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- 1 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Good afternoon, Seventh Precinct
- 2 Family. My name is Ricardo Moore, Chair pro tem of the
- 3 Detroit Board of Police Commissioners. As you can see, we
- 4 do not have a quorum at this time, so I will ask for a
- 5 brief five-minute recess until the quorum develops. Thank
- 6 you for your patience
- 7 DR. JACKSON: You can ask for invocation and public
- 8 comment. The Open Meetings Act allows you to get staff
- 9 reports and public comment, and we could do the
- 10 invocation, so we don't hold up the Chaplain.
- 11 COMMISSIONER MOORE: So we're going to go forward
- 12 with our meeting folks, because we don't want to hold you
- 13 up because of the weather outside. So we're going to ask
- 14 the chaplain to step forward for invocation.
- 15 CHAPLAIN PUCKETT: Good evening. Let us join
- 16 together. Heavenly Father, I pray your blessings upon
- 17 this meeting tonight. To our Chair, to our assistant
- 18 Chair, every commissioner, city official, as well as the
- 19 citizens under the sound of my voice. Dear Lord, we ask
- 20 for guidance, wisdom, and support to the engagement of
- 21 meaningful discussion. On behalf of this City of Detroit,
- 22 we ask, oh Lord, for open minds and listening hearts.
- 23 Help us to be guided by the spirit of community, honor,
- 24 honesty, peace, and love. Help us to build today from
- 25 yesterday's grace so that we will be impactful on behalf



- 1 of the future of our great city. We ask these blessings
- 2 and all blessings. In Jesus' mighty name. Amen.
- 3 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Amen.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you so very much for
- 5 your words of invocation. Still waiting on a few of our
- 6 commissioners to arrive so that we might maintain a
- 7 quorum. And so with that, again, we'll continue with our
- 8 amended agenda and I'll ask that Acting Secretary Brown
- 9 provide us with any incoming communications, his report,
- 10 as well as announcements.
- MR. BROWN: Yeah. Good afternoon, Mr. Chair. Under
- 12 the Acting Secretary report, you have a letter from
- 13 Congressman Talabi. There's an opinion from Dr. Jackson,
- 14 who's our parliamentarian concerning our policy committee
- 15 meeting, which was withheld on May 14th, 2024 in the OCI
- 16 Weekly report. And Mr. Chair, from there I go to the
- 17 announcement.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you.
- MR. BROWN: The next BOPC meeting would be June 20th,
- 20 2024, 3:00 PM That meeting takes place at Detour Public
- 21 Safety Headquarters. That address is 1301 Third Street
- 22 48226. And the next BOPC community meeting would be
- 23 Thursday, July 11th at 6:30 PM with the Sixth Precinct
- 24 hosting at Citadel Appraised. That address is 20280
- 25 Linden Street, Detroit, Michigan 48223. And Mr. Chair,



- 1 for the month of June, 2024, our committee meetings.
- 2 Policy Committee meeting meets Tuesday, June 25th at 5:00
- 3 PM. That meeting also takes place at Detroit Publicity
- 4 Safety Headquarters, and you can view it on Zoom. The
- 5 announcements as Chair.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you so very much. I
- 7 apologize. In my haste, I didn't provide an opportunity
- 8 to express my gratitude to Detroit Edison for opening up
- 9 this space for us to be able to have our community
- 10 meeting here. We're so grateful to be in this community
- 11 and at this precinct. Then also there are some words of
- 12 welcome, I believe that is going to be provided to us by
- 13 Superintendent Ralph Bland. if he's present today. This
- 14 handsome looking brother here, sharp as a tack. Need that
- 15 for our virtual audience.
- 16 SUPERINTENDENT BLAND: I just want to welcome the
- 17 police commissioners. Our building is always open to
- 18 holding this meeting because if our school is not doing
- 19 justice by opening the building to the community, we're
- 20 not a true community school. I like to look at it that
- 21 way. I would like to say, welcome to the community.
- 22 Detroit Edison Public School Academy is a pre K through
- 23 eight school. One of the highest performing schools in
- 24 the metropolitan area. Not just Detroit, but also the
- 25 high school right across the street from the parking lot.



- 1 We focus on, not high school graduation, but college
- 2 graduation. We had one of the highest persistence rates
- 3 in the State of Michigan for students staying in college
- 4 and graduating. So I want to say hello again. Thank you
- 5 for coming out, and our home is your home; and anytime
- 6 you would like to have a meeting, just let us know, our
- 7 arms are open, and welcome. Thank you.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you so very much. And we
- 9 can give him a round of applause for remarks inviting us
- 10 to this place. Thank you. Again, since we don't yet have
- 11 a quorum, we still are able to receive staff reports. And
- 12 so with that, I'm going to ask that Chief Investigator
- 13 Warfield provide us his presentation relative to our
- 14 community impact report.
- 15 CI WARFIELD: Thank you, Mr. Chair, and to this
- 16 honorable board, there are two communications that I left
- 17 on top of your binders regarding some occurrences that
- 18 you may want to take a look at and read. And I'll also be
- 19 placing these in your email box as well. I do want to go
- 20 into one of the communications, though. Last meeting,
- 21 Commissioner Carter gave us a question as relates to the
- 22 type of investigations and the type of findings and the
- 23 results as it relates to those backlog cases that came
- 24 back to us from the Office of the Inspector General. And
- 25 as I said last week, we have some of our newer



- 1 investigators that are going through that process of
- 2 investigating all of those complaints and they're doing
- 3 an outstanding job. Those five investigators have really
- 4 tackled over 105 allegations. Of those 105 allegations
- 5 that they have investigated, 20% of those allegations
- 6 have been sustained, which is above our normal number,
- 7 just above our normal number of about 15% of allegations
- 8 sustained. And in addition to that, the vast majority of
- 9 those investigations were of our standard investigation,
- 10 meaning that they did the very long form of investigating
- 11 those complaints. And they have, again, done just a
- 12 yeoman's job. And they have led the way in our office as
- 13 it relates to the number of investigations that are being
- 14 completed in the Office of the Chief investigator. And
- 15 that, again, I wanted to provide that in writing for this
- 16 board and more in particular to Commissioner Carter who
- 17 raised that effort. That's my report. Thank you, sir.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you. See what else we
- 19 can do here while we wait on some of my colleagues to
- 20 arrive. Well, I'll inquire of the parliamentarian whether
- 21 or not questions are appropriate for the staff reports
- 22 with no quorum.
- DR. JACKSON: The Open Meetings Act would allow you
- 24 to ask questions. You just can't make any motions.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Okay. So questions are in



- 1 order. Commissioner Moore.
- 2 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. So
- 3 Chief Investigator, I'm looking at the second memo. It's
- 4 very concerning to me. I don't know if other board
- 5 members have read it, but it's very concerning. It goes,
- 6 if true it goes totally against our mission as the Board
- 7 of Police Commissioners that was established in 1974 by
- 8 the late great Coleman Alexander Young. And you just give
- 9 the overview of it. I know you don't probably want to
- 10 read the entire letter, but you just give a brief
- 11 overview of this because it is concerning, and I believe
- 12 this is public knowledge.
- 13 CI WARFIELD: Yes, sir. And through the Chair to
- 14 Commissioner Moore and the rest of the commissioners, I
- 15 was alerted last week and this week to what seems to be a
- 16 potential work slowdown or work stoppage in our office by
- 17 a few investigators. I addressed this issue with the
- 18 MAPE, which is, which stands for Municipal Association of
- 19 Public Employees Union President. I've also discussed
- 20 this with the City of Detroit labor relations
- 21 representative. All three of us are on the same page that
- 22 if this activity is taking place, that it is not only
- 23 unethical, but it is also illegal. And so the MAPE
- 24 president, Mr. James is addressing this with the union
- 25 employees in our office. We are also going to address it



- 1 in our next meeting as well. But I've seen evidence which
- 2 gives me pause. And so I want to make sure that we have
- 3 all of the facts before you. But we definitely want to
- 4 bring this, and I don't know if it'll be in a closed
- 5 session, open session, but it's something we want to
- 6 apprise this board of in full.
- 7 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Thank you, Chief.
- 8 CI WARFIELD: Thank you.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you. Are there any
- 10 further questions? Hearing none we will move forward and
- 11 we still are yet waiting on one commissioner, but I do
- 12 see that there are a number of certificate appreciations
- 13 that are being offered today. And so we should be able to
- 14 move forward with these certificates. Parliamentarian, is
- 15 that appropriate? There's no voting that needs to be done
- 16 in distributing these certificates, resolutions. I do
- 17 understand.
- DR. JACKSON: Do they require a motion for adoption?
- 19 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: No.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: It's my opinion, you can do
- 21 them.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you. Alright, and so
- 23 I'll turn it over to the commissioner who is providing
- 24 the number of certificates. Are they not yet here? Okay.
- 25 Well, we will hold off on the certificates as well. I do



- 1 apologize to the community. I do understand that you all
- 2 are here and it would be great if commissioners were here
- 3 in a timely fashion for us to move forward in our
- 4 business. But it is summer, it's getting warm outside,
- 5 you know, people get a little relaxed and the like. But
- 6 hopefully we'll be able to move forward quickly. With
- 7 that, we will then move to public comment, and we will
- 8 have those who are here or on Zoom to be able to share
- 9 two minutes, please.
- 10 MR. BROWN: Yeah, Mr. Chair, currently we have six
- 11 speakers. We have four in attendance. I call them first.
- 12 Ms. Charnita Williams, followed by Andrea and Victoria.
- 13 Yes, ma'am.
- 14 MS. WILLIAMS: Hello everyone. I was at the board of
- 15 commissioners meeting last week at the headquarters. Two
- 16 officers went through my personal belongings, and I'm so
- 17 disgusted, disappointed. And every time I get up there
- 18 and I speak about people, were officers disrespecting
- 19 their oath and not doing their job correctly and
- 20 disrespecting me. How dare anyone go into my personal
- 21 belongings at the board of commissioners' meetings? I
- 22 mean, that's so disrespectful. And then, like I said, it
- 23 is always some type of cover up. Officers, when you
- 24 conspire to cover up anything illegal, it is conspiracy.
- 25 You keep on trying to cover up my rape. I am so tired of



- 1 this. Someone at Avalon is working with the Detroit
- 2 police officers trying to cover up my rape. And clearly I
- 3 was raped. I'm not just going to continue to talk about
- 4 my rape and nobody's not doing anything about it. And I'm
- 5 in the shelter and I have been complaining about this
- 6 person for a very long time, and I want to know who is
- 7 paying these bills or who's calling the shots when
- 8 helicopters continue to be stalking over the facility
- 9 that I'm in, and watching somebody like she is the First
- 10 Lady. That's not acceptable. And all this illegal stuff
- 11 is going on. Why should my life be interfered with? And I
- 12 continue to talk about officers following me in their
- 13 civilian vehicles. It's been going on for three years and
- 14 six months. Somebody needs to do their job correctly.
- MR. BROWN: Andrea followed by Victoria.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Andrew and Victoria.
- 17 ANDREA AND VICTORIA: Okay. So thank you so much for
- 18 hearing us out. And well it seems, maybe it may seem like
- 19 a minor issue to a lot of people, but it still
- 20 significantly impacts the quality of our life and our
- 21 neighbors. And what we want to speak precisely about is
- 22 the noise in the north end involving the park and also
- 23 involving parties; block parties that are being approved
- 24 by the mayor's office that end last weekend of May.
- 25 Literally, for the whole Sunday, our house was vibrating



- 1 from 2:00 PM until 8:00 PM. We just could not function in
- 2 our own home. And we were told that the party was
- 3 approved by the mayor's office and there was nothing we
- 4 could do. And so we just want to find out, you know, what
- 5 our rights are in terms of the noise and what is
- 6 acceptable and what's not. Because from what we
- 7 understand by law it should not be heard within a hundred
- 8 feet, but we were four blocks, we're almost half a mile
- 9 within that party, and we still could hear it within our
- 10 house with all the windows closed. And it's also a
- 11 concern because there's a lot of vacancy in our block.
- 12 And our neighborhood has been designated for the
- 13 population for the population density. And it's like
- 14 whenever anybody... right now... how many houses... we have
- 15 four vacant houses out of, what's
- ANDREA: Four out of about 12 on our block are vacant
- 17 right now. And it's designated as a transportation hub
- 18 near the Q line as a target area for increase in the
- 19 population density. So we're concerned about being able
- 20 to recommend to our friends and people that we know that
- 21 you know, it's a great place to live, which we love
- 22 everything about it except the noise and the interference
- 23 that we have mostly from Delores Bennett Park and
- 24 occasionally these parties.
- VICTORIA: Yeah, and also, like, people ask us



