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10	BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS MEETING
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- 1 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Good afternoon everyone. The
- 2 Board. Police Commissioners meeting is called to order at
- 3 3:00 PM. Today is August 1st, 2024. We're going to ask
- 4 for the invocation by Chaplin, Michael Cadotte. You may.
- 5 CHAPLAIN CADOTTTE: Thank you, sir.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes.
- 7 CHAPLAIN CADOTTE: We could be in a moment of prayer
- 8 as you find your customs allow and permit. Good and
- 9 gracious God, we thank you for this beautiful day. We
- 10 thank you for the warmth, we thank you for the sun. We
- 11 pray that the coming storm this evening will be
- 12 nourishing to the earth and not detrimental to us and the
- 13 citizens of this great City of Detroit. We ask, Lord,
- 14 that you be with us today. Your spirit be amongst us.
- 15 Your wisdom flows through us, that the work of this great
- 16 commission can be done to the betterment of our great
- 17 Detroit police department. I pray for the protection of
- 18 all that are present here today. I pray for the continued
- 19 protection of the police department under the leadership
- 20 of Chief James White. I thank you, Lord, for their
- 21 sacrifices and services that they provide for us. I thank
- 22 you for this commission and their service that they
- 23 provide to citizens of Detroit. I continue to pray for
- 24 our great city, our state, and our country. Bless us all,
- 25 Lord, as this meeting has been conducted and opened in



- 1 order, may be conducted in order, enclosed in harmony. It
- 2 is through your most holy name, we pray. And through
- 3 Jesus Christ, my Lord and Savior, I pray. Amen.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Amen. Thank you very much. We
- 5 don't have a quorum yet but I anticipate us having a
- 6 quorum within the next 15 to 20 minutes. Commissioner
- 7 Hernandez has some obligations with his job that he
- 8 couldn't get out of, but he will be here. But I also want
- 9 to take this time to recognize our new commissioner and
- 10 say it is a pleasure to have you here to serve. My
- 11 understanding is that you served before, and we really,
- 12 really appreciate you coming and rolling up your sleeve
- 13 to be able to serve the citizens of the City of Detroit.
- 14 So, let's give our new commissioner some regards; a warm
- 15 welcome and thank you for your service and your
- 16 commitment to the cities of the City of Detroit.
- 17 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHE: Thank you. Thank you.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Absolutely. Would you like to
- 19 share any remarks?
- 20 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHE: Just that it's an honor to
- 21 be back on the police commission, and I'm looking forward
- 22 to all the great things that the commission does for the
- 23 City of Detroit and the police department.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Absolutely. Absolutely. Thank you
- 25 so much. We now have a quorum and so we will move forward



- 1 with the people's agenda. Introduction of commissioners
- 2 by individual commissioners.
- 3 MR. BROWN: Chairperson Woods Present.
- 4 MR. BROWN: Vice Chairperson Smith Present.
- 5 MR. BROWN: Commissioner Bernard Attorney Linda
- 6 Bernard, District 2, present.
- 7 MR. BROWN: Commissioner Bell asked for an excused
- 8 absent.
- 9 MR. BROWN: Commissioner, Burton asked for an excused
- 10 absent.
- 11 MR. BROWN: Commissioner Moore Present.
- MR. BROWN: Commissioner Pressley Here.
- 13 MR. BROWN: Commissioner Dewaelsche Present.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yep. Thank you very much. I'd
- 15 like to entertain a motion to approve the agenda of
- 16 August 1st, 2024? Moved by Commissioner Moore.
- 17 COMMISSIONER SMITH: Second.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Second by Commissioner Smith. All
- 19 in favor say, aye.
- 20 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: Have a discussion?
- 21 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes.
- 22 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: My discussion would be again,
- 23 you know, noting that we have interviews scheduled and
- 24 the pace of the meeting as it moves, I do want to provide
- 25 the Chair of our personnel committing opportunity to make



- 1 it for the interviews. And so I'm wondering whether or
- 2 not the board would be open to amending the agenda to
- 3 move the chief of police report before the Board of
- 4 Police Commissioners' officers report to provide further
- 5 commissions an opportunity to arrive?
- 6 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Absolutely. I would say that I
- 7 have no objections to that.
- 8 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Mr. Chair, who was the chair of
- 9 that committee?
- 10 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Commissioner Hernandez.
- 11 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Got you, understood.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yeah. So the motion would be to
- 13 accept... to approve the agenda with the necessary movement
- 14 of the police commission, I mean police chief report.
- 15 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: So, I quess the motions, I'm
- 16 amending the original motion that we adopt the approval
- 17 of the agenda, moving the board, I mean, excuse me,
- 18 moving the chief of police report, prior to the Board of
- 19 Police Commissioners' officers report.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay. Alright.
- 21 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHE: Support.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay. So the motion is made by
- 23 Commissioner Pressley to amend the agenda and is
- 24 supported by the Commissioner...
- 25 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHE: Dewaelsche.



- 1 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Dewaelsche. Thank you. All in
- 2 favor, say, aye.
- 3 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Anyone opposed? The motion is
- 5 carried. Okay. All right. So I want to entertain a motion
- 6 to approve the minutes for July 18th, 2024.
- 7 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: So moved.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay. Any support?
- 9 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Support.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: The motion is made by
- 11 Commissioner Pressley and supported by Commissioner
- 12 Bernard. All in favor say, aye.
- 13 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Anyone opposed? The motion is
- 15 carried. I entertain a motion to approve the minutes of
- 16 July 25th, 2024.
- 17 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: So moved.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Moved by Commissioner Bernard.
- 19 Any support?
- 20 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: Support.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Supported by Commissioner
- 22 Pressley. All in favor say, aye.
- 23 COMMISSIONERS: Aye. Anyone opposed? The motion is
- 24 carried. Introduction of BOPC staff.
- MR. BROWN: Good afternoon, Mr. Chair. Currently, we



- 1 have with chief Investigator Warfield, Ms. Jonya
- 2 Underwood, Ms. Teresa Blossom, Ms. Artemisia Joshua, Ms.
- 3 Jasmine Taylor, supervising Investigator LiSonya Sloan,
- 4 ASL interpreter, Ms. Yakata, and Dr. Stephanie Beatty,
- 5 court report is Don Handyside, Sergeant Allen Quinn is
- 6 doing the audio and media services are doing the video;
- 7 and sitting in for the chief is DC Tiffany Stewart, and
- 8 elected officials are Ms. Marie Overall of State
- 9 Representative Tyrone Carter's office, Ms. Fredia Butler,
- 10 president of Second Precinct Community Relations, Ms.
- 11 LaDon Davis, office of Councilmember Fred Durhall III,
- 12 and former Commissioner William Davis.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay. Thank you so much. We'll go
- 14 to the chief of police report.
- 15 DC STEWART: Hello. Good afternoon. On our board, I'm
- 16 Deputy Chief Tiffany Stewart, and I'm sitting in for
- 17 Chief White today, and I'm going to be giving the Detroit
- 18 Police Department report out for you all. Thankfully
- 19 today, there are no critically injured officers due to
- 20 any on-duty injuries. Moving on to crime data. We have a
- 21 16% reduction in homicide.
- 22 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Use your microphone. Thank
- 23 you.
- DC STEWART: Is it better?
- 25 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Much better.



- 1 DC STEWART: Okay. Moving on to crime data and
- 2 homicides. We have a 16% reduction for the calendar year
- 3 of 2024. We have 128 victims, that is 24 victims less
- 4 than this time last year. For non-fatal shootings, we
- 5 have a 20% reduction. We had 397 shootings so far, non-
- 6 fatal shootings. That is 96 less victims than this time
- 7 last year. Robberies, we have 618 victims this year. We
- 8 have 216 less victims than this time last year. That is
- 9 actually a 26% reduction for robberies as a whole. Total
- 10 part one violent crime, we have a 10% reduction in all
- 11 part one violent crimes. And for carjacking, another huge
- 12 win for us. 38% reduction for carjackings. This year, we
- 13 have 63 carjackings for the calendar year, which is 37
- 14 less than this time last year.
- 15 Moving on to our drag racing and block party
- 16 enforcement. We continue to do that every week because we
- 17 get the phone calls, we get the complaints from the
- 18 community. So as a whole, from March 15th of this year
- 19 until now, we've investigated over 900 people. We've had
- 20 over 436 traffic stops issued over 150 citations,
- 21 impounded over 61 vehicles, investigated 497. We've
- 22 recovered 58 weapons. We've had 71 felony arrests.
- 23 Because of this enforcement, we've responded to at least
- 24 334 calls for service regarding these nuisance
- 25 complaints. We've responded to block parties, 240 block



- 1 parties, complaints year to date, spectator tickets,
- 2 let's see, drag racing 6, and we've had special attention
- 3 at 105 locations that are routinely reported to dispatch
- 4 for block parties or either drag racing complaints from
- 5 the citizens. We are out here working as diligently as
- 6 possible to alleviate any community concerns and
- 7 complaints regarding those matters.
- 8 Moving on to mental health related calls for
- 9 service. Service calls this year for the last seven days,
- 10 I'm sorry, mental not violent. We've had 66 service
- 11 calls. Mental violent armed. We've had 22 for the last
- 12 seven days. Mental, violent, not armed. We've had 105;
- 13 suicide in progress, 34 calls and suicide threats, 67;
- 14 for a grand total of 294 service calls within the last
- 15 seven days. Year to date, we've had over 8,935 grand
- 16 total calls. Mental nonviolent 2060 year to date. Mental
- 17 violent armed, 870, mental violent, non-armed, 3,312,
- 18 suicide in progress, 941. And just a threat of suicide,
- 19 we've had 1751, 1755 calls, excuse me. We've even had a
- 20 number of overdose related calls serviced year to date,
- 21 over 3,100 calls of one down for drug overdoses. And then
- 22 one down actual overdose, 258 calls serviced for a total
- 23 of 3,406 calls for service this year for overdose related
- 24 calls.
- Moving on to some significant events. For the past



- 1 week, we had one fatal shooting in the Fifth Precinct. On
- 2 Sunday, July 21st, this year at 3:20 PM, officers were
- 3 dispatched to the 10400 block of Cadieux to investigate a
- 4 shooting. When they arrived, they discovered a 27-year-
- 5 old male suffering from multiple gunshot wounds to his
- 6 body. Medic transferred him to a local hospital, and he
- 7 succumbed to his injuries. Witnesses on the scene stated
- 8 that the victim and the suspect got into a physical
- 9 altercation, and the suspect produced a handgun and shot
- 10 the victim. Witnesses stated the suspect was a resident
- 11 of the apartment complex and went back into the location
- 12 after the shooting. A barricaded gunman was declared, and
- 13 later that evening, officers did successfully take the
- 14 suspect into custody. The homicide detective submitted a
- 15 warrant to the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office, and the
- 16 suspect was charged with second degree murder and felony
- 17 firearm.
- We had another fatal shooting robbery in the Seventh
- 19 Precinct. On Tuesday, July 23rd, officers were dispatched
- 20 to the area of Joseph Campo and Frederick to investigate
- 21 a shooting. Upon arriving at the location, they observed
- 22 a 37-year-old male suffering from multiple gunshot
- 23 wounds. The medics transported the victim to a local
- 24 hospital where he succumbed to his injuries. Witnesses
- 25 stated they noticed 4 to 5 black males in a black vehicle



- 1 in front of the location. A few minutes later, they heard
- 2 approximately 6 shots and observed one of the males
- 3 pointing a gun at the victim lying face down in the
- 4 street. The victim's vehicle was taken during the
- 5 shooting and later found burned. This incident is still
- 6 under investigation; and if anyone has any tips, please
- 7 contact Crime Stoppers at 1800 SpeakUp or Detroit Rewards
- 8 Television. I'm sorry, Detroitrewards.tv.
- 9 Another fatal shooting in the Seventh Precinct. On
- 10 Thursday July 24th at 10:20 PM, officers were dispatched
- 11 to the 500 block of Shane to investigate a shooting. They
- 12 arrived and observed a 27-year-old victim suffering from
- 13 a gunshot wound to his back. He was transported to the
- 14 hospital where he succumbed to his injuries. Witnesses
- 15 stated that the victim was on the side of the building
- 16 arguing with a known male about a stolen firearm.
- 17 Witnesses further stated that they heard the parties
- 18 yelling, and then observed the suspect pull out a handgun
- 19 and shoot the victim. Officers were able to take the
- 20 suspect into custody. A homicide detective submitted a
- 21 warrant to the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office, and the
- 22 suspect was charged with second degree murder, carrying a
- 23 concealed weapon and felony firearm. And the last fatal
- 24 shooting significant incident we had was in the Eighth
- 25 Precinct.



- 1 It was a domestic related homicide. A husband did
- 2 fatally shoot the wife on Saturday, July 27th at 4:45 AM,
- 3 officers responded to the 19400 block of Five Points to
- 4 investigate a shooting. Upon arriving at the location,
- 5 the officers discovered the 53-year-old female victim
- 6 line in the driveway with multiple gunshot wounds to her
- 7 body. Upon further investigation, it was revealed that
- 8 the witnesses called 911, and attempted to help the
- 9 victim before the police arrived. The suspect, the
- 10 victim's husband, came out of the house, pointed a gun at
- 11 the witnesses, and told them to leave. He then shot the
- 12 victim again. The first time the victim was shot, she was
- 13 inside the location. And when she attempted to flee, the
- 14 suspect shot her several times. And that's when the
- 15 witnesses discovered her outside of the home. He was
- 16 taken into custody.
- 17 He stayed on the scene, he was taken into custody in
- 18 the incident. A warrant request was submitted to the
- 19 Wayne County Prosecutor's Office, and the suspect was
- 20 charged with first degree murder and felony firearm. So,
- 21 you know, just amazing work out here by the homicide
- 22 detectives, the patrol officers. We got a lot of trauma
- 23 obviously occurring and just getting on the scene
- 24 quickly, getting those arrests and obviously working in
- 25 partnership with the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office to



- 1 get charges as quickly as possible on those individuals.
- 2 Moving on to some positives. Many of you may have been at
- 3 the citywide Charter mandated community meeting, Monday
- 4 for the Mayor's office at K-Mac. Some members of the
- 5 senior management team were in attendance as well. On
- 6 Wednesday, we had a youth scavenger hunt. The NPO, the
- 7 Neighborhood Police Officers, and the Explorers partnered
- 8 with the Youth Connection and the Detroit Historical
- 9 Society for an engaging scavenger hunt.
- 10 The event began at the Detroit Historical Museum,
- 11 and I'm hearing everyone had a great time and it was well
- 12 attended and the youth had fun. So tomorrow we did extend
- 13 the invitation to you all. Hopefully you will come. We
- 14 have the Eighth Precinct annex ribbon cutting tomorrow at
- 15 3:00 PM. Friday, Chief White, Mayor Duggan in the city
- 16 and community representatives will gather to celebrate
- 17 the opening of the Eighth Precinct annex. We finally got
- 18 it opened and completely renovated. So, community members
- 19 are welcome to attend and the tour of the annex which
- 20 will house the Eighth Precinct neighborhood police
- 21 officers will be open for the community to reserve if so.
- 22 And lastly, tomorrow is a busy day for the Chief; Second
- 23 Precinct Bike Patrol at 5:00 PM the chief will
- 24 participate in the second precinct bike patrol operations
- 25 ride. While on bike patrol, officers will engage with



- 1 Project Green Light Partners and community members.
- 2 Officers will provide presence in the neighborhood and
- 3 forest parking and abandoned vehicle concerns. So that is
- 4 the conclusion of my report. If there are any questions
- 5 from the board,
- 6 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Let the record reflect that
- 7 Commissioner Banks is present. Yes, sir. Commissioner
- 8 Moore.
- 9 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Good
- 10 afternoon, Chief.
- 11 DC STEWART: Good afternoon.
- 12 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Are you familiar with the Metro
- 13 Times two-part story that they've been writing over the
- 14 past, like two or three weeks?
- DC STEWART: No, unfortunately. What is it about?
- 16 COMMISSIONER MOORE: I would ask that you and the
- 17 department leader should take a look at it. It is talking
- 18 about homicide investigations, the way they've been
- 19 investigated, and one particular investigator from back,
- 20 I guess in 2010, of how the interviews were being
- 21 conducted, where some people may have been wrongly
- 22 convicted. I think it's worth reading. But my question
- 23 is, what would it take to reopen a case or cases
- 24 involving a detective that may have done things that may
- 25 or may not, I don't know, that may have done things that



