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CITY OF DETROIT
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS MEETING
March 7, 2024 at 3:00 P.M.

1 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Good afternoon. It's now 3:00
2 PM, and so we'll call this meeting of the Detroit Board
3 of Police Commissioners to order. We will begin with a
4 word of invocation that will be provided to us by
5 Chaplain Commander Anthony Estes, who is joining us by
6 Zoom for today's invocation.

7 CHAPLAIN ESTES: Thank you. Let us pray. Well, God,
8 our governor and guardian, our shield and defender with
9 humble thanks, we voice our praise for the opportunity to
10 gather as citizens and public servants, attenuate our
11 egos and tune our hearts to hear one another with empathy
12 and concern, with zeal and compassion, so that we may
13 have the sense and the will to do what is right for the
14 common good, but with favor upon the Board of Police
15 Commissioners and her auxiliary staff, all of the elected
16 leaders of the City of Detroit, including our mayor and
17 our council persons, and upon Chief White and all the top
18 brass and our public safety officers in the Detroit
19 Police Department. Make us noble and fair, strong and
20 gentle for all in our community and your glory's sake,
21 amen.

22 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Amen. Thank you so very much
23 for your powerful prayer. Many may not know, but that
24 young man was a mentor of mine when we were teenagers. So
25 good to see him join us today. Wow. With that we'll go

1 forward with the introduction of commissioners by Mr.
2 Brown.

3 MR. BROWN: Chairperson Pressley - Here.

4 MR. BROWN: Commissioner Linda Bernard - Attorney
5 Linda Bernard, District 2, present. Welcome everyone.

6 MR. BROWN: Commissioner Banks - Present.

7 MR. BROWN: Commissioner Bell asked for an excuse.

8 MR. BROWN: Commissioner Burton -

9 MR. BROWN: Commissioner Smith -

10 MR. BROWN: Commissioner Carter. -

11 MR. BROWN: Commissioner Moore - Present.

12 MR. BROWN: Commissioner Hernandez -

13 MR. BROWN: Commissioner Gamble - Here.

14 MR. BROWN: Commissioner Woods - Present.

15 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: And with that, we do indeed
16 have a quorum. So now we'll move on to the approval of
17 the March 7th, 2024 agenda. Is there any objection to the
18 approval of this agenda? Hearing no objection, the agenda
19 is approved. We now will move on to the approval for the
20 minutes for Thursday, February 29th, 2024 meeting. Is
21 there any objection to these minutes? Hearing none, those
22 minutes will be approved. Now we'll move on to the
23 introduction of BOPC Staff Chief of Police, Elected
24 Officials, Representatives, and Community Leaders by Mr.
25 Brown.

1 MR. BROWN: Good afternoon, Mr. Chair. Currently we
2 have Attorney Stephanie LaBelle, she's on Zoom, Chief
3 Investigator Jerome Warfield. Ms. Teresa Blossom. Ms.
4 Jasmine Taylor, Mr. Candace Hayes, Supervising
5 Investigator LiSonya Sloan, DPD HR Director Katrina
6 Patillo are on Zoom. Don Handyside is doing our court
7 reporting. Cy is doing the video. Sitting in for the
8 Chief is Deputy Chief Mark Bliss, and Elected Officials
9 and Representatives, Ms. Maria Overall from State
10 Representative Tyrone Carter's Office, Ms. LaDon Davis,
11 City Council member Fred Durhal, III's Office, former
12 Commissioner William Davis, former Commissioner Reginald
13 Crawford, and Lieutenant Mark Young, President of LSA.

14 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you. Again, we're
15 grateful to everyone's attendance, and our hope is that
16 it might add to the productivity of today's meeting. With
17 that, we'll now move on to the Board of Police
18 Commissioner's Officers Report, where we begin with the
19 Resolution for former Police Commissioner Shirley Burch,
20 posthumously, which will be read into the record by
21 Commissioner Linda Bernard.

22 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
23 Before I read this Resolution, I just want to say I am
24 tremendously saddened to know that our former colleague
25 has passed away. She represented the seat that is

1 currently held by our Commissioner, Mr. Banks. She was a
2 wonderful, wonderful woman who truly cared about this
3 city and about our community. She was always active on
4 the phone and so forth when we would have our meetings
5 and she would participate by Zoom and by phone. And then
6 when she decided not to run, of course, we've got you,
7 which is wonderful. I mean, she was an amazing woman.
8 You're in great big shoes, huge shoes. So, having said
9 that, Mr. Chairman, I'll read this. Resolution.
10 Resolution honoring Police Commissioner Shirley A. Burch
11 posthumously.

12 WHEREAS Shirley Burch has etched a lasting mark in
13 the City of Detroit, its residents and its institutions
14 during decades of civic leadership and Community Service,
15 including most recently as a member of the Board of
16 Police Commissioners; and

17 WHEREAS Police Commissioner Burch was elected by the
18 residents of District 3 in northeast Detroit as part of
19 the City's official swearing in ceremony in January,
20 2018, Commissioner Burch had the distinct honor of taking
21 the oath of office from civil rights legend, and U.S.
22 District Court Judge Damon Keith; and

23 WHEREAS During her tenure, Commissioner Burch has
24 been committed to serving the community and upholding
25 civilian oversight of the Detroit Police Department. As a

1 Police Commissioner, she engaged in many police-community
2 activities and public safety outreach programs. Her
3 vision and leadership helped launch the successful "Love
4 Where You Live" campaign, which she said all the time,
5 whenever she spoke. "Love Where You Live" campaign, which
6 included Billboards and posters at places, at churches,
7 stores, police Precincts, and numerous other locations,
8 and provided inspiration for other cities to adopt such
9 slogans. Her evident pride in the City of Detroit, and
10 the Police Department led her to honor the public service
11 of Derek Sanders, who died while serving on the Board.
12 Though they had never met, Commissioner Burch took on the
13 heartfelt mission to create and name a walking path in
14 his honor at a local park; and

15 WHEREAS Commissioner Burch is the founder of
16 Communities United for Progress, and continues to be a
17 forceful leader for uplifting and improving her community
18 and all of Detroit, while Police Commissioner Burch
19 completed her four year term at the end of 2021, her
20 contribution to civilian oversight, the Board of Police
21 Commissioners, the Detroit Police Department, and the
22 greater community will endure forever.

23 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

24 That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners,
25 speaking for the citizens of Detroit and the Detroit

1 Police Department, awards this resolution in recognition
2 of dedicated and diligent service by Police Commissioner
3 Shirley Burch. Her dedication and commitment to civilian
4 oversight, the City of Detroit and its citizens merit our
5 highest regards. We salute Commissioner Shirley A. Burch
6 for a job exceptionally well done.

7 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: The Chair entertains a motion
8 to receive this Resolution for the archives.

9 COMMISSIONER BANKS: So moved.

10 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Support.

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

13 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

14 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: All those opposed? The ayes
15 have it. This Resolution is adopted. Again, let's give
16 her honor applause for her years of service. Next the
17 order of business is the election of the Board of Police
18 Commissioners of Vice Chairperson position. And so at
19 this time, the floor is now open for nominations for the
20 position of Vice Chair of the Board of Police
21 Commissioners. Are there any nominations?

22 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Mr. Chair, I'd like to nominate
23 Cedric Banks.

24 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Second.

25 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: The second is not yet

1 required. Are there any further nominations?

2 COMMISSIONER WOODS: I'd like to nominate Tamara
3 Liberty Smith.

4 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Are there any further
5 nominations?

6 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Mr. Chairman? I'd like to
7 nominate myself on behalf of the citizens of Detroit.

8 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Are there any further
9 nominations? Hearing no further nominations? The Chair
10 now accepts a second to close nominations. Is there a
11 second?

12 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: It's been properly moved and
13 second that we close nominations. Is there anyone who is
14 declining their nomination? Hearing none. We will begin
15 with Commissioner Cedric Banks. All those in favor of
16 Commissioner Cedric Banks serving as Vice Chair, please
17 raise your hands? For the record, Acting Secretary, can
18 you please read the names of the raised hands?

19 MR. BROWN: Commissioner Banks, Commissioner Moore,
20 Commissioner Bernard.

21 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you. Next, we will move
22 on to those who are in favor of Commissioner Tamara
23 Liberty Smith, serving as Vice Chair, please raise your
24 hand.

25 MR. BROWN: Commissioner Gamble, Commissioner Smith,

1 Commissioner Woods.

2 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: And now we'll move on to
3 Commissioner Burton. All those in favor of Commissioner
4 Burton becoming Vice Chair, please raise your hand.

5 MR. BROWN: Commissioner Burton.

6 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: And there is no commissioner
7 that has received majority voting, so we will vote again.
8 Again, this is for the Vice Chair. All those in favor of
9 vice, excuse me. All those in favor of Commissioner Banks
10 becoming Vice Chair, please raise your hands.

11 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Mr. Chairman, we're going to
12 call for a roll call vote.

13 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: This is how it is done. The
14 names will be lifted once the hands are raised.

15 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: One other question, Mr.
16 Chairman, wouldn't it be better just to vote on the two,
17 where the tie exists? I don't know.

18 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Well, I just have to continue
19 this process until a majority has been voted. So those
20 again, who are in favor of Commissioner Banks serving as
21 Vice Chair, please raise your hand.

22 MR. BROWN: Commissioner Bernard, Commissioner Moore,
23 Commissioner Banks.

24 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: All those in favor of
25 Commissioner Tamara Libby Smith, serving as Vice Chair,

1 please raise your hand.

2 MR. BROWN: Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Woods,
3 Commissioner Pressley, Commissioner Gamble.

4 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: All those in favor of
5 Commissioner Burton serving as Vice Chair, please raise
6 your hand.

7 MR. BROWN: Commissioner Burton.

8 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: And with majority of votes,
9 the new Vice Chair for the Board of Police Commissioners
10 is Commissioner Tamara Liberty Smith. We are still under
11 the Board of Police Commissioner's Officers Report. And
12 so allow me as the Chair to suggest, I am often reminded
13 of the wisdom that my mother told me when it was time to
14 clean my room. And she often said, sometimes things get
15 messier before they get cleaner. And what I'm
16 appreciative of is after the investigations have been
17 released last week, I know there's been a lot of
18 consternation and conversation around the efficiency and
19 effectiveness of this Board. But I think that it has
20 focused our efforts on what is indeed important. And that
21 is, again, to regain the trust of our constituents, to
22 ensure that all citizen complaints are appropriately and
23 effectively investigated. We have not lost sight of this
24 effort. You'll find in the agenda today that we're moving
25 forward with great haste to make sure that we're hiring

1 investigators to ensure that we're fully staffed.

2 We know that our Chief Investigator is working
3 diligently and fervently to ensure that we have a process
4 that not only handles the backlog, but that keeps up with
5 cases that are now currently being filed. And we also are
6 working diligently to ensure that we are hiring a
7 permanent Board secretary. So, while I know that the
8 media enjoys dysfunction and discord and disagreement, I
9 find it very interesting that no one called the Chair to
10 ask the Chair the direction that the Board was going. But
11 let's be very clear, we are very focused on ensuring that
12 we handle the business of the Board of Police
13 Commissioners to the best degree that we can for the
14 citizens of the City of Detroit. So let that be said so
15 that all of my commissioners know very clearly where our
16 aim and direction is to ensure that all citizen
17 complaints are investigated. That OCI is fully staffed
18 and that we do our best effort in due diligence in
19 selecting a permanent Board secretary.

20 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Mr. Chair.

21 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Commissioner Banks.

22 COMMISSIONER BANKS: I thought it was tied between me
23 and Commissioner Liberty? That was three, three. How was
24 that?

25 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: And then I voted, which made

1 it three, four.

2 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Okay. Got it. Alright.

3 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Are there any other questions
4 under the Board of Police Commissioner's Officer Report?
5 Hearing none, we now move on to the Chief Police report,
6 with Deputy Chief Mark Bliss.

7 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Mr. Chairman. I want to
8 congratulate you, Tamara, on being elected as Vice Chair,
9 and you can count on my support and I'm sure everyone
10 else here in terms of fulfilling your duties.
11 Congratulations, Madam Vice Chair.

12 COMMISSIONER SMITH: Thank you.

13 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: DC Bliss.

14 DC BLISS: Deputy Chief Mark Bliss on behalf of Chief
15 James E. White. First I'll start with the update on our
16 injured officers. There are no critically injured
17 officers due to on-duty injuries. Our crime data on March
18 7th, 2024, homicides year to date in 2024, we're at 29,
19 the same time last year we were at 42. That's a reduction
20 of 31%. For non-fatal shootings, our year to date in 2024
21 is 86, the same time last year, it was 117 with a
22 reduction of 27%. Robberies for 2024, 171. For this time
23 last year, 241, for a reduction of 29%. Our total part
24 one violent crime this year stands at 1,752. The same
25 time last year we were at 1,866 for a reduction of 6%.