- 1 whenever we ask them like, oh, move from Bloomfield
- 2 Hills. And the question we ask, we usually get is how
- 3 safe it is and how quiet it is, you know, how safe we can
- 4 feel in this neighborhood, and can we get a peace of
- 5 mind? Can we rest on the weekend, or in the evening after
- 6 a stressful day on the job? And I would say, you know,
- 7 during warmer months, I cannot answer that question
- 8 positively because as soon as the weather gets warmer
- 9 mid-April through mid-October, it's really tough for us.
- 10 And we spoke to the precinct and they directed us to call
- 11 911 and then neighbors... it's like a lot of us actually,
- 12 were calling 911, and 911 directs us to precinct. So we
- 13 feel like we're being bounced by, you know, ping pong
- 14 ball, back and forth, but nobody can really help.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Alright. Thank you. DC
- 16 Williams, could you provide us with the noise ordinance
- 17 so that they have some clarity on the timeframe in which
- 18 they should expect their communities to be quiet?
- 19 DC WILLIAMS: So the noise ordinance is basically, if
- 20 you can hear the music, I think it's 250 feet away. And
- 21 don't quote me on it, but if it's loud enough where you
- 22 hear it from your house, then that's too loud and you can
- 23 call the police and the police will investigate that.
- 24 From what I'm hearing, through the Chair, I would like,
- 25 after you get finished, just for the neighborhood police



- 1 officers in the back to get your address and your where
- 2 you are, and we'll work that out.
- 3 ANDREA: Thank you.
- 4 VICTORIA: Thank you so much.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you.
- 6 MR. BROWN: Mr. Chair. Your next speaker will be
- 7 Minister Eric, and then we'll go into Zoom with Call with
- 8 the last three numbers, 534.
- 9 MINISTER BLOUNT: Good afternoon board.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Good afternoon.
- 11 MINISTER BLOUNT: I'm Minister Eric Blount from
- 12 Sacred Heart Catholic Church right here in Detroit and
- 13 not far away. I've been coming to these meetings for
- 14 roughly 10 years. I've counted 20 commissioners that have
- 15 come and gone, but the corruption stays the same. So
- 16 since we are at a school, I want to make sure that the
- 17 young people know what their rights are when they get
- 18 stopped. We have a male mentoring program at our church
- 19 and we had a defense attorney, criminal defense attorney
- 20 present to them in front of a police officer, and there
- 21 was no dispute. So I want to make these things clear.
- 22 One, when you are stopped by the police, you have a right
- 23 to refuse to be searched, you or your car. Two, if you
- 24 are commanded to exit the vehicle, you must do it.
- 25 Three. If you are asked to exit the vehicle and the



- 1 officer does nothing, but tell you stories, you have the
- 2 right to ask the officer, am I being detained or am I
- 3 free to go? If you are not being detained, then you are
- 4 free to go. But speaking of being detained at last week's
- 5 meeting, OCI, Reverend Warfield mentioned something very
- 6 disturbing. His office has noticed a trend of police
- 7 officers handcuffing citizens during traffic stops with
- 8 no valid reason for being detained. If you commissioners
- 9 did not take specific notes of that, then I want you to.
- 10 The other thing is the HR report was delayed again last
- 11 week. This is now going on two months, but the HR report
- 12 only talks about retention and attrition and things like
- 13 that. But this board was created,
- 14 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you. That's your time.
- 15 And I do see that Commissioner Hernandez has joined us.
- 16 And with that addition, we now have a quorum. And so we
- 17 will return to our official agenda, which now calls for
- 18 the introduction of commissioners by Acting Secretary
- 19 Brown
- 20 MR. BROWN: Chairperson Pressley Here.
- 21 MR. BROWN: Vice Chairperson Smith Present.
- 22 MR. BROWN: Commissioner Bernard asked for an excused
- 23 absent.
- MR. BROWN: Commissioner Banks Present.
- MR. BROWN: Commissioner Bell asked for an excused



- 1 absent.
- MR. BROWN: Commissioner Carter -2.
- MR. BROWN: Commissioner Moore Present. 3
- MR. BROWN: Commissioner Hernandez Present. 4
- 5 MR. BROWN: And Commissioner Wood, asked for an
- 6 excuse absent.
- CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Alright, with that, we do 7
- indeed have a quorum. And now we'll move on to the 8
- 9 approval of the June 13th, 2024 agenda. Is there any
- objection to this agenda? Hearing no objection, the 10
- agenda is approved. And next we'll move on to the 11
- 12 approval of the minutes for the June 6th, 2024 meeting.
- 13 Is there any objection to these minutes being approved?
- 14 Hearing no objection, the minutes are approved. We'll now
- 15 have an introduction of BOPC staff, chief of police,
- 16 elected officials, representatives, and community leaders
- 17 by Acting Secretary Brown.
- MR. BROWN: Good afternoon, Mr. Chair. Currently, we 18
- have with us Parliamentarian, Dr. Francis Jackson, Chief 19
- Investigator Jerome Warfield. Ms. Candace Hayes, Ms. 20
- 21 Teresa Blossom, Supervising Investigator Ainsley
- Cromwell, ASL Interpreters, Ms. Yakata and Dr. Stephanie 22
- 23 Beatty, Ms. Jasmine Taylor, Youth Advisory panelist
- 24 Amulen Rozmus. Mr. Don Handyside is doing our court
- 25 reporting. Sergeant Brian is doing our video, and



- 1 Sergeant Allen Quinn is doing our audio. Sitting in for
- 2 the Chief is Deputy Chief Arnold Williams. Elected
- 3 Officials, Ms. LaDon Davis, Office of the Councilmember
- 4 Fred Durhal III Office, and former Commissioner William
- 5 Davis.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: All right. Thank you for that.
- 7 And again, we're grateful for everyone's attendance at
- 8 today's meeting. And now we'll move on to our Board of
- 9 Police Commissioners' Officers report where today we are
- 10 having our elections for Board of Police Commissioners'
- 11 Chair and Vice Chair. So with that, the Chair opens the
- 12 floor for nominations for the position of Chair of the
- 13 Board of Police Commissioners. Are there any nominations
- 14 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Right here.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Commissioner Banks.
- 16 COMMISSIONER BANKS: I'm nominating Commissioner
- 17 Bernard for Chairman.
- DR. JACKSON: Mr. Chairman.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Yes.
- DR. JACKSON: The bylaws allow someone who's not
- 21 present to be nominated as long as they have previously
- 22 indicated the willingness to serve. I would advise the
- 23 Chair to ask the commissioner if Commissioner Bernard has
- 24 indicated she would be willing to serve if she's elected.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: So I asked Commissioner Banks,



- 1 are you aware of whether or not Commissioner Bernard is
- 2 willing to serve?
- 3 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Well, I know she ran last year,
- 4 you know, and I do believe she's willing to serve, yeah,
- 5 as far as I know.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: So, has there been any
- 7 conversation relative to your nominating her today about
- 8 her willingness to serve?
- 9 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Have I had a conversation with
- 10 her?
- 11 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Correct.
- 12 COMMISSIONER BANKS: No, I just you know, I had
- 13 mentioned to you a few days ago that, you know, I owe her
- 14 a vote when I was nominated by Commissioner Moore, when I
- 15 ran for Vice Chair, I owe a vote that, you know, she was
- 16 going to run for Chair. We agreed to that back then. We
- 17 agreed to that because...
- 18 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Again, I'm only responding to
- 19 what the parliamentarian has suggested is necessary in
- 20 order for nomination to go forth. And so it's based on
- 21 your confidence or conversation with her about her
- 22 willingness to serve?
- 23 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Because she told me she was
- 24 running for Chair in June. So I said, I got her back.
- 25 I'll vote. So that's a willingness to serve me... seemed



- like. 1
- CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Yes, I will accept that. 2.
- COMMISSIONER BANKS: Correct. Mr. Chair? 3
- 4 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Yes.
- COMMISSIONER BANKS: Okay. Thank you. 5
- CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Are there any further 6
- 7 nominations?
- 8 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Through the Chair.
- CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Commissioner Carter. 9
- COMMISSIONER CARTER I nominate Commissioner Tamara 10
- 11 Liberty Smith.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Are there any further
- 13 nominations?
- 14 COMMISSIONER SMITH: Through the Chair.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Vice Chair Smith.
- 16 VICE CHAIR SMITH: I nominate Darryl Woods.
- DR. JACKSON: Same issue. Mr. Chair. 17
- 18 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Are you confident in his
- 19 willingness to serve?
- 20 VICE CHAIR SMITH: Yes. I spoke with Mr. Woods in
- 21 regards to chairing the board, and he is accepting the
- 2.2 nomination.
- CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you. Are there any 2.3
- 24 further nominations? Alright, hearing no further
- nominations, nominations are closed with the following 25



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- 1 commissioners. Attorney Linda Bernard. Excuse me.
- DR. JACKSON: I'm sorry. Mr. Chair. The bylaws
- 3 require a motion to close nominations and must be
- 4 seconded as non-debatable.
- 5 COMMISSIONER CARTER: So moved.
- 6 COMMISSIONER Moore: Support.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: So the Chair entertains a
- 8 motion to close nominations. I heard support and second.
- 9 Is there any discussion?
- 10 DR. JACKSON: Non-debatable.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Hearing no discussion, now the
- 12 nominations are closed. We now will have nominations
- 13 closed with the following commissioners...
- DR. JACKSON: Mr. Chair, you have to vote on that
- 15 motion. It's non debatable, but it doesn't mean you don't
- 16 vote on it.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you very much. All those
- 18 in favor, please signify by saying Aye.
- 19 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: All those opposed? No.
- 21 Alright. The Ayes have it. That motion passes. Now, the
- 22 nominations are closed. Thank you. Nominations are closed
- 23 with Commissioner Bernard, Vice Chair Tamara Liberty
- 24 Smith, and Commissioner Darryl Woods. So all those in
- 25 favor of Commissioner Linda Bernard, becoming Chair,



- 1 raise your hand.
- 2 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Get a roll call vote,
- 3 please?
- 4 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: So, a part of my consternation
- 5 is that I have a script here that is not as comprehensive
- 6 as what has been provided to me by Dr. Jackson. And in
- 7 this script, it just says raise the hands. And then the
- 8 Chair reads the hands that are raised. Does that serve as
- 9 a roll call?
- 10 DR. JACKSON: A roll call vote would not be
- 11 appropriate for this reason. You cannot vote against
- 12 someone who's nominated. You can't vote, no.
- 13 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Thank you for the clarity.
- 14 DR. JACKSON: So, it's not like a motion. So a roll
- 15 call vote in this case... you could, I guess vote present,
- 16 but it doesn't make a lot of sense. It would make more
- 17 sense to take a vote by raising your hands. And then
- 18 people can vote for whoever they want to vote for. And
- 19 because there are six of you, someone would have to get
- 20 four votes in order to be elected. Thank you, sir.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you. Alright. So again,
- 22 all those in favor of Commissioner Linda Bernard becoming
- 23 Chair, raise your hand. For the record, Acting Secretary
- 24 Brown, can you state the commissioners with their hands
- 25 raised?