- 1 weren't wrong?
- DC STEWART: So the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office,
- 3 thank you for that. I am familiar with that story. I
- 4 haven't followed it completely, but I think I did read a
- 5 portion of part one. So I do know what you're speaking
- 6 about. But in regard to your question, the Wayne County
- 7 Prosecutor's office has a conviction integrity unit, and
- 8 that is actually spearheaded through their unit.
- 9 Prisoners, they have appeals or concerns with their case,
- 10 they can advocate to this unit who worked in concert with
- 11 the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office, and they will pull
- 12 the case and investigate it, and make a determination
- 13 from that point.
- 14 COMMISSIONER MOORE: So Detroit Police wouldn't take
- 15 it upon themselves to initiate opening up an
- 16 investigation?
- DC STEWART: So typically, no, because they wouldn't
- 18 reach out to us. They would reach out to the prosecutor's
- 19 office in a conviction integrity unit, and we provide
- 20 them all information needed.
- 21 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Oh, you mean the person who's
- 22 been offended?
- DC STEWART: Yes.
- 24 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Got you. So my second question
- 25 deals with the Reno Rossini shooting. I saw the video



- 1 that was released. I guess it's going to be made public
- 2 at 4:00 PM today. I thought it was a good, transparent
- 3 video. My initial concern with that shooting was, it
- 4 appeared that the Department of Leadership were blaming
- 5 the citizens, saying that nobody called 911. But then I
- 6 believe it was Assistant Chief Fitzgerald said, Hey, we
- 7 were short on manpower, which I respected, that's why you
- 8 haven't heard me say anything about it, because once a
- 9 person admits, you know, that they're wrong and they fall
- 10 on the sword, what else is there to argue about? So I
- 11 thought that the video was very transparent. It did say
- 12 that the first call came in at 1:30, but I don't want to
- 13 say too much because it's not made public to the public.
- 14 And we'll let it roll from there. Thank you, Mr.
- 15 Chairman.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Absolutely. Anyone else?
- 17 Commissioner Pressley.
- 18 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: Thank you. Through the Chair,
- 19 two questions. One to you. Today, you suggested around
- 20 the block parties, I think you said you all have received
- 21 240 calls, something like that. Is it possible that those
- 22 calls are for similar areas, or are these distinct block
- 23 parties that a number of upwards of 200 calls are being
- 24 made?
- DC STEWART: So some will be similar and some will be



- 1 separate and distinct. We have actually taken to task, to
- 2 tracking and monitoring in our comstat in our biweekly
- 3 comstat review. And from our review, there are a number
- 4 of locations with multiple block parties' week after week
- 5 after week complaints that the neighbors are calling in.
- 6 So we're trying to engage and get in front of that.
- 7 Having opportunity to speak to the residents of the
- 8 location and just kind of let them know that the
- 9 neighbors are calling; we've received multiple
- 10 complaints; just trying to be as hospitable as possible,
- 11 while also letting them know that the community is very
- 12 upset, and they're the ones calling, and making the
- 13 complaints.
- 14 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: And a follow up to that
- 15 understanding that, you know, people power can sometimes
- 16 be an issue. And, you know, excuse my ignorance around
- 17 the technology, but I know like downtown there's these
- 18 almost like crane looking like instruments where it gives
- 19 the reception of police presence in these areas where
- 20 there seems to be, you know, multiple kind of calls or
- 21 reoccurring block parties, is a deployment of those
- 22 technological instruments possible to deter these
- 23 practices from happening.
- DC STEWART: So if we had the ability to have as many
- 25 of those as we wanted, we absolutely probably would



- 1 deploy them that way, but that technology is incredibly
- 2 expensive. I think we only have four, so we tend to
- 3 utilize them where there is a major degree of citizens in
- 4 one small footprint. So that's why oftentimes you'll see
- 5 them downtown because you have thousands of people
- 6 downtown at one point, and you don't tend to have that in
- 7 the neighborhood. In the neighborhood you may have, you
- 8 know, a hundred or a couple hundred, and you have just
- 9 thousands downtown.
- 10 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: Okay. Thank you. And then
- 11 finally, my last question isn't related to this area, but
- 12 I'm sure there are, you know, ripple effects that happen
- 13 across the country when these incidents happen. And I'm
- 14 speaking about the murder of Sonya Massey, and wondering
- 15 if there was any kind of conversation, memo training that
- 16 happened in DPD as a result of seeing what occurred in
- 17 Illinois.
- DC STEWART: So we continually, as a department
- 19 Commissioner Pressley, we continually, as a department,
- 20 try to address the officers. That was devastating to me
- 21 as a law enforcement officer, as I'm black and blue. As a
- 22 black woman in society, I thought that that was
- 23 absolutely outrageous. It quite frankly, brought me to
- 24 tears. There was absolutely no reason for her to be
- 25 murdered and she was murdered. So with that being said,



- 1 as the leadership of the department, we try our best at
- 2 all points in times when we have these stories that
- 3 trend, when we hear them from other areas of the world,
- 4 to have the conversations with the officers at roll call
- 5 explaining so we can get in front. We have a number of
- 6 programs, you know we've got crisis intervention, as you
- 7 all know. Just a number of different programs that we can
- 8 utilize peer support, that we can utilize in order to
- 9 assist and, and hopefully, and prayerfully not have any
- 10 of that type of tragedy occur in our department.
- 11 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: Thank you. Thank you, Chair.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yeah. Anyone? Yes. Commissioner
- 13 Bernard.
- 14 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Yes. Deputy Chief, it's good
- 15 to see you. My concern is related to the issue concerning
- 16 the crackdown on block parties and block clubs. Both
- 17 myself and Vice Chair Smith have had complaints about the
- 18 department shutting down a number of events in the City
- 19 of Detroit that were adult annual events like the Cooley
- 20 High School reunion that they've been having for the last
- 21 30 something years. And what happens is that the
- 22 department comes out and blocks parking on all the major
- 23 streets so that the people can't get together. What
- 24 happens with that was communicated to she and I, and
- 25 she'll speak to it as well, is that these groups, and



- 1 many of them are class reunions, things like that; people
- 2 you know, are trying to get together again for old time
- 3 sake, and they block all the parking, they close off all
- 4 the parking, let's say, like on Woodward Avenue.
- 5 No parking. No parking, no parking, or Fenkell
- 6 Avenue or Six Mile Road. And then the people who've
- 7 organized it have food trucks coming. They've paid money
- 8 for these things. You know, all kinds of things that you
- 9 have when you have a celebration. And they lose their
- 10 money as a result of our being overly aggressive with
- 11 respect to this issue. So I'm calling it to your
- 12 attention, because it is a major concern. There is no
- 13 reason to, prematurely, if you will, block people from
- 14 getting together or assembling as you well know. So if
- 15 you would just call that to the attention of the
- 16 department, and I don't know, Tamara, if you have
- 17 anything to add?
- 18 COMMISSIONER SMITH: Thank you. Through the Chair, I
- 19 understand that the children or the young adults have
- 20 made this decision that the department is standing on,
- 21 and unfortunately, one bad apple spoils the whole batch.
- 22 And I guess one rule applies to everyone.
- DC STEWART: That's pretty much how it goes. And
- 24 speaking to the Cooley situation, Commissioner Bernard,
- 25 if I'm not mistaken they did not apply for the necessary



- 1 permits beforehand. So we understand maybe the annual
- 2 event for Cooley, that they don't necessarily cause
- 3 problems. But recalling and remembering that this was
- 4 right on the heels of the mass shooting that we had. So I
- 5 do understand the concerns that some of us are simply
- 6 having fun. For example, if a certain location is having
- 7 a party and is indoors, the response or the people should
- 8 be indoors. What they don't get to do is take over the
- 9 entire street and the entire sidewalk, because just as
- 10 you complain about the police officers coming and
- 11 shutting the event down, and oftentimes we're simply only
- 12 enforcing laws that are already in ordinances, laws and
- 13 ordinances that are already on the books with regard to
- 14 loud music after a certain point, illegal parking, things
- 15 of that nature.
- But there are just as many people calling and
- 17 complaining and then chastising us for not being there.
- 18 So it's a fine line, and I completely understand what you
- 19 said. Some people are bad apples and some people are good
- 20 apples, and sometimes those people that are good apples
- 21 get some of the enforcement that the bad apples get. But
- 22 our goal is for safety for everyone. And again, we would
- 23 not have wanted anybody at Cooley to have had a problem,
- 24 because oftentimes it's not just Cooley people there, you
- 25 know, it's somebody else from another school or another



- 1 neighborhood and problems still arise. We have drinking,
- 2 and we have a number of things going on. We are just
- 3 trying to contain it.
- 4 I do understand your concern.
- 5 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: But my concern even goes to,
- 6 they're only to my knowledge, 3 night clubs or clubs in
- 7 downtown Detroit that are owned by black people. And this
- 8 if you will, sort of super enforcement issue is adversely
- 9 affecting them and their clientele. There shouldn't be a
- 10 need for African American people who are interested in
- 11 owning a business to move, or go to the suburbs to party
- 12 or go somewhere. We want them to be in Detroit. They are
- 13 Detroiters. They have a right to be in Detroit. And so
- 14 they're entitled to fair, and open treatment, and
- 15 certainly an evaluation after you get there, but not
- 16 preemptive. That's my concern. A sort of a preemptive
- 17 move that doesn't happen anywhere outside the City of
- 18 Detroit, including in what was Detroit, where those 8 or
- 19 9 people were shot just a week before it happened in
- 20 Detroit. So I'm just saying, I think there has to be some
- 21 sense sensitivity to the issues because it's not
- 22 happening with white businesses, it's happening with
- 23 African American businesses for some strange reason. So I
- 24 just wanted to call that to your attention.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay.



- 1 COMMISSIONER SMITH: Through the Chair. I had another
- 2 question. So this is something that I have been hearing
- 3 that people are saying that you can't have more than 20
- 4 people in your residential backyard.
- 5 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: That's ridiculous.
- 6 COMMISSIONER SMITH: In a gathering, not really sure,
- 7 and I know a lot of the adults are complaining that they
- 8 can't gather or they can't get together. And if it is a
- 9 multiple of maybe 20, I'm not really sure. But if there
- 10 is what seems to be a large gathering or assembly of
- 11 people, then it is shut down. Is there any truth to that?
- DC STEWART: So I have no knowledge about a party of
- 13 20 people in the backyard being shut down. Typically
- 14 speaking, if you are in your backyard and it's your party
- 15 and you're contained within the backyard, you probably
- 16 shouldn't be fine. So long as you respect the local
- 17 ordinances, you know, we're not playing loud negative
- 18 music at 11, 12, 1, 2, 3 o'clock in the morning. That's
- 19 when it becomes a problem.
- 20 COMMISSIONER SMITH: Thank you.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay. Anything further? I would
- 22 just, you know, echo Commissioner Moore in terms of
- 23 making sure that department does pay attention to that
- 24 article and see if there's anything in there that
- 25 department could add to if someone was wrongfully



- 1 convicted, if someone was mistreated by the police
- 2 department in terms of an investigation. If you have an
- 3 officer who conducts themselves in a flagrant way, I
- 4 think that the department should play a role in
- 5 communicating with the prosecutor's office. because you
- 6 may see it before the prosecutor sees it, you know? So, I
- 7 think it is very important that we do pay attention to
- 8 that, because many of the wrongful convictions, they come
- 9 from the department, and if the department can play a
- 10 role to help repair it, then by all means, you know
- 11 that's what we should be doing. What are your thoughts?
- 12 DC STEWART: So thank you for that, Chair Woods. So
- 13 the department is very transparent at this point in time.
- 14 Oftentimes, through the years, we have made a number of
- 15 improvements on our investigative process, one of which
- 16 is interviews and interrogations. Our audio and video
- 17 were recorded at this point in time. We have a number of
- 18 different things that we do that are presented to the
- 19 prosecutor, certainly with the onslaught of so much
- 20 technology. They also cross their "T's' and dot their
- 21 "I's" as well. When we submit these investigations to
- 22 them. It's not just the police department. This is a
- 23 three-pronged approach. There's the police department,
- 24 there are the Wayne County prosecutors, and then there's,
- 25 you know, a criminal court. But with that being said, the



- 1 Wayne County prosecutors also expects a certain caliber
- 2 of investigation from us, and they expect the body-worn
- 3 camera and interrogation footage and video to make sure
- 4 that these detainees and the suspects are being
- 5 respected, if you will, and handled in an appropriate
- 6 manner.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Absolutely. In terms of, that's
- 8 where we are now, but those are historical cases that
- 9 occurred.
- 10 DC STEWART: Always learning.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: And so if there is something for
- 12 us to look at, I think we should look at, I think we
- 13 should audit, you know, the file, if something arises in
- 14 these investigations, if you would, to try to be a
- 15 partner in correcting the wrong, that possibly could have
- 16 happened. That's the only thing I'm saying, so I get what
- 17 you're saying in terms, and I can deeply appreciate the
- 18 policy committee working together with the University of
- 19 Michigan as well as with the ACLU, and creating one of
- 20 the strongest identification policies in the country for
- 21 sure. You know, but I think there should be some active
- 22 art as well in terms of looking at it. There may not be
- 23 anything you can do about it, but those articles or those
- 24 things should not just be like, okay, I just read a news
- 25 article if you would.



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- 1 DC STEWART: I hear you.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: All right. And so anything
- 3 further?
- 4 COMMISSIONER MOORE: I would just say this, Mr.
- 5 Chairman, just to echo and piggyback off of what you just
- 6 said. It kind of reminded me of going back to 1984 when
- 7 my grandfather was murdered, of different investigative
- 8 techniques that didn't take place at all. And then fast
- 9 forward into 2023 when the Samantha Woll murder took
- 10 place, and how different things just didn't happen, that
- 11 the public thought would happen as it relates to
- 12 investigating certain people. So I'll just leave it
- 13 there, Mr. Chairman. It's just, you know, when I see
- 14 things, it's like connected dots, patterns, and practices
- 15 that I look at, so thank you very much.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes. And I also wanted to applaud
- 17 the chief for working with us. We vigorously were able to
- 18 work to be able to get some resolution with those tickets
- 19 that were written on the some of the legal observers. And
- 20 thankfully that one was dismissed this weekend. Looking
- 21 forward to other ones getting dismissed as they go into
- 22 court. I appreciate the chief leadership on this and
- 23 working with us on this. Commissioner Bernard and myself,
- 24 who led that effort to stand on the side of those who
- 25 were protesting and the constitutional way. And we look



- 1 forward to working with the department and making sure we
- 2 work with the Lawyers Guilds, the National Lawyers Guild,
- 3 to make sure there's an iron clad policy on our First
- 4 Amendment issues. So thank you. Give our regards to the
- 5 chief for his leadership on that.
- 6 DC STEWART: I will.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yep. Commissioner Hernandez is
- 8 here, and so we are going to posture ourselves and get
- 9 ready for our first interview. And our first interview
- 10 would be with Lydia Garnier, and asking Mr. Zacharias to
- 11 exit the room and you may come forward, Ms. Lydia Garnier
- 12 Barlow Jamison. Someone will come get you when it is that
- 13 time. All right. Thank you very much. And as she gets
- 14 herself ready, Commissioner Hernandez, I turn it over to
- 15 you. Is Mr. Tipton online?
- MR. BROWN: Yes, sir.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Alright. Mr. Tipton,
- 18 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: If you get somebody present,
- 19 this is ridiculous.
- 20 MR. TIPTON: Yes. Chair,
- 21 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Respectful.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes. We have Ms. Jamison here and
- 23 I'd like to start this interview.
- MR. TIPTON: Alright. Thank you. I'm going to just
- 25 read a brief statement to the candidate. Again, we thank



- 1 you for being here. I know a couple of times you were
- 2 flying in and out, and I truly appreciate you showing up
- 3 for this interview. We have a total of 6 questions we're
- 4 going to ask. The board is going to be recording your
- 5 response, so try to be brief and precise giving your
- 6 response, think of each question. From question 2 through
- 7 6, I want you to think of a specific situation, the task
- 8 you had to take on that actually you took toward that
- 9 task, and then the end result. Let me give you a brief
- 10 overview of the position and then we're going to jump
- 11 right into the Q&A.
- So, as a top level executive for the Board of Police
- 13 Commissioners, the secretary to the board plays a pivotal
- 14 leadership role ensuring the board's optimal performance
- 15 in overseeing the day-to-day operations of the
- 16 organization. The high impact position involves the
- 17 strategic oversight, executive decision making at the
- 18 pleasure of the board, and maintaining the integrity and
- 19 effectiveness of the board's supervising control over the
- 20 Detroit Police Department as mandated by the City
- 21 Charter, reporting directly to the board, the secretary
- 22 to the board drives the board's mission to uphold public
- 23 safety, oversight and accountability. The role offers a
- 24 unique opportunity to support the board's mission in
- 25 leading the future of public safety oversight in the City