1 Notable, our carjackings, at this time we're at 22. At
2 the same time last year, we were at 33, for a reduction
3 of 33%. So, in each of these categories, I just want to
4 report that we are all at reductions.

5 Moving on, mental health-related calls for service.
6 In the last 7 days, we had 313 calls for service, and we
7 serviced 282 of those calls. Year to date, calls for
8 service. Currently we stand at 2,854 calls per service
9 for mental health related. And last year at the same
10 time, we were at 2,833. Service calls, currently we're at
11 2,521, the same time last year, we were at 2,545.

12 Significant incidents. Incident number one is a fatal
13 shooting. On Thursday, February 29th at 4:50 PM, officers
14 were dispatched to the 4,000 block of Sunset on a call
15 for a fatal shooting. Officers arrived on the scene and
16 observed the victim receiving medical attention from
17 Medic 26. The victim was suffering from multiple gunshot
18 wounds to the upper body. The victim was transported to
19 Henry Ford Hospital, where the victim was pronounced dead
20 on arrival. Officers from the 11th Precinct preserved the
21 scene and detectives from the homicide unit were
22 notified.

23 Detectives were able to determine that the victim
24 and an unknown suspect in a white Ford van got into an
25 argument while driving their vehicles. The victim

1 followed the suspect to the area of Sunset and West
2 Davidson. The victim got out of his vehicle and
3 approached the suspect, and that is when the suspect shot
4 the victim. The suspect escaped westbound on Davidson on
5 Friday, February 29th, at approximately 6:00 PM officers
6 received a call from dispatch stating that the caller
7 said, he just shot someone on Davidson Street after a
8 road rage incident. Officers made the location and
9 arrested the suspect who was driving a white Ford van.
10 Detectives interviewed the suspect and it was determined
11 that the suspect acted in self-defense. A warrant was
12 submitted to the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office on
13 March 2nd. The warrant was denied by the Prosecutor's
14 Office for insufficient evidence to prove a homicide.

15 The investigation revealed that the victim followed
16 the suspect after a traffic altercation. When the suspect
17 stopped at a red light, the victim exited his vehicle and
18 approached the suspect's vehicle with what the suspect
19 thought was a handgun. The victim reached into the
20 suspect's vehicle and grabbed him with his left hand
21 while holding the weapon in his right hand. The suspect
22 then fired his weapon, fatally, wounding the victim, and
23 drove away from the location and called 911. It was
24 determined that the victim did not have a handgun, but a
25 Taser that looked similar to a handgun. Incident number

1 two, double shooting, one fatal and one non-fatal. On
2 Saturday, March 2nd at 2:17 AM officers were dispatched
3 to the 19,000 block of Lasher on a call for a double
4 shooting. Officers arrived at the scene and observed the
5 victim suffering from gunshot wounds to the back. Medic 4
6 conveyed the victim to Sinai Grace Hospital where the
7 victim was pronounced dead on arrival. Officers learned
8 that a second victim was privately conveyed to the
9 hospital. Victim number two was listed in critical
10 condition with a gunshot wound to the abdomen. Officers
11 from the 8th Precinct preserved the scene and detectives
12 from the homicide unit were notified. It was determined
13 that the victims were shot during a large fight at the
14 location. Detectives are attempting to identify and
15 locate the suspects. The investigation is still ongoing.
16 Detectives are asking anyone with additional information
17 regarding this incident to contact Crime Stoppers at 1800
18 SPEAKUP or through Detroit Rewards TV.

19 Incident number three, fatal shooting. On Monday,
20 March 4th at 5:49 AM officers were dispatched to the 3000
21 block of South Liddesdale for a call for a fatal
22 shooting. Officers arrived at the location and observed
23 the victim lying near the side door to the location
24 suffering from multiple gunshot wounds. Medic 9 arrived
25 at the location and pronounced the victim dead on the

1 scene. Officers from the 4th Precinct preserved the scene
2 and detectives from the homicide unit were notified. It
3 was determined that multiple males exited a white SUV and
4 shot the victim as he ran south on South Liddesdale.
5 After the shooting, the suspects entered the white SUV
6 and drove south on South Liddesdale. Later that day,
7 officers discovered a white SUV believed to be involved
8 in the fatal shooting at Annabelle. And I know I'm going
9 to mess this up, but Salliotte. Also at the location was
10 a white Dodge Challenger taken into carjacking from the
11 15,000 block of Plainview. Detectives are attempting to
12 identify and locate the suspects. The investigation is
13 still ongoing. Detectives are asking anyone with
14 additional information regarding this incident to contact
15 Crime Stoppers at 1800SPEAKUP or through Detroit Rewards
16 TV. Finally, incident number four, carjacking. On Monday,
17 March 4th at 5:33 PM officers were dispatched to the
18 15,000 block of Plainview on a call for service for a
19 carjacking. Officers arrived and spoke to the victim who
20 stated that a white SUV with five males inside pulled
21 alongside him as he pulled up to the location. Three of
22 the males exited the SUV armed with weapons and wearing
23 masks and ordered the victim out of his vehicle, a white
24 Dodge Challenger. The victim got out of the vehicle and
25 the suspects drove away with the victim's vehicle and the

1 white SUV. The Commercial Auto Theft Unit was notified
2 and responded to the scene.

3 Detectives were able to determine that the victim's
4 tablet, which was in his vehicle, was tracking in the
5 area of Annabelle and Salliotte. The area of the
6 previously mentioned fatal shooting. As CATS were en
7 route to the scene, they were advised by 4th Precinct
8 Special Operations that the stolen white Dodge Challenger
9 was parked near a white SUV that was suspected of being
10 involved in a fatal shooting in a 3000 block of South
11 Liddesdale. Both vehicles were recovered and placed on
12 evidence. Two individuals were detained at the scene, but
13 were soon released. The incident is still under
14 investigation. The Detroit Police Department is asking
15 anyone with any additional information regarding this
16 incident to contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-SPEAKUP or
17 through Detroit Rewards TV. On a positive note, the
18 addition of three officers. On Tuesday, March 5th, Chief
19 White swore in three officers to the department. Two
20 officers are returning to the department. One is
21 returning from Oakland County Sheriff's Office, and the
22 second is returning to DPD after taking a temporary
23 family leave. The last officer is a lateral hire from the
24 Wayne State University Police Department.

25 Next chaplain William Paris Memorial Plaque. On

1 Tuesday, March 5th, the Chaplain Corps and Chief White
2 presented Chaplain William Paris's family with a memorial
3 plaque and revealed his plaque on the memorial wall.
4 Chaplain Parish is the only DPD chaplain killed in the
5 line of duty. He was killed by attempting to negotiate
6 with the gunman in 1976. March Madness Movement time
7 regarding Precincts. Throughout the months of March,
8 several of our Precincts will hold an event dedicated to
9 movement and health, similar to February's various heart
10 health events. Recognizing women's history Month
11 throughout March, the department will post about Women's
12 History Month on its social media accounts. That is
13 Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and TikTok, highlighting
14 the women of DPD. This is to recognize DPD members for
15 their service to our community, highlight the important
16 roles women play in the Detroit Police Department and
17 inspire the next generation of women who can make an
18 impact. At DPD, Detroit posted on Facebook today about
19 Commander Shonda Starks, the first woman to join the DPD
20 Honor Guard, former Board of Police Commissioners member
21 Shirley Burch. The department posted to its Twitter
22 account today, a message of condolence for former Board
23 of Police Commissioner Shirley Burch. The Detroit Police
24 Department sends its deepest condolences to the friends
25 and family of former Board of Police Commissioners member

1 Shirley Burch, who served honorably on the Board after
2 being elected in 2017 to 2021. We are mourning and
3 praying with you. And that concludes my report.

4 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you so very much. Are
5 there any questions for DC Bliss? Alright, hearing none,
6 we thank you for your report. At this time, the agenda
7 calls for oral communication, but noting that our bylaws
8 provide oral communication to 4:00 PM I'm asking if
9 there's any objection to moving oral communications to
10 after the acting Board Secretary Report. Are there any
11 objections?

12 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the Chair. I do have a
13 question for DC Bliss, and I also believe that we should
14 stick with the proper agenda that the Board has voted on.

15 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Go right here with your
16 question for DC Bliss.

17 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Question for the Chief. Last
18 week, I raised some questions here at the table. I'd like
19 to know that our request last week regarding policies and
20 other cities governing their use of the trace
21 surveillance data and their policies. Does the department
22 currently have that available for all commissioners? This
23 is an oversight Board, therefore, we're going to ask some
24 of the oversight questions, and that's the reason we all
25 should be at this table. The reason we are here. Thanks

1 to the honorable Coleman Alexander Young for creating a
2 Board of Police Commissioners.

3 DC BLISS: Through the Chair, just for clarity. So
4 are you requesting that you want to know the other city's
5 policies or our policy on surveillance?

6 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I raised a question last week,
7 I just raised it again, DC Bliss. I'm sure you heard the
8 question correctly.

9 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: He's asking for policies of
10 the law enforcement agencies that we have the data
11 sharing agreements with. I think we're clear on how DPD
12 is using that data. I think the request he's trying to
13 get to is what policies are the agencies that we share
14 that data with? What do they have around the information
15 we're sharing with them

16 DC BLISS: Through the Chair. In order to accurately
17 answer that question, what we'll have to do is we will
18 have to contact those agencies and get their policies
19 surrounding that. We do have a data sharing policy in our
20 manual that we can forward to the Board to review, and we
21 also have MOUs with all of our other agencies that
22 utilize any of our data. So I can get that to you, I just
23 don't have it available to me right now.

24 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Follow up question, Mr.
25 Chairman.

1 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Commissioner Burton.

2 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Question for DC Bliss. We just
3 learned where the city is selling \$2.7 million for a
4 person that was detained in the backseat of a scout car
5 handcuffed. And the officer crashed the vehicle that fell
6 asleep behind the wheel. How come that was not brought to
7 the commission table sooner. And how can we just now
8 learn about that from a newspaper article?

9 DC BLISS: Through the Chair. Again, and I don't want
10 you to think that I am avoiding the question because I'm
11 not. But I think it would be prudent for me to go back
12 and get that information for you because I don't have a
13 clear answer for you.

14 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Is the officer currently, you
15 know, on the force working or have there been any form
16 of. We would like to know because it's very alarming when
17 someone is operating a city vehicle and falling asleep
18 behind the wheel. And the city's paying out \$2.7 million,
19 and we are just now learning about that.

20 DC BLISS: Through the Chair. I agree that it's
21 something that is concerning. And we can get that
22 information to you.

23 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Any further questions?
24 Commissioner Bernard.

25 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Just as a follow up to

1 Commissioner Burton's question. I think really one of the
2 things that he's concerned about, and a number of us are
3 concerned about is how much litigation is there currently
4 involving the Police Department? How many cases, for
5 what, who's handling those cases, and what is their
6 status? Are they in trial? Are they in negotiation? And
7 if all of that has been done, then what was the payout? I
8 mean, it's like a spreadsheet. The name of the plaintiff
9 or the name of the officer, et cetera. It's a
10 spreadsheet, and the Board is entitled to that
11 information for last year, which is already complete. And
12 if there's anything new in the first 60, 90 days of this
13 year. Thank you.

14 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: And I'm going to ask that the
15 Acting Board Secretary memorialize that request, and that
16 we might get a timeline from DPD as to when that request
17 might be addressed.

18 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

19 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Absolutely. Any further
20 questions? Alright. I think Commissioner Burton stated an
21 objection to delaying public comment until after the
22 Acting Secretary's Report. And so with that objection, we
23 will move forward. As such we will now move to oral
24 communications. Who do we have?

25 MR. BROWN: Good afternoon, Mr. Chair. We currently

1 have 11 speakers. I call those in attendance. Ms. Valeria
2 Berry, followed by Ms. Bernice Smith, followed by Ms.
3 Charnita Williams.

4 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Right. And as Ms. Berry is
5 approaching, let the record show that we have been joined
6 by Commissioner Carter.

7 Good afternoon, everyone. My name is Valeria Berry.

8 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Good afternoon.

9 MS. BERRY: I'm standing in proxy for a family member
10 with questions, and I'm going to just put out the
11 questions. How can charges be dropped on someone who has
12 openly admitted to committing murder and also given a
13 plea deal? How can she put in a complaint? How can the DA
14 offer a plea deal to someone who openly commits murder
15 and admits it and then they ask for a plea deal and
16 they're submitted with that plea deal? How did one get
17 justice for the family member? How does she get justice
18 for the fact that the remains of the family member were
19 mishandled? How does she get charges to be dropped on
20 someone who openly admitted and stated that they were in
21 the police in a place and committed the crime?