- 1 MR. BROWN: Commissioner Banks.
- CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you. All those in favor 2
- of Vice Chair Tamara. Liberty Smith becoming Chair, raise 3
- your hand. 4
- MR. BROWN: Commissioner Moore, Commissioner Carter. 5
- 6 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you. All those in favor
- of Commissioner Darryl Woods becoming Chair, please raise
- your hand. 8
- MR. BROWN: Commissioner Pressley. Commissioner Smith 9
- and Commissioner Hernandez. 10
- DR. JACKSON: There is no election, Mr. Chair. 11
- 12 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: So in this first round, there
- is no election, so we will do this again. All those in 13
- 14 favor of attorney, excuse me, Commissioner Linda Bernard,
- 15 serving this Chair, please raise your hand.
- 16 MR. BROWN: Commissioner Banks.
- CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: All those in favor of Vice 17
- 18 Chair, Tamara Liberty Smith serving as Chair, please
- raise your hand. 19
- MR. BROWN: Commissioner Carter, Commissioner Moore. 20
- CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: And all those in favor of 21
- 22 Commissioner Darryl Woods serving as Chair, please raise
- your hand. 23
- 24 MR. BROWN: Commissioner Pressley, Commissioner Smith
- and Commissioner Hernandez. 25



- 1 DR. JACKSON: You have to declare that there's no
- 2 election, Mr. Chair.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: There is no election.
- 4 VICE CHAIR SMITH: Through the Chair.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Vice Chair Smith.
- 6 VICE CHAIR SMITH: I would like to back out of the
- 7 nomination as the Chair for the board.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Is that allowable?
- 9 DR. JACKSON: That is allowable. For the record, it
- 10 needs to be on the record that Tamara Smith declined
- 11 nomination for the office of Chair.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Let the record reflect that
- 13 Vice Chair Chamber Smith has declined nomination for
- 14 Chair. Noting said, all those in favor of Commissioner
- 15 Linda Bernard, serving as Chair, please raise your hand.
- 16 MR. BROWN: Commissioner Banks.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: All those in favor of
- 18 Commissioner Darryl Woods serving as Chair, please raise
- 19 your hand.
- 20 MR. BROWN: Commissioner Smith, Commissioner
- 21 Pressley, Commissioner Hernandez,
- 22 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: There is no election. So I
- 23 mean, the parliamentarian has been asked, are there a
- 24 possibility for new nominations?
- DR. JACKSON: There would have to be a motion to



- 1 reopen nominations. It requires a majority vote.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Is it debatable?
- 3 DR. JACKSON: But you can make that.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Is it debatable?
- 5 DR. JACKSON: Yes.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Is there any motion? Hearing
- 7 no motion, again, the nominations are Commissioner Linda
- 8 Bernard and Commissioner Darryl Woods. All those in favor
- 9 of Commissioner Linda Bernard serving as Chair, please
- 10 raise your hand.
- 11 MR. BROWN: Commissioner Banks.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: All those in favor of
- 13 Commissioner Darryl Woods serving as Chair, please raise
- 14 your hand.
- 15 MR. BROWN: Commissioner Smith, Commissioner
- 16 Pressley, Commissioner Hernandez.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: And there is no election.
- DR. JACKSON: My apologies. The motion to open
- 19 nominations is not debatable.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you. Is there any room
- 21 for discussion?
- DR, JACKSON: Not without a motion, sir.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: I'm sorry. I'm asking, is
- 24 there any room for commissions to have conversations
- 25 around votes that are being made?



- 1 DR, JACKSON: No.
- CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: So, I just don't ... 2
- 3 DR. JACKSON: When a nomination is made, anyone who
- wanted to speak about the qualities of the person they 4
- 5 were nominating, they could have asked permission to say
- 6 something at that point.
- CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Okay. So, I just feel as if, 7
- as a Chair, my hands are tied in this circular process 8
- where these votes are continuing to remain the same. So
- 10 I've asked for a motion, there was no motion, and we kind
- of keep going in this cycle. So if you provide some... 11
- 12 DR. JACKSON: I appreciate the Chair's frustration.
- 13 But at this point, all you can do is hope that someone on
- 14 the commission will see the impasse, and give us the
- 15 fourth vote, or give three votes to give us four votes
- 16 for somebody.
- CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Well, then there's no other 17
- action that can be made. So whether that's a motion to 18
- table to delay to 19
- 20 DR. JACKSON: The problem, Mr. Chair, is that your
- 21 bylaws require that the election takes place at this
- 22 meeting. The only way to circumvent that would be to set
- an adjourn meeting. An adjourned meeting is a 23
- continuation of this meeting, and it would have to be set 24
- 25 prior to next Thursday's meeting. In order to comply with



- 1 the bylaws that the election occurs at this meeting, you
- 2 would have to set an adjourn meeting and the Open
- 3 Meetings Act would provide restrictions on giving notice
- 4 to the public that you would also have to meet
- 5 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Can we call a recess?
- 6 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: It was just a question. Can we
- 7 call a recess?
- 8 DR. JACKSON: Yes, sir, one can.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: So is there a motion?
- 10 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Motion.
- 11 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: So moved.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: And it is moved that we enter
- 13 into a five-minute recess
- DR. JACKSON: Non debatable motion.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: And it's been seconded, is non
- 16 debatable. All those in favor please signify by saying,
- 17 Aye.
- 18 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: All those opposed? No. The
- 20 ayes have it. We will enter into a five-minute recess.

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22 (Whereupon the Board entered into a recess)

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- DR. JACKSON: Yes, and no. The parliamentarian has
- 25 done some additional reading and research in the bylaws



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- 1 of the BOPC, under voting, it says that a form is
- 2 required, only members present are eligible to vote, and
- 3 any member may vote for himself or herself. The
- 4 parliamentarian does not see, but the problem is the
- 5 bylaws don't specify whether the majority or plurality
- 6 vote is required. And if the bylaws are silent, then
- 7 Roberts requires a majority, but that is the majority of
- 8 votes passed. So you have four votes passed and a
- 9 majority of four votes passed was three.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Okay.
- DR. JACKSON: Now with three votes out of four being
- 12 cast, you could declare Darryl Woods as elected.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Okay.
- 14 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the Chair.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: One second, Commissioner
- 16 Burton. Right. Commissioner Burton.
- 17 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Can we get the attorney to the
- 18 board to weigh in for a legal opinion on that? Because
- 19 that has been the case in past practices. It was always
- 20 who could get to four votes. And that's how it has always
- 21 been. And so now, I'm wondering what's the problem today?
- 22 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: I'm concerned about the
- 23 grounds of your question because it wouldn't have always
- 24 been four votes because the votes will be determined upon
- 25 the commissioners who are present and the number of



- 1 nominees that are had. So I'm sure that there have been
- 2 Chairs elected with a different vitality than four. So I
- 3 don't know if that is in any measure, the standard but we
- 4 can ask the attorney whether or not she agrees with the
- 5 parliamentarian's rendering of Robert's Rules.
- 6 DR. JACKSON: In addition, Mr. Chairman, the
- 7 situation is complicated by the fact that the Open
- 8 Meetings Act requires people who are elected to office to
- 9 vote. And so the situation is complicated by the fact
- 10 that not everybody voted. So the attorney could give the
- 11 opinion and should, since this is the Open Meetings Act,
- 12 this is in vernacular her playpen, that those who did not
- 13 vote, whether or not they had the right to not vote. The
- 14 reading of the Open Meetings Act says that as elected
- 15 people, elected officers, the public has the right to
- 16 know where you stand on any issue on which your voting.
- 17 So that if you are going to abstain, you can only abstain
- 18 for very narrow specific reasons, not just because you
- 19 haven't made up your mind. So that complicates the
- 20 situation because not everybody voted. And that would be
- 21 something that the lawyer would have to respond to the
- 22 Open Meetings Act in terms of the law of that situation
- 23 is certainly for the attorney to speak to.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Okay? Alright. So as has been
- 25 provided his opinion from the parliamentarian that



- 1 because there were four votes cast and Darryl Woods
- 2 received three votes while Commissioner Bernard received
- 3 one vote that Darryl Woods technically received the
- 4 majority of votes. I find it complicated that as the
- 5 Chair, I voted for Darryl Woods to then make that claim,
- 6 which might disenfranchise two of my colleagues. And so
- 7 what I will ask to do is that we'll do one more round
- 8 noting what the parliamentarian has suggested. That if
- 9 your no vote is not a vote, then the majority will go
- 10 forth so that your no vote can be done under the
- 11 awareness of that. And so with that being said, we are
- 12 again under nominations for Chair. So all those in favor
- 13 of...
- 14 COMMISSIONER BURTON: For discussion, Mr. Chairman.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Unfortunately, I was explicit
- 16 that there is no discussion now. Nominations have been
- 17 closed. Correct?
- 18 DR. JACKSON: There would have to be a motion to
- 19 reopen nominations. It's non debatable. It requires a
- 20 majority vote to be adopted. The motion can be made to
- 21 reopen nominations. It has to be seconded. It's non
- 22 debatable. It requires a majority vote to reopen.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Is there a motion?
- 24 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I move that we open up
- 25 nominations, Mr. Chairman, so we can have a proper



- 1 discussion.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Is there a second? Hearing no
- 3 second, there is no motion. So the Chair, now again, all
- 4 those in favor of Commissioner Linda Bernard becoming
- 5 Chair, please raise your hand.
- 6 MR. BROWN: Commissioner Smith. Commissioner, I mean,
- 7 sorry. Commissioner Banks, Commissioner Burton.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Right. All those in favor of
- 9 Darryl Woods becoming Chair, please raise your hand.
- 10 MR. BROWN: Commissioner Pressley, Commissioner
- 11 Smith, Commissioner Hernandez.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Right. So with five votes
- 13 casted and receiving the majority of those five votes,
- 14 Darryl Woods is the next Chair of the Detroit Board of
- 15 Police Commissioners. COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the
- 16 Chair.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Commissioner Burton.
- 18 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I believe this is improper
- 19 because before I did call for the board attorney to weigh
- 20 in. I think it's very important to have the board
- 21 attorney at today's meeting. I also believe we need
- 22 experience, you know, to really move the commission
- 23 forward. And you know, Commissioner/Attorney Linda
- 24 Bernard definitely brings, you know, an intensive
- 25 background of experience when it comes to policing and



- 1 the community. And so out of all fairness, I think my
- 2 request calling for the attorney to weigh in, you know,
- 3 that's definitely needed, especially at this meeting
- 4 here.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Well, madam parliamentarian,
- 6 are there any grounds to challenge the Chair's decision
- 7 or to argue for the resolution of this vote?
- 8 DR. JACKSON: A point of order can be called on an
- 9 election, but the point of order has to specify what rule
- 10 has been broken. Generally that falls under one of two
- 11 categories. Either someone who was not authorized to
- 12 vote, who was not supposed to be voting, or someone who
- 13 was eligible to vote was prevented from voting. So if
- 14 there is something about either one of those issues, is
- 15 there someone who voted, who was not authorized, did not
- 16 have the right to vote, or did someone have the right to
- 17 vote and was prevented from voting? Unless those are the
- 18 issues, then the point of order would fail. And to the
- 19 parliamentarian, you all look very familiar, and I don't
- 20 believe anyone voted who was not authorized and everyone
- 21 had the same opportunity to vote. So the point of order
- 22 would have to rise on those. You can't just object to an
- 23 election because one doesn't like the outcome. There has
- 24 to be a rule that has been broken
- 25 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the Chair.



- 1 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Commissioner Burton.
- 2 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Thank you. You know, through
- 3 the Chair, we have always, in past practices, have, you
- 4 know, to most of my knowledge is that we have had someone
- 5 with experience. Lately, we had individuals, you know,
- 6 for Chair and Vice Chair without the experience. And
- 7 experience is very much needed here. And as one of the
- 8 oldest police oversight boards in the country. We are
- 9 celebrating 50 years of police oversight this year. So
- 10 experience is very important. It was 1963 where Dr.
- 11 Martin Luther King delivered, I have a Dream Speech.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Commissioner Burton, is your
- 13 comments germane to an actual challenge, based on what
- 14 was just communicated to us by our parliamentarian?
- 15 COMMISSIONER BURTON: It's relevant to this because...
- 16 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: I know. Can you hold that for
- 17 another point in the conversation or in the meeting,
- 18 rather. Commissioner Burton. We still have the election
- 19 for the Vice Chair to take place
- 20 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Ten years later, the first
- 21 African American mayor...
- 22 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Commissioner Burton...
- 23 COMMISSIONER BURTON: By the name of Coleman Young
- 24 was elected mayor.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Your comments are not germane



- 1 to the matter at hand.
- 2 COMMISSIONER BURTON: And the board of police
- 3 commissioners were created a year later in 1974, which...
- 4 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Commissioner Burton.
- 5 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the Chair.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you so very much.
- 7 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the Chair,
- 8 experience...
- 9 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Commissioner Burton.
- 10 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Going to my point of order, is
- 11 that experience matters here. We have individuals on this
- 12 board who have...
- 13 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Your point of order is not
- 14 accepted, Commissioner Burton.
- 15 You have not stated a rule that has been broken,
- 16 Commissioner Burton.
- 17 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Is...
- 18 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Commissioner Burton. You have
- 19 an opportunity to assuage your concern through your Vice
- 20 Chair nomination. There's an opportunity in the
- 21 leadership for you to add experience to what you feel our
- 22 Chair lacks. So now, the Chair opens nominations for the
- 23 position of Vice Chair for the Board of Police
- 24 Commissioners. Are there any nominations?
- 25 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Through the Chair.