- 1 of Detroit. With that said, ma'am, are you ready?
- 2 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: One second, through the
- 3 Chair, you may, just to clarify, there was a motion pass
- 4 the last time we had interviews. It suggested that when
- 5 these will be rescheduled, that the only scores that
- 6 would be considered will be those who also sat through
- 7 the interviews of the first three candidates. If there is
- 8 an opportunity to be the acting secretary that you can
- 9 read who those are just for the matter of the public and
- 10 for my colleagues to be noted whose scores would be
- 11 considered.
- MR. BROWN: Commissioner Moore, Commissioner Bernard,
- 13 Commissioner Woods, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner
- 14 Pressley, Commissioner Hernandez.
- 15 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: Thank you.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Proceed.
- 17 MR. TIPTON: And through the Chair, I just want to
- 18 give one instruction to the board. If you see a candidate
- 19 writing or taking a look down, they're probably looking
- 20 at their resume, taking notes on the question. Sometimes
- 21 even in in-person question interviews, we are allowing
- 22 individuals to jot down notes on the question so they can
- 23 reflect back on giving their responses. So I just want
- 24 the board to be aware that if you see someone looking
- 25 down, basically they're probably trying to capture the



- 1 question as I'm reading it and then preparing their
- 2 response as well. Alright, with that being said, the very
- 3 first question. So, briefly explain how your previous
- 4 experience and education have prepared you for the
- 5 position? In your discussion, tell us about any
- 6 experience you have in civilian oversight, law
- 7 enforcement, the legal field, and administration for
- 8 working with a board.
- 9 MS. JAMISON: Good afternoon.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Good afternoon.
- 11 MS. JAMISON: I want to first say thank you to the
- 12 Board of Commissioners, individually and collectively to
- 13 the staff, as well as to the entire police department and
- 14 its staff and all stakeholders with the City of Detroit
- 15 who choose to enhance the future of public safety in the
- 16 City of Detroit. And I think the power rep is saying,
- 17 looking down, because I can go a little long-winded. So
- 18 I've done my best to do my research study, and you may
- 19 find me looking at this notebook probably more than you
- 20 would imagine. But as far as, if I may, give just a very
- 21 short introduction of myself my application resume and
- 22 cover letter does give a summary of my qualifications, my
- 23 education, which started with a bachelor's with a major
- 24 in sociology, a minor in biology. I went on to graduate
- 25 school with a master's degree in human resource



- 1 management with many courses in criminal justice, and
- 2 then onto a juris doctorate that I received.
- 3 Excuse me. Also, my resume will reflect a number of
- 4 progressively responsible roles that also includes a
- 5 number of executive level positions. I am a strategic
- 6 servant leader, that's my leadership style and a team
- 7 player because it is my thinking that to be somewhat of a
- 8 successful leader, you must be a team leader. I focus on
- 9 the growth and wellbeing of the people and community to
- 10 which the organization supports and assists. My work
- 11 ethic is one, to work until the job is done, and to do it
- 12 with integrity and urgency. My passion and perseverance
- 13 has led to accomplishments that effectively have impacted
- 14 the bottom line of organizations, the key performance
- 15 initiatives, as well as the financial bottom line, which
- 16 in turn impacts the morale and productivity of staff and
- 17 all stakeholders. As a lifelong learner, I strive to be
- 18 on the cutting edge of best practices for myself and the
- 19 entire team and the entire organization, both
- 20 confidentiality and responsive feedback.
- 21 Consistent, open, continuous feedback and responsive
- 22 feedback is paramount in much of this work. The
- 23 communication must be sensitive and confidential when it
- 24 matters. This role with the firewall that I perform will
- 25 require me to continually think analytically, make



- 1 decisions as a trusted advisor and thought leader, and be
- 2 effective in oral and written communications. As far as
- 3 specific positions that I have held, I was in my prior
- 4 time of employment as the board Secretary of the Detroit
- 5 Board of Education. Unlike this title, secretary to the
- 6 Board of Education, it was actually by the bylaws and
- 7 state mandate at the time. The Detroit Public Schools was
- 8 the first class school District in the state of Michigan.
- 9 And I actually had legal responsibilities in the event of
- 10 the president of the board, the superintendent, I
- 11 would've been the next in line. Much of my oversight was
- 12 over procurement, clearly the day-to-day, management and
- 13 administration, board, budget implementation, et cetera,
- 14 et cetera, for the 11 member elected board, 7 of which
- 15 were Districts at that time and 4 members at large.
- 16 Another entity more recently was with the City of
- 17 Atlanta, where, initially, I went as manager in the
- 18 Department of Human Resources, more specifically the
- 19 Office of Labor and Employee Relations. And within less
- 20 than 90 days, I was asked to lead the department, which
- 21 had citywide responsibility, including the airport, all
- 22 of the departments, and definitely included public
- 23 safety, which was corrections, police, and fire. It
- 24 included many, many sensitive high level executive
- 25 investigations audits, as well as my office was



- 1 responsible for monitoring and managing the ethics
- 2 hotline, which of course, as you could probably well
- 3 understand, a lot of community interfacing throughout the
- 4 City of Atlanta. Pretty long, but hopefully I answered
- 5 that question.
- 6 MR. TIPTON: Thank you, so very much for that
- 7 response. Question number two, discuss options you
- 8 consider in handling someone who repeatedly refuses to
- 9 comply with reasonable directives or is openly
- 10 disrespectful? And in your answer, describe your overall
- 11 management leadership style, and tell us how many
- 12 employees you have supervised. So that's a two-part
- 13 question.
- MS. JAMISON: Would you repeat the first part again,
- 15 please?
- Mr. TIPTON: Sure. It says, discuss your options and
- 17 how you would consider handling someone who repeatedly
- 18 refuses to comply with reasonable directives or is openly
- 19 disrespectful
- MS. JAMISON: As the secretary of the board, clearly
- 21 in public meetings, as the Open Meetings Act dictates for
- 22 your August body as well as the Detroit Board of
- 23 Education and City Council, the City of Atlanta. Things
- 24 come, challenges happen and when they're directed to me
- 25 and definitely in the City of Atlanta internationally,



- 1 visitors with 17 embassies, there have been challenges
- 2 with international stakeholders as well as domestic. For
- 3 me, it is to stay focused. To stay focused, you have to
- 4 identify the issue, listen, actively listen, not just
- 5 hear the words, but actively listen to pierce through the
- 6 noise. Know the procedure, the policy and the protocol.
- 7 And not just me, but those of my team and others. So
- 8 there's continuous education for all stakeholders, even
- 9 the community, vigorously, to do my best to know and
- 10 understand the underlying reasons why and why not.
- 11 And definitely because we know these challenges will
- 12 come about to be consistent and continuously do our best
- 13 to do prevention. There are many things that happen at
- 14 public meetings, public areas or whatever that could be
- 15 prevented if we just sit and talk and dialogue more
- 16 often. Clearly, for me being old school, born and raised
- 17 in Montgomery, Alabama that's just like second nature to
- 18 me. We have to get back to relationship building. I think
- 19 at the end of the day, that's what it's all about. And I
- 20 think I'm forgetting, but in light of all of this, there
- 21 has to be an understanding and there has to be, not to
- 22 guarantee any outcome. We have to sort it out, assess it,
- 23 go by the books, but at the same time, be sensitive to
- 24 conciliation.
- MR. TIPTON: Thank you for that.



- 1 MS. JAMISON: I'm sorry. As far as supervision I've
- 2 had as many as 6 to 7 because of lean budgets since most
- 3 of my professional life has been in government service.
- 4 However, I'm big on cross training. I had a situation in
- 5 the City of Atlanta where there was a very serious,
- 6 excuse me, situation. I had two departments that pretty
- 7 much stormed the mayor's office one afternoon. And
- 8 fortunately, because I had built two cross train
- 9 employees, so indirectly 6 to 7, but as many as 40 plus
- 10 at any given time, because my responsibilities in most
- 11 situations have been District wide with the school
- 12 District, citywide with the City of Atlanta, and then
- 13 more recently with the Water department here in Detroit,
- 14 directly 20 plus, but seasonally, augmenting return to
- 15 citizen program that I initiated with the approval of the
- 16 leadership and the board of water commissioners, we
- 17 augmented it. And so at any given time, it could go from
- 18 that 6 to 10 normally, but seasonally it might, with
- 19 interns, et cetera, go up to maybe 40, 45.
- 20 MR. TIPTON: Thank you so very much for that
- 21 response. So question number 3. Oftentimes, we are... Can
- 22 everyone hear me?
- 23 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes.
- 24 MR. TIPTON: Okay. Oftentimes we're placed under
- 25 pressure or have conflicting demand for our time at work.



- 1 Multiple projects due at the same time, two or more
- 2 people require our time or assistance, two or more
- 3 requests to complete a project differently. So give us a
- 4 situation or a time when you were under pressure, or
- 5 excuse me, under pressure and experience conflicting
- 6 demands at work.
- 7 MS. JAMISON: For me, understanding this position as
- 8 some of the other positions that I've been fortunate
- 9 enough to perform in, there's the board, there's city
- 10 leadership, there's the mayor, there's City Council, and
- 11 there's our beloved community. There's also staff, not
- 12 just the staff of the secretary to the board, but there's
- 13 the chief investigative staff and there's the police
- 14 department with his staff. Everybody at the same time,
- 15 being in employee relations for 15 plus years, we often
- 16 characterize it as the emergency room, ER. So you've got
- 17 triage, you've got folks just maintaining wellbeing,
- 18 you've got crying children all over the place. So for me,
- 19 it's become second nature, thankfully. And that's why I
- 20 think I'm uniquely fit for this position. Again,
- 21 breathing, but doing that beforehand, work, cross
- 22 training, lean budgets. I'm going to refer quickly back
- 23 to the situation I sort of approached a bit ago.
- 24 The Department of Public Works, together with the
- 25 Water department in the City of Atlanta. Everybody was a



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- 1 bit out of shape because of a couple of managers.
- 2 Literally, the mayor's conference room was shoulder to
- 3 shoulder, standing room only. Something had to happen.
- 4 The commissioner of HR was there, the mayor's top
- 5 leadership, et cetera, et cetera. We had heavy equipment
- 6 parked around City Hall that afternoon. So we had to get
- 7 to work. Clearly, once everything settled down, of
- 8 course, you know what was promised, we are going to
- 9 investigate well, who was going to do the investigation,
- 10 but HR and definitely, ER. I didn't even have 7 people on
- 11 staff, and that included the clerical. There was no
- 12 budget to expand there. Thankfully, because I had started
- 13 months ago, cross training many of the HR business
- 14 partners for investigations in their respective
- 15 departments and divisions, I was able to bridge and bring
- 16 together a staff of about 15 persons who I had honed in
- 17 on their skills months before, weeks before.
- 18 So for me, I guess as a mom being the primary
- 19 caretaker for my mom for 17 and a half years, even though
- 20 she's transitioned on now, I have learned to prepare and
- 21 to be ready. And maybe it comes from being a girl scout
- 22 many, many moons ago. But having that in my toolbox to
- 23 make things happen, regardless of money is not an excuse.
- 24 We have to take care of our people, our staff, and the
- 25 community as a whole, and Detroit alike, Atlanta,



- 1 internationally and domestic, we have to get the job
- 2 done, and I'm up for the challenge to get the job done,
- 3 whatever it takes. Needless to say, we conducted this
- 4 investigation, which caused us to be at 4 to 5 different
- 5 locations. Then on top of that, we were given a mandate
- 6 to do the investigation, do a report, and have it on the
- 7 commissioner's desk so she could take it to the mayor in
- 8 less than 21 days. We met the goal, and fortunately, and
- 9 unfortunately, it resulted in a number of terminations,
- 10 but the morale and the productivity of the staff went up
- 11 and we moved forward.
- MR. TIPTON: Thank you so very much for that
- 13 response. So, question number 4. Tell us about a time
- 14 when it was necessary to respond or interact with someone
- 15 who became verbally abusive or may have been difficult to
- 16 communicate with. Either if you have never encountered
- 17 that situation, how would you respond?
- MS. JAMISON: And I know I may sound like a broken
- 19 record now, but
- 20 MR. TIPTON: And that's okay. If you have a specific
- 21 situation when that happens, please speak to that.
- MS. JAMISON: Exactly. I'm reminded of when I first
- 23 was in the audience awaiting approval and a vote on being
- 24 the secretary of the Board of Utah Board of Education.
- 25 Not being from Detroit, as I said earlier, born and



- 1 raised in Montgomery, Alabama. Did my college work in
- 2 Alabama's law school in Alabama? And marriage, the first
- 3 marriage brought me to Michigan. However, I was given
- 4 notice of the position and my name, character, your name
- 5 it. It has been a personal experience and I know it
- 6 happens not just with me, but we see it on a national
- 7 scale right now in our national politics. So it's like
- 8 that old thing, you know, what is it made of? Words don't
- 9 break our bones. And if anything, it strengthens us and
- 10 moves us on. And when you're confident in what you've
- 11 experienced, and I'm one there in my home and I've done
- 12 best to teach it to my children who are raised in the
- 13 public schools here in Detroit, there are no big "I" and
- 14 there are no little "U's."
- I consider myself a lifelong learner and with that
- 16 patience, being confident in what I know, and I am not
- 17 too big or too smart, and I don't think anybody who knows
- 18 me and what you see here, you'll see in church and you'll
- 19 see at home. I'm not too big or so smart that I don't
- 20 know everything. I will ask the questions, but that
- 21 verbally, that verbal abuse brought me to more of where I
- 22 am today. Because the one board member who then had 2 or
- 23 3 with her did not know me at all. And the craziest part
- 24 about it is my mom, on one occasion was sitting in the
- 25 audience. And so, you know, sometimes when you have your



- 1 mama, it makes all the difference. So having a very solid
- 2 foundation, a group of friends, even some of who
- 3 encouraged me to even apply for this position, it's okay.
- 4 You can meet the challenge. You can pick up and get
- 5 nuggets from board members individually, collectively,
- 6 other community supporters who are here for the real
- 7 deal, and you move forward together because you can't do
- 8 this alone.
- 9 MR. TIPTON: Alright. Thank you for that response.
- 10 Alright. What do you believe is the best way to manage
- 11 expectations? Excuse me. Excuse me. Manage expectations
- 12 of many different stakeholders. Excuse me. Explain the
- 13 previous experience and how you or your organization went
- 14 about meeting the needs of the internal and external
- 15 entities.
- MS. JAMISON: Probably most recently, when I did
- 17 about a year and a half, almost a couple of years with
- 18 the Detroit Water Board as their HR person. Of course,
- 19 when the Water department was bifurcated, many of the HR
- 20 personnel did exodus to the authority, et cetera. And I
- 21 was given the opportunity to lead HR and stand up for the
- 22 HR Department. It took work and it's going to take work
- 23 here with this position, building the team, unifying the
- 24 team individually, collectively. I'm sorry, I lost my
- 25 train. I apologize. Would you say that really quickly?