22 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Mr. Chair, I might like to
23 just quickly. The decision to charge is done exclusively
24 by the Prosecutor's Office and the Prosecutor makes the
25 decision about whether to charge a person based on the

1 totality of all of the evidence. There may be some
2 evidence that says, A, there may be other evidence that
3 says B. But that is not a decision that Commander Bliss
4 or this commission can address. And your question is a
5 very good one, but it needs to be put, I think, to the
6 Prosecutor. Does that make sense?

7 MS. BERRY: It does make sense. And we have reached
8 out to the Prosecutor's Office to no avail, no response.

9 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Did you contact the Prosecutor
10 herself or did you...?

11 MS. BERRY: I have been trying to do that. She has
12 not returned any phone calls.

13 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Well, I'll encourage that
14 Commissioner Bernard connects with you at some point
15 during this meeting, and maybe she might be able to
16 direct you to a person who can help rectify the issue, or
17 at least in the right direction.

18 MS. BERRY: That will be greatly appreciated. Thank
19 you.

20 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Sure.

21 MS. SMITH: Good afternoon, commissioners.

22 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Good afternoon.

23 MS. SMITH: Now, first of all, before I begin, I want
24 to sincerely apologize for my conduct last week. I wasn't
25 raised like that. My children heard about it and I won't

1 tell you what all they told me, but please forgive me.
2 And I promise you, I will never, never embarrass myself
3 or talk this way the way I did last week. But the devil
4 got in me, so I'm sorry about it. What I would like to
5 tell you, let me get my glasses off. I knew we were going
6 to hear from persons that were former commissioners on
7 this Board, and I was very dubious on what was going to
8 be said, which I wasn't surprised by what he did say. And
9 afterwards being in communication with the minister that
10 comes here every week and complain about what the police
11 commission is doing and what the police is doing. My
12 thoughts are this, why complain all the time when you can
13 give suggestions and do things for yourself? I detest the
14 fact that he called Reverend Holley, well, you know, I
15 don't have to tell you. But you have to have decency when
16 you come before this Board. At least I think you should.
17 And we don't need all the confusion that is being
18 sprouted out every Thursday. I look forward to coming
19 here and speaking about the crime and how we are doing an
20 increase in combating it. But we have people that come
21 here that just continue to have something to talk about
22 and argue about. And then we have a commissioner that
23 never agrees with anything that this Board votes on. We
24 need to stop and let the people know that this is a good
25 Board. I was a member of the crime committee under

1 Coleman Young in '73.

2 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you. That's your time.

3 MS. SMITH: Thank you very much.

4 MR. BROWN: Thank you. Next week will be Ms.

5 Williams, followed by former Commissioner Crawford,

6 followed by Lieutenant Mark Young.

7 MS. WILLIAMS: Hello everyone.

8 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Hello.

9 MS. WILLIAMS: Last week when I was here, when I made
10 that announcement concerning the rape, as soon as I got
11 outside...

12 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Mic.

13 MS. WILLIAMS: Can you hear me now? Is this clear
14 enough? Okay. So the detective's name is Cardwell. And I
15 was approached by some people from that department, but I
16 was in that room for over an hour, and she took my
17 statement. I signed, I read over everything. I signed
18 over every, I mean, I signed it, I agreed with it. And
19 when I gave her the evidence, she did not seal up that
20 evidence bag. That's the protocol. When you give
21 evidence, you seal it up. So before she walked me down
22 here, I said, aren't you going to seal it up? She's like,
23 no, it's going to be okay. So you gave somebody an
24 opportunity to tamper with my evidence with the crime
25 that's being committed on my body.

1 And then when I spoke to her earlier this week, her
2 whole demeanor was so funky. I was across the street at
3 Avalon, and if you don't want this job and if you can't
4 handle it, if you do not have courtesy and don't know how
5 to convey yourself as a professional, you shouldn't be in
6 this field of work, especially when I was violated. And
7 you all police officers are continuing to try to cover up
8 these illegal activities. And then another incident
9 occurred. I made a police report concerning when I was at
10 Henry Ford Hospital. The detective came where I resigned
11 and she asked me about mental illness. I'm very offended.
12 Everybody wants to speak about mental illness. I'm very
13 aware of what's going on. That's why I keep dates and
14 times and who I speak to concerning incidents. And that's
15 why I come here and make sure I date the dates I come
16 here. So you all can say, oh, Ms. Williams wasn't here. I
17 didn't say that because of the Freedom of Information
18 Act, all of you guys, I can bear you familiar with that.
19 So the bottom line is, I'm very offended when a detective
20 says, well, they didn't say this and they didn't say
21 that. I know exactly what I said when I made that police
22 report.

23 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you. That's your time.

24 MS. WILLIAMS: No problem. Investigator Sloan, take
25 that about the evidence not being sealed as a complaint

1 of procedure that might be investigated.

2 MR. BROWN: Mr. Crawford.

3 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Mr. Crawford is a former
4 Police Commissioner.

5 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: We're well aware. Go right
6 ahead, sir.

7 MR. CRAWFORD: Not necessary, but yes. Good afternoon
8 Board.

9 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Good afternoon.

10 MR. CRAWFORD: Good afternoon. Black Lives Matter in
11 Detroit. Let me say that again. Black Lives Matter in
12 Detroit. In Minneapolis, Minnesota, Officer Derek Chauvin
13 and two other officers were convicted of murder and also
14 convicted of civil rights violations that occurred in the
15 murder of George Floyd. In Memphis, Tennessee five police
16 officers were indicted by the State and the U.S. Justice
17 Department for the murder of Tyrone Nichols and justice
18 for Tyrone Nichols because that hasn't been resolved yet.
19 Here in Michigan, in 2023, a police officer was indicted
20 by the U.S. Attorney Dawn Ison, local U.S. Attorney for
21 the violation of the civil rights of a Black man that the
22 officer brutally attacked. I realize everyone's talking
23 about the NFL Draft. Commissioners, I need you to draft a
24 letter on behalf of the community to U.S. Attorney Ison,
25 calling for investigation into the death in Civil rights

1 violation of Daryll Vance.

2 The death occurred from a punch from an officer
3 named Brown. So Black Lives Matter in the City of
4 Detroit. It's been done across this city, I mean across
5 this State as it was done in Warren, and as it was done
6 when Rodney King was brutally assaulted. You remember the
7 billion dollars that occurred from a rebellion in LA and
8 those officers were found not guilty by the State, but
9 they were charged and convicted of civil rights
10 violation. So that's what I'm calling for. It's just a
11 simple vote and a simple draft of a letter that all of
12 you signed on to. I realize and recall, you did a
13 resolution and it was the only resolution, which really
14 didn't hold any power when George Floyd was murdered,
15 that came from this commission. Thank you.

16 MR. BROWN: Lieutenant Young, followed by Ms. Agnes
17 Hitchcock, followed by Minister Eric Blount.

18 LT. YOUNG: If you try to embarrass the brave men and
19 women of the Detroit Police Department expect to get
20 pushback. The battle of the Willie story on Fox 2 Detroit
21 was embarrassing. It's shameful. Shouldn't be seeking
22 airtime. You should be seeking FaceTime. There should be
23 a summit to discuss the issues. We talk a lot about
24 technology. We used to air our clothes on clotheslines.
25 Now we have dryers. Let's talk about what's going on so

1 we can solve them together. All this sniper-ism that I
2 see from the Board of Police Commissioners, the Office of
3 the Chief Investigator and the Chief Investigator is
4 unacceptable. You get a vote of no confidence and that
5 vote is going to stay. I only get two minutes to talk at
6 this meeting, but I'm going to use my voice elsewhere.
7 This has been a clown show and it has been embarrassing
8 for me to be a 37 year member of the Detroit Police
9 Department, the personal infighting. I am kind of
10 encouraged for one thing, the three new members of the
11 Board of Police Commissioners. I do have some respect for
12 you because you have used your voice positively. You have
13 been out there. You have actually shown that you've seen
14 what the men and women of the Detroit Police Department
15 face. So that gives me hope. Embarrassment. Anybody that
16 tries to diminish the efforts of the brave men and women
17 of this Detroit Police Department, shame on you.

18 I have better things to do than coming before the
19 Board. But the men and women of the Detroit Police
20 Department deserve somebody to speak up for them to try
21 to embarrass us, unaccountable, shameful, and wrongful.
22 Use your voice to discourage criminals. In front of the
23 Board of Police Commissioners, they should be saying
24 crime stoppers to let citizens know out there that brave
25 men and women are risking their lives to make justice for

1 people that are hurting. That's what you should be doing.

2 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you.

3 MS. HITCHCOCK: Good afternoon, I was here last week
4 because a contractor for the City of Detroit, I thought
5 at the time, but the water and sewage department has
6 corrected. They were not contractors for the City of
7 Detroit. They had no business in the back of my garage,
8 barricading my garage. Your officer came up, and she
9 never challenged them. She never asked them for a permit.
10 She never asked them for anything. She immediately
11 decided when she saw a Black woman in a confrontation
12 with a white man or Latino, that I was automatically
13 wrong. I want an apology from Officer Peacock. She never,
14 never asked those men in the alley for a petition. She
15 never called a tow truck to haul away that excavator. She
16 never called anybody to haul away a cement truck. She
17 never asked them one question. She threatened to impound
18 my car. So your people spoke to me last week. It's been a
19 whole week. But Detroit Water and Sewage Department got
20 back to tell me they had no permit, they had no business
21 in the alley digging 15 feet in the ground, hampering
22 with City of Detroit Water and Sewage. So I want you to
23 find some sort of training for police officers, when they
24 see a Black person and a white person in a confrontation,
25 do not automatically assume that the Black person is

1 wrong. Do not do that. Is anybody going to see about
2 these two tickets that she peeled off for me? Get these
3 tickets there. I'm supposed to be in court tomorrow. She
4 wrote tickets for me that I was driving through a
5 construction zone. It was no construction zone. She wrote
6 a ticket for me to disobey a lawful police order, and put
7 down an order barricade in front of my garage door. As a
8 matter of fact, my dog died, and I'm not sure those men
9 didn't do something to it.

10 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: That's your time.

11 Unfortunately, we can't dismiss the tickets, but we...

12 MS. HITCHCOCK: You can pull them. That's what you
13 do. Just pull the tickets.

14 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: We can.

15 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Did we receive a complaint on
16 this last week? Okay. And so we definitely will
17 investigate that. And then DPD or whoever was the...

18 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Parent.

19 MS. HITCHCOCK: Tomorrow I'm supposed to be in court
20 for these tickets.

21 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: You know, I'll encourage that
22 conversation to be had. Thank you.

23 MR. BROWN: Minister Blount, followed by Melissa
24 Turner.

25 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Just before you do that,

1 Commander, are you going to take a look at those tickets
2 and see who issued them and see what can be done if
3 they're done by DPD?

4 MS. HITCHCOCK: Yes, they were Detroit's Police
5 Department tickets.

6 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: You need to do that.

7 DC BLISS: Yes, we are going to have somebody to look
8 at it right now.

9 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Thank you. And get on it
10 because those are expensive tickets. If the officer's not
11 there. And Miss, if the officer is not there, the tickets
12 are dismissed.

13 MS. HITCHCOCK: Are you going to see that she's not
14 there?

15 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: No, I'm just saying if she's
16 not there. I'm just telling you.

17 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the Chair.

18 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Commissioner Burton,

19 COMMISSIONER BURTON: You know, I just want to just
20 say for a second, you know, this is Agnes Hitchcock, a
21 leader and a pillar in our community. She's the same
22 Agnes Hitchcock, who was thrown to the ground by Detroit
23 Police at City Hall a few years ago when she went down to
24 see about her taxes being over assessed along with other
25 people who were there seeing about their taxes being over

1 assessed, here in the City of Detroit. That's the same
2 Agnes Hitchcock, she's a pillar in our community. She
3 needs to be treated with dignity. But she was treated in
4 an inhumane way by the same very Detroit Police
5 Department.

6 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Minister Blount.

7 MINISTER BLOUNT: Yes. Corruption is the proper
8 adjective to describe this Board, not dysfunction.
9 Commissioner Smith, I just warned you that you will be
10 pressured in so many ways to do the wrong thing. So it is
11 going to take everything you have to get it right and to
12 stand up for truth and justice against police misconduct.
13 The Board makes these agendas, we spend almost a half an
14 hour talking about crime and incidences of crime. We are
15 here for police officer misconduct. How about we talk
16 about that every now and then, or maybe every meeting,
17 but no, one down 10 to go. Commissioner Bell's removal is
18 a long time coming. It was over a year ago when then
19 Chief Investigator Akbar had to admit that the
20 Commissioner, then I believe Chairman Bell, directed him
21 to send the citizens' complaints to him and only him.
22 That should have just shaken everyone to the core. How
23 could this happen? Why did it happen? It's probably more
24 important. And what would be the result of that happening
25 is even more shaky. To Commissioner Bernard's question

1 about how much are we spending? I had a long conversation
2 with Steve Watson from the City of Detroit regarding the
3 budget for police officer misconduct. It is nearly \$100
4 million per year that they budget. We don't know. He
5 wouldn't tell me the actual, but I imagine the actual is
6 probably a lot more. But beyond the dollars, the physical
7 pain and the mental illness and the abuse that Detroiters
8 are facing, because this Board refuses to address police
9 officer misconduct.

