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Is there a second?
- 3 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Second.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Is there any discussion?
- 5 Hearing No discussion. All those in favor to accept
- 6 Joseph Mosley's resignation, please signify by saying
- 7 aye.
- 8 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: All those who opposed. That
- 10 motion passes as resignation is accepted. Okay, so we did
- 11 that one. Now we have a closed session pursuant to
- 12 section 8(a) of the Open Meetings Act, MCL 15.268(a) of
- 13 the department's request of the Board to consider
- 14 administrative leave without pay, but with medical
- 15 benefits for police Officer Rakan Hamawi badge number
- 16 2102 assigned to downtown services.
- 17 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Through the Chair. I just
- 18 have a point of clarity.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Yes.
- 20 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: As I understood it before a
- 21 couple weeks ago, so items B and C under unfinished
- 22 business are the same case. Two different individuals. Is
- 23 there any kind of impediment from us holding item B?
- 24 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Well, I guess we're getting
- 25 ready to find out.



- 1 COMMANDER MCGINNIS: Yes. Item B is no longer
- 2 necessary as Officer Hamawi submitted his resignation
- 3 paperwork today. Okay. So he is no longer an employee of
- 4 the Detroit Police Department.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Alright, fine. It's B under
- 6 unfinished business. Okay. So, lastly under unfinished
- 7 business, we got that information, but the Chair
- 8 entertained the motion to accept the postponement of this
- 9 closed session for police Officer Javier Smith.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: So move.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Is there a second? It's been
- 12 properly moved and second. Is there any discussion?
- 13 Hearing no discussion. All those in favor and postponing
- 14 the closed session for police Officer Javier Smith until
- 15 next week signify by saying aye.
- 16 COMMISSIONER: Aye.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: All those who oppose. That
- 18 motion passed. Alright. So with that, we are now to the
- 19 consideration of the appointment status of BOPC Executive
- 20 Manager excuse me, BOPC Executive Manager of Policy,
- 21 Melanie White. Again, this is the third time that this is
- 22 coming to the Board. The first time you all wanted an
- 23 opinion from the law department in HR, which you
- 24 received. Last week, you wanted a sense of the
- 25 inconsistencies that our Board Secretary and our Chief



- 1 Investigator discovered, and you received that. So I hope
- 2 that today that we are ready to at least make our
- 3 position one way or another concerning the employment
- 4 status of BOPC Emergency Manager Policy, Melanie White.
- 5 Is there a motion?
- 6 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: The motion is to terminate
- 7 effective today Ms. White's current leave status and that
- 8 she has been on paid leave for nearly a year, and that we
- 9 discontinue her employment with BOPC. That may not be the
- 10 right way to say it.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Yeah, before the motion is
- 12 restated. I do want to get that clarification. Is it to
- 13 terminate or to unappoint?
- 14 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Unappoint. I'm sorry.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: The Secretary Shah's going to
- 16 provide us that.
- 17 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I apologize.
- 18 MS. SHAH: Through the Chair, for this particular
- 19 motion, the appropriate language will be to move—one
- 20 moment. It would be I move that the employee's
- 21 appointment to title end effective and then a date.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Okay. So the motion on the
- 23 floor is for Melanie White's appointment to BOPC
- 24 Executive Manager Policy position be ended immediately.
- 25 Is there a second?



- 1 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Second.
- 2. CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: It's been properly moved and
- second. Is there any discussion? 3
- 4 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Right here, Mr. Chair. You got a
- discussion right here. 5
- 6 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Commissioner Banks.
- COMMISSIONER BANKS: It's still not enough evidence. 7
- 8 Two, I know Dr. Holley, you mentioned last week that was
- 9 in the paperwork. But it's still not enough because we
- 10 dealing with people's livelihood here. The law department
- 11 did not give enough information to keep her or to release
- 12 her.
- CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Respectfully 13
- COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Not a law department. 14
- CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: I feel like we might be 15
- 16 looking for somebody else to make a decision for us.
- 17 COMMISSIONER BANKS: I'm waiting on my IG statement.
- CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: It sounds like somebody else 18
- we're waiting on to make a decision for us. When it is in 19
- our right as the Board, this is what the law department 20
- 21 stated to remove these persons, check this out, without
- cause. There's no cause that is absolutely needed to 22
- remove them. That's within our Right. But you all asked 23
- for more information. Let me clarify. They brought the 24
- 25 inconsistencies that they've seen and none of the



