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CITY OF DETROIT

10 BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS MEETING

11 October 24, 2024 at 3:00 P.M.

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1 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: The date is Thursday, October  
2 24th, 2024. The Board of Police Commissioners meeting is  
3 called to order. We do have another commissioner outside.  
4 Hopefully, if we can get one of the staff to ask him to  
5 step in so that we can get this meeting started. But in  
6 the meantime, we have Chaplain Shakaris Bennett.

7 CHAPLAIN BENNETT: Yes, sir.

8 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Can you open this up in prayer,  
9 please? Thank you.

10 CHAPLAIN BENNETT: Thank you, sir. God bless you. Can  
11 we all bow our heads? Father, in Jesus name, thank you  
12 for today, Lord God. We thank you for your manifold  
13 blessings, your mighty acts, and your excellent greatness  
14 and kindness toward us, Lord God. Lord, we gather  
15 together, Lord God, we ask you to grant us clear your  
16 thought, clarity of speech and clarity of mind as we  
17 carry out the work that you would have us to do for our  
18 city and our citizens, Lord God. Bless our mayor today,  
19 deputy mayor, Lord God. Bless our Chief of Police, oh  
20 God. Bless the entire board of the Detroit Police  
21 Commissioners, Lord God. Grant them all clarity of speech  
22 and clarity of mind today. Let us come together with  
23 cohesion, peace and harmony, and make it a hospice  
24 occasion, oh God as we carry out the work for the  
25 betterment of our community, leading God, the citizens to

1 be better citizens, oh God. Send peace to our  
2 neighborhoods, Lord. And most of all, we ask you to cease  
3 the gunfire in the gun violence in Jesus' name. But we  
4 believe all things are made possible to him that believe.  
5 These and all things we ask in Jesus' name. Thank God.  
6 Amen.

7 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Amen. Thank you very kindly,  
8 Chaplain.

9 CHAPLAIN BENNETT: Yes, sir. Back in your hands.

10 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yep. Did someone summon  
11 Commissioner Burton? Okay. All right. Yeah. At this  
12 particular time, we will go to the Secretary Report,  
13 before we go to citizen comments. Go ahead,  
14 announcements.

15 MS. GARNIER: Announcements for the week are the next  
16 board meetings and committee meetings of the Board of  
17 Police Commissioners, October 31st at 3:00 PM here at  
18 Public Safety Headquarters for November committee  
19 meeting, I'm sorry for the October 2024 committee meeting  
20 schedule. Next Tuesday, October 29th at 5:00 PM, Policy  
21 Committee Meeting, and on Wednesday, October 30th at 6:00  
22 PM is the Budget Committee Meeting. For November, the  
23 board meeting schedule is as follows: November 7th, 3:00  
24 PM at Public Safety Headquarters; Thursday, November  
25 14th, 2024, in the community at 6:30 PM, which will be at

1 Adam Butzel Recreation Center, Lyndon Street, Detroit.  
2 And on Thursday, November 21st at 3:00 PM back here at  
3 Public Safety Headquarters. And those are the  
4 announcements, sir. Mr. Chair.

5 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay. Thank you very kindly. You  
6 may introduce the commissioners.

7 MS. GARNIER: Chairperson Woods - Present.

8 MS. GARNIER: Vice Chairperson Smith -

9 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Bernard - Attorney Linda  
10 Bernard, Present, District 2. MS. GARNIER: Commissioner  
11 Banks -

12 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Bell - Present, District  
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14 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Burton - Present, District  
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16 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Moore has been excused.

17 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Dewaelsche is excused.

18 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Hernandez - Present.

19 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Pressley - Here.

20 MS. GARNIER: Five present, Sir. Did I miss someone?

21 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes. There are six present.

22 MS. GARNIER: I did?

23 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes.

24 MS. GARNIER: Oh, my goodness. I am so sorry.

25 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: We do have a quorum. Thank you

1 very kindly. I entertain a motion except to approve of  
2 the agenda.

3 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: So moved.

4 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Second.

5 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Moved by Commissioner Bernard,  
6 second by Commissioner Hernandez. All in favor say aye.

7 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

8 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Any discussion? Anyone opposed?  
9 The motion is carried. I entertain a motion for the proof  
10 of minutes October the 10th, 2024.

11 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: So moved.

12 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Second.

13 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Moved by Commissioner Bernard,  
14 second by Commissioner Hernandez. All in favor, say aye.

15 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

16 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Any discussion? Anyone opposed?  
17 The motion is carried. Introduction of the BOPC staff and  
18 Chief of Police and Elected Officials.