- 1 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Commissioner Carter.
- COMMISSIONER CARTER: I nominate Commissioner Tamara 2.
- Liberty Smith. 3
- 4 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Are there any further
- nominations? 5
- 6 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Through the Chair, I'd like to
- nominate Jesus Hernandez
- COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the Chair, I... 8
- CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Commissioner Burton. 9
- 10 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I'm going to nominate Cedric
- Banks out of District 3. I really think this... 11
- COMMISSIONER BANKS: I'm not... I'm declining this. I'm 12
- 13 not getting into that.
- CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Let the record reflect that 14
- 15 Commissioner Banks declined nomination as Vice Chair. Are
- 16 there any further nominations? Thank you Commissioner
- 17 Banks. Are there any further nominations?
- COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the Chair, I'm... 18
- 19 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Commissioner Burton.
- COMMISSIONER BURTON: I'm going to nominate Linda 20
- Bernard, Commissioner Linda Bernard. 21
- CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Now, you weren't here earlier, 2.2
- 23 but it was suggested that, again, in order for a person
- who is absent to be nominated, you have to have 24
- 25 confidence or conversation that they're willing to accept



- 1 the nomination. Have you had any conversation with Linda
- 2 Bernard, relative to your nomination of her as Vice Chair
- 3 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the Chair. I really
- 4 disagree with this whole process, but we definitely need
- 5 experience. Right now, the current Vice Chair...
- 6 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Commissioner Burton...
- 7 COMMISSIONER BURTON: According to, you know...
- 8 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Very directly, I asked you,
- 9 have you had any conversation about Commissioner
- 10 Bernard's willingness to serve as Vice Chair?
- 11 COMMISSIONER BURTON: She would serve as Vice Chair
- 12 if nominated here today by the honorable board.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: My question is, have you had
- 14 any conversation with Commissioner Bernard relative to
- 15 her willingness to serve as Vice Chair?
- 16 COMMISSIONER BURTON: She would serve as Vice Chair
- 17 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Are there any further
- 18 nominations?
- 19 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Through the Chair.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Commissioner Hernandez.
- 21 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Can I, just as a point of
- 22 clarity, I think I understand the answer. Are
- 23 commissioners able to run consecutively for leadership
- 24 roles?
- 25 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Not the same position? Well,



- 1 relative, not the Chair. The Chair, according to our
- 2 bylaws, can only serve one term non-consecutively.
- 3 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Through the Chair.
- 4 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Thank you.
- 5 COMMISSIONER BANKS: From my understanding, the Vice
- 6 Chair can serve consecutive terms.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Correct. That's why I
- 8 clarified my statement. And I do believe that is true. It
- 9 is only the Chair that cannot serve consecutive terms in
- 10 leadership.
- 11 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the Chair. That has not
- 12 happened in my decade or my tenure here. And I've been
- 13 here, I'm a senior, a statesman here on this board.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: What has not happened?
- 15 COMMISSIONER BURTON: And we haven't had a Vice Chair
- 16 to serve consecutively back to back as Vice Chair is
- 17 actually something that we have not done. And so the
- 18 question is why are we doing that now? And I like to call
- 19 for a legal opinion on that as well, because, you know, I
- 20 feel that not only do the public have a right to know,
- 21 but we as commissioners have a right to know as well.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Dr. Jackson, according to our
- 23 bylaws, do you have any opinion on whether or not a vice
- 24 Chair can conserve consecutive terms?
- DR. JACKSON: Article four, section two of the BOPC



- 1 bylaws states, the Chairperson may not conserve
- 2 consecutive terms. It does not address the Vice Chair.
- 3 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Through the Chair.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Commissioner Carter.
- 5 COMMISSIONER CARTER: I believe that Commissioner
- 6 Annie Holt did serve consecutive terms as vice chair.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you. So both in bylaws
- 8 and in practice that has been proven to be unfactual.
- 9 Commissioner Burton.
- 10 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Through the Chair. I want to
- 11 ask...
- 12 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Commissioner Banks.
- 13 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Commissioner Carter, did you
- 14 just nominate somebody?
- 15 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Yes.
- 16 COMMISSIONER BANKS: You did?
- 17 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: So the two nominees, as the
- 18 floor is still open, you could have asked the Chair as
- 19 the Chair.
- 20 COMMISSIONER BANKS: I didn't hear.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: The two nominees that the
- 22 nomination is still open are Vice Chair Tamara Liberty
- 23 Smith and Commissioner Jesus Hernandez. Are there any
- 24 further nominations? All right. Hearing no further
- 25 nominations, the Chair entertains a motion to close



- 1 nominations for Vice Chair. It's been properly moved and
- 2 seconded. All those in favor please signify by saying
- 3 Aye.
- 4 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.
- 5 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the Chair...
- 6 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: It is non debatable. All those
- 7 opposed? No, the Ayes have it. Nominations are closed.
- 8 With that, all those in favor of Tamara Liberty Smith
- 9 becoming Vice Chair, please raise your hand.
- 10 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Right here, Mr. Chair. Pressley,
- 11 I mean, Pressley, Chair Pressley and Carter and
- 12 Commissioner Carter and Smith, Commissioner Smith.
- MR. BROWN: Sir, I can't see hands down there. They
- 14 have to raise them a little higher.
- 15 Commissioner Pressley, Commissioner Banks.
- 16 Commissioner Smith and Commissioner Carter.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: All those in favor of
- 18 Commissioner Jesus Hernandez, serving as vice chair,
- 19 please raise your hand.
- 20 MR. BROWN: Commissioner Moore, Commissioner
- 21 Hernandez.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: All right. With four of the
- 23 six votes that have been casted, Tamara Liberty Smith is
- 24 declared as the Vice Chair of the Board of Police
- 25 Commissioners. Congratulations.



- 1 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the Chair. Through the
- 2 Chair.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: I just want to make sure I'm
- 4 done with that. I've done what I needed to do with that
- 5 election. Correct.
- 6 DR. JACKSON: Correct, Chair, you're finished.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Okay. Thank you so very much.
- 8 Commissioner Burton.
- 9 DR. JACKSON: I just want to point out that the
- 10 bylaws state that they take office July 1st.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Correct.
- DR. JACKSON: I just want to make sure everyone...
- 13 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: But they are Chair elect and
- 14 Vice Chair elect until July 1st.
- 15 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the Chair.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Commissioner Burton.
- 17 COMMISSIONER BURTON: You know, I just want to point
- 18 out there that the Board of Police Commissioners lack
- 19 experience when it comes to the chair and the vice chair
- 20 positions. The board has always had someone that was very
- 21 proficient and policing the history of the board, as well
- 22 as police oversight in past practices. I don't know what
- 23 went wrong in the past few years, but experience really
- 24 matters to this community right here in number seven,
- 25 right here in District 5. Today, the Detroit Board of



- 1 Police Commissioners, let the citizens down today by
- 2 electing two individuals that have less than six months
- 3 service on a board of police commission. Also...
- 4 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: I'm going to ask that the
- 5 community, please keep your commentary to a minimum.
- 6 COMMISSIONER BURTON: a legal opinion was sought by
- 7 the attorney, where the attorney is not even present at
- 8 today's meeting. What does that tell you?
- 9 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you. Alright. Now we'll
- 10 move forward to, well, before we move forward, let me
- 11 apologize. I truly do. You know, as the Chair, I have
- 12 tried my best to maintain some sense of decorum. And I
- 13 know that we may have presented a level of unseriousness
- 14 here that can be frustrating to, particularly residents
- 15 who take this very seriously. But again, I am grateful
- 16 that my colleagues were able to come to a resolution. And
- 17 I'm hopeful that as our next leadership assumes their
- 18 responsibilities that we will do a better job of being
- 19 responsible and respectful of our community's time and
- 20 their investment of trust in us to do our jobs. And while
- 21 I recognize that there are all kinds of influences and
- 22 considerations that have to be necessary, I just hope
- 23 that in the future we can be a little bit more proactive,
- 24 so at the moment that we come to this meeting before the
- 25 public again we can be better and more professional at



- 1 handling these matters. So, again, I do apologize for
- 2 that. But, you know, democracy can be messy. Alright, now
- 3 we will move forward to our resolutions and certificates
- 4 of appreciation. And I believe that it is being offered
- 5 to us by Commissioner Burton.
- 6 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I'm going to go with the
- 7 resolutions first. First I want to just... I guess I'll go
- 8 up here. First, I want to just welcome everyone here in
- 9 District 5, the mighty Seventh Precinct. This is the home
- 10 where you have a lot of great community leaders,
- 11 organizers like yourselves, but we also have some really
- 12 good police officers here in number seven, especially
- 13 your neighborhood police officers, where leadership goes
- 14 a long way. When I look at the Seventh Precinct, I look
- 15 at this community, what I see is law enforcement and
- 16 Detroit residents working together. You know there's no
- 17 better precinct that I would rather be part of and live
- 18 in with my family than number seven. I remember 2014 and
- 19 2015, this precinct was number one in total overall
- 20 reductions of crime. And they're still leading in other
- 21 areas throughout the city, especially with community
- 22 engagement, which is something that we all are very
- 23 familiar with. So I want to start off with the
- 24 resolutions for two in particular. I want to start off
- 25 right here with number seven, Ms. Hardman, are you here?



- 1 Can you come up please?
- 2 You know, Ms. Hardman is no stranger to our
- 3 community, and she understands the value of hard work,
- 4 and also community. I'm going to put my flashlight on so
- 5 I can get through your resolution. Ms. Hardman. So
- 6 resolution honoring Artina Hardman.
- 7 WHEREAS Ms. Hardman has been a devoted resident of
- 8 the City of Detroit for over 70 years, dedicating her
- 9 life to the betterment of our community. Her dedication,
- 10 hard work, and unwavering support for the City of Detroit
- 11 and its residents make her a truly deserving candidate of
- 12 this resolution. Ms. Hardman was born and raised on the
- 13 Eastside of Detroit, attending Scripps Elementary School,
- 14 Foch Middle School, and graduating from Southeastern High
- 15 School in 1969. She furthered her education at Wayne
- 16 County Community College Nursing School, obtaining her
- 17 License in Practical Nursing; and
- 18 WHEREAS On November 3, 1998, Ms. Hardman was
- 19 elected as Michigan State Representative from the Third
- 20 District, a position she held with distinction until
- 21 January 2004. Her passion for the City of Detroit is
- 22 evident in all her endeavors, and she has become
- 23 synonymous with community service and excellence.
- 24 Currently, Ms. Hardman serves as the Executive Director
- 25 for the Mack Alive nonprofit foundation. In this role,



- 1 she has been instrumental in several community
- 2 initiatives, including Community Bank, which organizes
- 3 the distribution of food boxes to seniors every third
- 4 Wednesday and public food distribution every fourth and
- 5 fifth Saturday of the month, Read Eat Art Learn
- 6 (R.E.A.L.) Program, a program that mentors youth ages 6-
- 7 12, Praise in the Park, an initiative aimed at community
- 8 engagement and spiritual inspiration and Annual Mack
- 9 Alive Parade, a beloved community event that celebrates
- 10 unity and diversity; and
- 11 WHEREAS Ms. Hardman is also an active member of
- 12 the NAACP, continuously advocating for civil rights and
- 13 community welfare. Ms. Hardman's heart is as big as her
- 14 accomplishments. Her humble and welcoming personality
- 15 makes her a cherished figure in our community. She is
- 16 known for her warm smile and the comforting hugs she
- 17 shares, making everyone feel valued and loved. Her
- 18 selflessness and dedication to putting others' needs
- 19 before her own make her a living example of grace and
- 20 compassion.
- NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED
- That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners,
- 23 speaking on behalf of the citizens of the great City of
- 24 Detroit, recognizes and honors the lifelong contributions
- 25 and commitment to excellence in public service of Ms.