- 1 MR. TIPTON: Sure. What do you believe is the best
- 2 way to manage expectations of many different
- 3 stakeholders?
- 4 MS. JAMISON: Got it. Okay. So number 1. You have to
- 5 understand who are the players, who are your
- 6 stakeholders, internally, externally, and who may become
- 7 a stakeholder. That's number 1. You must know the vision,
- 8 the goals and objectives. And then you have to do the
- 9 ground work to align everybody with the vision, the goals
- 10 and the objectives. Whether it takes sit downs with
- 11 staff, whether it takes sit downs individually with board
- 12 members, with board members in committee, with staff,
- 13 with the departments, city departments, police
- 14 department, clearly priority wise, making sure everyone,
- 15 whether they disagree or not, once it's agreed, this is
- 16 the vision and these are the objectives and these are the
- 17 goals, that's the playbook. And that's where we start.
- 18 And that's the found foundation. And at that point,
- 19 everybody will understand how we get there. Now, we are
- 20 going to shove down anybody's throat on how to do it at a
- 21 point. Yes, we have to come to an agreement, how we will
- 22 execute, but it's only until we go as fast as we have to,
- 23 we have to go as slow as it takes to make sure
- 24 everybody's walking in tandem. With that, the
- 25 expectations spelled out, making sure everybody



- 1 understands. And there, as we all know, there are things
- 2 to ensure that everybody is understanding what the rules
- 3 are.
- 4 And at that point, we are then called upon to
- 5 execute and implement so that we can achieve our goal. At
- 6 the Water department, when I walked in, there were a
- 7 number of KPIs already on the table, and at a point I was
- 8 charged to monitor and manage those KPIs. And it was a
- 9 weekly thing. So that continuous consistent, responsive
- 10 feedback, not just feedback, not just coming in with a
- 11 two or three liner, but I'm talking about real nitty
- 12 gritty feedback on what you're doing. Not some generic,
- 13 oh, we looked at that, no, what are the numbers? Because
- 14 at the end of the day, we have to show, the data has to
- 15 show what has been improved along the way.
- Mr. TIPTON: Alright, thank you for that. And this is
- 17 our final question. What are some best practices and
- 18 emerging trends that you would use to employ the civilian
- 19 oversight standards to comport with national best
- 20 practices and recommendations regarding civilian
- 21 oversight of law enforcement?
- MS. JAMISON: Well, when I first started, I've known
- 23 about the board of commissioners ever since I've been in
- 24 Detroit, which dates back to the end of 1981, when I
- 25 transferred here from Montgomery, Alabama with the



- 1 federal courts. And so I know definitely having been with
- 2 the Detroit public schools with great city schools,
- 3 together with other associations, national school board
- 4 associations, I then knew that the board of commissioners
- 5 also is connected to an association. So, I'm not going to
- 6 invent the wheel when it's already there and it's pretty
- 7 much prescribed. And so for me, the best practices set
- 8 forth by that association is that we have to have clear
- 9 authority and independence so that we don't conflict with
- 10 internal affairs. Comprehensive training, which I've
- 11 spoken to earlier, transparent in public meetings,
- 12 holding everybody accountable. We have to engage with the
- 13 community and not just have on service, oh, we are going
- 14 to have this meeting if we are mandated, but no, having
- 15 the regularly scheduled grit sit down, let's meet, excuse
- 16 me, understand what's going on.
- We have to address the systemic issues. Things just
- 18 don't pop up by chance. Some things have been mulling
- 19 over for quite some time underground. We then have to
- 20 utilize our external resources, even as I was saying,
- 21 building outside of the normal team. We put together
- 22 teams, be they internally, within the police department
- 23 or even in the chief investigator's office, or the
- 24 secretary to the board office. It may be other city
- 25 offices that we can draw on resources and trainings, et



- 1 cetera, which I did with the water department. And then
- 2 we have to effectively monitor and manage so that at the
- 3 end of the day, police accountability. And I would expand
- 4 that to say this police team accountability is then
- 5 improved and enhanced for the public safety of everyone
- 6 connected with the City of Detroit.
- 7 MR. TIPTON: Thank you so very much for those
- 8 responses. Those are all the questions we have for you
- 9 today. Would you have time for two questions or a closing
- 10 statement,
- 11 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Mr. Tipton, we have some
- 12 questions that Mr. Hernandez is going to ask of her;
- 13 questions that we asked all the other candidates.
- MR. TIPTON: Go right ahead, Commissioner, my
- 15 apologies.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Not a problem.
- 17 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Yep. Thank you so much, Mr.
- 18 Chairman. Ma'am, we have a series of 4 questions that may
- 19 overlap with the answers that you've given, but again,
- 20 for consistency's sake, we ask these questions to other
- 21 candidates, so we're going to follow suit. The very first
- 22 question is, why are you interested in this position?
- MS. JAMISON: I am interested in this position
- 24 because I'm excited about what value I can bring to the
- 25 team together with how much I can learn, selfishly, how



- 1 much I can learn. And I'm invested in the community. I've
- 2 been a homeowner taxpayer dating back. I lived in
- 3 different areas of the city, Southwest Detroit. My church
- 4 was in Ecorse, then I began worshiping the last time and
- 5 have a residence on the Eastside, church on Moross. I've
- 6 also lived in East Palmer Park. My children went to
- 7 school in Northwest Detroit. I won't name, in case
- 8 there's some athletics from Cooley in the room. But I
- 9 think they know Detroit kind of started good even with
- 10 Detroit public schools, even with the security guards
- 11 there. And we even went through the transition with
- 12 MCOLES. So I think I have a little body of knowledge and
- 13 experience that I think I'm uniquely fit, and I want to
- 14 be in service.
- 15 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Okay. Thank you for that.
- 16 The second question would be, have you ever attended a
- 17 board meeting?
- 18 MS. JAMISON: Yes.
- 19 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Simple enough. Third, have
- 20 you read the City's Charter? And why does the board
- 21 exist?
- 22 MS. JAMISON: Yes. And my sheet book has the charter
- 23 right here, and the bylaws, yes.
- 24 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: All right. And the very
- 25 last, it's a pairing question. What can you tell us about



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- 1 police oversight and what does that mean to you?
- 2 MS. JAMISON: Oversight is not just, I think
- 3 oftentimes, we look just at the department, even though
- 4 that's primary, but the department's not going to be any
- 5 better than the citizenry, which includes me, which
- 6 includes the August body, which includes staff, which
- 7 includes visitors to this city, international and
- 8 domestic visitors. So we have to do this together. So
- 9 it's holding all of the oversight. We'll manage and
- 10 monitor the budget. We'll make sure the notices happen.
- 11 Even one of the items we were talking about a little
- 12 earlier about the parties, the block parties. We have to
- 13 educate our constituents. A lot of times folks behave out
- 14 of what they've been handed off. You know, that
- 15 generational knowledge that was cricketing was not real
- 16 in the beginning. So we have to get the real education
- 17 out there, and word of mouth works good, and that which
- 18 we can't, but together. And I do tend to think out of the
- 19 box. And I know as an oxymoron, yes, I'm a fatal
- 20 optimist. I just, you know, there's always hope as long
- 21 as I'm breathing, there's some hope a little semblance of
- 22 we can get this done and probably get it done, like it's
- 23 a little of how it's been done all the time, and a little
- 24 bit more of how it can be done now.
- 25 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Great. Thank you. That'll



- 1 conclude the questions that we have. And I believe Mr.
- 2 Tipton might offer the opportunity for you to ask one to
- 3 two questions to the board.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes.
- 5 MR. TIPTON: Thank you, Commissioner Hernandez. And
- 6 again, ma'am, thank you for meeting with us this
- 7 afternoon. Again, we will allow you to either provide us
- 8 with two questions to the board or a closing statement.
- 9 MS. JAMISON: I'm hopeful that I'm the lucky
- 10 candidate, that successful candidate, I'm excited. I want
- 11 to do this. I really want to do this to become a member
- 12 of the team.
- 13 And my objective is to simply provide strategic
- 14 servant leadership and add value to this organization as
- 15 an experienced executive level administrator and manager
- 16 of operations and government service, while collaborating
- 17 and cooperating with all stakeholders and striving to
- 18 ensure optimal performance and the service delivery of
- 19 best practices and in compliance with all applicable
- 20 mandates. That's why I'm here. That's why I came back,
- 21 and I appreciate your time.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Thank you very kindly.
- MR. TIPTON: Thank you very much.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Mr. Brown, can you...
- 25 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Mr. Chair.



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- 1 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes, sir.
- 2 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Thank you. In the interim,
- 3 as we're transitioning, I will remind everyone that the
- 4 top five scores or the first five questions are going to
- 5 actually be scored. I know there's a little bit of
- 6 confusion with the sheets, but to remain consistent with
- 7 how we scored the previous candidates, it's only the top
- 8 five questions that were scored. All of the additional
- 9 questions that were asked, you can for sure embed into
- 10 those top five. So add your feedback to those top
- 11 questions.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Thank you kindly. Mr. Tipton, Mr.
- 13 Zacharias are seated. You may proceed.
- 14 MR. TIPTON: Thank you, Chairman. Again, welcome, sir
- 15 to the interview for the secretary to the Board of Police
- 16 Commissioners. We have about 6 questions we want to ask
- 17 you today. For questions 2 through 6, we want you to give
- 18 us a specific situation, the task you took on, the action
- 19 you took toward that task, and then the end result. I'm
- 20 going to read you a brief statement in regards to the
- 21 Board of Police Commissioners secretary, and then we're
- 22 going to jump right into the Q&A. As the top level
- 23 executive for the Board of Police Commissioners, the
- 24 secretary to the board plays a pivotal leadership role
- 25 ensuring that board's optimal performance and overseeing



- 1 the day-to-day operations of the organization. The high
- 2 impact position involves strategic oversight, executive
- 3 decision making, and the pleasure, excuse me, decision
- 4 making at the pleasure of the board, and maintaining the
- 5 integrity and effectiveness of the board's supervisor
- 6 control over the Detroit Police Department, as mandated
- 7 by the Detroit City Charter. Reporting directly to the
- 8 board, the secretary to the board drives the board's
- 9 mission to uphold public safety, oversight and
- 10 accountability. The role offers a unique opportunity to
- 11 support the board's mission in leading the future public
- 12 safety oversight in the City of Detroit. With that said,
- 13 we'll start with question number 1. So briefly explain
- 14 how your previous experience in education has prepared
- 15 you for the position, and in your discussion, tell us
- 16 about any experience that you may have, you may have in
- 17 civilian oversight, law enforcement, the legal field, or
- 18 in administration, or working with a board.
- MR. ZACHARIAS: Yeah. So I recently graduated with my
- 20 Master's in public administration, which is directly
- 21 relevant to this role. And I have a lot of past
- 22 experience working with different boards and committees.
- 23 Throughout my education tenure, I have served as
- 24 secretary and treasurer of different boards such as the
- 25 public health club or public administration club, and the



- 1 healthcare administration student organization. I've also
- 2 been a secretary to my department's current job, their
- 3 DEI committee for a little over 4 years now. So I have a
- 4 lot of experience working with boards and committees.
- 5 MR. TIPTON: Alright, thank you for that. Question
- 6 number 2. Discuss options you would consider in handling
- 7 someone who repeatedly refuses to comply with reasonable
- 8 directives or is openly disrespectful. In your answer,
- 9 describe your overall management leadership style, and
- 10 tell us how many employees you have supervised.
- 11 MR. ZACHARIAS: In my former capacity as an assistant
- 12 manager at Starbucks, I supervised 25 to 30 employees
- 13 about 8 to 10 of those at a time. But had overall
- 14 oversight for 25 to 30. In regards to how to handle a
- 15 situation like that, I would say, of course, starting
- 16 with patients' empathy and trying to meet people where
- 17 they're at is an important first step. But after repeated
- 18 refusal or insubordination, I think it's important to
- 19 pull the person aside and talk to them and get a better
- 20 understanding of where the conflict is coming from,
- 21 perhaps trying to address what barriers there might be
- 22 and seeing what the challenges are for that person to
- 23 comply with the request and then troubleshooting from
- 24 there.
- MR. TIPTON: Thank you for that response. Question



- 1 number 3. Oftentimes, we are placed under pressure or
- 2 have conflicting demands for our time at work. Multiple
- 3 projects due at the same time, two or more people require
- 4 our time or assistance, two or more requests to complete
- 5 a project differently. So please describe a time when you
- 6 were under pressure and experienced a conflicted demand
- 7 at work?
- 8 MR. ZACHARIAS: Yeah. So throughout my education
- 9 track, I've always held full-time employment. So I'm very
- 10 familiar with having conflicting demands and having to
- 11 multitask and prioritize different things that have
- 12 competing deadlines. So the way I like to approach things
- 13 is breaking tasks or larger assignments down into smaller
- 14 tasks, and then prioritizing them, based on deadlines and
- 15 sequence of tasks. Like if this needs to be done before
- 16 this can happen, then obviously for following the order
- 17 of precedence in that task. And then kind of just
- 18 arranging your day to be able to work on alternating work
- 19 on the different competing tasks or priorities so that
- 20 you're not accidentally spending your entire you know,
- 21 day working on just one thing, kind of whittling away at
- 22 whatever both or simultaneous tasks need to be completed.
- MR. TIPTON: Alright, thank you so very much for that
- 24 response. Tell us about a time when it was necessary to
- 25 respond to or interact with someone who became verbally



- 1 abusive or may have been difficult to communicate with.
- 2 And if you have never encountered this situation before,
- 3 how would you respond?
- 4 MR. ZACHARIAS: Yeah, I would say I had plenty of
- 5 instances like that. Working at the University of
- 6 Michigan Hospital as an inpatient unit coordinator, I was
- 7 responsible for receiving and handling visitors, family,
- 8 friends and such during the, you know, first wave of
- 9 Covid when all the visitor restrictions were put into
- 10 place. There were understandably a lot of frustrated,
- 11 angry folks that, you know, just wanted to come to see
- 12 their loved ones. So again, I think that empathy and
- 13 listening and trying to understand their perspective was
- 14 essential to being able to handle those situations where
- 15 visitors or family may be kind of, you know, verging on
- 16 irate. So just you know, trying to have a perspective of
- 17 what the other person is going through so that you can
- 18 address the situation in a way that instills a positive
- 19 response from the other person.
- 20 MR. TIPTON: Thank you for that response. And this is
- 21 a two-part question. What do you believe is the best way
- 22 to manage expectations of many different stakeholders as
- 23 part one? Part two is, explain a previous experience you
- 24 or your organization went about meeting the needs of the
- 25 internal and external entities.



- 1 MR. ZACHARIAS: Yeah. I'll start with the latter if
- 2 that's okay. I did my internship last summer with the
- 3 City of Saline. One of the projects that I was working on
- 4 was to outsource our police dispatch services. We were
- 5 the last remaining municipality in Washtenaw County to
- 6 have internal police dispatch. Everything else was
- 7 handled at the County dispatch center. So the police
- 8 department was obviously involved and then the Washtenaw
- 9 County police or sheriff's office was also involved. So
- 10 we had to manage the expectations of not just the
- 11 different police departments, but also the city manager
- 12 and other city executives as well as the public. And in
- 13 terms of how to best manage different stakeholders, I
- 14 think it's a matter of a balancing act and how you
- 15 approach the situation and trying not to show
- 16 favorability to one group over the other, but trying to
- 17 juggle the resources that you have so that expectations
- 18 can be met across the board instead of just in, in one
- 19 particular area.
- 20 MR. TIPTON: Thank you for that response. And this is
- 21 our final question. What are some best practices and
- 22 emerging trends that you would use to employ the civilian
- 23 oversight standards to comport with national best
- 24 practices and recommendations regarding civilian
- 25 oversight of law enforcement?



- 1 MR. ZACHARIAS: Yeah, I would say one of the things
- 2 that I've come across in preparing for this interview is
- 3 maybe a backlog of some complaints and addressing that,
- 4 tying into that potentially outdated or antiquated
- 5 technology. I think that investigating new means of
- 6 streamlining and improving efficiency would greatly
- 7 benefit the Board of Police Commissioners and resolving
- 8 these complaints. So looking at other potential platforms
- 9 or software that could be used to better track and follow
- 10 through with the complaints.
- 11 MR. TIPTON: All right. Thank you, sir, very much.
- 12 Those are all the questions I have. Commissioners now
- 13 have some questions. Commissioner Hernandez, go right
- 14 ahead, sir.
- 15 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Thank you. Through the
- 16 Chair, and thank you, sir, for being here and for
- 17 interviewing. We have a series of about 4 questions that
- 18 were submitted previously and asked of other candidates
- 19 to remain consistent. We're also going to ask you the
- 20 very same questions. The first question is, why are you
- 21 interested in this position?
- 22 MR. ZACHARIAS: Yeah, so I've closely followed
- 23 Detroit News and political issues for numerous years and
- 24 have seen things that have kind of shocked and also
- 25 disturbed me in terms of how citizens are being treated,



- 1 especially given that law enforcement is paid for by
- 2 their tax dollars. And I've always had a keen interest in
- 3 social justice issues. And I have a background in that as
- 4 well. And as someone who enjoys complex challenges and
- 5 problem solving and operates well under pressure, I think
- 6 that this position would be exciting for me. And I
- 7 believe that I could improve the efficiency, equitability
- 8 and day-to-day operations of the board given my past
- 9 experience in serving on different boards and committees
- 10 and my strong organizational skills.
- 11 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Thank you. The, the next
- 12 question would be, have you ever attended a board meeting
- MR. ZACHARIAS: Of the police commissioners?
- 14 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Yeah.
- MR. ZACHARIAS: Yes. I was here last week when my
- 16 interview was originally supposed to take place, so I
- 17 attended then.
- 18 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: What about prior to that?
- 19 MR. ZACHARIAS: Prior to that, no, but I have
- 20 reviewed different video recordings, I joined online.
- 21 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Okay. This is a two-part
- 22 question. Have you read the City Charter and why does the
- 23 board exist?
- MR. ZACHARIAS: Yes, I have read the City Charter,
- 25 particularly section 7801 to 818, that deals with BOPC,



- 1 as well as other instances in the City Charter that deal
- 2 with it, and read the bylaws as well. But to answer the
- 3 second part, the BOPC exists to primarily serve as an
- 4 oversight and supervisory agency independent of the
- 5 police department but over the police department to
- 6 investigate civilian complaints.
- 7 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Okay. And the last two-part
- 8 question is, what can you tell us about police oversight
- 9 and what does that mean to you?
- 10 MR. ZACHARIAS: I think police oversight is critical.
- 11 I think it's a crucial part of even a cornerstone in
- 12 democracy because it ensures that the public's, you know,
- 13 complaints and their interests are being listened to, and
- 14 that it's supposed to provide hope to the citizens as
- 15 well. Trust and transparency, accountability, those sorts
- 16 of things. So having an independent and impartial agency
- 17 that looks out for the best interest of the civilians and
- 18 you know, handles their complaints on their behalf is
- 19 integral to protecting our freedoms, our constitutional
- 20 rights, and our legal protections.
- 21 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Thank you. That'll conclude
- 22 the commissioners' questions. I'll turn it back over to
- 23 Mr. Tipton, who is going to allow one to two questions
- 24 that you can ask the board.
- MR. TIPTON: Thank you, Commissioner Hernandez.