- 1 previous leadership we've discovered that there were
- 2 over, well, what we voted on today, 256 cases that were
- 3 just closed without investigation. That may go up to 900
- 4 cases that were closed without investigation. We've heard
- 5 inconsistencies about people receiving pay of overtime
- 6 when they were ineligible to receive pay for overtime. We
- 7 received information about people being promoted without
- 8 any influence of this Board. So again, it's up to you
- 9 really to make a decision whether you bring them back or
- 10 not. But I think that at this point, again, it's the
- 11 third time around, we really should make a decision one
- 12 way or another.
- 13 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Mr. Chairman could, could you
- 14 possibly have Mr. Brown read his affidavit?
- 15 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: I won't do that.
- 16 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Okay.
- 17 COMMISSIONER BELL: Through the Chair.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Commissioner Bell.
- 19 COMMISSIONER BELL: Mr. Chairman, we haven't given
- 20 Ms. White opportunity to speak openly or in closed
- 21 session in reference to this matter. That was allegations
- 22 that's ongoing. That's not good practice that we give due
- 23 process to police officers over and over again but we are
- 24 not willing to take time to give our own employees
- 25 opportunity to come before this body, any fashion or



- 1 form. They were suspended, not by this Board, by the past
- 2 Chair. As you say, I indicated to you last week, you can
- 3 reinstate them. But you said two wrongs don't make a
- 4 right.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Going to make it right.
- 6 COMMISSIONER BELL: But that was a wrong, and this is
- 7 not how we should operate. We haven't operated in this
- 8 fashion in the past. We get all type of allegation over
- 9 and over again at this, but no factual. There's a
- 10 process. You heard the readiness of the DPD and I think
- 11 we should have unreadiness for this body for our own
- 12 staff.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: That's duly noted. Just want
- 14 to be clear that we can bring them back or we can let
- 15 them go. So again, that's the will of the Board. I just
- 16 don't feel like it's appropriate for us to remain them to
- 17 be suspended with pay. I think it's going, what was it?
- 18 March? Since March. We getting ready to be in October. I
- 19 mean, we've had this conversation twice and this is my
- 20 first time hearing having them to come in. I mean, I'm
- 21 just wanting us to be comprehensive about what it is that
- 22 we're asking for. So we are not coming back doing this
- 23 again.
- 24 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: No. Mr. Chairman, please let
- 25 Mr. Brown read his affidavit. He's the longest serving



- 1 employee for the commission here.
- 2 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Mr. Chairman.
- 3 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Mr. Banks.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Commissioner Burton.
- 5 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Last week I made a motion here
- 6 at this table calling for a closed-door session on this
- 7 line item, but also allow those individuals that we are
- 8 speaking on today to also have opportunity to be present
- 9 so they can speak before the Board.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: If my recollection, sir,
- 11 correctly, that motion failed.
- 12 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Correct. Please let Mr. Brown
- 13 state-
- 14 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I believe that motion passed,
- 15 but we can find out from the Secretary.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: It did not pass.
- 17 COMMISSIONER BURTON: That motion passed last week.
- 18 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: No.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: It did not pass.
- MS. SHAH: That amendment did fail.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Commissioner Banks.
- 22 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Do you have a record of that.
- 23 Can you let us know with the vote count on that?
- 24 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: It's in your packet under your
- 25 minutes. Commissioner Banks.



- 1 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I'm asking the Secretary.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: The Chair is responding to
- 3 you.
- 4 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I'm asking the Secretary who
- 5 works for-
- 6 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Point of order. Commissioner
- 7 Burton, thank you so much.
- 8 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Point of information.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Yes, I told you the
- 10 information and the Chair has the right to respond to
- 11 you. Commissioner Banks.
- 12 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Thank you, through the Chair.
- 13 What Mr. Brown has to say, will it impact this case?
- 14 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Yes.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: What I don't want to do, and I
- 16 feel like it's completely inappropriate, is to try to
- 17 place on a staff member your decision one way or the
- 18 other. We're not going to do that.
- 19 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Well, I'm just asking.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: He hasn't been informed of it.
- 21 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Haven't seen his statement.
- 22 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Yeah.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Well, his statement can be
- 24 shared, but as I stated, I will not obfuscate scapegoat
- 25 the decision of this Board onto a staff member. Any



- 1 further questions? Discussion?
- 2 COMMISSIONER BANKS: I'm all set.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Alright, well, there is a
- 4 motion that's on the floor to end the employment as
- 5 Executive Manager Policy of BOPC the term of Melanie
- 6 White immediately. All those in favor, please-
- 7 MS. SHAH: Mr. Chair. The term is appointment not
- 8 employment.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Sorry
- 10 MS. SHAH: For the record.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Appointment. Okay. So let me
- 12 restate the motion. The motion is again to end the
- 13 appointment to Executive Manager Policy of BOPC, Melanie
- 14 White term immediately.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: May I ask for a roll call?
- 16 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Roll call vote has been
- 17 called.
- 18 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the Chair. Have we
- 19 gotten a legal opinion?
- 20 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Yes, we have.
- 21 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Have we gotten?
- 22 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Discussion has commenced. A
- 23 vote has been called.
- 24 COMMISSIONER BURTON: The IG Report.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Secretary Shah, roll call.