- 1 Artina Hardman. Her display of unwavering community
- 2 spirit has improved the quality of life for the citizens
- 3 of Detroit. We thank and congratulate you, Ms. Hardman.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: The Chair entertains a motion
- 5 to adopt this resolution into our archives.
- 6 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Wonderful.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Is there a second?
- 8 COMMISSIONER MOORE: It's been properly moved, and
- 9 seconded. All those in favor please signify by saying,
- 10 Aye.
- 11 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: All those opposed? No, the
- 13 Ayes have it. The resolution passes. Congratulations.
- 14 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Congratulations. Yeah.
- MS. HARDMAN: Really quick. To God be the glory
- 16 because he is. There's something each one of us can do to
- 17 help the suffering of another human being. We don't have
- 18 to go outside of our community. We know who these people
- 19 are. We are our brothers and sisters' keeper. I thank the
- 20 Board of Police Commissioner for this awesome
- 21 recognition. But I would not be here without my sister,
- 22 former councilmember Alberta Tinsley-Talabi, who founded
- 23 Mac Alive, who lets me know that you never look down on
- 24 the person unless you're helping to lift them up. So
- 25 thank you so much to all of the people coming to support



- 1 me. I love you, appreciate you and Officer Stribling,
- 2 thank you so much for acknowledging me. I just want to
- 3 know that I love Mac Alive. I love everybody because God
- 4 is good.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Congratulations.
- 6 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Okay. Is Ms. Cassandra Daniels
- 7 in. Thank you. How are you doing today?
- 8 Okay, so this is the fun part, right? Alright. So,
- 9 this resolution right here is honoring Ms. Cassandra
- 10 Daniels.
- 11 WHEREAS Ms. Cassandra Daniels is a dedicated,
- 12 hardworking, caring, and longtime supporter and resident
- 13 of the 7th Precinct and its community. Affectionately
- 14 known as "Lady Daniels," Ms. Daniels has been a steadfast
- 15 resident of the City of Detroit for over 70 years, with
- 16 her roots firmly planted on the Eastside of Detroit and
- 17 specifically within the 7th Precinct. Lady Daniels'
- 18 educational journey began at Sacred Heart Elementary
- 19 School, continued at Miller Middle School, and culminated
- 20 with her graduation from Eastern High School in 1966. She
- 21 pursued higher education at Tennessee State University,
- 22 earning a bachelor's degree in nutrition and food in
- 23 1972; and
- 24 WHEREAS Throughout her life, Lady Daniels has worn
- 25 many hats, showcasing her dedication and passion for her



- 1 community. Her contributions include organizing senior
- 2 events, participating in the Feed the Police Initiative,
- 3 National Night Out, Thanksgiving Day food drives, and the
- 4 annual community Christmas party. As an active member of
- 5 the Seventh Precinct Citizens Police Community Relations
- 6 Council, she plays a pivotal role in planning and
- 7 organizing community meetings, ensuring everything runs
- 8 smoothly and efficiently; and
- 9 WHEREAS Her commitment extends to Sacred Heart
- 10 Church, where she remains an active member and an
- 11 alumnus. Under the mentorship of the late Father Norman
- 12 P. Thomas, Lady Daniels developed a profound dedication
- 13 to her church duties. These include serving communion to
- 14 the sick and shut-in, maintaining the church bulletin,
- 15 and participating in the Health Task Force. In addition,
- 16 she volunteers at St. Vincent De Paul for their monthly
- 17 food drive every third Wednesday; and
- 18 WHEREAS Lady Daniels also contributes
- 19 significantly to her residential community at Ralph
- 20 Bunche Co-op, where she has lived for over 40 years. She
- 21 serves on the by-laws committee, demonstrating her
- 22 dedication to her neighbors and their well-being. In her
- 23 spare time, she enjoys taking walks around the
- 24 neighborhoods and visiting local parks, embodying the
- 25 spirit of community engagement. Ms. Daniels' love for the



- 1 city of Detroit is evident in her enthusiastic
- 2 personality and her unwavering willingness to help and
- 3 volunteer whenever called upon. Within the Seventh
- 4 Precinct, she is a beloved figure, known for her frequent
- 5 visits to check on her "officers" and her continuous
- 6 efforts to generate new ideas to keep the community
- 7 involved and engaged.
- 8 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED
- 9 That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners,
- 10 speaking on behalf of the citizens of the great City of
- 11 Detroit, recognizes and honors the lifelong contributions
- 12 and commitment to excellence in public service of Ms.
- 13 Cassandra Daniels. Her display of unwavering community
- 14 spirit has improved the quality of life for the citizens
- 15 of Detroit. We thank and congratulate you, Ms. Daniels.
- 16 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Wonderful.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: The Chair entertains a motion
- 18 to adopt this resolution for our archives?
- 19 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Support.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Is there a second?
- 21 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: It's been properly moved, and
- 22 seconded. All those in favor please signify by saying,
- 23 Aye.
- 24 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: All those opposed? No. The



- 1 Ayes have it. The resolution passes. Congratulations.
- 2 MS. DANIELS: Good evening, everyone. First I would
- 3 like to give thanks to our Lord and Savior and Father
- 4 Norman Paul Thomas of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church,
- 5 located at 1000 Elliot Street at the corner of Norman
- 6 Paul Drive, formerly known as Rivard Street for getting
- 7 me involved with the Seventh Precinct. Because if it
- 8 hadn't been for Father Thomas, I never would've been
- 9 involved with the Seventh Precinct. And I have enjoyed
- 10 every moment. I enjoy the people over at the Seventh
- 11 Precinct. They're just like my family. I am deeply
- 12 honored and grateful for this award. Thank you. Thank
- 13 you, thank you. Seventh Precinct and Detroit Police
- 14 Commissioners.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Congratulations.
- 16 COMMISSIONER BURTON: You know, I just wanted to add
- 17 that I have known Ms. Daniels for many years and I love
- 18 the heart that she has; she has a heart that is as wide
- 19 as the Grand Canyon. She's always there when the
- 20 community needs her. And I just thank God that we have
- 21 Ms. Daniels with us today to receive this award and just
- 22 her wisdom and knowledge about this District. I remember
- 23 years ago attending different community meetings, and one
- 24 of the meetings I ended up going to was at Sacred Heart
- 25 and there goes Ms. Daniels. And so, Ms. Daniels has



- 1 definitely been a pillar and a leader right here at
- 2 number seven. So number seven, forever be home to Ms.
- 3 Daniels. Thank you. The next one would be Ms. Ivy.
- 4 Nichole, are you with us? How are you doing? Welcome. All
- 5 right. So here's a resolution honoring Ms. Ivy Nichole.
- 6 WHEREAS Ivy Nichole is a native Detroiter with the
- 7 desire to make the world a better place. She has a great
- 8 passion for bringing resolutions to women and girls who
- 9 have been through a traumatic and stressful experience.
- 10 Ivy Nichole works effortlessly to bring awareness to
- 11 social issues such as human trafficking within
- 12 underserved communities; and
- 13 WHEREAS Ivy Nichole is the founder of Let's Have
- 14 Girl Talk, a mentoring program designed to give girls age
- 15 12 to 16 a platform to express themselves freely about
- 16 everyday challenges. Under the umbrella is the "Have You
- 17 Seen Her" initiative, which invites the community to
- 18 canvas when girls go missing in the Metro Detroit area.
- 19 Ivy Nichole became a partner with The Joseph Walker
- 20 Williams Recreation Center in Detroit in the summer of
- 21 2015 where she held "Girl Talk" sessions for girls in the
- 22 community. In 2016, she was introduced to the importance
- 23 of community involvement and social justice with the
- 24 Change Agent Consortium; and
- 25 WHEREAS Ivy Nichole attended Oakland Community



- 1 College, Auburn Hills Campus where she studied Mental
- 2 Health/Social Work, receiving her Associates Degree with
- 3 honors in 2016. She is currently attending Wayne State
- 4 University pursuing a Bachelor of Arts in Gender,
- 5 Sexuality & Women's Studies and a second Bachelor of
- 6 Science in Psychology. Her work experience includes
- 7 inpatient psych with adults and adolescents, residential
- 8 foster care for girls, homeless shelter for women and
- 9 children, Applied Behavioral Analysis for children with
- 10 autism and outpatient psych for mental health and
- 11 substance abuse disorders. Ivy Nichole plans to work with
- 12 Church of the Messiah to create a human trafficking task
- 13 force in the Metro Detroit area; and
- 14 WHEREAS In 2020, Ivy Nichole became a candidate
- 15 for Michigan House District 6, campaigning around issues
- 16 of mental health, human trafficking and women's rights.
- 17 Although she did not win the seat, she won the hearts of
- 18 the community and law enforcement by continuing to
- 19 educate individuals on mental illness and sex
- 20 trafficking.
- NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED
- That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners,
- 23 speaking on behalf of the citizens of the great City of
- 24 Detroit, recognizes and honors the lifelong contributions
- 25 and commitment to excellence in public service of Ms. Ivy



- 1 Nichole. Her display of unwavering community spirit has
- 2 improved the quality of life for the citizens of Detroit.
- 3 We thank and congratulate you, Ms. Nichole.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: The Chair entertains a motion
- 5 to adopt this resolution to our archives. Is there a
- 6 second? It's been properly moved and seconded. All those
- 7 in favor please signify by saying, Aye. All those
- 8 opposed? No. The Ayes have it. Congratulations.
- 9 MS. NICHOLE: I'm sorry, so bear with me. Okay. I
- 10 just want to say thank you all for recognizing my work
- 11 and I invite you all to join me in the fight of hope to
- 12 help look for missing girls, and educate the community on
- 13 sex trafficking. Because the last time I checked, we were
- 14 number two in the nation.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Congratulations.
- 16 COMMISSIONER BURTON: So I just want to just add
- 17 that, you know we, we are really honoring some many good
- 18 leaders right here in the Seventh Precinct, right here in
- 19 this community. Ms. Ivy, Nichole is no stranger around
- 20 number seven, you know, community speaking with residents
- 21 doing those canvases, you know handing out brochures and
- 22 things of that nature and, and just really organizing you
- 23 know, members of the community to get out there and join
- 24 her on some of these walks. And so anytime you have a
- 25 young lady like Ms. Ivy Nichole you know, just, you know,



- 1 rolling up her sleeves, you know you know, speaking out,
- 2 addressing these issues is definitely commendable. We
- 3 need more people to join the fight with her. Let's give
- 4 Ms. Ivy Nichole another round of applause everyone. Let's
- 5 see, which one I'm at now? Is the honorable Attorney
- 6 Sharon McPhail with us? So we have a resolution for the
- 7 honorable Sharon McPhail. She's not here, but I will go
- 8 ahead and read the resolution, or do we hold it off for
- 9 next week? Mr. Chairman?
- 10 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Sorry.
- 11 COMMISSIONER BURTON: We have a resolution honoring
- 12 attorney Sharon McPhail for the work she does. She lives
- 13 right here in number seven but she's not with us at this
- 14 time. Do we read the resolution in the record today or do
- 15 we hold it over for next week?
- 16 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: That's your prerogative,
- 17 COMMISSIONER BANKS: The audience and next week,
- 18 commissioner. So many out there.
- 19 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Okay. So we'll add it to the
- 20 agenda for next week. Mr. Chairman. The next one that we
- 21 have here today, resolution is honoring, Driving While
- 22 Impaired Shock Prevention. Are you here today?
- 23 Organization. Apparently, Driving While Impaired Shock
- 24 Prevention program is not here today, Mr. Chairman, so I
- 25 guess we will hold these two over for next week.



- 1 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: We can hold them until we can
- 2 ensure those people will be present, if that's your
- 3 desire.
- 4 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Yes. Thank you. Alright, so we're
- 5 going to go to other awards. Do we have Harbor Town
- 6 Market here? We hold that one over too. Do we have the
- 7 Principal, Shirley Brown here today? Another one we'll
- 8 hold over? Do we have Sergeant McDaniels here from number
- 9 seven? Okay. We have Officer Davis who is going to accept
- 10 this one on behalf of Sergeant
- Jamerio McDaniels. Certificate of Appreciation for
- 12 Sergeant Jamerio McDaniels for developing strong ties
- 13 with residents and community organ organizations in the
- 14 Seventh Precinct and enhancing public safety through
- 15 stronger police community relations in our city. And so
- 16 today, the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners
- 17 acknowledge Sergeant McDaniels or a great job, well done.
- 18 Chairman, my signature is supposed to go on all of these
- 19 certificates. And I see my signature is not on any of
- 20 these.
- We have something that our office does inside and
- 22 put the commissioner's name on it where the certificates
- 23 go.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Do you have a pen for
- 25 Commissioner Burton?
- 26 COMMISSIONER BURTON: No. It's something that our
- 27 office does for us. Yeah.
- 28 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: In the past, I have signed
- 29 those manually.