- 1 Again, sir, thank you for meeting and joining us this
- 2 afternoon for these interviews. You're allowed to ask
- 3 either two questions to the board or give us a closing
- 4 statement.
- 5 MR. ZACHARIAS: Yeah. I would like to inquire about
- 6 the timeline. I know that this position has been in flux
- 7 for a while, so I was just wondering where we are or
- 8 where you guys are with interviews and decision making?
- 9 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Expeditiously.
- 10 MR. ZACHARIAS: I like to hear that.
- 11 MR. TIPTON: Through the Chair, can I speak to that,
- 12 please?
- 13 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes.
- 14 MR. TIPTON: So everyone to know, once the board
- 15 comes up with a decision, I'll be reaching back out to
- 16 that candidate as well. And at that point in time, we
- 17 will have discussions in regards to a salary that will be
- 18 offered to that person and discuss a start date. And then
- 19 there are some other human resources things that the
- 20 candidate must do to consider fully onboarded.
- 21 MR. ZACHARIAS: Okay.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Anything else?
- MR. ZACHARIAS: No further questions.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Well, thank you very much for
- 25 your time and your interest and appreciate you for your



- 1 patience, and also apologize to you as well, on behalf of
- 2 this board. And thank you again.
- 3 MR. ZACHARIAS: Thank you.
- 4 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Mr. Chairman.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes.
- 6 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: I'll make a motion for us to
- 7 move into close session pursuant to Section 9(f0 of the
- 8 Open Meetings Act, MCL 15.268(f) to consider the
- 9 qualifications, competence, performance, character,
- 10 fitness, conditions of appointment of a prospective
- 11 employee.
- 12 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: Second.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Motion made to go into quote
- 14 session by Commissioner Hernandez, seconded by
- 15 Commissioner Pressley. All in favor say, aye.
- 16 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Anyone opposed? The motion is
- 18 carried. We will be in recess.
- 19 (Whereupon the Board entered into Closed Session)
- 20
- 21 Thank you everyone. The Board of Police
- 22 Commissioners meeting is back in session, and Mr. Brown,
- 23 roll call, please.
- MR. BROWN: Chairperson Wood Present.
- 25 MR. BROWN: Vice Chairperson Smith Present.



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- 1 MR. BROWN: Commissioner Bernard Present.
- 2 MR. BROWN: Commissioner Banks Present.
- 3 MR. BROWN: Commissioner Hernandez Present.
- 4 MR. BROWN: Commissioner Moore Present.
- 5 MR. BROWN: Commissioner Pressley Here.
- 6 MR. BROWN: Commissioner Dewaelsche Present.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Commissioner Hernandez, what's
- 8 your pleasure?
- 9 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Thank you so much. Through
- 10 the Chair. First of all, I'd like to thank both
- 11 candidates that are present here with us. I'd also like
- 12 to thank, not only the other interviewers that we
- 13 interviewed a few weeks ago, but all of the applicants
- 14 that have been interested in, not only joining our team,
- 15 and really serving as executive director of the Board of
- 16 Police Commissioners but just in general, pretty interest
- 17 in working for the City of Detroit. I think it speaks a
- 18 lot to the needs that we have, but it also speaks a lot
- 19 to the needs from an experience standpoint that we
- 20 actually have to fill as part of this vacancy. So with
- 21 that, we have a motion after having been in closed
- 22 session, and that motion is to provide an offer letter to
- 23 Lydia Garnier Barlow Jamison, to the position of board
- 24 secretary within the salary range of 115,000 to 125,000,
- 25 pending further negotiations and background check up.



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- 1 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Any second?
- 2. COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Second.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: The motion was made by
- Commissioner Hernandez to send an offer letter to Lydia 4
- Garnier Barlow Jamison, and is seconded by Commissioner 5
- 6 Bernard. All in favor say, aye.
- 7 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.
- CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Anyone opposed? Well, that motion 8
- is carried. 9
- 10 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: Mr. Chair.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes, sir.
- COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: May I likewise extend my 12
- gratitude and appreciation to the Chair of our personnel 13
- 14 and training committee, Commissioner Hernandez and the
- 15 entire committee for their diligence throughout this
- 16 process. It has been a long winding road, but I'm
- grateful that we finally have an offer that has been 17
- submitted, and it is my hope that after the due diligence 18
- has been done, we will finally be able to sit a board 19
- secretary. And so to Commissioner Hernandez, and the 20
- entire committee, thank you for your work in this matter. 21
- 22 Thank you, Mr. Chair.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Absolutely. I share those
- sentiments as well, and appreciate the public for being 24
- 25 very, very patient with us. And we've been very, very



- 1 diligent concerning this matter. And hopefully, we'll
- 2 have a secretary in place very, very soon. Having said
- 3 that, we're going to go through oral communications.
- 4 MS. UNDERWOOD: Good afternoon, Mr. Chair. We have
- 5 nine speakers. Our first speaker will be Mr. Jahdante
- 6 Smith. Please state your name in the mic for the record.
- 7 After Mr. Smith, it will be Ms. Bernice Smith. And then
- 8 Ms. Jones,
- 9 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: You may be heard.
- 10 MR. SMITH: Good afternoon, my name is Jahdante Smith.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Good afternoon.
- MR. SMITH: So, I wanted to speak up about Lieutenant
- 13 Cole in the situation. I was told by DC Hayes at the
- 14 mayor's meeting that internal affairs should have
- 15 contacted me. I have not been contacted by internal
- 16 affairs. I don't know who should follow up about that,
- 17 but somebody should. Also, there's a very sad video I've
- 18 watched recently with two squad cars with officers
- 19 pulling over a driver. Apparently it was about the
- 20 suspected carrying concealed weapon, pulled over the
- 21 driver with his 13-year-old nephew in the vehicle, hold
- 22 them, rolled the windows down, put your arms out the
- 23 window, or we're going to shoot you, put your arms out
- 24 the window, rolled the windows down, or you're going to
- 25 be shot. That's unacceptable for a department. Also, I'd



- 1 like to talk about... there was an officer named Sergeant
- 2 Kajuan Anderson, a part of that situation. I'm going to be
- 3 looking into that. Also, I want to talk about the Seventh
- 4 Precinct. The Seventh Precinct has a lot of officers who
- 5 are not doing their jobs correctly. There's Detective
- 6 Bing in there who I filed a complaint about in 2022, who
- 7 assaulted me, threatened to arrest me after I tried to
- 8 make a police report inside the station. Also, there's
- 9 Lieutenant O'Gorman. He's a training lieutenant at the
- 10 training facility. And he also was a part of Metro. He
- 11 was there today. Lieutenant Cole got suspended. He
- 12 watched Detective Bing assault me and Ackman
- 13 came and escalated the situation that didn't need to be
- 14 escalated and did nothing. So we have multiple
- 15 lieutenants, not just Lieutenant Cole who was suspended;
- 16 all the other lieutenants who are seeing bad officers,
- 17 bad actors, and not doing anything to talk about them.
- 18 Also, we have a Sergeant Lord at the Seventh
- 19 Precinct who detained me for lawfully and legally
- 20 recording him during an investigation, which is the First
- 21 Amendment right. Apparently officers don't understand
- 22 what the First Amendment right means. You have the right
- 23 to record as long as you maintain a safe distance. If
- 24 you're at least 10, 15, depending on the situation, 10,
- 25 15 feet away from the situation, you have the right to



- 1 record. So the Seventh Precinct needs to be looked at. I
- 2 don't know what Commander Giaquinto is doing, but his
- 3 officers are terrible. They need to be looked at. Also,
- 4 Sergeant Lisa homicide is very terrible. He needs to be
- 5 looked at and there's a complaint filed against him as
- 6 well.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Alright.
- 8 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: Through the Chair.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes.
- 10 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: The video that you said that
- 11 you saw, I don't know if your willingness to share that
- 12 with OCI so that it might be investigated?
- MR. SMITH: I'm going to send it. It's probably going
- 14 to be on the news today.
- 15 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: Thank you.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Alright, thank you. Are you
- 17 familiar with that Deputy Chief? DC STEWART: No,
- 18 absolutely not, through the Chair.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: All right. Thank you.
- 20 MS. SMITH: So far away from here.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: You may be heard.
- MS. SMITH Good afternoon.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Can you talk in the Mike, please.
- MS. SMITH: Oh, sorry. Thank you.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Thank you.



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- 1 MS. SMITH: Good afternoon.
- CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Good afternoon. 2.
- 3 MS. SMITH: Good afternoon my commissioners and
- 4 welcome, welcome, even back to work again. So glad to see
- 5 you, my baby. I'm going to be very brief. I happened to
- 6 go to a family reunion down in Memphis, Tennessee, and
- the things that I heard about Memphis, but then again, I
- heard the report here today, so I can't say too much 8
- about it. But I will tell you this, I was very disgusted 9
- because I understand that a mother of four kids, she was 10
- shot in the leg by an army vet at the gas station. 11
- 12 Then we have a young lady, 12 years old, she
- 13 smothered her 8-year-old cousin in the bunk bed. Then we
- 14 have another 15-year-old shot in the neck, but refused to
- 15 tell the police because he wants to retaliate and get the
- 16 person who did it. Then we have, which is good news now
- 17 we have the first black woman bishop down there. So these
- are some of the things that I wrote down while I was down 18
- there. And then I have to tell you about the dinner 19
- itself, the picnic itself. I had never been to a family 20
- picnic where it was half and half, and I was quite 21
- 22 surprised. The majority of them came from Southern
- Illinois. And that's Docon. And that's a really nice town 23
- 24 that I found out about. It was half and half of you all
- and husbands that were married to the Latinos and the 25



- 1 Mexicans or whatever. They were so friendly and kind and
- 2 they had the little dogs coming along with them. So it
- 3 was a good event. I haven't been to Memphis in years, but
- 4 I just want to let you know it's bad all over the United
- 5 States, I guess with Pride.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: It's time.
- 7 MS. SMITH: Oh, already. All right.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yep.
- 9 MS. SMITH: Take care.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yep. Next speaker. You may be
- 11 heard.
- MS. JONES: Hi, my name is Keira Jones. I'm here
- 13 because of my neighbor. I'm being...
- 14 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Can you speak up a little, if
- 15 you don't mind? Thank you.
- MS. JONES: I'm being harassed because I choose not
- 17 to communicate with him. This guy happens to be a Detroit
- 18 police officer, and there's been a series of things going
- 19 on before the beginning of the year. He's been entering
- 20 my home. I do have an alarm system and for some reason
- 21 it's not detecting this guy entering my home on several
- 22 occasions. And for whatever reason, this stuff did not
- 23 start until after I chose not to speak to him. For
- 24 whatever reason, he knows when I'm leaving, he knows when
- 25 I return. He's there in my face at 12 o'clock at night,



- 1 for some reason. He has run cables inside my home, across
- 2 the suspended ceiling, connecting to my internet and all
- 3 this kind of stuff that's going on.
- 4 This is unnecessary harassment for whatever reason.
- 5 I don't know what to do at this point. Just myself, a
- 6 single parent. My husband passed away in 2020. Me, two
- 7 girls and a little small dog. And we keep getting these
- 8 burglar alarms, and nothing is happening. I went to the
- 9 police station in the Fifth Precinct. When I entered the
- 10 door, the police officer made me at the door and told me
- 11 I should go home and called the police. I'm here at the
- 12 police station. That's unacceptable to me as a citizen of
- 13 Detroit. I don't feel I should have to move just because
- 14 of this situation. I should be able to stay in my home
- 15 and feel safe. I don't feel safe in my home. He entered
- 16 my home at 4 o'clock in the morning, burglary alarm. Came
- 17 in my house, switched on my kitchen light.
- 18 He's doing stuff to let me know he's been in my
- 19 home. He keeps entering the house unintended. I asked the
- 20 alarm company. They can't give me an explanation of how
- 21 this guy's getting in my home sometimes, and the alarm
- 22 doesn't even go off. So I'm not safe in my home, and I
- 23 don't think that's fair.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: That's your time. We have OCI
- 25 here. Have you filed a report with OCI yet?



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- 1 MS. JONES: I just spoke to someone at...
- 2 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay. All right. Thank you. And
- 3 then commander, can you have that looked into and vetted
- 4 out? Excuse me, Deputy Chief?
- DC STEWART: No, that's okay.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: I'm so sorry.
- 7 DC STEWART: No. Through the Chair. I'm sorry. Could
- 8 you get her information for me? MS. JONES: Thank you.
- 9 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Also, can you report back to
- 10 us on that? If she hasn't already filed a police report,
- 11 can the office or the chief report back on her complaint?
- 12 She's obviously frightened.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Alright. Thank you.
- 14 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Thank you. Mr. Chair.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Excuse me, ma'am. Commissioner
- 16 Smith would like to ask you a question.
- 17 COMMISSIONER SMITH: Excuse me, ma'am, you stated
- 18 cables are running through your ceiling, where are they
- 19 coming from and to?
- 20 MS. JONES: The first one that was run, he actually
- 21 done it twice.
- 22 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Back to the microphone.
- MS. JONES: He's actually done it twice. The first
- 24 one I disconnected was Saturday and he did it again
- 25 yesterday.



- 1 COMMISSIONER SMITH: No, I'm asking like, what do you
- 2 mean? Like where are they connected to? Where is it
- 3 coming from and where is it connected to?
- 4 MS. JONES: The first one he ran between my central
- 5 air cable. He ran it through and it went through the
- 6 suspended ceiling in my house and connected to my
- 7 internet cable. I disconnected that one. He ran another
- 8 one across the ceiling drilling and connected to the
- 9 outside to my internet cable also.
- 10 COMMISSIONER SMITH: Where is it going? Where is it
- 11 coming from though? Where are the connections? One is to
- 12 the internet. Where is the connection coming from?
- 13 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Alright, last question.
- MS. JONES: The connection came from outside of the
- 15 house. He drilled through the hole in my bricks. He broke
- 16 the bricks outside of my house.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay. Alright.
- 18 COMMISSIONER SMITH: Thank you, ma'am.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yep. Next,
- 20 FEMALE SPEAKER: Our next speaker will be Mr. Jackie
- 21 Hunt after Mr. Hunt, Minister Eric Blount and Ms. Rella
- 22 Landfair. Then we'll go into Zoom.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Alright. Thank you.
- 24 MR. HUNT: Alright. Hello.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Hello. You may be heard.