19 MS. GARNIER: Through the Chair, we have Chief  
20 Investigator Jerome Warfield, Mr. Robert Brown, Ms. Jonya  
21 Underwood, Ms. Teresa Blossom, Ms. Artemisia Joshua, Mary  
22 Barber, Jasmine Taylor, Felicia Tyson, Drew Fries,  
23 Investigator staff, Destini Stephaney. Our interpreters  
24 for today are Ms. Yakata and Dr. Beatty; court reporter  
25 Don Handyside, audio Sergeant Quinn, Media Services

1 video, Mr. Charles Henry, Chief of Police, James White,  
2 also Chief Fitzgerald. Additionally, we have Marie  
3 Overall, State Representative Tyrone Carter's office,  
4 Fredia Butler, president of Second Precinct Community  
5 Relations, LaDon Davis, Office of Councilman Fred Durhal  
6 III, Andrea Vaughn, Office of State Senator Santana,  
7 Lieutenant Mark Young, LSA President, Ron Thomas, DPOA  
8 Vice President and former Commissioner William Davis.

9 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Thank you very kindly. And we  
10 have the great Reverend Blount out there too. We go to  
11 the resolution, which will be read by Commissioner  
12 Pressley.

13 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Through  
14 the Chair, a resolution honoring Chief James E. White.

15 WHEREAS James E. White was appointed to the Detroit  
16 Police Department on January 8th, 1996. Upon graduation  
17 from the Detroit Metropolitan Police Academy, Police  
18 Officer White began his career in the Sixth Precinct. He  
19 was also assigned to Internal Controls; and

20 WHEREAS on October the 27, 2000, Officer White was  
21 promoted to the rank of Sergeant and reassigned to the  
22 Sixth Precinct, and later to Northwestern District IOU.  
23 Sergeant White was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant on  
24 June 1st, 2006, and assigned to the Operation Portfolio;  
25 and

1           WHEREAS on December 3rd, 2007, Lieutenant White was  
2 appointed to the rank of Commander and assigned to the  
3 Northeastern District Western District, Special Project  
4 Session Training Staff Office of the Assistant Chief of  
5 Police and Office of Civil Rights; and

6           WHEREAS Commander White was appointed to the rank of  
7 Deputy Chief on December the 20th, 2012, and reassigned  
8 to the Assistant Chief of Police Office. On February  
9 27th, 2013, Deputy Chief White was appointed to the rank  
10 of Assistant Chief of Police; after leaving in 2020 to  
11 become director of the Michigan Department of Civil  
12 Rights.

13           He returned in August of 2021, upon his appointment  
14 as Chief of Police; and

15           WHEREAS his career demonstrated a close and  
16 effective relationship with the Board of Police  
17 Commissioners, the vital role of civilian oversight of  
18 law enforcement and the Detroit community and every  
19 endeavor, Chief White always showed the utmost knowledge,  
20 expertise, and pride in being a public safety  
21 professional and a member of the Detroit Police  
22 Department; and

23           WHEREAS Chief White is a graduate of Wayne County  
24 Community College and Wayne State University, he holds an  
25 Associate's of VARs degree in general studies and a

1 Bachelor's degree in sociology with a concentration in  
2 psychology. He earned a Master's of Science and  
3 counseling from Central Michigan University. And in 2018,  
4 earned an MBA certificate from the Wayne State Leadership  
5 Academy in the Mike Illich School of Business. He is a  
6 member of the International Association of Chief of  
7 Police, and an ex-officio member of the Michigan  
8 Commission on Law Enforcement Standards.

9       **A certified, excuse me, a state certified counselor,**  
10 **he is involved with numerous organizations in the Detroit**  
11 **community where his contributions and leadership will**  
12 **continue. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**

13       **That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioner,**  
14 **speaking on behalf of the Detroit Police Department and**  
15 **the residents of the City of Detroit, recognizes and**  
16 **honors the commitment and devoted spirit of Chief James**  
17 **E. White. His organizational leadership has been an**  
18 **invaluable asset for the entire department, and his**  
19 **dedication to improving public safety in the city has**  
20 **made the department stronger and made Detroit a better**  
21 **place to live, work, and visit. We thank and congratulate**  
22 **you for a job well done, Chief James E. White. The Board**  
23 **of Police Commissioners adopted by the board on October**  
24 **the 24<sup>th</sup>, well, proposed to be adopted by the Board on**  
25 **October 24th, 2024.**



1 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: So moved.

2 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Second.

3 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: The motion was made by  
4 Commissioner Bernard, second by Commissioner Hernandez.  
5 All in favor say aye.

6 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

7 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Any discussion? Yes, ma'am.