- 1 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Okay. So this certificate right
- 2 here is honoring Officer Sylvester Hill, neighborhood
- 3 police officer here at number seven.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Handing them out with no
- 5 signature. I mean, this is his thing.
- 6 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Yeah. But in the past, we'll,
- 7 always, before you arrived, Pressley, it has always been
- 8 electronic signature. Yes. Oh. So, Certificate of
- 9 Appreciation for neighborhood police officer Sylvester
- 10 Hill for developing strong ties with residents in the
- 11 community organization in the Seventh Precinct and
- 12 enhancing public safety through stronger police community
- 13 relations in our city. NPO, Sylvester Hill, Officer Hill,
- 14 is one of our great officers who's always there when
- 15 Detroit residents call here in the Seventh Precinct. I
- 16 love the work this good brother has been doing throughout
- 17 the years and even continue to do today you know, for
- 18 quality of life issues, making Detroit residents lives
- 19 here. Number seven, a lot better. You're talking about
- 20 good leadership, talking about good officers today. We
- 21 acknowledge a few of those good officers right now. And I
- 22 would like to thank Officer Hill for the great job you
- 23 are doing here every single day.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Commissioner Burton.
- 25 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Another thing I want to say is



- 1 that Officer Hill is also CIT certified and one of our
- 2 first earlier days of officers being certified with the
- 3 CIT. It was great to see that pen on his uniform because
- 4 this precinct loves the work that he does, as well as our
- 5 community. And so, I wanted to say thank you so much for
- 6 a good job. Well done
- 7 OFFICER HILL: I just would like to say thank you to
- 8 everyone. My partners in the back, my command staff. I
- 9 appreciate it. Love the community. Love my singers and my
- 10 kids that I work with. I just want to say thank you.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you. Now, Commissioner
- 12 Burton, because all of the certificates read the same and
- 13 for the sake of time as we have read it into record, if
- 14 we can just name the recipients and acknowledge them in
- 15 that way, I think that that will help us be a little more
- 16 expedient. Thank you.
- 17 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Sure. I want to call Officer
- 18 Davis' partner up, Officer Strickland, who happens to be
- 19 a neighborhood police officer here in number seven. You
- 20 know, she is the glue, the catalyst, and the magic of
- 21 great, fun things happening right here in number seven.
- 22 So, a lot of these, a lot of attractions that you see in
- 23 number seven you know, events and stuff is, you know,
- 24 Officer Strickland is just amazing. She and her whole
- 25 entire team. So congratulations for a job well done.



- 1 Okay?
- OFFICER STRICKLAND: Thank you. It's a team effort.
- 3 COMMISSIONER BURTON: So, I agree with someone in the
- 4 audience. Give her a raise. We actually have some really
- 5 great decorated offices over at number seven, and I agree
- 6 many of them deserve raises, you know, and so community,
- 7 let's push to get that done. Let's keep fighting for our
- 8 good officers for raises. They need it. The next one is a
- 9 young man by the name of Jaylin Harris. Jaylin, are you
- 10 with us? Jaylin is no stranger to our community. I
- 11 remember when this young man was in high school. And I
- 12 look up years later, he's a grown man and a family man,
- 13 and doing great things right here in number seven. You
- 14 know I see this guy being a police commissioner someday,
- 15 you know, and it may be soon. Who knows? So, you know,
- 16 just remember Jaylin Harris.
- 17 Yep. Congratulations Mr. Harris for the great work
- 18 you're doing in the community. Jaylin has a lot of events
- 19 on his calendar, I mean he's one of those guys that stays
- 20 busy, stays active, and so I really love the work he
- 21 does. You're talking about young people and leader
- 22 leadership, that man you know, leadership has to be his
- 23 middle name, right? So the next one is Ray Smith. Is Ray
- 24 Smith here? I guess we'll hold this one over too. Kenneth
- 25 Kabaka Reynolds. Are you with us today? We'll hold this



- 1 one over too. Beverly Kindle-Walker. Are you with us
- 2 today?
- 3 Ms. Beverly Kindle-Walker. You know, I admire her
- 4 leadership. You know, she's a true fighter and a champion
- 5 right here in number seven, in this community right here
- 6 on the East side. She does a wonderful job working with
- 7 our youth and over at the city airport you know in that
- 8 aviation program that they're doing with young children,
- 9 and also the safety component. So I do like to have Ms.
- 10 Beverly Kindle-Walker say a few words. And this is for
- 11 you, Ms. Beverly.
- MS. KINDLE-WALKER: Well, thank you, Commissioner
- 13 Burton. I appreciate this opportunity to stand before the
- 14 community, not that I'm a stranger to standing before the
- 15 community. I am not, but when you invoke the name of
- 16 Coleman, Alexander Young, that's why I do what I do, is
- 17 because when he looked in my eyes and asked us, Mrs.
- 18 Ernestine Gordon, to take up the challenge of defending
- 19 this airport, I have done that for the last 34 years. So
- 20 right now I have a room full of Tuskegee Airmen waiting
- 21 on me since seven o'clock, because this was supposed to
- 22 go on. But nevertheless, democracy isn't always pretty.
- 23 But we do what we do because we believe it and we love
- 24 it. So thank you again for recognizing me and honoring me
- 25 with this wonderful tribute. And I'll say, I haven't seen



- 1 my mother over here in so long. I appreciate you. Stay in
- 2 the fight. Amen.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Congratulations.
- 4 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Appreciate you. Mr. Emory
- 5 Reeves. Is Mr. Emory Reeves available? Mr. Emory Reeves
- 6 is another pillar community leader right here in the
- 7 Seventh Precinct, District 5 community. And so I really
- 8 want to just take the time and a moment to thank you for
- 9 the great job you are doing in the community. You know
- 10 man, congratulations.
- 11 MR. REEVES: Thank you.
- 12 COMMISSIONER BURTON: You know, this is an amazing
- 13 job that you're doing, as far as public safety, educating
- 14 families right here in our community. So thank you for a
- 15 job well done. Ms. Nancy Burst, are you with us? Ms.
- 16 Nancy Burst is not with us today? She's a senior as well,
- 17 very active here in the Seventh Precinct community, here
- 18 in District 5. I mean, anytime something goes wrong in
- 19 the community, she's right there to notify her neighbors.
- 20 I mean just a wonderful lady who just recently got out of
- 21 the hospital that long ago, and I'm going to make sure
- 22 that she gets this. Jason Pruitt, are you here today?
- 23 Curtis Lyons, are you with us today? Everybody knows
- 24 Curt.
- You know, Curtis Lyons. Mr. Lyons has been a long



- 1 time resident right here, in the Seventh Precinct
- 2 community. No stranger to our community. He's always
- 3 there when Citizens call. Whenever our community comes
- 4 together, you are always going to find Curtis Lyons at
- 5 those meetings, talking about public safety, talking
- 6 about money and banking, and working with our youth in
- 7 the school systems. Just the other day we were at three
- 8 schools talking to our youth. You're talking about
- 9 mentorship, working with young males. To our brothers out
- 10 here, we really have to start mentoring, and raising up
- 11 this whole new generation. So I really want to take the
- 12 time to thank Mr. Curtis Lyons, Lyons Legacy Planning for
- 13 being here today for a great job that you're doing, with
- 14 our youth and the school system. And thank you for being
- 15 here today.
- I also want to just say too you know, over the
- 17 years, whenever there was an officer down in the line of
- 18 duty, and I would go to the hospital and I'd be there
- 19 with our officers and with the officer's family, Curtis
- 20 Lyons was always my sidekick right there with me, you
- 21 know great guy right here in the community. I'm talking
- 22 about a leader. This is the leader. This is leadership
- 23 right here. All of you in this room are leaders.
- 24 Somebody who could just stop what they were doing,
- 25 and be there. I could be anywhere in the city. I get a



- 1 notification, get a call. I'm there with our officers,
- 2 with the officer's family. This guy is right there with
- 3 me in the hospital. You're talking about a decade of
- 4 service right here on this board. This job is not easy
- 5 for commissioners. It's not easy for elected officials,
- 6 but somebody has to do this. It's not easy for our
- 7 officers, right? But guess what? Somebody has to do it.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Commissioner Burton, it
- 9 appears we have about 10 of these remaining. And so
- 10 again, if we can kind of keep the pace.
- 11 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Okay. We said Shirley Brown,
- 12 the other one is for Miss Wendy Brown, who also happens
- 13 to be a principal too. I don't see her in the audience.
- Reverend Charles Williams, Sr. I don't see him.
- 15 That's the National Action Network. Reverend Charles
- 16 Williams Sr. Reverend Charles Williams II, I don't see
- 17 him either. Charles Collins, Eddie Dos Santos, Terry
- 18 Pain, John Williams-Save Detroit. D and Dee, Grassroots.
- 19 So, you know, D and Dee Grassroots, I want to present you
- 20 with this Certificate of Appreciation for the hard work
- 21 you guys are doing, and your organization right here in
- 22 number seven. You all feed more families here in
- 23 Southeastern Michigan than most organizations. But more
- 24 importantly, right here, number seven, you all do
- 25 something that you know what you come to share with some



- 1 of the work you're doing.
- 2 D AND DEE GRASSROOTS: We'd just like to say thank
- 3 you to Commissioner Burton for this award and recognizing
- 4 our work. And we'd like to thank you all for the work
- 5 that you do, too. Thank you very much.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Congratulations.
- 7 D AND DEE GRASSROOTS: And also, can never forget, to
- 8 God be the glory.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Amen.
- 10 D AND DEE GRASSROOTS: Thank you.
- 11 COMMISSIONER BURTON: You know, it's an amazing job
- 12 that they're doing with you know, with the community
- 13 group, and over at the recreation center. Great job, well
- 14 done.
- 15 D AND DEE GRASSROOTS: I'd like to thank our team,
- 16 our staff members, our grassroots, Detroit (Low Audio)
- 17 grassroots Detroit. There's nothing without their
- 18 community, especially our team work. We thank our team
- 19 members for making all of these things possible. And our
- 20 (Low Audio) and everyone.
- 21 COMMISSIONER BURTON: You know, D and Dee Grassroots,
- 22 are always at the Seventh Precinct community relations
- 23 meetings; very active, very strong right here in this
- 24 community. So thank you for the great work you all are
- 25 doing. This one is for Lafayette Foods, which happens to



- 1 be a Green Light here in number seven. And Harbor Town
- 2 Foods is also Green Light as well. I don't see their
- 3 representatives here. But you know, everyone that we have
- 4 named here is doing a remarkable job in, in public safety
- 5 education, mentoring, outreach. And that happens to be
- 6 right here, number seven, doing a great job in the fifth
- 7 District. So I just wanted to say thank you all for the
- 8 great work you all are doing, and thank you all for being
- 9 here. That'd be it for me, Mr. Chairman.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Alright. Thank you so very
- 11 much. And again, congratulations to all of our recipients
- 12 of either resolutions or certificates. With that we'll
- 13 move to the Chief of Police report, as well as the
- 14 Seventh Precinct. And that will be offered to us by DC
- 15 Williams.
- DC WILLIAMS: So, I'll go ahead and start with the
- 17 Chief of Police report, then I'll pass it off to
- 18 Commander Svec from the Seventh Precinct. Through the
- 19 Chair.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Go right ahead and start.
- 21 DC WILLIAMS: So update on injured officers. We have
- 22 one officer who is currently disabled and at home resting
- 23 from his injury. That officer is with downtown services.
- 24 The crime data I'll read is as of June 12th. So we're
- 25 currently down in all of our violent crime categories,