- 1 MR. HUNT: My name is Jackie Hunt. I am the owner of
- 2 these three, "Move your vehicle or we will tow it because
- 3 it's abandoned." Some of you already know that. So far, I
- 4 have gotten no more of these. And I think whoever has
- 5 stopped it, but I'm still looking out the window, every
- 6 morning, afternoon, et cetera, et cetera. I went to the
- 7 Michigan state site to try to find out, you know, the
- 8 rules. And the rules state you have to be on pavement.
- 9 Okay, I did that. You can't be parked on grass or this
- 10 and that. That wasn't an issue in the first place. So I
- 11 still don't know why, but I do think I am thankful I
- 12 haven't gotten any more, but I'm cautious if I go on
- 13 vacation for a week or two or three and come back and my
- 14 car is gone, and I have to find out why.
- I traveled through different communities yesterday
- 16 and the last five days or so. I saw no stickers... suburban
- 17 communities. In other words, I went to junkyards in
- 18 Detroit and I did see these on windshields. So I
- 19 understand that there's a program out, and you mentioned
- 20 in your report, if I recall, chief report tomorrow, these
- 21 type of things will be explained somewhere. I think I
- 22 heard that. I would like to know, so I can be there to
- 23 find out why this is happening, and is it an ordinance
- 24 that the city can oversee the state? And I can understand
- 25 that the state owns everything and it gives the cities



- 1 the right to make its own ordinances or whatever. I need
- 2 to know because so far insurance didn't do it, a legal
- 3 temporary plate didn't do it. And I haven't found out if
- 4 they can run a temporary plate, which I know they can,
- 5 and it could have been avoided. Thank you for your two
- 6 minutes.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Commissioner Smith and then
- 8 Commissioner Hernandez, and then Deputy Chief Stewart.
- 9 COMMISSIONER SMITH: Okay, sir. I would, yeah. I just
- 10 want to address, I know when you came last week or a week
- 11 before last, I asked, are your plates expired? You told
- 12 me that you have a temporary plate, and I said it only
- 13 lasts for two weeks, but you said yours lasts forever.
- MR. HUNT: No, I didn't say forever.
- 15 COMMISSIONER SMITH: What is it?
- MR. HUNT: Rewind the tape, please.
- 17 COMMISSIONER SMITH: Correct me please.
- MR. HUNT: If I understand it right, if we are in the
- 19 state, this is state stuff. 30 days or 60 days, you can
- 20 get a 30-day or 60-day.
- 21 COMMISSIONER SMITH: Temporary plate.
- MR. HUNT: Yes.
- 23 COMMISSIONER SMITH: So are you continuously getting
- 24 a temporary plate over and over?
- MR. HUNT: Well, I don't know if that's the issue or



- 1 not, but if I can do it and it's legal and it helps my
- 2 pocket out, then I will, if you understand what I mean.
- 3 COMMISSIONER SMITH: I see. So I was just thinking
- 4 that maybe, if you have a driveway that you can park in
- 5 your driveway or maybe just get a permanent plate and
- 6 then that will probably solve the problem of you keep
- 7 getting an advantage ticket.
- 8 MR. HUNT: It should be that way, but yeah, I'm
- 9 sorry. It is. I can't buy that.
- 10 COMMISSIONER SMITH: Okay. Thank you.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Commissioner Hernandez.
- 12 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Thank you. Through the
- 13 Chair. I would just caution this body from providing any
- 14 kind of advice at solutioning. That's not what we're here
- 15 for. We are here to triage the concerns of Mr. Hunt,
- 16 obviously. So I would actually defer to Deputy Chief.
- 17 DC STEWART: So through the Chair, I'm Deputy Chief
- 18 Stewart. So it looks like what you have and without me
- 19 being able to read them and just listening to you, it
- 20 sounds like your vehicles have been ticketed in private
- 21 property impound. Is that what has occurred?
- MR. HUNT: On the street in front of the house at the
- 23 curb in front of my house?
- 24 DC STEWART: So Detroit Police Department does tag
- 25 vehicles for abandoned vehicles. Also, municipal parking



- 1 is also in the residential neighborhoods as well placing
- 2 stickers on vehicles that are determined to be abandoned.
- 3 And the sticker is a notification. There's the Department
- 4 of Administrative Hearing that you are typically given a
- 5 court date from. And you can go to the Department of
- 6 Administrative Hearings for adjudication on your case.
- 7 MR. HUNT: Can we talk afterwards?
- B DC STEWART: Yes, we absolutely can.
- 9 MR. HUNT: I've written it down.
- 10 DC STEWART: Absolutely.
- MR. HUNT: Thank you.
- 12 MINISTER BLOUNT: Good afternoon board. I am Minister
- 13 Eric Blount from Sacred Heart Catholic Church here in
- 14 Detroit. I'll ask for a moment of silence for the Algiers
- 15 Motel massacre. Thank you. This massacre was perpetrated
- 16 by the Detroit Police Department and its officers. At
- 17 least three young black men were murdered, although they
- 18 were innocent. I thank God that there is a historical
- 19 landmark on Woodward so that future generations will
- 20 remember what happened and how it happened, and maybe
- 21 even why it happened. I want to thank Commissioner Moore
- 22 for bringing up the Metro Times article. It's second
- 23 phase again this week, detailing the evilness that a
- 24 detective perpetrated against this community time and
- 25 time again, and affected people's lives. When you do



- 1 something that evil, you affect that person, that family,
- 2 that community, that city, that state, that the world
- 3 hurts when they do something like that. And I bring up
- 4 these historical events only because they are directly
- 5 related to what happens today. How can I make that
- 6 statement? Paula Tubman from Channel 4, issued an
- 7 investigative report just this year on all of the things
- 8 that have happened in misconduct for the Detroit Police
- 9 Department since Malice Green was murdered. And more than
- 10 once, that documentary said one thing, things have
- 11 changed for the worse.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Next.
- 13 FEMALE SPEAKER: I don't see Ms. Landfair. So we'll
- 14 go into Zoom. Our first speaker will be Election
- 15 Integrity Rue.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: You may be heard.
- 17 ELECTION INTEGRITY RUE: Okay, Detroit, listen up.
- 18 The Michigan State Police report for the review of the
- 19 investigation into DPD case 20-11112 was turned over to
- 20 the Detroit Police Department in late 2023. As of now,
- 21 it's been requested by Commissioner Bernard a couple
- 22 months ago, approximately two months. And also the
- 23 interim secretary, Mr. Brown, he can attest to it. And
- 24 now, talk to the Chairman, Mr. Woods about it. The fact
- 25 that this report has not been profited up to the Board of



- 1 Police Commissioners should raise every red flag in that
- 2 room. Now, this report should contain the conclusive
- 3 proof in evidence that Kaniesha Coleman did not shoot
- 4 herself. There were no gun stippling on the entry wound.
- 5 Kaniesha was left-handed. She was shot in the left side
- 6 from the trajectory of the bullet, there's no way, there
- 7 was no gun stippling on the entry wound. There's no way
- 8 that this woman shot herself. Now, I've been raising this
- 9 issue, but the whole Board of Police Commissions needs to
- 10 take a look at the Detroit Police Department now and why
- 11 that report has not been produced because it's a closed
- 12 case deemed and labeled designated a suicide. There's no
- 13 reason that a Michigan State Police report regarding the
- 14 matter and the issue of Kaniesha Coleman's death should
- 15 be kept from the public and especially the Board of
- 16 Police Commissioners. CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Thank you.
- MS. UNDERWOOD: Mr. Chair, your next speaker is
- 18 Victoria Camille, and then the final speaker will be
- 19 former Commissioner William Davis.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: You may be heard.
- 21 MS. CAMILLE: Good afternoon board. This is Victoria
- 22 Camille from District 7. Regarding the tragic incident
- 23 that occurred the morning of Friday, July 12th. A tenant
- 24 of Palmer Park was shot and killed by a bailiff while
- 25 being evicted from his home and suffering from a



- 1 suspected mental health crisis. Since DPD was present,
- 2 please promote transparency by requesting the release of
- 3 the body camera footage of this fatal incident. I'd also
- 4 like to follow up on a few items. The first is, can the
- 5 board please provide the directive number for the legal
- 6 observer's policy chief White indicated already exists at
- 7 the June 27th meeting. The next one is policy committee
- 8 chair Linda Bernard wrote a letter to Chief White
- 9 Incorporation counsel regarding the charges against legal
- 10 observers. Can the board please provide an update to the
- 11 public on any responses the board has received? And last,
- 12 I understand the board has written and sent the letter to
- 13 the DOJ asking for an investigation into the police
- 14 killing of Daryl Vance. And I'd like to know why the
- 15 letter hasn't been published on the board's website.
- 16 Thank you.
- 17 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Thank you.
- 18 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Madam Chair. If I may, it's my
- 19 understanding that the chief has moved to dismiss the
- 20 charges against the legal observers. He, of course, has
- 21 the letter that I authored, and as does Conrad Mallet,
- 22 Corporation Counsel and the Chairman of the Board
- 23 informed me earlier today that those charges had been
- 24 dismissed. I will confirm that though. Thank you.
- MS. UNDERWOOD: Our last speaker will be former



- 1 Commissioner William Davis.
- 2 MR. DAVIS: Good evening. Can I be heard?
- 3 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Yes, you can go right ahead.
- 4 MR. DAVIS: Okay. One, I would also like to say that
- 5 I'm hoping that you all will dismiss all those charges
- 6 against the legal observers. Also, secondly, I would hope
- 7 that you all would dismiss those tickets against Ms.
- 8 Agnes Hitchcock that she got for parking in the
- 9 construction zone, which was not legal because those
- 10 people did not have a permit. And far too often we have
- 11 white contractors coming into our city and taking
- 12 advantage of our people, and they seem to be overlooked,
- 13 nothing seems to happen. So I think you all need to get
- 14 rid of those tickets against Agnes Hitchcock. And also, I
- 15 think this board needs to come up with some stronger
- 16 language or stronger recommendations as it relates to
- 17 officers that file false reports.
- I started with the water department before many of
- 19 you all were born. I worked for them for 34 years. I've
- 20 been retired for 12 years. But, you know, in the water
- 21 department, if somebody falsified, you know, a report,
- 22 they were terminated. You know, we need to make sure that
- 23 people feel safe in the city. And also, there are far too
- 24 many examples from the past of police officers, and many
- 25 of them are good and honest people, but there, there have



- 1 been occasions for officers have falsified information
- 2 and people have been convicted. They should not be
- 3 convicted and may be in jail for years. You know, as a
- 4 City of Detroit retiree at my pension cut, I want to see
- 5 the City of Detroit Police Department start having less
- 6 lawsuits against it and doing a better job. Thank you.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Thank you. Commissioner Pressley.
- 8 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: Through the Chair two things.
- 9 One, before you left, our last public commenter Victoria
- 10 asked about the tickets being dropped for the legal
- 11 observers. And Commissioner Bernard communicated that
- 12 they had been dropped. I just want to clarify, you shared
- 13 earlier that one of them had been dropped and you had the
- 14 expectation that the rest will?
- 15 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes, as they go to court, as the
- 16 court dates come about with them individually. One has
- 17 been dismissed and the others will be dismissed.
- 18 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: Okay. I just wanted to
- 19 clarify that for the record. And then secondly, DC
- 20 Stewart, is there a way that we can get that policy
- 21 directive number around legal observers before today's
- 22 meeting ends? I know it's been a few weeks since we've
- 23 requested it, but we can get that number so that we might
- 24 be able to share that to that public commenter.
- 25 Again, it's the policy directive number around legal



- 1 observers.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yeah. And through also... I was
- 3 about to say, through the Chair. We are in the process of
- 4 redoing that policy. In fact, the public commentary and
- 5 people that she works with Julie Hurwitz, attorney Julie
- 6 Hurwitz, have offered us a strong policy in that regard.
- 7 And we will bring in the National Lawyers Guild to the
- 8 policy committee. And we will come just like we did with
- 9 the identification policy. We will come up with one of
- 10 the strongest policies to be able to protect the First
- 11 Amendment efforts of those who are legally observing in a
- 12 constitutional way. Commissioner, and then Commissioner.
- COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Thank you. Through the
- 14 Chair. You may not immediately know ma'am, but do we have
- 15 an update or just in general, does the department have an
- 16 update on Ms. Hitchcock's case?
- DC STEWART: Through the Chair, I'm unsure at this
- 18 point in time. I can't speak to it.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: If you could get something to us,
- 20 and before our next meeting, possibly to be able to make
- 21 us abreast of that, you know, we want to get out of the
- 22 business of waiting for meeting to meeting. We do have
- 23 emails. We want to be fully engaged so that we can be
- 24 able to communicate with these assistants who are dealing
- 25 with these issues. And we deeply appreciate that. Deputy



- 1 Chief.
- COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Also, Mr. Chairman on the 2.
- matter of Kaniesha Coleman. I think you're still present 3
- when that was brought up. Right? 4
- CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Hold on. 5
- 6 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Copy of that.
- CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay. Commissioner Moore. 7
- COMMISSIONER MOORE: Thank you Mr. Chair. Thank you. 8
- No problem. Ms. Camilla also asked about the letter to
- 10 the Department of Justice being posted on our website MR.
- BROWN: Through the Chair. Mr. Chair, that letter got 11
- 12 posted last week and it's on the news and events on the
- 13 board website.
- 14 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Thank you, sir.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Absolutely. Alright. Any other
- 16 public commenters? That's it. No more public commenters.
- We are going to go to the human resource report. Give us 17
- the remix. 18
- 19 DIRECTOR PATILLO: Good afternoon.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Good afternoon.
- DIRECTOR PATILLO: Through the Chair. I'll be 21
- 22 presenting the human resource report for the month of
- 23 June. So the report's going to cover, I know you probably
- had the information a couple weeks ago. The report's 24
- 25 going to cover departmental staffing, personnel



- 1 recruiting, recruiting initiatives. And then you should
- 2 have had some spreadsheets in your packet as well.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay. Thank you.
- 4 DIRECTOR PATILLO: So I don't know if you have the
- 5 slides, but if not because like I said, it was a couple
- 6 of weeks ago, I'll just go through my notes. So, for
- 7 departmental staffing as I said, I know that was June
- 8 because We always do the previous month.
- 9 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: One second. Through the
- 10 Chair, colleagues, it is tab 4, behind in your binders?
- 11 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Thank you. But it is July. Yeah.
- 12 DIRECTOR PATILLO: So for June, the department was
- 13 filled at 96%, for sworn members, we were at 98%. We had
- 14 56 police officer vacancies at that time, our overall
- 15 officers for vacancies, 2% police assistance. We had 97%
- 16 fill. We only had one vacancy, 3% vacancy rate. So for
- 17 civilians for June, we had a 92% fill rate, 8% vacancies.
- 18 So if you go to the next slide, that should be the
- 19 2023/24 sworn recruiting. So that was from the beginning
- 20 to the end of the fiscal year sworn, we had a total of
- 21 5,322 applications. Next slide
- Right there. 563 processing, 120 applications were
- 23 withdrawn. 2,252 applications were archived. 1031,
- 24 temporarily disqualified. 881, permanently disqualified.
- 25 250 were waiting on MCOLES testing. So those were your



- 1 beginning to end fiscal year data points, and as you
- 2 know, we started a new fiscal year, July 1st. For the
- 3 next slide that is the correct right. The chart depicts
- 4 written and physical agility testing for June. For the
- 5 written tests, we had 90, scheduled 67 of pure 36 pass,
- 6 which was a 54% passing rate, 22, 33% failure rate, 9
- 7 reschedules, 23 no-shows. For physical agility, we had
- 8 168 scheduled. 129 appeared. 78 pass, which was a 60%
- 9 passing rate, 48 failed, 40% failure rate, 3 rescheduled
- 10 and 39 no-shows. Next slide. For total new hires, for
- 11 police officers, we had a total of 39 sworn, 30
- 12 civilians, an overall total of 69 personnel.
- Next slide. 40 Detroit residency, for Detroiters, we
- 14 had 584 sworn. 425 civilians, 15 police assistants, 9
- 15 Detroiters, 1,988 sworn. 289 civilians, 18 police
- 16 assistants. And of those numbers for the civilian new
- 17 hires, 9 were Detroit residents and 13 sworn from Detroit
- 18 new hire residents. For our internship program. Both of
- 19 those programs, the Mayor fellow program and the
- 20 Abilities Detroit Young Talent, both will culminate on
- 21 August 9th. And we will do a parallel celebration for
- 22 them. Also, our other interns that are over at the
- 23 Detroit Public Safety Academy, their culminating event
- 24 would be on August 9th as well.
- 25 For the attrition slide for the month of June, we



- 1 had 8 sworn that separated, 16 civilians for a total of
- 2 24. Next slide. For the leave of absence, we had a total
- 3 of 12 per FMLA continuous. Four for civilians for
- 4 intermittent FMLA 99 and 76 paid parental leave, 5 sworn,
- 5 2 civilians, medical leave, 3 civilians, military, 1
- 6 sworn, restricted. We had a total 144 for sworn, 5 for
- 7 civilians disabled, 27 sworn, 2 civilians sick, 19 sworn,
- 8 7 civilians. Next slide. For monthly separations, we had
- 9 a total of 8, as I said, 7 were police officers, 1
- 10 sergeant. We had a total of 27 suspensions, 24 police
- 11 officers, 1 corporal, 1 sergeant, 1 lieutenant. And then
- 12 we had 507 members in the drop. Next slide. And the next
- 13 slide. So these are numbers as of when I did the report
- 14 in June, at that time, we had a total of 5 academy
- 15 classes.
- We had a class that graduated July the 12th. At that
- 17 time, there were 159 students over there. So currently we
- 18 have 4 classes, 131 that does not include the students
- 19 that will start tomorrow. So we will actually have 5
- 20 classes at the academy tomorrow, and we will have, we
- 21 actually hired another 30, so at 130 to 131. So about 161
- 22 will be over there at the academy tomorrow. And then we
- 23 also have three officers that were reinstated in May. So
- 24 former DPD members that left, went to another department
- 25 to come back. And so far, we've had two for the month of



- 1 July. Next slide.
- 2 So those are our recruit initiatives for the month
- 3 of June. In addition to that, we've updated all of our
- 4 billboards. If you've been driving around town, you've
- 5 seen our static and display billboards, as well as any
- 6 new radio announcements and social media graphics.
- 7 Effective July 1st, as you know, the department received
- 8 a 4% pay raise increase. So, going into the academy,
- 9 students will earn \$48, 672 when they graduate, they will
- 10 jump to \$57,325. And then for anyone who maxes out now in
- 11 4 years, their pay raise will be anywhere from \$78,957.
- 12 And they can go up to 91,195. And that includes that they
- 13 have any special entitlements like NPO, FPO, and things
- 14 like that. Pending any questions, that concludes my
- 15 presentation for the month of June.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Commissioner Hernandez.
- 17 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Thank you so much. Excellent
- 18 presentation. Through the Chair. I have a question
- 19 regarding leaves of absence. A two-part question, but I
- 20 noticed that you mentioned having one sworn member that's
- 21 on military leave.
- 22 DIRECTOR PATILLO: Yes.
- COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Could you just, at a very
- 24 high level, share what kinds of support we have for
- 25 active deployments? Just from a standpoint, even; I'm



- 1 thinking like some organizations will have wraparound
- 2 services that, not only the individual can benefit from,
- 3 but also spousal or family.
- 4 So, we do have connections with the... I know some of
- 5 the service members do reach out to like the VA. So we do
- 6 have personnel that we contact over at the VA if we need
- 7 certain types of services for them. Besides, we also have
- 8 EAP here as well, which is a department thing. Those are
- 9 the services that I can think of off the top of my head.
- 10 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Okay. I'll follow up with
- 11 you on that.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Any further questions?
- 13 Commissioner Moore and then Commissioner Bernard.
- 14 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Thank you Mr. Chairman.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes.
- 16 COMMISSIONER MOORE: I'm looking under the June 2024
- 17 monthly separation with the reason report. And number two
- 18 is an academy student who died active. Can you elaborate
- 19 on that?
- 20 DIRECTOR PATILLO: DC Stewart, do you want to take
- 21 that one? So yes, we did have a student police officer.
- 22 I'll kindly turn it over to DC Stewart.
- DC STEWART: Through the Chair. Yes, unfortunately we
- 24 had a student police officer who was tragically killed in
- 25 an accident.