10 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you. Just to be clear on
11 the record, Commissioner Bill was just removed as Vice
12 Chair, but still holds a seat on the commission.

13 MINISTER BLOUNT: I'm a man of faith.

14 MR. BROWN: Mr. Chair, after Ms. Turner, I go to
15 Zoom. Ms. Turner

16 MS. TURNER: Hi Board. Thank you for your time. My
17 name is Melissa Turner.

18 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Microphone.

19 MS. TURNER: To be brief, my 4-year-old daughter was
20 sexually assaulted at Above and Beyond Learning Center,
21 and she spoke on it. January 10th, 2024. I took my child
22 to Children's Hospital and from there, an investigation
23 was started. Sorry, I'm sensitive. Her final medical
24 report explains penile penetration. I was told from CPS
25 Worker Orlando, Detective Doss, Detective Carra

1 (Phonetic) and Sergeant Eaton, how the test will be
2 processed. At this point, her case was closed by
3 Prosecutor Aaron Whitmore (Phonetic) on February 23rd,
4 2024. And then under the investigation of Leon Berry, who
5 hasn't contacted me in over 30 days, I contacted the
6 sergeant and have not - my remarks of the prosecutor's
7 decision. And again, no update and no communication. Upon
8 trying to contact Detective Berry, Detective O'Connell
9 answered, who opened my daughter's file and assured me
10 her final medical report is not in her file. I was
11 addressed to the Prosecutor Supervisor Matthew McKess
12 (Phonetic).

13 And after showing him a medical report, he stated
14 disrespectfully, anything could have happened. I had
15 requested a lieutenant and a commander's numerous times
16 and was misdirected, denied and ignored. I'm here to
17 continue to be my daughter's voice and for many more. She
18 was violated at a childcare center being financially
19 funded through the government. And I feel like I'm being
20 silenced. I put trust in the school to nurture and teach
21 our children. And she is not being certain and protected.
22 This has been a huge turnaround for me and my children.
23 And I'm here to see why I'm being ignored and who I can
24 speak to for help. Prosecutor Aaron immediately shut me
25 down of my questions and my concerns. I also provided my

1 daughter's garments, gave them to law enforcement, and no
2 results on that as well. It's frustrating. I'm drained,
3 lack of sleep. And because this has affected royal in
4 ways, she's scared to be alone. I'm drawn sad pictures of
5 herself that has been addressed to her therapist, and I'm
6 not being heard.

7 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Well, I'm devastated to hear
8 that tragic information. We're going to ask that second
9 Deputy Chief Holt will get with you. And then also, can
10 we connect her to the domestic, I mean the abuse victims
11 services that were presented last week, and see what
12 resources might be provided. She's going to assist you.

13 MS. TURNER: Thank you.

14 MR. BROWN: Mr. Chair, there are several speakers
15 from Zoom. Your first speaker will be Black Justice,
16 followed by Ms. Victoria Shah, followed by Caller with
17 the number 124. Black Justice.

18 BLACK JUSTICE: Yes, good afternoon. My name's Tahera
19 Ahmed. I want to echo what Ms. Agnes Hitchcock said.
20 Those people unlawfully denied access to her garage. It
21 was the guy next door who is a white man. He denied
22 access to her garage door. And usually her vehicle is
23 parked at the garage, and does not leave the garage for 3
24 days. Her vehicle never left the garage for an entire
25 week while the work was taking place there. She did not

1 park in the alley, and she was given tickets for
2 obstructing some kind of work being done in that alley.
3 That work was illegally being done. Those tickets are
4 illegal. You're going to have an elderly woman in her
5 eighties go downtown and, and try to appeal her tickets.

6 She's paying gas money. She is going to have to pay
7 for the car. She only used the alleyway to access her
8 garage. They blocked her garage. That's them, not her.
9 She did nothing illegal. The work site was more than 300
10 feet west of her garage. No City of Detroit identifying
11 decal. So that's illegal. No identifying barricades on
12 either end of the alleyway, no mail or door knock
13 notices. The police issued these tickets to her
14 illegally. She used the entrance of the alleyway to
15 access her garage. So how is she obstructing somebody
16 trying to do work in the alley? The person was doing work
17 illegally. They were not the City of Detroit workers.

18 MR. BROWN: Ms. Shah.

19 MS. SHAH: Good afternoon, commissioners. This is
20 Victoria from District 7. I encourage you to read Daniel,
21 chapter six. This is a well-known story of Daniel and the
22 Lion's Den. And I'd like to draw your attention to the
23 less talked about lesson in this story. The
24 responsibility of government leadership. In Daniel 6:7,
25 King Darius's trusted advisors approached him and

1 recommended that he sign a law ordering, and I quote,
2 "Whoever petitions any God or man for 30 days except you,
3 O Sovereign is thrown into the Den of Lions." The law
4 seemed good to King Darius on the surface, and it, of
5 course, played to his ego. So he signed it without
6 understanding the implications. What King Darius didn't
7 know was that his so-called trusted advisors, presented
8 this law specifically to set a trap for Daniel, because
9 Daniel only prayed to God. When Daniel, who the King knew
10 to be honorable, was presented to be thrown into the
11 lion's den, King Darius regretted the law he had put in
12 place. He hadn't understood all of the implications. As
13 elected and appointed officials, you have a
14 responsibility to understand the implications of your
15 decisions. Every policy, surveillance, technology,
16 specification, report, budget, promotion, appointment and
17 discipline has implications. There are implications for
18 action, no action, yes votes, no votes, and the elusive
19 abstentions. Don't pull a King Darius and hastily sign
20 off on what is put before you, by your so-called trusted
21 advisors like the Chief, the Mayor, corporation council,
22 or the police unions. Bring in independent researchers,
23 public perspectives, civil rights experts, and others to
24 help you understand all of the implications of your
25 decisions. Again, for your reference, Daniel chapter 6.

1 Thank you so much for your time.

2 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you.

3 MR. BROWN: Caller with the last 3 numbers. 124. Mr.
4 Chair, I'll come back to that person.

5 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you.

6 MR. BROWN: Your next set of speakers will be Rhuben
7 X/ Mr. Roo, followed by Chris Gilbert Hill, followed by
8 Ms. Marguerite Maddox. Rhuben X.

9 Rhuben X: To the citizens, residents, taxpayers of
10 the City of Detroit. It is conclusively proved, I got a
11 bear trap, still two. Bear traps prove that absentee
12 ballot fraud was committed in the 2024 most recent 2024
13 presidential primary election from a Detroit Voter Trap
14 House. That's a new Lexicon in the Lexicon of Detroit
15 story history. New vernacular, Detroit Voter Trap Houses.
16 Remember you heard it from me coming out my mouth. We
17 have absentee ballots that have occurred, numerous cases,
18 District 7, District 3, and District 2. And it's
19 confirmed they have somebody who has never voted in his
20 life that voted in the 2020 election absentee. And he has
21 never cast no vote. I'm going to just call him JFK. And
22 JFK also stands for Justice for Keniesha as well. But I
23 want to address Willie Bell. Now, Mr. Bell, I told you to
24 stand down. You have already been removed as Vice Chair.
25 You have to go, flat out. That's it. I will shake this

1 city down to shambles. If you all don't take that tag of
2 that little girl's mother. That little girl deserves to
3 have a peace of mind. She doesn't need to have that in
4 her life. And with what I went through in 1997 with the
5 Detroit Police Department lying about the assassination
6 of my (Inaudible). I'm not going to let her go through
7 it. Now. I will shake this city down to its very
8 foundation. I can do it. I'm able and capable of doing
9 it. All you have to do is ask the law department to look
10 at the reports from 1997, the Death of Jimmy (Inaudible).
11 That was my (Inaudible) and I did what I had to do, then
12 I'm going to do what I got to do now. And I'm older and
13 wiser, and have more skills, and I'm the coldest one of
14 them.

15 MR. BROWN: Mr. Hill.

16 MR. HILL: Good afternoon. Can I be heard?

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

18 MR. HILL: My name's Chris Gilbert Hill, lifelong
19 resident of the Second District. Firstly, I'd like to
20 reiterate the concern that unfortunately, we've had to
21 bring back for several weeks now. Our Detroit
22 surveillance data is being given by a ShotSpotter to
23 other Police Departments, other cities with no oversight
24 whatsoever beyond a flimsy data use policy. To such an
25 extent that 3 consecutive Deputy Chiefs have been unable

1 to give any information whatsoever about the policies
2 governing the use of Detroit surveillance data in these
3 other communities. That should be massively urgent for
4 everybody on this Board. It's incredibly disappointing
5 that Commissioner Burden is the only one taking it
6 seriously. I applaud him for pushing on this, and I'd
7 urge the rest of you to do something to rectify this.
8 Until the Police Department can do the bare minimum due
9 diligence and show that these other cities have policies
10 approaching what Detroit has, you should not allow the
11 use of ShotSpotter to continue. We need an emergency
12 pause on the use of ShotSpotter until the department can
13 do their homework and give the information that you've
14 been asking for, for nearly a month now. With all due
15 respect to the elderly gentleman who was speaking
16 earlier, this failure of oversight is the only thing
17 that, or is the main thing that the Board should be
18 embarrassed and ashamed about right now. And it's not
19 just on this issue. There's been a failure of members of
20 this Board to do any real oversight duty in favor of just
21 being cheerleaders for the Police Department.
22 Commissioners, Bernard and Burton are the only people in
23 this entire meeting today who have even attempted
24 anything approaching your oversight duty. The rest of you
25 should seriously consider your place on this Board.

1 Lastly, I'd like to point out that Commissioner Smith did
2 not get a majority of votes earlier today as was pointed
3 out by Commissioner Banks. She only got 4 out of 8.

4 That's not a majority. Thank you,

5 MR. BROWN: Ms. Madock. Ms. Madock,

6 MS. MADOCK: This is Madock. Thanks you. What
7 happened? Number one, I would like to see more respect
8 and because we all have different opinions, yes, we all
9 need to come to a compromise. Yes, please. The whole
10 department. I'm going back to the City Department. The
11 police can help me. They need to let their citizens know
12 when they're going to come out and block the driveways of
13 the senior citizens and we need to be able to communicate
14 without getting into an argument. Please find a way to
15 respect each other's opinion. I'm done. Thank you.

16 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you.

17 MR. BROWN: Mr. Chair. I go back to the caller with
18 the number 124. Last three numbers

19 CALLER 124: Can you hear me?

20 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Yes. Go right ahead.

21 CALLER 124: Okay. Thank you. I'm glad it worked this
22 time. It's been a number of times I haven't been called.
23 I'm not sure what's going on. Yeah, I would like to say,
24 you know, sometimes there's stuff going on in the
25 neighborhoods, like what happened with Miss Hitchcock.

1 And frankly, I've called community policing numerous
2 times and they don't show up. I've also noted that police
3 don't take property crimes very seriously. But during the
4 NFL draft is DPD going to take property crimes seriously.
5 And also we have a problem with officers who could, you
6 know, improve on writing police reports. I was struck by
7 a vehicle, and it seemed like the cops were more
8 concerned about the lady that hit me than me. They left a
9 bunch of boxes on the form empty, didn't write down
10 whether the lady who hit me had insurance or not, put my
11 telephone number down for me, and the lady who hit me,
12 didn't take down witness information. It was
13 unbelievable. And then I had a sergeant tell me, oh, they
14 don't fill that out because, oh, that's just for the
15 Michigan State Police statistics as an accident happens
16 on the motorway, but, you know, it's not like a police
17 report. Well, that was verifiably false within 60 seconds
18 because I pulled up the Michigan State Police manual on
19 the form, and they're supposed to fill it out completely.
20 So, I understand policing is a difficult job, but some
21 people have attitudes. They don't take stuff going on in
22 the neighborhood seriously. Some people act like, oh,
23 here's another thing. One of my neighbors caught a guy
24 stealing off his porch 6 times, and had him on camera.
25 The police did nothing. And then guess what the guy did?

1 He toured several houses.

2 MR. BROWN: Mr. Chair, the next set...

3 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Excuse me, just one minute,
4 Mr. Chairman. Can we later contact that caller and put
5 her in touch with Reverend Warfield's Office so she can
6 file those complaints formally? She has serious
7 complaints.

8 CI WARFIELD: Through the Chair. I think we just have
9 her last three phone numbers. However, if she's still
10 listening, she can call our office at (313) 596-2900. And
11 we'll definitely be able to help her.

12 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Again.

13 CI WARFIELD: (313) 596 2900 and we'll be able to
14 help her.

15 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Tell her who you are, please.