- 1 Excuse, Commissioner Bernard. Point of order. Secretary
- 2 Shah roll call.
- 3 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I'd like to make a motion at
- 4 this time. Mr. Chairman.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Your motion is out of order.
- 6 We are in the process of voting. Discussion has ended.
- 7 Secretary Shah.
- 8 MS. SHAH: Chairperson QuanTez Pressley Yes.
- 9 MS. SHAH: Vice-Chair Jim Holley No.
- 10 MS. SHAH: Commissioner Linda Bernard Yes.
- 11 MS. SHAH: Commissioner Cedric Banks Yes.
- 12 MS. SHAH: Commissioner Willie Bell No.
- 13 MS. SHAH: Commissioner Willie Burton -
- 14 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Can you come back to
- 15 Commissioner Burton?
- 16 MS. SHAH: Yes, Mr. Chair.
- 17 MS. SHAH: Commissioner Lisa Carter No.
- 18 MS. SHAH: Commissioner Ricardo Moore No.
- 19 MS. SHAH: Commissioner Annie Holt Yes.
- 20 MS. SHAH: Commissioner Jesus Hernandez Yes.
- 21 MS. SHAH: Commissioner Willie Burton I'm going to
- 22 vote present today. I did call for information. I'd like
- 23 to see that information at this time.
- 24 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: What did he say?
- 25 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: He votes present. I'm not for



- 1 sure what to do with that. I guess we would take that as
- 2 an abstention. I mean, I don't want to speak for you.
- 3 Commissioner Burton, is an abstention appropriate?
- 4 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Mr. Chairman, I did call for
- 5 documentation that I'd like to see and I have not seen
- 6 those as of yet.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON HOLLEY: Fail.
- 8 COMMISSIONER BURTON: So I'm present right now.
- 9 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: He's not voting. That's an
- 10 abstention.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Alright. So with that
- 12 abstention, it is 5 = Yes, 5 = Nos. So with the tie, that
- 13 motion fails.
- 14 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I did not vote abstention. I
- 15 didn't vote one way or another. But what I am saying I'd
- 16 like to call for a five minute recess so I can go ahead
- 17 and read these documents once the Secretary present those
- 18 to me. But I did call for close recession last week.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: So the motion to end the
- 20 appointment of Melanie White has failed. So is there
- 21 another motion?
- 22 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Mr. Chair.
- 23 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Mr. Chairman, I didn't vote.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Point of order. Commissioner
- 25 Carter.



- 1 COMMISSIONER CARTER: I move that the suspension with
- 2 pay of Executive Manager Melanie White be descended and
- 3 that she be returned to work effective tomorrow.
- 4 COMMISSIONER: Second.
- 5 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Mr. Chairman.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: There's a motion on the floor
- 7 that the suspension of-
- 8 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Point of order. I was trying to
- 9 vote.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: I didn't manage here.
- 11 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Vote Monday. I'm sorry. Can I?
- 12 Monday,
- 13 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: There's a motion on the floor
- 14 to end the suspension of BOPC Executive Manager Policy
- 15 Melanie White.
- 16 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: The last vote.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Five. Five.
- 18 COMMISSIONER BURTON: No, I didn't vote. I wanted to
- 19 vote, but you moved on, Mr. Chairman.
- 20 COMMISSIONER BELL: It's too late.
- 21 COMMISSIONER BURTON: No, it's not too late.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Point of order. We are beyond
- 23 that motion. A new motion has been made and seconded.
- 24 Okay. That motion is to end the suspension of BOPC
- 25 Executive Manager Policy, Melanie White and to return her