- 1 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Was that on duty or off duty?
- DC STEWART: It was off duty, yes.
- 3 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Okay. And next, just FYI, just
- 4 for public information. According to the monthly
- 5 suspension report, 27 people were suspended from DPD, and
- 6 16 of those were without pay. So thank you.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Thank you. Anything further? Oh,
- 8 Commissioner Bernard. I'm sorry.
- 9 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Just quickly I didn't see it,
- 10 maybe I overlooked it. What's the... in terms of the racial
- 11 makeup for the department, is that in your report? This
- 12 report?
- 13 DIRECTOR PATILLO: It should be in your report.
- 14 However, I do have the stats that are current as of July
- 15 the 26th. If you give me one second. Are you looking for
- 16 the overall demographics?
- 17 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Yes, please.
- DIRECTOR PATILLO: So for males, as I stated, this is
- 19 as of July 26th. So for males, we're at 73.9%. Females,
- 20 26.1, Caucasians, 38.1, African-Americans, 55.1, Hispanic
- 21 5.5, and other 1.3.
- 22 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: That's for.
- 23 DIRECTOR PATILLO: Yes.
- 24 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Okay. The other question I
- 25 have for you actually relates to one of the slides that I



- 1 do have, and that is the residency information, which
- 2 it's indicated, I don't have my glasses, 1988 of the
- 3 sworn members are non-Detroiters. So look, roughly 2000,
- 4 and of the sworn members, 584 are Detroit residents. So
- 5 we're not making any progress with respect to officers
- 6 living in the city. It is almost 4:1 outside the city.
- 7 DIRECTOR PATILLO: We advertise everywhere.
- 8 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I know we do, I mean, have you
- 9 been able to identify any initiatives, maybe that other
- 10 cities have that maybe we need to adopt in order to get
- 11 more of more officers in the city?
- 12 DIRECTOR PATILLO: So we are looking into that. I
- 13 don't have a final answer for you just yet, but I can get
- 14 off hand with you.
- 15 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Thank you. Because it's clear
- 16 that all the data indicates, as you and I both know, that
- 17 if you live in the community you're more responsive to
- 18 the community. And since it's 2000 outside the city and
- 19 500 in, that's, that's an issue. CHAIRPERSON WOODS:
- 20 Alright. Thank you very kindly. Mr. Fries.
- 21 Great, and excellent report.
- 22 DIRECTOR PATILLO: Thank you.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: I see your literature all over
- 24 Detroit too.
- 25 MR. FRIES: Chairman.



- 1 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Hello.
- 2 MR. FRIES: Board of Police Commissioners, Drew
- 3 Fries, executive fiscal manager. It is with anticipation
- 4 and excitement that I look to give this presentation. I
- 5 do want to preface that, although I'm going to read my
- 6 own words, it is from the ask and encouragement of
- 7 several commissioners and the chief investigator that
- 8 this letter of recommendation has been authored. You can
- 9 find this letter; I believe at the last page of tab 4 in
- 10 your package, titled, Rural Compensation, Standardization
- 11 and Reconciliation.
- Dear Chairman Woods, it is with the goal to fill our
- 13 open roles, help ensure colleagues are working
- 14 effectively and in doing so further, our collective
- 15 responsibility to progress civilian oversight for the
- 16 City of Detroit that I write to you. I would like to
- 17 recommend the following pay adjustments below, which will
- 18 cumulatively standardize pay across similar titles and
- 19 provide back pay to employees that have stepped up to a
- 20 higher band of title, and responsibility for the sake of
- 21 the BOPC. Item 1: administrative assistant for the BOPC.
- 22 I would like to recommend standardizing all of our
- 23 administrative assistance for the Board of Police
- 24 Commissioner positions at the same rate of pay.
- 25 Currently, there is a wide range of pay across the 3 BOPC



- 1 staff positions currently filled on the team. Employee 1:
- 2 \$59,604 is their annual pay; employee 2, \$61,601 is their
- 3 annual pay; employee 3, \$51,150. These 3 employees are
- 4 doing the same job with the same level of
- 5 responsibilities, at the same level of competency.
- 6 Therefore, I would like to recommend all 3 of these
- 7 positions' salaries be set at \$61,601. The
- 8 standardization will help bring parity to these roles and
- 9 help reduce turnover. We have favorability in the fiscal
- 10 year budget to execute this change. Item number 2,
- 11 supervising investigator to the Board of Police
- 12 Commissioners. I would like to recommend standardizing
- 13 our 2 present OCI supervisors to the same rate of pay.
- 14 Currently, there is a pay gap between these 2 positions
- 15 currently filled on the team. Employee 1, \$80,000;
- 16 employee 2, \$84,991.
- 17 Similarly, these 2 employees are doing the same job,
- 18 at the same level of responsibilities, at the same level
- 19 of competency. And therefore, I would like to recommend
- 20 these 2 position salaries to be set at \$84,991.
- 21 Additionally, employee 1 was hired into this role on July
- 22 10th, 2023. Prior to this, employee 1 was working out of
- 23 class as a supervising investigator for 2 years without
- 24 any pay adjustment to reflect the increased
- 25 responsibilities. As such, I recommend making employee 1



- 1 whole by providing back pay for the delta of \$80,000, and
- 2 \$84,991 from the present to when employee 1 was hired
- 3 into the role in July of 2023. This represents a prorated
- 4 amount of \$5,406.92 cents for that 13 months' time to
- 5 true up employee one. The standardization will help bring
- 6 parity to these roles and reduce turnover, and we have
- 7 favorability to execute this. Item number 3, investigator
- 8 to the Board of Police Commissioners.
- 9 New hires for the OCI investigator role are being
- 10 brought in at \$54,500. The employee below was hired May
- 11 1st, 2023 at \$53,000, then received a 2% pay bump in
- 12 their annual adjustment, bringing them to their current
- 13 amount, which is \$54,060. Presently, as shown above,
- 14 employee 1, is making less than what new hires are making
- 15 today. To reconcile this, I would like to recommend a pay
- 16 increase to employee 1, to that \$54,500 and backfit pay
- 17 for this new hire from when employee 1 was brought on to
- 18 the OCI team. This represents a prorated amount of \$550,
- 19 15 months in which they've been working in this role to
- 20 true up employee 1. In a similar statement, the
- 21 standardization will help bring parity and reduce
- 22 turnover, and we have favorability to do it. Finally,
- 23 item number 4, standing secretary. Our standing secretary
- 24 has stepped up and taken on the role and a responsibility
- 25 of BOPC secretary since January 18th, 2024.



- 1 This is an addition to this individual's current
- 2 role of administrative specialist 3, adding up to working
- 3 two jobs for the Board of Police Commissioners at the
- 4 same time. I would like to recommend back pay for the
- 5 standing secretary and the delta of the secretary's
- 6 standard salary, which is \$117,875. And his current role
- 7 as administrative specialist 3, which is at \$66,398. This
- 8 represents a prorated amount of 30,028.25 for the 7
- 9 months he has been in this role to true up the standing
- 10 secretary. The standardization will help bring parity to
- 11 the work that has been justly done. We have favorability
- 12 in the fiscal year budget to execute this change. Thank
- 13 you for this. Thank you for your consideration. That
- 14 concludes my report.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yep. Commissioner Moore,
- 16 Commissioner Hernandez, and Commissioner Pressley.
- 17 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Thank you Mr. Chairman. So going
- 18 back to the first administrative assistant position, you
- 19 have 3 different employees. Was there an educational
- 20 expectation when these individuals were hired at your
- 21 salaries, or was it no education requirements?
- MR. FRIES: Through the Chair. That is a great
- 23 question. I am giving this letter of recommendation from
- 24 the budget side, and that the dollars are being paid to
- 25 the staff. In terms of the education and training that is



- 1 a bit outside of the fiscal manager scope of their
- 2 responsibility. So I'm not sure I'm the best to speak to
- 3 that question, but it's just one.
- 4 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Thank you.
- 5 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Thank you. Through the
- 6 Chair. Thank you for obviously the work that you've done
- 7 for the presentation today, I would just ask that we
- 8 actually defer this to the budget committee. It would be
- 9 a partnership between the budget committee and the HR
- 10 committee. I have a list of questions that I need to ask.
- 11 I just don't think this is the appropriate form to do so,
- 12 given it's also a personnel matter. So we're stating
- 13 current salaries, we're stating projected salaries, and I
- 14 think there are lots of "I's" and "T's" that need to be
- 15 addressed before we can make a holistic decision.
- 16 COMMISSIONER MOORE: I feel like that as well.
- 17 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: Yeah. And I would acquiesce
- 18 to that, through the Chair. My only question, I guess, in
- 19 completing the report you stated that these
- 20 recommendations are being made because of the same job,
- 21 same responsibilities, same competency, but is the tenure
- 22 also the same?
- 23 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: What? Ten...
- 24 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: Tenure.
- 25 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: So those are the questions



- 1 that I have.
- 2 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: So as you prepare that report
- 3 for, if that is the Chair's desire to send it to the
- 4 budget committee, that would be a consideration as well.
- 5 Thank you.
- 6 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Mr. Chairman, could I
- 7 actually make a motion to that effect to send to the
- 8 budget committee? Any commissioner is welcome as long as
- 9 we don't meet...
- 10 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: As it relates to the budget
- 11 committee, we going to have some new leadership there, so
- 12 absolutely.
- COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Okay. I'll make that motion.
- 14 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Support.
- 15 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Can I adjust my motion
- 16 before I...?
- 17 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay.
- 18 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Yeah. So, I would ask that
- 19 we move this item to the budget committee, but put a two-
- 20 week turnaround to come to a solution, because I also am
- 21 very sensitive to the expectation that has been put forth
- 22 in this document. I think we have a responsibility to do
- 23 so quickly.
- 24 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Support.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Absolutely. Motion made by



- 1 Commissioner Hernandez to refer this item to the budget
- 2 committee with a two-week deadline to report out. And
- 3 seconded by Commissioner Moore. Discussion.
- 4 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Mr. Chair also, I don't know
- 5 if you're going to do something; Jesus with respect to
- 6 evaluations concerning this issue, you're going to...
- 7 that's part of your... okay. Got you. Thank you. Thank you,
- 8 Mr. Chairman.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Absolutely. Any further
- 10 discussion? I would say, all in favor, do so by saying,
- 11 aye.
- 12 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Anyone opposed?
- 14 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I just want to say this, it's
- 15 personnel and the,
- 16 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Excuse me.
- 17 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: The budget committee. Okay.
- 18 Thank you. That's good.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: That's the budget committee. That
- 20 was his motion. And is anyone opposed? Motion is carried.
- 21 All right. Acting Secretary Brown?
- 22 MR. BROWN: Yeah. Good afternoon, Mr. Chair.
- 23 Currently there are 4 correspondents under my report. Let
- 24 me get to those. We received many offers from the chief
- 25 office, and approved the NOV Digital Radiology Technology



- 1 Specification report. Also, we've received an
- 2 administrative leave without pay for Police Officer
- 3 Albert Graham, the OCI inventory report, 720 to 726. And
- 4 then we received from the chief's office executive
- 5 appointment to the rank of commander and captains, and a
- 6 fourth round promotion list of Lieutenant sergeants and
- 7 detectives. And Mr. Chair, they are all stated to go on
- 8 your agenda for the 15th of August.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay. Thank you so much.
- MR. BROWN: I go to announcements.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Announcements.
- MR. BROWN: The next BOPC meeting is Thursday, August
- 13 8th, 2024 at 6:30 PM, with the Fifth Precinct hosting at
- 14 Wayne County Community College Eastern District. That
- 15 address is 5901 Conner Street. 4213. And then the
- 16 following community meeting will be Thursday, September
- 17 the 12th at 6:30 PM with the Fourth Precinct hosted at
- 18 Kennedy Recreation Center. That address is 2260 South
- 19 Fourth Street, 4217. The monthly committee meeting is
- 20 scheduled for August, 2024. Policy committee meetings
- 21 would be meeting Tuesday, August 6th at 5:00 PM and also
- 22 Tuesday, August the 20th at 5:00 PM And Mr. Chair, all
- 23 those meetings will be taking place here at Detroit
- 24 Public Safety Headquarters. It can also be viewed on
- 25 Zoom.



- 1 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay. Any unfinished business?
- 2 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Right here?
- 3 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes, sir.
- 4 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Yes. Last week, Commissioner
- 5 Hernandez put some things out on the floor and what he
- 6 put out on the floor troubled me a little bit; that the
- 7 appointed commissioners are in division with the elected
- 8 commissioners, something like that.
- 9 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: Point of order.
- 10 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Go ahead.
- 11 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: That is not unfinished
- 12 business.
- 13 COMMISSIONER BANKS: That's a new business. Are we
- 14 out of new business?
- 15 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: That's not unfinished business.
- 16 COMMISSIONER BANKS: I'm sorry. I'm sorry.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Alright. Thank you. Any
- 18 unfinished business? There was no unfinished business.
- 19 MR. BROWN: Excuse me.
- 20 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: There is a policy committee
- 21 memorandum.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: A policy committee memorandum.
- 23 I'm looking. Commissioner Bernard.
- 24 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The
- 25 policy committee has several key updates, based on our



- 1 meeting from July 23rd, 2024. The persons in attendance
- 2 in terms of commissioners were myself and Commissioner
- 3 Woods, Chairperson Woods, pardon me; acting staff and
- 4 other persons, community persons that were present
- 5 included acting secretary Robert Brown, Jasmine Taylor,
- 6 administrative assistant, Theresa Blossom, community
- 7 relations coordinator, Commander Ryan Connor from
- 8 Organized Crime representing DPD. At that meeting, we
- 9 approved a specification report called the Skydio
- 10 Unmanned Aerial System. On July 23rd, 2024. I reviewed
- 11 and discussed the key points within the specification
- 12 report that required further clarification with the
- 13 committee. As a result, the committee's review and
- 14 discussion have been postponed to the policy meeting
- 15 currently scheduled for August 6th. Second item was
- 16 number 272, specification report, 278 regarding the
- 17 surveillance van. This had been brought up previously, as
- 18 most people are aware.
- 19 Commander Connor attended the meeting to provide
- 20 further insight, and addressed the committee's concerns
- 21 regarding the report. He clarified that the technology on
- 22 the van would be located only on the front corners and
- 23 the rear corners. In terms of listening devices, we've
- 24 always had the ability to see. My concern was that the
- 25 van could also be targeted to listen to conversations



- 1 without a warrant. He stated again, that this could not
- 2 occur because the listening devices that would be on the
- 3 van could only listen for up to 4 feet. These devices are
- 4 intended solely to enhance the safety of officers inside
- 5 and outside the van. He emphasized that listening devices
- 6 are used strictly for safety purposes, and using them to
- 7 listen to private conversations would require a warrant.
- 8 Following this clarification, the committee unanimously
- 9 agreed to move the policy forward to the full board for
- 10 approval.
- 11 The third item which we discussed was patrol policy,
- 12 which is number 2010.1. I reviewed and discussed the key
- 13 points within the specification report. Following the
- 14 discussion of the report, the committee unanimously
- 15 agreed to move the policy out of committee to the full
- 16 board for approval. One point that I'd like to note for
- 17 the community is, first of all, all these policies are
- 18 online. Please, please, please look at them. But the
- 19 thing that's important to many people in our community is
- 20 that when an officer approaches you, when you're pulled
- 21 over, they are to give you the reason for the stop. You
- 22 don't have to start, I'm Linda, whoever, you know, and
- 23 here's my license and registration. Before any of that
- 24 occurs, the officer is to give you the reason that he
- 25 stops you. So you will see that, and you can also