- 1 and for homicide, we're down 22%. So we've had 25 less
- 2 homicides this year than we had last year. Last year we
- 3 had 114, this year we had 89. For our non-fatal
- 4 shootings, we're down 21%. So that means we've had 70
- 5 less non-fatal shootings this year than we had last year.
- 6 Last year we had 337, this year we had 267. For
- 7 robberies, we're also down. We're down 28%. That means
- 8 we've had 179 less larcenies this year, I'm sorry,
- 9 robberies this year than we had last year. Last year we
- 10 had 636, this year we've had 456 total. Part one violent
- 11 crime, we're down 11%. So that just means citywide. Our
- 12 violent crime is down by 11%. That means we've had 620
- 13 less part one violent crime incidents than we had last
- 14 year. Last year we had 5,547, this year we've had 4,927.
- 15 Carjacking, we're down 48%. Last year we had 80
- 16 carjackings. This year we've had 42 for a difference of
- 17 38. Before I go any further, the Chair asked a question
- 18 about the noise ordinance, and he asked specifically
- 19 about time. So I didn't have that at the time, but the
- 20 actual time is from 10:00 PM to 7:00 AM. There should not
- 21 be noise to upset or disrupt the neighborhood. So just to
- 22 put that out as well.
- Going into drag racing, for our drag racing
- 24 enforcement this past weekend, we had six vehicles
- 25 investigated, two vehicles impounded, one felony arrest,



- 1 two weapons recovered. We had one block party response,
- 2 and we issued tickets to four spectators doing the drag
- 3 race and enforcement. So going to our mental health and
- 4 related calls for service. So this week we've had 73
- 5 calls for service for individuals who are in mental
- 6 crisis who are unarmed. We had... give me one second, here.
- 7 We had 38 where they were armed, and we had a total of
- 8 1,590. That's an increase of 144 from last year. Last
- 9 year we only had 1,446. For overdose related calls, and
- 10 this is year to date, we had 2,176, last year we had I'm
- 11 sorry. This year we had 2,176, 2000, I'm sorry, 2023, we
- 12 had 2,318. We've had a decrease of 142 calls for service
- 13 for overdose related incidents. Significant incidents.
- 14 Going from Saturday June 8th, we had a triple shooting,
- 15 one fatal, two non-fatal. This occurred in a 4,700 block
- 16 of Nevada. We basically had one individual who was shot
- 17 while in the backseat of a black Jeep. And then we had
- 18 two other individuals who were found shot later in the
- 19 18,000 block of Healy. We do have video of the incident.
- 20 One of the individuals was fatally wounded. The other two
- 21 received non-life threatening injuries. The circumstances
- 22 behind it, it was a group of people at the 4,700 block of
- 23 Nevada, and they were attending a candlelight vigil for
- 24 someone who had passed away. And during that vigil,
- 25 somebody in the back of a small white SUV, produced a



- 1 long gun and started firing into the crowd.
- 2 If you have any information, please call 1800
- 3 SpeakUp. And that's the Crime Stoppers number, or you can
- 4 go on Detroit Rewards TV. Incident number two, fatal
- 5 shooting. This happened on June 8th, Saturday. This
- 6 occurred in the area of West Warren and the Southfield
- 7 Freeway Service Drive. And this was about 10:11 PM on
- 8 Saturday. Officers got a call that someone had, well,
- 9 they actually had a couple calls. We had a ShotSpotter
- 10 run that identified the shots had been fired in that
- 11 area. And we also had a run to Oakwood Hospital where
- 12 someone was transported. And once they got to Oakwood
- 13 Hospital, the wound was fatal and they were pronounced
- 14 dead on scene. We basically have a weapon that was
- 15 recovered from the vehicle. That individual was
- 16 transported from the scene by one of the witnesses at the
- 17 hospital.
- 18 We were able to recover that vehicle that was used
- 19 to transport the victim. That vehicle did have bullet
- 20 wounds, or I'm sorry, bullet holes in it. And it also had
- 21 a firearm that was recovered from the scene. So we have a
- 22 couple of leads that we're working up with that based on
- 23 the recovery of the weapon. We don't know exactly what
- 24 happened, but we know that they were driving and we were
- 25 able to find rifle casings at that scene of Southfield



- 1 Freeway Service Drive in West Warren. If anyone has any
- 2 information on that contact Crime Stoppers at 1800
- 3 SpeakUp or Detroit Rewards TV. We had another double now
- 4 fatal shooting. This occurred on Sunday, June 9th at
- 5 10:16 PM. This occurred on the 14,000 block of Rutland.
- 6 And we basically had a 15 and 16-year-old individual.
- 7 They were playing around with handguns and they were
- 8 not fatally wounded. Both of them were shot through the
- 9 hands while they were playing with the weapons. So this
- 10 was an accidental shooting. We were able to recover the
- 11 weapon. I believe we recovered two weapons at that scene.
- 12 And the next incident was a fatal shooting. This occurred
- 13 on Monday, June 10th at 4:00 AM. Officers were dispatched
- 14 to the 11,000 block of Marlowe. For this shooting, we
- 15 believe that the circumstances behind the shooting was a
- 16 neighbor's trouble. Officers did get to the scene and
- 17 found one individual who was fatally wounded. The actual
- 18 suspect was determined, identified, and arrested at the
- 19 hospital.
- That concludes the critical incidents that we've had
- 21 up until Monday. Serving our seniors. On Tuesday,
- 22 recruits from Class 2024E served lunch to seniors at
- 23 Hartford Nursing and rehabilitation. Before their
- 24 graduation. Each Academy class will participate in at
- 25 least one community engagement project to Serve, then



- 1 Protect Initiative. And that's part of that Serve, Then
- 2 Protect Initiative. There'll be a peacenik this upcoming
- 3 Saturday, and this will be occurring at the Heilmann
- 4 Recreation Center in the Ninth Precinct. It's going to be
- 5 from 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM. This is basically a gathering
- 6 where police and community eat and have fun together in
- 7 the name of peace. Silence the violence. On Saturday,
- 8 June 15th from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM, there will be a 17th
- 9 annual Silence to Violence march and rally at Church of
- 10 the Messiah. With that, there are two events that will be
- 11 happening at Seventh Precinct, but I'll call up Commander
- 12 Speck and I'll have him start to address that. But before
- 13 I do that if there are any questions on the Chief's
- 14 report,
- 15 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: We're going to do a few things
- 16 here. Because one with the many certificates that were
- 17 being distributed, there was one name that we
- 18 unfortunately overlooked. And so I want Commissioner
- 19 Burton to provide that now, so this individual does have
- 20 to stay longer than she's already been here.
- 21 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I'd like to call up Ms. Denise
- 22 Barnes. So I wanted to say today, it is an honor to be
- 23 able to recognize in the knowledge with a Certificate of
- 24 Appreciation to Ms. Denise Barnes over at Martin Luther
- 25 King High School. What a wonderful job you are doing with



- 1 our young people. Thank you.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Congratulations. And again,
- 3 sorry for the oversight. And so then we're going to ask
- 4 questions for the Chief, and then we'll have the Seventh
- 5 Precinct report. So, any questions? Commissioner Moore.
- 6 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. First
- 7 of all, thanks for your leadership, Deputy Chief
- 8 Williams. To the Seventh Precinct family, I'm a West side
- 9 commissioner, so the majority complaints I get are from
- 10 the west side. However, I have received a few that you've
- 11 assisted with personally, and I just want to say thank
- 12 you and you are missed over at the Sixth Precinct, even
- 13 though Commander Newsom's doing a great job. Can you pass
- 14 a message to Deputy Chief Hayes? I asked a few weeks ago
- 15 about the Wayne State University protests. I want to know
- 16 what unit from DPD assisted Wayne State. Was it the
- 17 mobile Field force? Was it the local precinct? Whatever.
- 18 I just want to know who assisted.
- 19 DC WILLIAMS: Through the Chair. I can answer that.
- 20 Yes. I was actually there during that time. So are we
- 21 talking specifically about the...
- 22 COMMISSIONER MOORE: There was a protest at Wayne
- 23 State where more of an encampment was removed.
- DC WILLIAMS: Okay. So we're talking spec because at
- 25 different times there'll be different entities from the



- 1 Detroit Police Department that'll assist Wayne State. For
- 2 the actual encampment DPD was on site and we were
- 3 standing by, in case Wayne State needed assistance. We
- 4 took no active role except assisting them with prisoner
- 5 processing. But if something would've happened, we were
- 6 there to give them further aid. And it was the Mobile
- 7 Field Force Unit.
- 8 COMMISSIONER MOORE: And through the Chair, I just
- 9 want to know what unit was there?
- 10 DC WILLIAMS: Through the Chair. It was a Mobile
- 11 Field Force Unit.
- 12 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Oh, okay. Thanks a lot.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Any further questions?
- 14 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the Chair.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Commissioner Burton.
- 16 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I don't have a question, but I
- 17 just want to just add this really quick. I just wanted to
- 18 talk about two great leaders that we've seen here. At
- 19 number seven, I watched Captain Hope come from this
- 20 precinct and became a second deputy chief. I watched a
- 21 captain get promoted to Commander and became the
- 22 commander of this precinct, number seven, which was
- 23 Commander Williams who now is sitting in the capacity of
- 24 assistant deputy chief right here with the Detroit Police
- 25 Department. Great leadership has come from number seven.



- 1 So let's give DC second Deputy Chief Hope, who used to be
- 2 our captain at number seven, a round applause. And let's
- 3 give our Assistant Chief Arnold Williams, DC Deputy Chief
- 4 Arnold Williams. A round of applause too, because they
- 5 both came from number seven.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Alright, amazing. Any further
- 7 questions or comments? Hearing none, introduce the
- 8 Seventh Precinct.
- 9 DC WILLIAMS: We have Commander Svec, come up to the
- 10 podium.
- 11 COMMANDER SVEC: Good evening, everyone through the
- 12 Chair, I'd like to start by introducing some of my
- 13 coworkers.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Go right ahead.
- 15 COMMANDER SVEC: NPO Hill, NPO Davis and our newest
- 16 NPO Baxter. NPO Stribling outside talking to some
- 17 citizens. But getting into the crime information for
- 18 number seven. Number seven is having a good year for
- 19 crime. We are down in homicides, 25% down in sexual
- 20 assaults, 50% down in aggravated assaults, 18.3% down in
- 21 robbery, 51.4%. The one area that we are up in is
- 22 burglary. We are up 28.4%, down in larceny, 6.1% down in
- 23 motor vehicle theft, 9.5%. Non-Fatal shootings we're down
- 24 47.4%. And carjackings, we are currently down a hundred
- 25 percent. We have had none year to date.



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- 1 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Excellent.
- 2 COMMANDER SVEC: So that combines for a 23% reduction
- 3 in part one violent crime and 4.4 in property crime.
- 4 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Wonderful.
- 5 COMMANDER SVEC: Thank you. Strategy result, as I
- 6 mentioned, our reduction of 23.7 in violent and 4.4 in
- 7 property crime. Homicides are down. Our current
- 8 identified trend as burglaries; we're focused on
- 9 burglaries, is as our only part one crime that's shown
- 10 increase. We run weekly operations that target known
- 11 offenders. We had a recent arrest for a repeat offender
- 12 that closed seven home invasions. He is suspected in 12
- 13 more in the Seventh, and Eleventh Precincts. The
- 14 investigation in those open cases are ongoing. We
- 15 conducted warrant sweeps for burglary and burglary
- 16 related offenses. And we've seen a trend in release,
- 17 recent domestic violence related burglaries. And those
- 18 are being addressed with our warrant unit arresting known
- 19 offenders. Precinct strategy. We have a warrant unit that
- 20 works closely with our detective unit to arrest known
- 21 offenders, target enforcement, and identify hotspots,
- 22 directed traffic enforcement in those identified
- 23 hotspots.
- We do weekly home checks with our MDOC partners.
- 25 Partnership with homicide gang intelligence, major



- 1 violators, vice enforcement, and CATS have led to a
- 2 reduction in all violent crimes. Community programs, we
- 3 have dozens. I'd like to highlight some of the actions.
- 4 Our MPOs, we threw a haunted house party. This past
- 5 Halloween trick or treating events. Turkey bingo, Turkey
- 6 giveaway, Thanksgiving dinners, holiday party, senior
- 7 movie day adopt a Family on Christmas. Christmas dinners,
- 8 game day potlucks, reading with little darlings,
- 9 community readings, real man read, anti-bullying
- 10 presentations. Seventh Precinct Annual Memorial for
- 11 fallen officers,' spaghetti dinners. And like DC
- 12 mentioned, we have our 17th annual Silence of Violence
- 13 March this Saturday at 10:00 AM at Lafayette and East
- 14 Grand Boulevard. That concludes my report, if you have
- 15 any questions.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you. Any questions?
- 17 Commissioner Moore?
- 18 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Good
- 19 seeing you again. Commander. Last time I saw you was
- 20 lieutenant at number 10. I have a question in regards to
- 21 court appearances. I know that's a little bit off topic,
- 22 but it's in reference to section 202.5-5.8 of the DPD
- 23 manual. It talks about how the commanding officer shall
- 24 initiate an investigation to determine the reason for the
- 25 member's failure to appear as scheduled. Do you do a lot



- 1 of those as it relates to officer's failing to appear in
- 2 court?
- 3 COMMANDER SVEC: I don't conduct the investigation
- 4 myself, but I assign those. But yes, our detective unit
- 5 routes those out weekly. Anyone that misses court is
- 6 subject to discipline.
- 7 COMMISSIONER MOORE: How in depth is that report?
- 8 COMMANDER SVEC: We see if they've received their
- 9 notice. We have an electronic court book that we track
- 10 when they were served, which supervisor served them. And
- 11 then we ask them why they weren't in court. See if they
- 12 called in sick, see if they were on vacation. Even if
- 13 they're on vacation, they're required to notify a
- 14 supervisor that they won't be available. And if they
- 15 cannot justify their absence, their discipline starts.
- 16 COMMISSIONER MOORE: And finally, so when you say
- 17 supervisor and the manual reference is a term called
- 18 Watch Commander?
- 19 COMMANDER SVEC: Yes, sir.
- 20 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Is that what we're talking
- 21 about, the supervisor?
- 22 COMMANDER SVEC: We generally have a span of control.
- 23 Every officer is assigned to a sergeant and that sergeant
- 24 handles the investigation.
- 25 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Thank you.