16 CI WARFIELD: This is Chief Investigator Warfield.
17 Thank you.

18 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: So she'll know.

19 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you so very much for
20 your diligence, Commissioner Bernard. But I want to
21 remind you, you should be acknowledged by the Chair
22 before speaking.

23 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I apologize.

24 MR. CHAIR: Mr. Chair, your last set of speakers
25 would be former Commissioner William Davis spotted,

1 followed by Mr. Scotty Bowman.

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

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

4 MR. DAVIS: Okay. First off, I'd like to thank you
5 all for doing that Resolution for former Commissioner
6 Shirley Burch who I served with, and she was an
7 outstanding advocate for justice. Also, I think you all
8 need to aggressively do something to help community
9 activists, Agnes Hitchcock. Also, I was disappointed in
10 the vote for the Vice Chair in that you have all
11 appointees voting for another appointee. That's a bad
12 look for this Board. This is supposed to be a civilian
13 oversight Board, and one of the top two people between
14 Chair and Vice Chair should be an elected person other
15 than Bell and Carter. Also this Board needs to be
16 aggressively looking at the findings of the Inspector
17 General's report. I know myself, I wrote a letter to the
18 governor asking to remove Bell and Carter. You all should
19 do the same.

20 Also, Bell and Carter should not serve in any type
21 of leadership position for the next two years. They
22 should not Chair no committees. They should not have any
23 type of authority. You know, this opens up the City of
24 Detroit to a lot of lawsuits; opens up the City of
25 Detroit for possibly going back under the Department of

1 Justice. You know, you cannot disregard the main function
2 of this Board is to investigate citizen complaints, but
3 you can't be closing your eyes and just having a little
4 party just because you all were appointed to something.
5 You all need to be working for the public good, for all
6 the public good, not just your friends and buddies. So
7 hopefully you all take a more aggressive role and really
8 do your job. Thank you.

9 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you.

10 MR. BROWN: Mr. Bowman.

11 MR. BOWMAN: Hello. Again, I apologize for perhaps
12 anytime I was out of line maybe, you know, naming people
13 a few meetings back that I really just didn't do anything
14 wrong and I had no business naming people. But in fact, I
15 don't even need to name people now that I am going to be
16 calling people out because you know, I'm talking about
17 people that are named in the Inspector General Report.
18 The Inspector General named some people. And you know who
19 you are and anyone who cares to look can see who you are.
20 And it's been unacceptable that this Board has failed in
21 its duties to see that complaints are investigated. You
22 know, you dragged your feet for literally years on
23 getting a permanent chief investigator and a permanent
24 secretary eligible under the rules of the charter and
25 city ordinances in the office.

1 And I'm glad you know that you finally got stepped
2 up there. And I think you know, Investigator Warfield is
3 a very competent individual. I will name because I have
4 something good to say. And I do believe that
5 unfortunately there were way behind. He's got a lot piled
6 up on him. And if this Board had seen that the offices
7 were properly and effectively staffed leading up to that,
8 perhaps he wouldn't have such a backlog. And again, those
9 who've impeded investigations, those who have not helped
10 they know who they are. They are in the report and other
11 people can see who they are. And I know they can't be
12 removed most likely by this Board itself. But there are
13 external authorities. But meanwhile, what this Board can
14 do is keep those people off leadership positions because
15 they're not productive. And perhaps maybe if they started
16 getting productive, maybe they could earn the public
17 trust back. Thank you.

18 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you.

19 MR. BROWN: Mr. Chair, you have one more by the name
20 of Citizen. Citizen. I'm not sure, Mr. Chair, if that
21 person has trouble unmuting, but they're on Zoom.

22 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: We'll give them 10 seconds to
23 try to rectify their technical difficulty. Alright, thank
24 you. We appreciate all our public commenters today. At
25 this time, we'll now move on to the presentation to the

1 Board where we have the BOPC budget report by Drew Fries,
2 our Fiscal Manager. At least, you should find that
3 presentation after tab 4. Go right ahead.

4 MR. FRIES: Chairman Board, good afternoon. Before we
5 jump into the actuals for January, I want to open by just
6 touching on the DPD budget. On the other side of that
7 passing, Mr. Nazarko and I shared a conversation in which
8 it is my goal going into next year's cycle that the BOPC
9 receive the budget details well ahead of what we received
10 this year. And it is my goal to do that, not in odds with
11 Mr. Nazarko, but in chorus with Mr. Nazarko. He was very
12 much aligned and said that the BOPC should receive this
13 with a much longer timeline than what was received this
14 last year. Some of the things that were sagely pressed on
15 the DPD inventory, the ShotSpotter, the police
16 misconduct, legal fees, these I would be advising through
17 the budget committee that area experts be brought in so
18 that the Board can take time to really dive into the
19 details of these issues.

20 Mr. Nazarko, I thought, did a good job speaking to
21 some of these, but Mr. Nazarko is the DPD CFO. He manages
22 the budget. I think other area experts could be brought
23 in to dive deeper and give us more transparency in some
24 of these issues. I'm encouraged by that already. Now, I
25 would say that we are at the beginning of this next

1 cycle, and we're already raising things on ShotSpotter
2 and police misconduct legal fees. So I'm encouraged by
3 that, but I just wanted to touch on that. And I look
4 forward to going into this next year.

5 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Thank you.

6 MR. FRIES: For the month of January. The January
7 budget was \$290,632. The January actuals were \$233,739.
8 This surplus of \$56,893 is due to the same rationale that
9 has been throughout our fiscal year, and that is
10 vacancies on the team and not being able to pay the rent
11 from Merrill Plaisance. This utilization of 80% is the
12 highest that it's been in this fiscal year. So we are
13 slowly getting there. And this number will continue to
14 rise as these vacancies for our BOPC investigators, our
15 BOPC administrative assistant, the BOPC Secretary, the
16 BOPC Policy Manager, and the BOPC Supervising
17 Investigator are filled. We're making great progress on
18 this. I believe the Personnel Committee is going to give
19 us an update on this after me. For this month, the BOPC
20 has their 2024 through 2025 fiscal budget hearing that is
21 Monday, March 25th at 2:30 PM. Our next steps are to
22 receive our department, like all Detroit City Departments
23 are to receive individual budget analysis reports from
24 the Legislative Policy Division. This is going to come
25 closer to that March 25th date where we will prepare to

1 speak to any questions that this division body may have.

2 And that concludes my report to the Board.

3 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you. Are there any
4 questions? Commissioner Moore?

5 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. You
6 mentioned area experts being called in. Would you be the
7 expert from our side to call in those experts?

8 MR. FRIES Not necessarily. I necessarily wouldn't
9 call them on. I think I would advise through my
10 committee, which is a Budget Committee, that if we are to
11 pass next year's budget, that the DPD will pass it to us.
12 We want to dive deeper into some of these issues. That
13 would be my guidance. So these questions should be raised
14 to Mr. Nazarko, but Mr. Nazarko agreed with me that
15 different area experts could be brought in to speak to
16 them with more depth and breadth than him.

17 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: And I guess the Board, may I
18 add that I think that the limitations that are on Mr.
19 Nazarko to speak about the intentions of DPD are the same
20 limitations that Drew Fries has in speaking on behalf of
21 the Board. So we would direct him. So if we say we want
22 to hear from this expert, he could help coordinate that,
23 but he wouldn't be the person to do that on behalf of the
24 Board.

25 COMMISSIONER MOORE: So, we're talking about internal

1 DPD experts in certain areas. I'm just trying to get
2 clarity on those certain areas.

3 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Yeah, When Mr. Nazarko said,
4 this is above my pay grade, or I don't know why, he's
5 saying that we have more time in the budget process. We
6 could then tag the person who could give us that answer
7 and bring that to the Board.

8 COMMISSIONER MOORE: And it also goes back to what
9 one of our speakers had said a few months ago Mr. Blount,
10 about our agenda. Every week, we are supposed to have
11 certain people speak and we don't. And those issues could
12 be addressed in a weekly meeting, but we've changed our
13 agenda and it doesn't account for that. So Mr. Blount
14 brought that out a few months ago. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

15 MR. FRIES: Well, through the Chair, just to add on
16 to that internal DPD experts as well as external,
17 independent, unbiased experts.

18 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Understood. Thank you.

19 MR. FRIES: Welcome.

20 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Commissioner Woods.

21 COMMISSIONER WOODS: I have to say, I deeply
22 appreciate the fact that you guys had that robust
23 conversation and do we have that commitment in writing
24 that we will receive that budget much more in advance and
25 also as relates to the expert, that's the road that we

1 need to go down so that we can be able to get the, the
2 data and the information that we need to glean from. So
3 definitely let's push that.

4 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Commissioner Burton.

5 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the Chair. It wasn't
6 that long ago that we were just all looking at the
7 department's budget. And so looking at the budget and
8 looking at the timing of everything, I like to make a
9 motion right now that going forward, that we receive the
10 department's budget as of December right before
11 commissioner's break for recess. Therefore it gives our
12 staff, and commissioners' opportunity to really go
13 through the budget thoroughly and raise various questions
14 and allow our staff to sit down with the department as
15 well, prior to advising commissioners.

16 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: So if I can restate that
17 motion. You have recommended that the motion be taken
18 that we receive DPDs budget in December of the prior
19 year?

20 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Correct.

21 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Is there a second? Hearing no
22 second, there is no motion. Is there any further
23 discussion or questions? Commissioner Bernard.

24 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Quickly. On one of your
25 slides, you say, Drew, next steps to receive individual

1 budget analysis reports from the legislative policy
2 division closer to March, 2025. Is that something like
3 what Commissioner Burton was just requesting, but
4 however, that we get it in December of this year, I would
5 say, for example, 2024?

6 MR. FRIES: Through the Chair. My apologies. That is
7 March 25th of this month.

8 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Oh. So we're going to start
9 looking at the budget.

10 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: That's for this year's budget.
11 So the budget that was submitted, we'll get the analysis
12 back from the Legal Analysis Division for this year.

13 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Thank you both.

14 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Any further questions? Thank
15 you so much for your report. Alright, now we'll move on
16 to our report from our Acting Board Secretary, as well as
17 incoming communications. Mr. Brown,

18 MR. BROWN: Mr. Chair, there are only two incoming
19 communications. They're stated there. The 278
20 specification report, surveillance van, we got that
21 yesterday and me and the staff are currently reviewing
22 it. And we also send it to the Policy Committee. And
23 under my report, Commissioner Warfield, I mean
24 Chairperson, Chief Investigator Warfield has a report.

25 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Go right ahead.

1 CI WARFIELD: Through the Chair, and you can find my
2 report under tab number 5 in your binder. To the
3 honorable members of the Detroit Board of Police
4 Commissioners, our subject today is the Office of the
5 Inspector General's Report. I'm writing to provide an
6 update on the recent developments regarding the citizen
7 complaint files that have been under review by the Office
8 of the Inspector General. On Thursday, February 29th,
9 2024, we were informed that the Office of the Chief
10 Investigator will receive 30 banker boxes of citizen
11 complaint files from the Inspector General's Office. To
12 provide some context, last year, in February of 2023, the
13 Inspector General's Office removed approximately 1,401
14 files from OCI. On Monday, this past Monday, March 3rd,
15 2024, on last Monday, I'm sorry, attorney Ty Green from
16 the office of the Inspector General sent an email with an
17 attached spreadsheet identifying 705 closed cases out of
18 the 1,401 files, which were returned, that lacked the
19 expected or required documentation to render their cases
20 closed.

21 Out of the 705 closed files, approximately 280 files
22 were identified as either empty shells or contained only
23 a copy of the CCR. To address these concerns and comply
24 with the recommendations of the Inspector General's
25 Office, we are taking proactive steps. I've met with the

1 OCI leadership team to strategize on how to proceed with
2 the 705 cases which need investigating. Our new
3 investigators overseen by Senior Investigator Jessica
4 Hunter, will begin promptly. And they already have
5 actually started reviewing, contacting, and processing
6 these files for them to comply with our standards
7 operating procedures. We are committed to making
8 significant progress in addressing these cases and
9 meeting our obligations based on the recommendations
10 provided by the Inspector General's Office. The Office of
11 the Inspector General will monitor and report on our
12 progress in 3 months. And I just want to let this
13 commission know that although we are still understaffed
14 and we need those people, that it has not stopped the
15 diligent work that our investigators and our
16 administrative staff continue to do day in and day out
17 investigating the cases. So we're still doing the job and
18 remaining focused.

19 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: That's what we expect. Thank
20 you, Mr. Commissioner Moore.

21 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Would it be in order for there
22 to be some sort of emergency process put in place at OCI
23 to support the efforts of the Chief Investigator, for
24 example, starting salaries being increased and things of
25 that nature so that he can have additional sources and

1 resources to get the backlog taken care of with quality
2 and not just being rushed through?