- 1 ascertain whether or not he or she has her body cam on.
- 2 And finally, a concern was raised regarding the
- 3 legibility and aesthetic appeal of the gray
- 4 identification lettering on patrol cars, specifically
- 5 questioning whether the lettering will be updated to
- 6 yellow to enhance visibility, because you don't know if
- 7 it's a police car or not, quite frankly. They have to
- 8 rule up on it. Commander Connor assured the committee
- 9 that he would relay the concern to the chief for further
- 10 insight, but it was also reported that they were going to
- 11 pull those cars off the road until such time as the
- 12 lettering is changed. The policy number 30405, the
- 13 training policy, we're going to review that at the next
- 14 policy committee meeting. It was already after 6:30 when
- 15 we finished. And then we also postponed directive number
- 16 4030.5 drug and alcohol abuse by department personnel.
- 17 So, we'll follow up on that later. So the next policy
- 18 meeting is currently scheduled for August 6th, but there
- 19 may be a change to that. I'll discuss it with the
- 20 Chairman. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: What is your pleasure?
- 22 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Simply be there. You don't
- 23 have to vote for the policy committee. It is simply
- 24 received.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay. Absolutely. There being no



- 1 objections.
- 2 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: Well, I don't know if there's
- 3 an objection as of yet, but in reading it, I'm looking at
- 4 the two documents. One that says approve for the spec
- 5 report. And then secondly, the committee unanimously
- 6 agreed to move a policy forward for full board approval.
- 7 Neither of those are requiring the board to accept those
- 8 from the committee?
- 9 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Yes, we would like the board
- 10 to vote on those.
- 11 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: Okay. So that means that
- 12 there are motions to come out of the policy committee.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Absolutely. Yes. So the motion
- 14 is...
- 15 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: To approve the specification
- 16 report. Well, that was approved for Skydio Unmanned
- 17 Aerial System. I'm trying to see, I don't have my glasses
- 18 on, so, you know, it's difficult. But that has been
- 19 postponed, I'm sorry, the specification report regarding
- 20 the surveillance van, did that move out of committee and
- 21 that the board approved that policy. So I moved.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Are there any objections?
- 23 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: Discussion.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Discussion? Do you have any
- 25 discussion? No discussion. Then that policy is adopted



- 1 and the report is received.
- 2 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Mr. Chairman, just put me down
- 3 as a no vote for that.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay. Call for the role, call for
- 5 the vote.
- 6 All in favor say, aye.
- 7 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: And one opposed?
- 9 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Correct. No.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Don't be speaking in tongues.
- 11 Alright. Let's go to new business.
- 12 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: No. And the second thing is to
- 13 approve the patrol policy.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay. I'm sorry.
- 15 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: That was unanimous. Also out
- 16 of the committee that should be approved and sent back to
- 17 the department. It's a very good policy.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: So you're making a motion to...?
- 19 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Yes. To the board to accept
- 20 that policy.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: The policy committee Chairwoman
- 22 Bernard is asking that....
- 23 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: Or, Mr. Chair, you just want
- 24 to say that's by recommendation of the policy committee?
- 25 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yeah. By recommendation of the



- 1 policy committee to approve the patrol policy. I should
- 2 have turned to that page.
- 3 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHE: Second.
- 4 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: Second is request.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: No second is needed. Are there
- 6 any objections or discussion? Any discussion? No.
- 7 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Just a quick discussion. Deputy
- 8 Chief, I hate to call you into this, but isn't the
- 9 purpose of having a semi mark scout card to an advantage
- 10 to the police department,
- 11 DC STEWART: To the Chair? It would be an advantage
- 12 to the police department, but unfortunately, I don't have
- 13 the information with regard to what you're talking about.
- 14 So I don't, I don't want to speak improperly.
- 15 COMMISSIONER MOORE: What we are talking about is
- 16 what we just discussed for the last five minutes.
- 17 DC STEWART: You're talking about the color of the
- 18 lettering on the car? This is my first time hearing about
- 19 it, is what I'm saying. This is my first time hearing
- 20 about it. So I would have to do additional research. I
- 21 just don't want to speak off the cuff about something
- 22 that I'm unaware of.
- 23 COMMISSIONER MOORE: So, through the Chair, what is
- 24 the advantage of the department having a semi mark scout
- 25 car, which they're changing with this policy? I'm asking



- the Deputy Chief.
- 2. COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I think I can answer her
- 3 question for you.
- 4 COMMISSIONER MOORE: No, you can't.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Hold on, hold on.
- 6 COMMISSIONER MOORE: It is just a department
- 7 question.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Go ahead.
- COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Commander Connor said it. 9
- CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Hold on. Go ahead. 10
- DC STEWART: So again, I was not here when Commander 11
- 12 Connor spoke. I'm assuming, just listening to you, you
- 13 know, we aren't always here at all of these meetings. I'm
- 14 assuming this is... what unit is this for?
- 15 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: He didn't mention the unit. He
- 16 said that the department was going to change. He
- volunteered that the department was going to change it 17
- because it is disturbing to the community. because they 18
- can't identify the car or the number on the car, whatever 19
- it is. You were sitting there. And that they were going 20
- 21 to repaint the cars. That's what he said.
- 2.2 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Sure. We'll just go ahead and
- vote. Go ahead. 23
- 24 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Okay. Thank you
- 25 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: There being no objection.



- 1 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Objection.
- CHAIRPERSON WOODS: All in favor say, aye. 2.
- 3 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Anyone opposed?
- 5 COMMISSIONER MOORE: No.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Alright. The ayes have it. New
- business. 7
- 8 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay. Let's...
- COMMISSIONER BANKS: Go ahead. Go ahead. No, go 10
- 11 ahead. Just go ahead.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: I recognize you, you don't want
- 13 to...?
- 14 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Alright. Okay. Now, last week
- 15 Commissioner Hernandez mentioned that there was a
- 16 division on the board between the appointees and elected
- officials. But I want to mention, I don't have any 17
- problem with nobody on this board. Nobody on this board. 18
- So please don't include me in that. I know it's a lot of 19
- little stuff going on, but I'm my own man. I've always 20
- been my own man when I came through this door. And why 21
- I'm bringing it up is because my pastor and bishop 22
- friends have been calling me up. They want to know what 23
- 24 you mean by that. I told them I can't speak for you. You
- said it last week. Normally my staff go... 25



- 1 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Through the Chair, speak through
- 2 the Chair, and not to...
- 3 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Okay. I'm sorry. Through the
- 4 Chair. Normally my staff, they go on the meeting board
- 5 and tape it, get the tape. But I can't speak for him and
- 6 I don't speak for anybody. My pastor's been calling,
- 7 because all of my pastor friends and bishop friends look
- 8 at the board of police commissioners. So I can't speak
- 9 for him. But he said there's division between the
- 10 appointees and the elected officials. But like I said, I
- 11 have no problem with nobody. Then you go on to say, if my
- 12 memory serves me correctly, you went on to say that the
- 13 elected officials have not been showing up. But as an
- 14 elected official, I have some of the best attendances on
- 15 this board as an elected official. They can print the
- 16 attendance record out and, you know, I have some of the
- 17 best attendances on this board. I'm not saying the best,
- 18 but I have some of the best attendance on this board. So
- 19 I don't want to be included in that. The only reason I'm
- 20 saying something is because I don't want to be included
- 21 in that. Alright. Thank you.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Thank you. Commissioner
- 23 Hernandez, and Commissioner Bernard.
- 24 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Thank you so much. Through
- 25 the Chair, my common stance, I'll stand by the comment.



- 1 You know, I would encourage any commissioner or anyone in
- 2 the public to actually go and re-watch the video to
- 3 actually see what I said. And it was actually addressing
- 4 that same rhetoric that has been very constant about
- 5 elected versus appointed commissioners on this board. So
- 6 I would actually encourage everyone to go re-watch that
- 7 tape. I actually think this proves a very key point. And
- 8 then this is my own opinion. This is entirely
- 9 counterproductive to the priorities that we have, and it
- 10 doesn't even fit under new business.
- 11 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Just quickly, I just want to
- 12 make a point. There is a difference between an elected
- 13 official, a person elected by the people who volunteered
- 14 their time, who campaigned, who got out there, who
- 15 generally defeated other people for an elective office.
- 16 There are 18 elected officials in the City of Detroit.
- 17 Obviously there are 9 City Council members. There's 1
- 18 mayor, 1 city clerk, and then 7 elected police
- 19 commissioners. There is a clear distinction between an
- 20 elected person and an appointed person in any role,
- 21 whether it's at Wayne State University or any place else.
- 22 When you are elected, you are elected to represent the
- 23 voters within your community. And so there is a
- 24 distinction and a clear one for the 2018 people that are
- 25 elected in the City of Detroit.



- 1 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay.
- COMMISSIONER BERNARD: And one final point on that. 2
- 3 There are numerous commissions in the City of Detroit,
- the civil rights commission, the zoning commission. There 4
- 5 are all kinds of commissions that are all appointed by
- his honor, by our mayor. But this is the only commission 6
- in the City of Detroit, but has elected representatives 7
- by District, I might add, just like City Council members. 8
- 9 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: I would actually call for the
- question, but that would be out of order because there's 10
- no motion to be handled. And I think that is commissioner 11
- 12 Hernandez's point, that new business is usually left for
- 13 action items that need to be taken. And so in further
- 14 meetings, it might be helpful maybe for the
- 15 parliamentarian to provide us some description on what
- 16 each agenda item is for. The Board of Police
- 17 Commissioners report does provide commissioners to lift
- 18 these necessary comments as well as announcements. But
- when we come to new business, it should be about an 19
- actionable item, a motion that has to be discussed. 20
- That's what new business is for. That's what unfinished 21
- business is for. That's what old business is for. And so 22
- 23 in that vein, I do have new business, like in the actual
- 24 item that we can vote on.
- 25 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Through the Chair. If I



- could, if I could be recognized.
- 2. CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes.
- COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: The only thing that I will 3
- 4 add in closing on this topic is again, if anyone would
- 5 like to go back and, and re-watch the tape. My comment
- was specific to effectiveness. Our responsibilities based 6
- on the charter, regardless of elected or appointed, are 7
- no different. And so I don't want to confuse the public.
- Even if there is a distinction, our responsibilities are
- 10 the same, the effectiveness that's brought to the table
- is entirely different. 11
- 12 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay.
- COMMISSIONER BANKS: Through the Chair. 13
- 14 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Let me just... this is the last
- 15 comment and...
- 16 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Right, right, right. Through
- 17 the Chair.
- CHAIRPERSON WOODS: I'm out of order. Go ahead. 18
- 19 COMMISSIONER BANKS: You all set?
- 20 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yeah.
- 21 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Okay. Through the Chair. Now, if
- 2.2 there is some division, let's let the chaplain pray for
- 23 it. When we open the meeting up and he come up against
- division on this board, or he's turned that spirit down 24
- 25 here among us.



- 1 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: He or she?
- 2. COMMISSIONER BANKS: But I moved on from that,
- because that's going to a dead end. You know, I don't 3
- have time for stuff like that. 4
- 5 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Thank you for ...
- COMMISSIONER BANKS: I have one more? 6
- 7 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay. Is it a new business?
- COMMISSIONER BANKS: Yes, it is. Because you're gone 8
- from the citizen complaint committee, you've got a
- promotion and I need another person on that committee. 10
- 11 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: We are going to overhaul. We were
- waiting for Commissioner Dewaelsche to get in, and so we 12
- 13 are going to redo our entire structure, you know, so
- 14 we'll be having that out next week.
- 15 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Okay.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Thank you. Go ahead.
- 17 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: Thank you. I have a
- resolution to be read and hopefully adopted by my 18
- colleagues. A resolution regarding the murder of Sonya 19
- Massey in Illinois. 20
- WHEREAS on July 6th, 2024, Sonya Massey, 36-year-old 21
- mother and Illinois resident called 911 to report a 2.2
- possible home invasion. When police arrived, Sonya 23
- remained calm and followed their instructions. Despite 2.4
- 25 her proper handling of the situation, Sangamon County



- 1 Sheriff's Deputy Sean Grayson shot and killed Ms. Massey.
- 2 The released body cam footage shows that after firing a
- 3 shot that struck Sonya in the head, Deputy Grayson can be
- 4 heard, calling her an expletive slur. He also objected to
- 5 his partner, attempting to render medical aid to Ms.
- 6 Massey; and,
- WHEREAS Sonya Massey deserved to be safe after she
- 8 called the police for help, she was tragically killed in
- 9 her own home at the hands of a responding officer sworn
- 10 to protect and serve. The Detroit Board of Police
- 11 Commissioners sends strength and prayers to Sonya's
- 12 family and friends. And we joined them in grieving her
- 13 senseless death; and,
- 14 WHEREAS this incident is disturbing, and according
- 15 to all reports unprovoked, the nation is again shocked by
- 16 the death of an unarmed and nonviolent person of color
- 17 during the unnecessary use of lethal force by law
- 18 enforcement officers. This fatal police encounter
- 19 underscores the need for professional standards that
- 20 filter out those unsuited for law enforcement, as well as
- 21 for improved training for officers responding to 911
- 22 calls and behavioral health emergencies. It is
- 23 particularly important that police officers receive
- 24 training about the potential for implicit bias among and
- 25 by white officers doing encounters with black, brown, and



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- 1 other communities of color; and,
- 2 WHEREAS the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners
- 3 successfully pushes for important police reforms, this
- 4 includes the Michigan Law Enforcement Officer Separation
- 5 Service Record Act of 2018 that discloses misconduct and
- 6 helps deter troubled police officers from going from city
- 7 to city for employment.
- 8 In other resolutions, the board has called for the
- 9 US Justice Department to establish stronger professional
- 10 standards, training, and best practices for all 18,000 US
- 11 police agencies. The board has also called for the full
- 12 passage of the George Floyd Justice and Policing Act,
- 13 which includes such standards and other reforms for
- 14 transparency and accountability. Local disclosure laws,
- 15 new federal standards, or full congressional passage of
- 16 the George Floyd Act all remain needed. These measures
- 17 could have better protected Ms. Massey by enhancing
- 18 police professionalism everywhere, and specifically by
- 19 ensuring that law enforcement agencies could see red
- 20 flags presented by Deputy Grayson, who reportedly worked
- 21 in 6 different agencies in 4 years.
- NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED
- 23 That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners,
- 24 speaking on behalf of the citizens of the great City of
- 25 Detroit, expresses deep sorrow over the death of Sonya



- 1 Massey. It is crucial to secure justice for Sonya Massey,
- 2 and to take tangible steps to prevent similar incidents
- 3 in the future.
- 4 And be it further resolved that the Detroit Board of
- 5 Police Commissioners calls for the US Justice Department
- 6 through its FBI and other law enforcement divisions to
- 7 investigate and prosecute the murder of Mrs. Massey as a
- 8 hate crime based on the language used by Deputy Grayson.
- 9 I now move that we adopt this resolution to our
- 10 archives.
- 11 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: I second.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Motion made by Commissioner
- 13 Pressley, and second by commissioner Hernandez. Any
- 14 discussion?
- 15 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Yes, Mr. Chairman.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes, sir.
- 17 COMMISSIONER MOORE: I agree with that resolution a
- 18 hundred percent. I just want that same energy that we are
- 19 showing across the nation to be here in the City of
- 20 Detroit, because it's not a matter of if, it's a matter
- 21 of when. So as long as we are consistent, let's go. Thank
- 22 you,
- 23 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Got it. Any further discussion?
- 24 No further discussion. All in favor say, aye.
- 25 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.



- 1 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Anyone opposed? The motion is
- 2 carried. This meeting is adjourned.
- 3 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: A motion to adjourn.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: A motion made by Commissioner
- 5 Hernandez and supported by Commissioner Moore. Any
- 6 discussion?
- 7 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Yeah, I'm right here. Mr. Chair.
- 8 I move that we put this in the archive.
- 9 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: It is out of order. We're in
- 10 the middle of adjournment.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: We are in the middle of...
- 12 COMMISSIONER BANKS: We did adjourn though. I've
- 13 tried to catch him. I caught him...
- 14 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: And that motion was already
- 15 passed.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: It has passed. That was part of
- 17 it.
- 18 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Alright.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: The meeting is adjourned.

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21 (Meeting Adjourned at 6:14 pm)

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