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- CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Any further questions? 1
- 2. COMMISSIONER BURTON: Yes.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Commissioner Burton.
- 4 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the Chair. I wanted to
- say how you doing, Commander? 5
- 6 COMMANDER SVEC: Good, sir.
- 7 COMMISSIONER BURTON: And it's great to see you
- today. You know, we have a commander here at number seven 8
- that's very hard at work and that loves this community.
- And so it is great to see the commander here today who's 10
- very hard at work and loves this community. I remember a 11
- year ago we walked with Willie in the community. So we 12
- 13 had members of the community come out and walk and the
- 14 commander was like the first person that arrived and he
- 15 and I sat there and talked for a minute until community
- 16 members came about. So it's always great to see our
- 17 commander here at number seven. Commander. I just want to
- just ask, what do you all have planned for National Night 18
- Out this year, or are you all still working on it? 19
- 20 COMMANDER SVEC: We're still in the planning phase.
- 21 We won top last year of course. COMMISSIONER BURTON:
- 22 Okay. So, National Night Out to our community is
- something that we look forward to each and every year. I 23
- know number seven does a great job at National Night Out, 24
- 25 and so forth other precincts, but I, you know, I believe



- l national Night Out this year at number seven is going to
- 2 be outstanding just like it was last year, and for years
- 3 going forward as well as past years, when Captain Hope,
- 4 who's now second deputy chief was the captain here. So
- 5 commander, I just want to say, we appreciate the work you
- 6 do and your team does here at number seven. And I'm
- 7 looking forward to coming over there for National Night
- 8 Out.
- 9 COMMANDER SVEC: Thank you, sir.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you. Any further
- 11 questions? Commissioner Banks. COMMISSIONER BANKS:
- 12 Through the Chair. What does National Night Out and what
- 13 does it consist of?
- 14 COMMANDER SVEC: That's an annual event. Every
- 15 precinct hosts a party. Last year we had a live DJ, we
- 16 had a bounce house, just to celebrate, reach out to the
- 17 community, establish a relationship, a tighter
- 18 relationship with the community.
- 19 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Okay.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Any further questions or
- 21 comments? Hearing none, thank you so very much for a
- 22 thorough report, both you and DC Williams.
- 23 COMMANDER SVEC: Thank you, sir.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Alright, with that, we'll now
- 25 return back to oral communication.



- 1 MR. BROWN: Yeah. Mr. Chair, currently we have four
- 2 speakers left. I call Ms. Bernie Smith, followed by a
- 3 caller with the last three numbers, 534. Ms. Smith.
- 4 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Mr. Chairman, I just wanted to
- 5 say...
- 6 MS. SMITH: Good afternoon everyone. I'm sorry. I am
- 7 so happy to see you here. We miss you over there at the
- 8 Sixth. At least my son and his sister, because what has
- 9 happened over there on their street, got some little drug
- 10 dealers and I told him that you're no longer over there,
- 11 but he should get acquainted with whoever the chief is
- 12 over there. I don't know who's over there that's taking
- 13 your place. But in the meantime, they had a little
- 14 skirmish over there on their street, and it's all quiet
- 15 now because my son did talk to the young man that he saw
- 16 that was dealing about three doors from him there on
- 17 Betting. But anyway, I'm glad to see you and hope that
- 18 you'll stay safe. I've been going downtown, the Greek
- 19 town. I have been sitting there observing what the police
- 20 are doing down there.
- I used to do it a couple of years ago, so I'm doing
- 22 it again just for the heck of it. And I tell all of them
- 23 to be safe and I want you to take care of yourselves. And
- 24 they love the fact that I extend that greetings to them.
- 25 I'm just about, I mean, I'm satisfied that they're doing



- 1 a good job. But there's only one thing. You have the cars
- 2 that are constantly coming. Once they turn off Beaubien,
- 3 and they come into... what's the street? Well anyway, you
- 4 know what I'm talking about. And they park here on the
- 5 side, on the right side constantly and they block up the
- 6 traffic and then they'll jump out and go across the
- 7 street to the, I think it's an ice cream place or
- 8 something over there. And sometimes they will be on this
- 9 side of the street on the right side also. So my thing
- 10 is, we should have at least a couple of the police
- 11 that'll be on the corner and when they come around there
- 12 and stay and park unnecessary, all they have to do is go
- 13 up there and flash the flashlight. because I've seen it
- 14 done before, especially on the weekends, but on a weekday
- 15 it's really hectic down there. So I just want to bring
- 16 that to your attention.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you.
- 18 MS. SMITH: And my time up already?
- 19 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Yes, unfortunately it is.
- MS. SMITH: I'll talk a little faster from now on.
- 21 Alright. Thank you so much. Seeing you again Chief. And
- 22 to my commissioners, keep up the good job. I'm very proud
- 23 of you.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you.
- MR. BROWN: Call her with the last three numbers,



- 1 534. Call her with the last three numbers. 534. Mr.
- 2 Chair, I'll go to the next... Oh, there you go.
- 3 CALLER 534: Yes. Good evening. May I be heard?
- 4 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Yes, you can go right ahead.
- 5 CALLER 534: Okay. Well we have a lot more concerns
- 6 in the North end. I mean, there's the issue of loud noise
- 7 for people in the park. We also have an arsonist on the
- 8 loose. Most unfortunate. It took me a long time to get
- 9 through to an NPO officer. That's one of the reasons that
- 10 I wanted my Commissioner Burton to please give me a call.
- 11 But finally I went to the precinct, got the names of the
- 12 community policing officers, finally got some, but it was
- 13 very difficult to get attention on the North end when
- 14 there's an arsonist on the loose. I also would like you
- 15 to know that the Club Detroit Land Bank Authority is
- 16 running around trying to take people's property, claiming
- 17 a vacant, boarded up building as a nuisance. When they
- 18 get a bunch of stuff for people they contract with, isn't
- 19 even boarded up the whole way.
- 20 Opened a human trespass. And you know, I have a
- 21 situation where I have a building and it got hit by an
- 22 arsonist after my neighbor had reported the guy stealing
- 23 off his porch six times on camera and the police did
- 24 nothing. Then he lit several houses on fire. Now he has
- 25 been released. He only did a year in jail or wherever he



- 1 was, got released to team wellness. And voila, no
- 2 surprise, he cut his tether off and he violated the stay
- 3 away order. He's in the north end. It should not take a
- 4 resident this much effort to get attention to a situation
- 5 like this. But I'll be able to amply prove to the judge
- 6 that this is not a concern about safety. It's more about
- 7 the Land Bank trying to control and commandeer private
- 8 property and enforce development. It's disgusting what
- 9 they're doing. The Land Bank attorney won't even discuss
- 10 with me their legal authority. Well probably because they
- 11 don't have any. And by the way, former Police Chief Craig
- 12 submitted a declaration. I don't know. He is an expert on
- 13 blight. But just because you could find a dead body in a
- 14 building, a vacant building, which never happened in my
- 15 case, doesn't mean that a house is some sort of...
- MR. BROWN: The election integrity, Rue.
- 17 RUE: Hello.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Yes.
- 19 RUE: Commissioner Pressley. Linda Bernard is not
- 20 there. She asked about a month ago, close to a month now
- 21 for the Michigan State Police Report. Can you take it
- 22 upon yourself to insist that this report is presented to
- 23 the board so the rest of the board members and yourself
- 24 can see the report today before you leave? Now I want to
- 25 jump right into the fact that Dennis M. Winfrey, 19 years



- 1 of services, city of Clerk, city of Detroit, and the
- 2 director of the Detroit Department of Elections, Gina
- 3 Avery Walker as a federal lawsuit that alleges for now,
- 4 election fraud, absentee ballot voter fraud, to be
- 5 specific. We have the Detroit Voter Trap. District 5, you
- 6 have a number of voting trap houses. Now, these
- 7 particular houses slang votes, they don't slang dope as a
- 8 normal trap house would. Now over in District 5, you have
- 9 a pattern of people moving out of the city, out of the
- 10 district, and then to other states. And then being re-
- 11 registered after they surrender their license in other
- 12 states, they re-registered in Detroit, Detroit Department
- 13 of Elections by absentee ballot voter application. These
- 14 people don't know that they're casting votes in Detroit
- 15 elections.
- District 7, Fred Durhal did not win that election.
- 17 Not by those 60 votes under the 12,000 cast, that iron
- 18 clad. Still to prove evidence of voter fraud.
- MR. BROWN: Mr. Chair, your last speaker will be
- 20 former Commissioner William Davis.
- 21 MR. DAVIS: Good evening. Can I be heard?
- 22 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Yes, you can. Go right ahead.
- MR. DAVIS: Well, I'd like to start off by saying
- 24 that these meetings are too long. I mean, there's too
- 25 much dead time in them. Also, I think that this board



- 1 just made history, you know, by voting for a Chairperson.
- 2 Well, actually, I see what the appointees voting for a
- 3 non-appointee that's a convicted felon. You know, if
- 4 somebody's a convicted felon, especially if it's
- 5 homicide, I don't think that person... and I know
- 6 Commissioner Woods and I like him and he's doing a lot of
- 7 good things. But that's setting a bad example that the
- 8 eyes of the nation are going to be looking at you all.
- 9 You know, you tell young people they can't be a police
- 10 officer being a convicted fellow, but yet you elect
- 11 somebody to be the Chairperson of the Board of Police
- 12 Commissioners. I noticed there were just the appointees
- 13 that voted for him, but you all sat in a very poor
- 14 example. A very poor example. You know? And Lord, Lord,
- 15 Lord, I mean, how could you all have oversight and tell a
- 16 22-year-old or so that they can't be a police officer
- 17 because they committed something, you know, or a 30-year-
- 18 old or a 40-year-old. You know, I don't think you all
- 19 really, you know, this board probably should just cease
- 20 to exist if you all are going to have a convicted felon
- 21 over it. Thank you.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you again. Thank you for
- 23 everyone's public comment. At this time, we will now move
- 24 to a presentation to the board. Commissioner Banks, are
- 25 you staying or leaving? Hey, well, we need a quorum in



- 1 order to hear this final presentation. And having had
- 2 this individual wait here for several, I mean a few
- 3 hours, I hope that there is a way that you can give us at
- 4 least seven more minutes. Commissioner Banks. Oh, she
- 5 left. Oh, well, well then, well, that was just given to
- 6 me. Is there any new business?
- 7 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the Chair.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Commissioner Burton?
- 9 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I just want to just say, you
- 10 know, I just asked Commissioner Hernandez to please cover
- 11 his mouth when he coughs. You know, I lost several people
- 12 to this pandemic, to Covid.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Okay.
- 14 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Off the Covid.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: At this point, the Chair
- 16 entertains the motion for adjournment.
- 17 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Please cover your mouth.
- 18 A CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Alright. We lost the quorum.
- 19 So the meeting is adjourned.

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21 (Meeting Adjourned at 8:49pm)

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