3 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Yeah, the only challenge is, a
4 statement like emergency sounds like haste, but to do
5 things like that will take time. So it may actually be
6 labor being able to move forward on that rather than
7 speed it up. But I think that all conversations should be
8 had and maybe there might be something that can be made
9 available to us through the Citizen's Complaint Committee
10 about how we might be able to address that.

11 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Thank you.

12 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Commissioner Bernard.

13 COMMISSIONER BERNARD Mr. Chairman, and also Reverend
14 Warfield. I'm very concerned, quite frankly, not only
15 just because of the nature of the report, but because in
16 less than 90 days, we're getting another report card,
17 obviously from the Inspector General's Office. So I think
18 the focus has to be on us maybe trying to significantly
19 improve either our processes, or our analysis, and if
20 that includes overtime for people, whatever, I don't like
21 to get a failing grade. I'm not used to that. So I mean,
22 we have a 90 day window, we have to show some progress,
23 in addition to keeping, if you will, the phones open and
24 the doors open for the people that were here today that
25 had serious complaints, really serious complaints. So I

1 don't know what we can do. I mean, I'd like to know what
2 it is, how we're going to slay this elephant in the room
3 because we've got to do some... I'll come help. Any of us
4 can, and we can do the training and start to do maybe
5 some investigations or something to try to move this
6 forward because I don't want to get another failing grade
7 in 90 days. I'd like to get a decent, maybe a D but not
8 an E like what we're getting right now.

9 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: I think we can have more
10 robust conversations about that after the Citizen
11 Complaint Committee Report. Commissioner Woods.

12 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Yeah, absolutely. And thank you,
13 through the Chair. Thank you Chief Investigator for
14 highlighting the importance of what we need to do and why
15 we are here. I look forward to us and I'll wait for the
16 committee reports, but I strongly urge us to, you know,
17 make sure we have interviews done next week. And from an
18 emergency point of view, making sure that there's
19 coverage for those interviews, whether the Chair has to
20 assign extra commissioners to sit in those interviews.
21 But by all means, these interviews should take place next
22 week, and we should not wait any longer to be able to
23 make sure that the Chief Investigator has the staff
24 there. And so we have communication that HR is very much
25 ready to move forward. And I trust that the Chairman

1 would make the appropriate decision to be able to make
2 sure that we can at least start next week on those
3 interviews and be able to get us fully staffed.

4 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Yeah. After receiving the
5 Citizen's Complaint Committee Report as well as the
6 personnel and Training Committee Report, the Chair will
7 be ready to accept a motion to that matter.

8 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Yes, sir.

9 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Any further questions?

10 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the Chair.

11 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Commissioner Burton.

12 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Question for the Acting Chief.
13 The Acting Secretary as well as the Chief Investigator,
14 in past practices, all the applicants that applied, all
15 of the commissioners were able to see all of those names
16 that were applying or whatever. And the commissioners
17 were able to go through those resumes and make
18 recommendations based off of what came in. But it also
19 came before Personnel and Training and then to the full
20 Board to weigh in. But also as we're going to continue
21 that course. And are we also going to have those
22 individuals come before the Board? Because in past
23 practices, you know, being here this past decade, the
24 secretary's role wasn't to make decisions for the Board,
25 nor was the Chief Investigator able to make decisions for

1 the Board. It was something that commissioners did. But
2 as we still are going down that course.

3 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Yep. It is my expectation that
4 again the names of those who have applied has been
5 provided to us by HR, and that the decisions on who will
6 be hired will not be made by the Chief Investigator or
7 the Acting Board Secretary but by those who serve on the
8 committee. Again, I say a committee not knowing what the
9 motion will be made upcoming, whether or not that's the
10 committee of the Personnel and Training Committee, or
11 whether or not there's a special ad hoc committee that is
12 being created so that these hirings can be done. But in
13 either case, all commissioners will have access to
14 knowing who has applied and have the opportunity to have
15 their voice heard on who they believe should be hired.
16 Commissioner Bernard.

17 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Just quickly, what's the
18 beginning salary for investigators and what does that
19 compensation schedule look like for the audience? So if
20 they have people that know how to do this, maybe they can
21 apply as well. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

22 CI WARFIELD: Through the Chair. Madam Commissioner,
23 I will just give the starting salary. I don't have the
24 other figures in front of me, but I'll certainly get them
25 to you. But the starting salary is, I believe, 54,500, if

1 I'm not mistaken. That's the starting salary for all the
2 commissioners for all the investigators. I'm sorry.

3 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Thank you.

4 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the Chair.

5 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Commissioner Burton.

6 COMMISSIONER BURTON: When it comes to the starting
7 salary, is there an opportunity where someone who has
8 experience can negotiate their salary, when it comes to
9 the new investigators?

10 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: There is a range that is
11 provided for all investigators, and so those negotiations
12 will operate within the range that's available. Any
13 further questions?

14 CI WARFIELD: Yep.

15 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Chief investigator.

16 CI WARFIELD: Through the Chair. Also because of
17 union negotiations as well those salaries will have to
18 comply with the current union rules that are in place.

19 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Okay. Thank you. Now we'll
20 move on to announcements. Again, that's not the end of
21 the conversation. I just do want to hear the work that
22 has been done with the Citizen Complaint Committee and
23 the Personal and Training Committee so that we aren't
24 being redundant in whatever we might proffer. So stay
25 tuned. So announcements, Mr. Brown.

1 MR. BROWN: Good afternoon, Mr. Chair. The next BOPC
2 community meeting will be hosted by the 10th Precinct.
3 That date is Thursday, March 14th, at 6:30 PM. The
4 location will be Dexter Avenue Baptist Community Center.
5 That address is 3350 West Davison 48238. The next
6 community meeting for April 11th, which is at 6:30 also,
7 will be hosted by the 9th Precinct. And this location is
8 forthcoming. And Mr. Chair, for the month of March, you
9 have a couple of committee meetings. Policy Committee
10 meeting meets Tuesday, March 19th, 2024 at 5:00, Citizen
11 Complaint Committee meeting meets Tuesday, March 26th,
12 2024 at 5:00 PM. All those committees can be viewed on
13 Zoom as well as they take place here at Detroit Public
14 Safety Headquarters.

15 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you so very much. Now
16 we're into new business. Sorry, your announcement. Wait.
17 Okay. So now we're into new business. We'll start with a
18 new business that's printed on our agenda, and then we'll
19 open the floor for any additional new business from
20 commissioners. So we'll begin with the Citizens Complaint
21 Committee Report by the Chair of our Citizens Complaint
22 Committee, Commissioner Banks.

23 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Dear
24 colleagues, on the behalf of the Board of Police
25 Commissioner Citizens Complaint Committee, please see key

1 updates for the committee held on February the 27th at
2 2024. Board members, Committee Chairperson, Cedric Banks,
3 Commissioner Woods, Commissioner Smith, attendees, Chief
4 Investigator Jerome Warfield, Administrative Assistant
5 Candace Hayes, Second Deputy Chief Kyra Joy Hope,
6 Lieutenant Starr Gonzalez, NPO J. Dorsey, NPO L. Johnson,
7 guest speakers, public commenters, former Board Secretary
8 Victoria Shah, Ms. Smith, Wayne State Law Fellows, Molly
9 Boning, District Board Citizen, Tisha Foster.

10 Presentation on OCIs timeliness Initiative Report. Chief
11 Investigator Jerome Warfield presented on the OCI current
12 staffing, including staff shortages and length of
13 employment as an investigator and the current amount of
14 backlog cases and how to be correlated. Additionally,
15 Chief investigator discusses OCIs new timeliness
16 Initiative Project. The goal and purpose of this
17 initiative is to conduct timely investigations through
18 investigators by improving investigative efficiencies.
19 The project includes a 7 point plan, or implementing the
20 timeliness initiative project on the 7 points to discuss
21 in detail and the case intake processes and the
22 automotive investigative report.

23 The case intake process will help investigators
24 properly categorize complaints, which will lead to more
25 efficiency investigating complaints. The automotive

1 investigative report is an automotive form that will
2 greatly reduce the amount of hours investigators spend
3 typing reports, being typically reduced by 4 to 6 the
4 current processes and procedures. It takes the
5 investigator 7 to 8 hours to type reports. Commissioner
6 Woods raised a concern over the current OCI staffing, if
7 any conversations have been held regarding the hiring of
8 the additional investigators. Additionally, Commissioner
9 Woods stated that he would like a letter drafted that
10 urges the Personnel and Training Committee to conduct
11 interviews and hire investigators to address the backlog
12 of the Citizens' Complaint Committee. Commissioner Woods
13 made a motion to have the Administrative Assistant draft
14 a letter from the Citizens Complaint Committee to the
15 Chairman of the BOPC and Chairman of Personnel and
16 Training Committee reiterating that there is a state of
17 emergency as it relates to the backlog of cases and an
18 immediate action need to take place with the hiring
19 process of investigators.

20 And if the Personnel and Training Committee is not
21 able to fulfill the obligation, then the BOPC Chairman
22 should appoint a special committee to handle this urgent
23 matter. The motion was properly moved by Commissioner
24 Woods and seconded by Commissioner Smith. As an update,
25 we are encouraged to see that there is already forward

1 progress being made by the Personnel and Training
2 Committee on this matter, citing their March 6th meeting
3 at 5:00 PM. The Committee Chair Cedric Banks entertained
4 a motion to seek the Board's review and approval to
5 accept the Chief Investigators report and allow OCI to
6 implement the new automotive investigative report, along
7 with the timeliness initiative project. The motion was
8 properly moved and second. Presentation on DPD
9 Neighborhood Police Officers Program and Committee Impact
10 Lieutenant Gonzales presented on DPD's Neighborhood
11 Police Officers program, including the goal of the
12 program, which is building trust with the community
13 between the citizens and DPD. Additionally, information
14 was provided on all the different programs that the NPOs
15 participate in within the City of Detroit. NPO J. Dorsey
16 provided additional details on what his typical day
17 involves, as to what programs he currently participates
18 in. Alright, the next Citizen Complaint Committee meeting
19 will be Tuesday, March 26th at 5:00 PM. Mr. Chair I have
20 a motion that I'm going to make.

21 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Go right ahead.

22 COMMISSIONER BANKS: My motion is that we will accept
23 the recommendation of the Citizen Complaint Committee. I
24 move that the Board approves the OCI's implementation of
25 the new automotive investigative report, along with the

1 timeliness initiative project.

2 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: So this motion being made by
3 the recommendation of the Citizens Complaint Committee
4 does not require a second; that we again accept the
5 Office of the Chief Investigator's new automotive
6 investigator reporting, along with the timeliness
7 initiative report. Is there any discussion? Hearing no
8 discussion, all those in favor please signify by saying
9 Aye.

10 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

11 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: All those opposed, no? The
12 ayes have it. That motion passes there. Any further
13 recommendation out of the Citizen Complaint committee?

14 COMMISSIONER BANKS: No. That'll be it. Mr. Chair.

15 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you so very much. Are
16 there any questions or comments for the citizen Complaint
17 Committee report? Commissioner Moore.

18 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Just curious. What did the NPOs
19 have to do with citizen complaints?

20 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Oh, I'll take that
21 responsibility. Well, I just wanted to bring them out and
22 present them to the community, those on Zoom, those that
23 were in attendance, because we had a pretty nice crowd,
24 and I just wanted them to talk about the life of an NPO,
25 what an NPO does out there in the community.

1 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Thank you.

2 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Commissioner Woods.

3 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Be clear. With all due respect,
4 I did ask that question in the meeting, and they pretty
5 much excused themselves after I asked that question
6 because I know that we are dealing with a urgent
7 situation as it relates to the citizen complaint, and we
8 need to be laser sharp focused and making sure that we
9 are brainstorming and doing everything that we can to
10 bring out ideas to be able to maximize our potential of
11 re giving him the tools that he needs, the Chief
12 Investigator to reduce that. So, I addressed it there.

13 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Any further questions? Hearing
14 none, we will now move on to the Personnel and Training
15 Committee report. The Chair of that committee is not
16 here. So I believe Commissioner Carter is delivering that
17 report on his behalf.

18 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Thank you, Mr. Chair. So
19 yesterday the Policy and Training Committee met.

20 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Microphone.

21 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Commissioner Banks and I, and
22 we do understand the urgency of the, well, first of all,
23 there's a memo in your packet that everybody can read.
24 Also in attendance was Commissioner Woods, and Mr. Brown.

25 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: We received that memo in our

1 packets. Unfortunately, it's only a citizen complaint of
2 mine. Maybe it was just missing in mine.

3 COMMISSIONER GAMBLE: I don't have it either.

4 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Okay. Do you want me to read
5 it? I can read it.

6 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Yes, please.