8 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Just to mirror not only what  
9 the resolution says, but what I think everyone in this  
10 room feels and knows, and that is that Chief White, first  
11 of all, we wish you personally and professionally the  
12 best and certainly good health for you and the persons  
13 that in your family that you love. But more importantly  
14 than that, your contributions to the City of Detroit have  
15 been lifelong and to the state of Michigan. And what  
16 you're getting ready to do now is a new horizon that I'm  
17 so happy for you for; because you are a leader and an  
18 executive Par Excellence. And I know because I went to  
19 Harvard to learn how to do it. I'm just saying that to  
20 you. You exemplify all the characteristics, the  
21 integrity, the strength, the honor, the ability to see  
22 the big picture and not just focus on smaller minute  
23 issues.

24 I don't always agree with you on the things that you  
25 want to do, or that you propose, but I can say without

1 hesitation that your respect for our community, your  
2 respect for the board, and just the way you present  
3 things, is orderly. My sister would say precise and  
4 concise. So therefore, I certainly wish you the best you  
5 can count on my personal and professional support in, in  
6 your new endeavor. I think they hired the best of the  
7 best. There is no candidate that they could have hired  
8 that could possibly, even come close to your  
9 qualifications, and your personal sense of honor and  
10 responsibility. So, I congratulate you, the city loves  
11 you. Everybody I've met loves you. So therefore, I  
12 wholeheartedly endorse this resolution.

13 CHIEF WHITE: Thank you so much.

14 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yep. Any other comments? Yes,  
15 sir.

16 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Through the Chair, just very  
17 briefly; just sitting here, I think I was moved to this  
18 seat maybe three years ago, three and a half years ago,  
19 right when you were appointed. I honestly feel that I'm a  
20 better professional because of learning from you sitting  
21 next to you based on your empathy, based on your grace,  
22 how you show up every single day in the community and  
23 these meetings. So I just appreciate you.

24 CHIEF WHITE: Thank you very much, sir.

25 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yeah. Anything further? Yes.

1           COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: Thank you. Through the Chair,  
2 I had the privilege of serving as chair of this board,  
3 while you have been chief, and I have really appreciated  
4 the level of openness and transparency that you provided  
5 this board. I know that it has come with some bumpy roads  
6 and rough edges. But I think throughout you have kept  
7 what was most important to the residents at heart, which  
8 will ensure that they can have full faith and confidence  
9 in the functioning and operations of our police  
10 department. And I'm excited to see what occurs in this  
11 next chapter of your life knowing that obviously your  
12 department, our department deals with so many mental  
13 health crises and figuring out what resources might be  
14 able to bring to bear and intertwine any partnership that  
15 might exist. And so as has been said, you know, I wish  
16 you nothing but the best in your future endeavors. I pray  
17 greatly for our department. I know that's gone through a  
18 lot, and I'm sure that there's some heaviness and morale  
19 to lose such a great leader. But I know that through your  
20 tenure you have well developed capable individuals who  
21 will stand in the gap and ensure that our department  
22 continues on this array of excellency that we've been  
23 experiencing. So, again, congratulations to you.

24           CHIEF WHITE: Thank you very much.

25           CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yeah, absolutely. Any more

1 comments? Thank you. Yes, sir.

2 COMMISSIONER BELL: Chief White, I have served with,  
3 starting with Phil Canyon in '71, Chief Hart and  
4 thereafter, and quite a few police chiefs, as you well  
5 know. I had the opportunity to interact with you as  
6 Chairman on four different occasions, starting in 2014. I  
7 want to say that you've been outstanding. You have  
8 achieved a whole lot in terms of your career, and I just  
9 wish you the best. I want to say that through all my  
10 concerns of the chief of police, you went to head of the  
11 class, and thank you for your service.

12 CHIEF WHITE: Thank you very much. Any further  
13 comments? You want to go?

14 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Yeah. I want to say something.  
15 Through the Chair, Chief White, it was good serving with  
16 you, the three years I've been here, good serving with  
17 you. I really appreciate you and the number of blessings  
18 to you as you've gone on. God has closed his door here,  
19 and he's opening up a new door for you and your life, and  
20 nothing but blessing to you, and your family.

21 CHIEF WHITE: Thank you, sir.

22 COMMISSIONER BANKS: You are welcome.

23 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay. I will say that all the way  
24 up until, I think we met, yesterday, it the day before  
25 yesterday. I get caught up in the time, but in his office

1 working on policy that's concerning this community and  
2 has always kept an open door to the streets and the  
3 suites; met you when I was a strong activist out there in  
4 the streets holding police departments accountable,  
5 making sure that they get in compliance with "8 Can't  
6 Wait," in which we were able to get 10 police departments  
7 in this state in compliance with "8 Can't Wait." So we go  
8 back some ways, and your last act was a class act; and  
9 our last meeting was a very, very powerful thing.