- 1 back to her previous position by Monday.
- 2 COMMISSIONER: Mr. Chairman.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: It has been properly second.
- 4 Any discussion?
- 5 COMMISSIONER: Who seconded?
- 6 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Any discussion? Hearing no
- 7 discussion, Roll call vote.
- 8 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Mr. Chairman. Point of order.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Commissioner Burton.
- 10 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I was still under the previous
- 11 vote. It was still on me. I'm just making my decision on
- 12 how I'm vote.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Point of order. Comments are
- 14 not germane to the current motion. We are under a new
- 15 motion now. Do you have any discussion under the new
- 16 motion? Hearing none. Roll call vote
- 17 MS. SHAH: Chairperson QuanTez Pressley No.
- 18 MS. SHAH: Vice-Chair Jim Holley Yes.
- 19 MS. SHAH: Commissioner Linda Bernard No.
- 20 MS. SHAH: Commissioner Cedric Banks No.
- 21 MS. SHAH: Commissioner Willie Bell Yes.
- MS. SHAH: Commissioner Willie Burton I was trying
- 23 to weigh in on the first situation and the Chairperson
- 24 didn't allow me to get my vote out. So I did announce
- 25 that I am present. I'm still making my mind up. I wanted



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- 1 to weigh in, the Chairperson preventing me.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: You can come back to Mr.
- 3 Burton, Secretary.
- 4 COMMISSIONER BURTON: So I feel like-
- 5 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you Commissioner Burton.
- 6 We're in the voting. Your comments are out of order.
- 7 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I feel like you are a Roman
- 8 Chairperson.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Out of order.
- 10 MS. SHAH: Commissioner Lisa Carter -
- 11 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: To remind you, this is the
- 12 motion to end the suspension immediately bringing her
- 13 back by Monday.
- 14 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Yes.
- 15 MS. SHAH: Commissioner Ricardo Moore No.
- 16 MS. SHAH: Commissioner Annie Holt No.
- 17 MS. SHAH: Commissioner Jesus Hernandez No.
- 18 MS. SHAH: Commissioner Willie Burton -
- 19 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Alright, so what's that. 7 =
- 20 No and 3 = Yeses. Did I get that math right?
- MS. SHAH: Yes, sir.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: That motion fails. So it is
- 23 the will of this Board to keep Melanie White suspended
- 24 with pay.
- 25 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Thanks



- 1 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: E, the consideration of the
- 2 appointment status of OCI Supervising Investigator
- 3 Laurence Akbar. Now let me provide this information
- 4 because this may move you one way or the other. Unlike
- 5 Melanie White's position, Senior Investigator Akbar had
- 6 a, I don't know what the direct accurate term is, but
- 7 almost like a protected position. So if we choose to
- 8 remove him from Supervisor Investigator, he returns back
- 9 to another role. Am I correct? Secretary Shah?
- 10 MS. SHAH: That is what was advised by HR. Correct.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Okay.
- MS. SHAH: Well that he has the option.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Yeah, he has the option.
- MS. SHAH: The recall, right.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: To return back to a prior
- 16 position that he held prior to being OCI Supervising
- 17 Investigator. But is there a motion? Commissioner Bell.
- 18 COMMISSIONER BELL: Are there any documentation of
- 19 what that's indicated?
- 20 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Yes, it's in the HR document
- 21 that was provided to us last.
- MS. SHAH: Last week.
- 23 COMMISSIONER BELL: Last week?
- 24 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Yeah. Is there a motion? Yep.
- 25 Or discussion rather.



- 1 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Okay. Thank you
- CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Commissioner Holt. 2.
- 3 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Thank you, Chair. In that we
- 4 cannot unappoint him as we've attempted to do. In the
- 5 case of the first staff person. Would he have the option
- 6 to come back to OCI?
- MS. SHAH: Through the Chair. Would you like me to 7
- clarify what we were provided? 8
- 9 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Let me take a stamp at it.
- Unless there is a motion by this Board. Well, if there is 10
- a motion by this Board to end his suspension, then yes he 11
- 12 can and will be expected to return back to OCI. Does that
- 13 clarify?
- 14 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Yes, it does.
- 15 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: But we have a Chief
- 16 Investigator.
- CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Yes. No, he would come back as 17
- Supervising Investigator. That's the role that he was 18
- suspended under as a Supervising Investigator. Is there a 19
- motion? Hearing no motion. There is no action. So now we 20
- move to adjournment. 21
- 2.2 COMMISSIONER: So move.
- CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: It's been properly moved. 23
- 2.4 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: A motion.
- 25 COMMISSIONER: Second.



1	COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Your question.
2	CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: It's been properly moved and
3	seconded. All those in favor please signify by saying
4	aye.
5	COMMISSIONERS: Aye.
6	CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: All those who will oppose.
7	This meeting is now adjourned.
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