7 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Okay. On behalf of the Board of
8 Police Commissioners Personnel and Training Committee,
9 please see the key updates from the committee meeting
10 held on March 6th, 2024. Board attendees: Commissioner
11 Lisa Carter, Commissioner Cedric Banks, Board Secretary
12 position, Commissioner Hernandez, Commissioner Darryl
13 Woods, Ms. Katrina Patillo, Human Resources, and Conrad
14 Natalie met with different agencies to set the
15 expectations for the open BOPC secretary position that's
16 currently listed. Acting Secretary Brown gave notice that
17 there needs to be a discussion on the date on when the
18 executive manager of policy position can be posted to the
19 Detroit mi.gov website. And I think we're going to take
20 that up in the next meeting. Investigator applications.
21 The applications were sent to all committee members for
22 review, resumes have not been distributed to all
23 committee members, and so we will need those in order to
24 proceed with the process.

25 It is expected that we have all the resumes by next

1 week for our review. Once both applications and resumes
2 are reviewed, there will be a schedule for interviews.
3 Executive administrative assistant applications and
4 resumes. Attorney LaBelle reviewed all submitted
5 applications and chose 8 applicants to go forward to be
6 interviewed. The next step is getting the schedule made
7 that accommodates the interviewer's schedule, and then
8 the interviews will be conducted. The next meeting is to
9 be determined. We are currently in the process of, well,
10 let me just say that Commissioner Hernandez requested a
11 protocol on the hiring process from HR and Mr. Tipton did
12 provide that protocol to us today. So as far as the
13 interviews, we are currently putting together our
14 schedules. If Commissioner Hernandez is not available,
15 Commissioner Banks and I will proceed with the
16 interviews, hopefully next week.

17 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Okay. So in your report you
18 stated that we're waiting on the resumes. Who are the
19 resumes coming from? Are we waiting for that from HR?

20 COMMISSIONER CARTER: We didn't get them. I think
21 that they said the subject matter experts. So that would
22 be Chief Investigator Warfield. Did you get the resumes?

23 CI WARFIELD: Through the Chair. All of the resumes
24 from all of the candidates were sent out to all of the
25 commissioners once they were sent to myself and to the

1 secretary. We sent them all out in an effort that there
2 was full disclosure. After I reviewed the set of resumes,
3 I made a recommendation of those candidates that I
4 believe would be suitable for the interview, but the
5 resumes went out to the entire Board.

6 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: So, we are in possession of
7 the resumes.

8 CI WARFIELD: Yes, sir.

9 COMMISSIONER CARTER: I might have them
10 electronically, but I like paper so I can review them. So
11 we were expecting copies; that's what we normally get.

12 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Well, then we can again get
13 Acting Secretary Brown to ensure that there are printed
14 copies of resumes for those who need printed copies. But
15 just to be clear, because we are in possession of them
16 that means we don't need to delay in scheduling the
17 interviews, noting that that's what we were indeed
18 waiting on. So, I know that there is a, "To be
19 determined," but I'll listen to the will of my colleagues
20 who, I mean, I've already got a sense that there is an
21 urgent pace that we want to take with these interviews.
22 And knowing that next Thursday is an evening community
23 meeting, maybe there is a timeframe available from like 1
24 until 5 PM that we can start interviews at that point. I
25 know HR stated that they would need at least 3 days prior

1 to those interviews being scheduled. And so we can
2 determine something now that should at least help us to
3 be prepared for next Thursday. But again, I will open up
4 the floor for any questions or comments from the
5 commissioners, relative to the Personnel and Training
6 Committee report, and your thoughts relative to
7 interviews for our investigators. Commissioner Woods?

8 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Yes. I would strongly urge the
9 Chairman to ensure that we have interviews by next
10 Friday. You know 3 days could be set up. We have the
11 resumes in our possession, and if it is possible for them
12 to be printed, whoever needs them printed, you know,
13 someone go up there and print them now, because we
14 cannot wait one more moment. So it's easy to go to a
15 printer and print, and so if people need them they should
16 have them printed today. And then also that the
17 interviews take place next week.

18 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Commissioner Barnard.

19 COMMISSIONER BARNARD: Just quickly, even in our
20 haste, we want the best qualified people. And the reason
21 I think the city wanted the 3 day pause is so they could
22 get their act together. We have to advise people that
23 they're going to be interviewed. They have to adjust
24 their schedule or get off from work if they currently
25 have a job to be interviewed. I think we have to do this

1 in a way that accommodates everyone's needs and
2 everyone's schedule. And so I all deliberate speed, I got
3 that, but you can't tell a professional that they have to
4 be... they may have vacation plans, they may have a death
5 in their family, they may have anything going on. You
6 don't know. We don't know.

7 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Yeah. And to your point,
8 Commissioner Bernard, again, if a decision can be made
9 today, which provides tomorrow prior to the weekend for
10 communication to be made from HR, which would give them
11 some time to plan for, like I said, Thursday of next week
12 for those who might be able to avail themselves. Now,
13 obviously it's my understanding that there's 11 who are
14 moving forward for interviews. And so we may need
15 additional days. So those who might not be able to make
16 the first meeting of interviews can be delayed the
17 following week. But again, we don't want to postpone
18 longer than necessary. I think we're all kind of on the
19 same page in that regard to make sure these interviews
20 are being done.

21 COMMISSIONER CARTER: I'm sorry.

22 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Commissioner Carter?

23 COMMISSIONER CARTER: No. Attorney LaBelle. I know
24 her date started on the 18th. She is available the 18th
25 and the 19th, I believe, of March.

1 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Now, was that for the
2 investigator positions, or was that for investigators?

3 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Oh, that's the administrative
4 assistance.

5 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Yeah. I think hers are for the
6 administrative assistants, which can be delayed. We need
7 to kind of prioritize the investigators. Commissioner
8 Burton, were you going to say something?

9 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Yes. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
10 This past decade, sitting here in a seat on the Board, we
11 have seen many people apply for many various positions
12 over the years. And we have to exercise our fiduciary
13 responsibility by ensuring that we are bringing on those
14 that are well qualified, that can really step up to the
15 task. We don't want to be back in this position where we
16 are looking to fill that seat again. We want to fill it
17 with the right applicant that can really do the job that
18 really wants to make this a career working for the Board
19 of Police Commissioners and the Office and Chief
20 Investigators Office. And so in addition, I don't want to
21 see us rush this process, but I really want to see us get
22 the process done correctly.

23 I think it would be rewarding, not only for our
24 Detroit residents, but also for the Board for the future.
25 In addition to that question that I like to raise is, how

1 long have these positions been posted out there? As well
2 as how many total applicants that applied? And where do
3 we post these positions? Where were they posted? I think
4 it's very important that our community knows that. And we
5 could also use the Board's platform and talk about how
6 citizens can apply for certain positions at each and
7 every one of these meetings.

8 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Through the Chair.

9 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Acting Secretary, Mr. Brown,
10 and then I'll come to you. MR. BROWN: Mr. Chair, Attorney
11 LaBelle just sent over an email, saying if it's the
12 request of the Board to speed the executive assistant up,
13 she's available 3/11 in the afternoon, 3/12 in the
14 afternoon, 3/14 in the afternoon, and 3/15.

15 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Okay. Thank you. But no, we're
16 prioritizing the investigators, but we do appreciate her
17 quick response.

18 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Mr. Chair.

19 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Commissioner Carter.

20 COMMISSIONER CARTER: I'm not sure if Commissioner
21 Banks's schedule, but I can do Wednesday. I can clear my
22 schedule for all day Wednesday, and the afternoon of
23 Thursday from 1-3 PM.

24 COMMISSIONER BANKS: I'll let you know.

25 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Okay.

1 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Okay. So it seems like we're
2 moving forward there. Commissioner Woods.

3 COMMISSIONER WOODS: If commissioner Banks is not
4 available, I advise the Chair to see if any other
5 commissioner could temporarily be in place to be able to
6 do the interview.

7 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Okay. Any further questions or
8 comments regarding that? COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the
9 Chair. The question that I raised was, and it wasn't
10 answered.

11 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Yes. So how long had the
12 position been posted?

13 CI WARFIELD: So we posted the positions at the very
14 beginning of the year. And there were 3 separate postings
15 at the beginning, and we had a total of 44 candidates who
16 applied. As far as where those positions were posted or
17 where those postings went up, it was through the City of
18 Detroit Services. And I think we can go through Mr.
19 Tipton to get a better understanding of how wide it was
20 distributed.

21 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Yeah, and I'm grateful for
22 that reminder, because again, when we talk about moving
23 with haste, as if this just started yesterday. These
24 positions have been posted since the beginning of the
25 year. So we already have delayed ourselves in that

1 regard. So again I was grateful to hear Commissioner
2 Carter and Commissioner Banks looking at their schedule
3 to see if we can begin by next week. Because again, these
4 positions have been posted, posted again, and posted
5 again. And now I think it's time for us to interview so
6 we can ensure that we have investigators to implement the
7 plan we just voted for, for the Chief investigator,
8 knowing that the backlog has grown with the additional
9 cases that are now being brought back from the Auditor
10 General's Office. So let's make sure that we kind of move
11 ahead on that. So again, we are going to look for
12 scheduling next Wednesday.

13 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the Chair.

14 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Yes, Commissioner Burton.

15 COMMISSIONER BURTON: How do we come up with the 11
16 names? Who selected those 11 names?

17 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: So what happens is the people
18 who apply, HR does the initial vetting to make sure that
19 they have met the qualifications based off of the posting
20 that was there. And then those things are shared with the
21 Chief Investigator who has identified those who fit the
22 job description that we've set. But I'll allow him to
23 add. COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the Chair. I really...

24 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: I'll allow Chief Investigator
25 to add, and then you can make your comment. Chief

1 Investigator.

2 CI WARFIELD: Thank you. Through the Chair. So there
3 are a couple of things we were able to do. 1) We actually
4 had 14 names that we had highlighted to be interviewed.
5 And because of the delay in interviewing, some of those
6 individuals are no longer available to be interviewed. In
7 addition to that, those are just recommendations from
8 myself. Former Secretary Shah and myself, got those
9 resumes out to the entire Board so that the entire Board
10 can look at those resumes and if they see someone, if you
11 want to see someone within that resume pool then you
12 yourselves can recommend people from that resume pool to
13 be interviewed as well. It wasn't just our
14 recommendations, but the entire Board's.

15 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Yep. And so the resumes that
16 are being presented by Mr. Brown should be all of the
17 resumes, just in case there is a resume that the
18 commissioner sees that they want to add to this group and
19 noted, but has just been stated the delay changes the
20 number. And so we've been talking about 11 now, but when
21 HR begins to reach out, we can't be confident that that
22 11 are still interested in the job. And so, again,
23 reviewing the resumes that are available will prepare us
24 for that back filling in case there's a vacancy.
25 Commissioner Burton.

1 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Another question that I raised
2 that didn't get raised and it was, where were these
3 positions? Where were they posted? Where did we post
4 these positions? Number 1). Number 2). It seemed like HR
5 had done, I guess, their posting or whatever, and then
6 another entity. We need to see the names from all of the
7 different various sources in one big Excel sheet, so we
8 can all look at those names from all of the various
9 sources...

10 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: You mentioned earlier about
11 being here for 10 years and having watched this process.
12 This process has not changed. We rely on the city HR to
13 distribute this based on the networks that they have.

14 COMMISSIONER BURTON: It's a point of order. The
15 network process has changed. It changed quite a bit in
16 the past decade. Mr. Chairman, no disrespect to you or
17 anyone here in the room, but this process has changed
18 over the years. And just for transparency, I'd like to
19 see that, you know, we see like an Excel sheet from all
20 the various sources into one compile...

21 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: That's what I'm trying to
22 address. There are no various sources, Commissioner
23 Burton, there are no various sources. We use city HR to
24 distribute the postings. So there isn't another agency
25 that's also posting it, or another search firm. We

1 utilize HR and they send it out through their mediums,
2 whether that's their text blast, their email system or
3 their website. But the primary agency, the sole agency,
4 as a matter of fact that is posting these positions is
5 Detroit FR.

6 COMMISSIONER BURTON: So for point of information,
7 Mr. Chairman, there has been some discrepancies with this
8 Board and Mr. Tipton in the past. And so from a
9 transparency standpoint, the question that I'm raising
10 here is on the behalf of the residents of Detroit that we
11 go to work every single day when we come to the Board's
12 meetings to do the Board's work on behalf of the
13 citizens. And so I am calling for that, and I think every
14 commissioner at this table, on this Board is entitled to
15 see this information. And we want this as soon as
16 possible. And I think that we should not rush this
17 process, but we want the process to be done fairly
18 correctly so we can have the best and brightest that come
19 on as investigators. Because the thing about it, Mr.
20 Chairman, is that we do a disservice to our community
21 when we bring on someone who doesn't want to come here
22 for a career. We want those who come on as an
23 investigator to make this a career, not just a job as a
24 stepping stone, but come here as a career. We want the
25 best.

1 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: I agree. And there's no
2 opposition to your question. I just answered it. It
3 wasn't that I opposed your question. I just gave you the
4 answer to your question. You asked about the other
5 entities, and I was saying that there's only one, I'm not
6 in opposition to your question. And I think all of us
7 desire to have the very best qualified individuals to
8 work as an investigator. So there's no -

9 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Mr. Chair.

10 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Commissioner Moore.

11 COMMISSIONER MOORE: I will say for the record, that
12 there was a certain commissioner that would go to HR and
13 pull out resumes and people who have filed for positions.
14 So the transparency piece is definitely needed on this.
15 And I concur with what you were saying. Thank you.

16 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: And so, again, as I have
17 directed Acting Board Secretary Brown, that all the
18 resumes, for those who need it to be printed, should be
19 printed and sent out to all commissioners so that you can
20 do your own review of all of the resumes that have come
21 in and make your recommendation for the Personnel and
22 Training Committee. Commissioner Wood.

23 COMMISSIONER WOODS: I received a package from the
24 Chief Investigator, I believe probably 2 or 3 weeks ago
25 with all of them. And I was able to glean from him. So he

1 did send them all out. So that is verified. And then as
2 it relates to Commissioner Burton's point when it comes
3 to the secretary position, we should be notified of that
4 posting so that we can spread it among our networks.
5 That's a reasonable request. So definitely the commission
6 should be made aware when it's posted because we weren't
7 made aware when it was posted previously. It was up there
8 for a few days. We only got a few out of that. That's not
9 proper. The commissioners should know when it is posted,
10 and we should be able to spread it among the Faith-based
11 community, the fraternities, and sororities, whatever far
12 and near the civil rights community. So to Commissioner
13 Burton's point, I would like to see when the secretary
14 position is posted that we be notified, so that we can
15 have access to the link to spread it to, and then also
16 flyers being made; and it would be also be on the Board
17 of Police Commission website, if it had not been, it may
18 have already.

19 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Duly noted. We refer that to
20 the personnel and Training Committee as they create the
21 guidelines for the search firm that will be included.

22 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Thank you.

23 COMMISSIONER BURTON: For new business, Mr. Chairman.

24 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Commissioner Burton.

25 COMMISSIONER BURTON: There are a few line item items

1 I'd like to bring on. The first line item I'd like to
2 bring on today for new business is a motion to
3 temporarily suspend DPDs use of ShotSpotter services,
4 pending a full report from the Chief Whites on data
5 security and leak risks, fullest extent data sharing with
6 other cities and their policies governing the
7 surveillance data for those cities. It was something that
8 I raised earlier today before Deputy Chief Bliss. I'm
9 raising that today as a policy. I mean, I'm raising that
10 today as a motion that we see a full report.

11 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: All right. Let me see if I can
12 repackage that motion and you can tell me whether or not
13 I've captured it. The motion is to suspend ShotSpotter
14 until DPD can provide the Board with the policies of the
15 additional law enforcement agencies that DPD has a data
16 sharing agreement with. Is there a second?

17 COMMISSIONER BURTON: The motion, Mr. Chairman?

18 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: There is no second. So there's
19 no motion.

20 COMMISSIONER BURTON: The motion wasn't, when you
21 stated the motion, it wasn't stated correctly. My motion,
22 Mr. Chairman...

23 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Try it again.

24 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Was to temporarily suspend
25 DPDs, use a ShotSpotter technology pending a full report

1 from Chief White on data security and the leak risk for
2 full extent of data sharing with other cities and the
3 policy governing the use of Detroit's surveillance data
4 by those cities. There was a report that we saw...

5 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Okay. I'm going to stop you
6 there so that your motion doesn't get confused. Is there
7 a second? There's no second. So there's no motion.
8 Commissioner Moore?

9 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would
10 like to make a motion for the Board to draft a letter to
11 Attorney Dawn Ison to investigate the death of Daryl
12 Vance.

13 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Is there a second?

14 COMMISSIONER GAMBLE: Support.

15 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Second

16 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: It has been properly moved and
17 second that the Board develops a letter to U.S. Attorney
18 Ison, to investigate the death of Darrell Vance. Is there
19 any discussion? Commissioner Bernard.

20 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Quickly. That's the gentleman
21 who died when his head hit the curb on Woodward Avenue in
22 front of the Majestic Café?

23 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Yes.

24 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Excuse me, Commissioner Banks.

25 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: So that is the man you're

1 talking about. Aren't we investigating that right now?

2 COMMISSIONER MOORE: I would like to see a federal
3 investigation into it.

4 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Commissioner Banks.

5 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Through the Chair. That was with
6 that officer who hit him, physically?

7 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Correct.

8 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Okay. Like a 77-year-old man.

9 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Correct.

10 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Okay, I remember that case.

11 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Any further discussion?

12 Hearing none, all those in favor of the motion to have
13 the Board to draft a letter...

14 COMMISSIONER BURTON: A roll call vote, Mr. Chairman.

15 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: To have the Board draft a
16 letter to U.S. Attorney Dawn Ison, to investigate the
17 death of Daryl Vance, please signify by saying aye.

18 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

19 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Those oppose, no? A roll call
20 vote has been called. Mr. Brown

21 MR. BROWN: Chairperson Presley - Aye.

22 MR. BROWN: Commissioner Smith - Aye.

23 COMMISSIONER GAMBLE: Point of clarification.

24 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: A point of information.

25 COMMISSIONER GAMBLE: Didn't we just pass it with an

1 aye vote?

2 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Yeah, but when a roll call is
3 requested, it has to be adhered to. Continue.

4 MR. BROWN: Commissioner Bernard - Yes, but I think
5 we should have completed our own investigation before we
6 ask anybody else to investigate.

7 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: I just want to be clear. The
8 motion is just to draft a letter.

9 MR. BROWN: Commissioner Banks - Yes.

10 MR. BROWN: Commissioner Burton - Absolutely, yes.

11 MR. BROWN: Commissioner Moore - Yes.

12 MR. BROWN: Commissioner Gamble - Yes.

13 MR. BROWN: It looks like Commissioner Wood left. And
14 I believe I got Commissioner Banks, right?

15 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Yes.

16 MR. BROWN: Okay.

17 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: All right.

18 MR. BROWN: 7 yes and zero no votes.

19 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: That motion passes.

20 Commissioner Bernard.

21 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Oh, nothing. I just wanted to
22 know the status of the department's investigation

23 regarding that. I believe the gentleman has been put off
24 work and has been charged by the Prosecutor's Office.

25 DC BLISS: Through the Chair.

1 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Officer, I apologize to the
2 officer.

3 DC BLISS: Through the Chair. It's my understanding
4 right now that the Prosecutor's Office is looking to
5 resubmit. But that's all I have on it at this moment in
6 time.

7 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Okay.

8 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Is there any further new
9 business?

10 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Yeah, right here, Mr. Chair.

11 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Commissioner Banks.

12 COMMISSIONER BANKS: I move that every week a
13 commissioner that retires from this point on, just like
14 Commissioner Hope and Commissioner Holley, they got a
15 Resolution and they got cake. I'm requesting that for the
16 whole Board who retires from this point on, every
17 commissioner who retires, who did their 4 year term or do
18 their 5 year term. The motion is that they will get a
19 Resolution and some cake just like Commissioner Holley,
20 just like Commissioner Hope.

21 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Oh. Will you accept a friendly
22 amendment? The other thing you're supposed to get is a
23 retired commissioner's badge.

24 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Yeah. That's right. I forgot
25 about that.

1 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: It says your ID card.

2 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Hey, thank you, Attorney
3 Bernard. Thank you.

4 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Alright. Is there a second?

5 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Second.

6 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: It's been properly moved and
7 second. Is there any discussion?

8 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Discussion. Who's going to pay
9 for the cake?

10 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Alright, so here's my
11 discussion. Are we tone deaf? Commissioner Banks, are we
12 tone deaf?

13 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Huh? What do you mean?

14 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Here we are passing motions to
15 celebrate ourselves when we have investigations that are
16 out, backlogs that aren't done, investigators not hired.
17 Like, I mean, what is the urgency of passing something
18 that isn't even an issue right now about a resolution in
19 cake?

20 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Yeah. Well, you know...

21 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Are we tone deaf?

22 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Can I say...

23 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Commissioner Bernard just
24 mentioned we might get an F from the Auditor General's. We
25 hear the citizens who come every week saying, we're not

1 doing our job, but here we are at the table passing a
2 Resolution so we can get a badge and some cake.

3 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Well, the badge is automatic,
4 but just what Holley and Hope had. I think that's
5 favoritism, if we don't get that.

6 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Any further discussion? All
7 those in favor of ensuring that commissioners who retire
8 from this point on get a resolution, a badge and some
9 cake please signify by saying aye.

10 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Aye. I think it's...

11 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: All those who oppose, no.

12 COMMISSIONER BANKS: No.

13 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: A roll call please.

14 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Is there a discussion Mr.
15 Chairman?

16 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: That was the discussion.

17 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Part of the discussion, right?

18 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: We are already in the voting
19 matter, voting. We still have a quorum. Go right ahead.

20 MR. BROWN: Chairperson Pressley - No.

21 MR. BROWN: Commissioner Bernard - Absolutely. After
22 service on a Board or any Board or Commission for 4 years
23 or 5 years. That's a thank you.

24 MR. BROWN: Vice Chair. Commissioner Smith - I
25 believe no at this time because we have to address the

1 matter at hand.

2 MR. BROWN: Commissioner Banks - Yes.

3 MR. BROWN: Commissioner Moore - No.

4 MR. BROWN: Commissioner Gamble - No, but we can
5 readdress this when we get our priorities straight. I'm
6 all in favor of recognizing someone's service, but at
7 this point in time we have a lot more pressing issues.

8 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I agree.

9 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: So 4 no votes, 2 yes votes?

10 MR. BROWN: Yes. 4 no votes, and 2 yes votes.

11 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: The motion fails. Is there any
12 further new business

13 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Right here, Mr. Chair.

14 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Commissioner Banks.

15 COMMISSIONER BANKS: You know, we've been hearing a
16 lot about this. I want to address just disruption on the
17 Board here. I mean this misconduct here on the Board. We
18 have two commissioners here on the Board who have
19 committed misconduct right here in the OIG report and
20 abuse of the authority of the, and their position,
21 willful neglect of duty. And we have one who is a retired
22 Wayne County Sheriff for over 25 years, and one that's a
23 retired Detroit police officer over 30 years. So I move,
24 I want to make a motion, I move that those two
25 commissioners cannot serve in any leadership position

1 until this term ends here, which will end in what,
2 2026/2027?

3 COMMISSIONER MOORE: December 31st. 2025.

4 COMMISSIONER BANKS: 2025? I thought it was January
5 26th.

6 COMMISSIONER MOORE: I want to say by noon. January
7 1st, 2026.

8 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Okay, got you.

9 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Alright, there is a motion on
10 the floor to prevent the two commissioners named the two
11 sitting commissioners named in that report from serving
12 in any leadership capacity until the end of this term,
13 which is January 1st, 2026.

14 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Support.

15 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: It's been properly moved and
16 second. Is there any discussion?

17 COMMISSIONER GAMBLE: Yes. Okay. We have one who
18 hasn't been here in two weeks. Do we know his status?
19 Will he be remaining? Will he be resigning? Sister
20 Carter, she just left, so...

21 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: It's uncertain. Any further
22 discussion?

23 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Through the Chair.

24 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Commissioner Banks:

25 COMMISSIONER BANKS: These two have been in

1 leadership on this Board, have been Chairman 3 or 4 times
2 each, so they know better to abuse their power and abuse
3 their authority.

4 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Is there any further
5 discussion? Hearing none, all those in favor of the
6 motion to prevent the two sitting commissioners named in
7 the OIG report from serving in any leadership capacity
8 until the end of this term of January 1st, 2026, please
9 signify by saying aye.

10 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

11 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: All those opposed, no? The
12 ayes have it. That motion passes. Is there any further
13 new business? Hearing none, the Chair... DC Bliss.

14 DC BLISS: I just have two points of clarification.
15 Number 1). This is for Commissioner Bernard. They're
16 appealing the judge's decision on that officer who did
17 the... the judge dismissed it, and the Wayne County
18 Prosecutor's Office, they're appealing that decision.

19 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Thank you.

20 DC BLISS: I just wanted to clarify that. And then
21 the second is, today there were a lot of requests, you
22 know, from the department. And what I'd like is, could
23 you please have it...

24 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Yeah. When I asked the Acting
25 Board Secretary to memorialize if that would be placed in

1 writing to the department.

2 DC BLISS: Thank you.

3 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: The Chair entertains the
4 motion for adjournment.

5 COMMISSIONER GAMBLE: So move.

6 COMMISSIONER MOORE: So move.

7 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Second.

8 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: All those in favor, please
9 signify by saying aye.

10 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

11 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Those opposed, no? It's
12 adjourned. Thank you.

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15 (Meeting Adjourned at 5:16 p.m.)

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