10       And we'll be making announcements, and having  
11 discussions, robust discussion in terms of what we met  
12 about. But I want to say that thank you for sacrificing  
13 your life and putting your life on the line for the  
14 citizens of the City of Detroit. Thank you for being a  
15 leader. Thank you for even holding officers accountable.  
16 And you'd probably be one of the chiefs who would go down  
17 in history. Ron might not like this, but, you know, in  
18 terms of suspending officers without pay, you've done  
19 that. You brought that to us, and you look at those  
20 numbers. Those numbers were large numbers that you  
21 brought to us. And in some cases the board refused to go  
22 with you. I would then go with you on one occasion but  
23 you wanted to hold officers accountable.

24       And you have been very, very transparent with me,  
25 and I am looking forward to you going and serving in a

1 capacity in which you're about to serve on an even deeper  
2 level. And I'm sure that you would be a blessing to this  
3 department even over there because even officers and the  
4 community need mental health support. And so, again,  
5 thank you very kindly for your great leadership. And  
6 having said that, I will say all in favor, say, aye.

7 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

8 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: The motion is carried. Here you  
9 go, good, sir.

10 CHIEF WHITE: Thank you.

11 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yeah. Let's take a group picture.  
12 You come round. We put the senior guy here. Come on over  
13 here. Alright. And I'll go to the Chief of Police Report.

14 CHIEF WHITE: Good afternoon, honorable board. And  
15 thank you. I am honored and humbled and emotional and  
16 everything in between. And I'm just very thankful for the  
17 opportunity to serve as chief of this great city. And  
18 thank this board, each and every one of you, and those  
19 who are not in attendance for your support. You all  
20 selected me to be chief unanimously. It is just a great  
21 honor in my life and my career to have the privilege to  
22 serve this community and serve this department. We have  
23 the best police department in the country. I don't take  
24 that lightly. You mentioned suspensions without pay, and  
25 those are some of the most difficult things that you can

1 ever do as a police chief, is take a member's money from  
2 them. I've got 2,700 members that I have to keep up,  
3 right? I have to keep in a position where this community  
4 respects them. And if there's one person who challenges  
5 that respect and that continuity with the community I  
6 have to do what a chief has to do.

7       It's never easy. I don't like taking money from  
8 officers. I don't like terminating officers. But I know  
9 if we don't get that right, then the officers that are  
10 left behind, the officers that have to be out here on  
11 these streets and making these decisions are going to be  
12 questioned. I've never been a chief to say nothing to see  
13 here. I've always been the type of chief to tell you what  
14 you're looking at and explain it to the best of my  
15 ability. Sometimes we agree and sometimes we don't; and  
16 oftentimes we don't necessarily walk away with an  
17 agreement, but we walk away with an understanding. So I  
18 appreciate the board's willingness to just understand. I  
19 appreciate the unions. They fight hard. And I joke with  
20 Ron a lot. Believe it or not, Ron can joke. I know it  
21 doesn't seem like it.

22       And when he does, he rarely laughs with me, what we  
23 talk about, if I was in trouble, I would want him to  
24 represent me, because he fights hard for his members. And  
25 the same with Mark. Mark is a very passionate leader and

1 a very passionate leader of the Lieutenants and Sergeants  
2 Association. So we don't always agree, and they will be  
3 the first to tell you that. And they'll be the first to  
4 tell me that. But they're very, very diligent in their  
5 work. I just want to give you a brief report. You know,  
6 this board in 2021 allowed me to be chief. I walked into  
7 these doors with some very, very difficult numbers to  
8 overcome. At that time, our criminal homicides were up  
9 27%, our nonfatal shootings were up 44%.

10 Our sexual assaults were up 12%. Our aggravated  
11 assaults were up 29%. Our carjackings were up 23%, and  
12 our overall violent crime was up 18%. As of today, our  
13 homicides are down 19%. Our non-fatal shootings are down  
14 27%. Our robberies are down 18%. Our total part one  
15 violent crime is down 8%. And our carjackings are down  
16 27%. That's not me. That's the hardworking men and women  
17 of the Detroit Police Department. A good strategy and  
18 good leadership from my deputy chiefs and my assistant  
19 chiefs, who worked very, very hard. We should all be  
20 proud. These successes would not be possible without this  
21 community. No police department can police the community  
22 without that community's agreement. Now, is that  
23 agreement, yes, you can police me. No, but what it is, is  
24 trust in that community, is trust in that police  
25 department that allows 2,700 members to police 650,000



1 that did the census; another 200,000 that didn't.

2 It's because of these officers, and, and their  
3 constant presence in this community; it's because people  
4 like Pastor Blount, who has certainly issues with some  
5 decisions made by this agency, but in a very respectful  
6 and professional way, appear here and voice those  
7 concerns and demand the best from this police department,  
8 and others like him and yourself when you were out as an  
9 activist. And every member of this board who requires  
10 excellence from this police department. We do not take  
11 that lightly. With that, because we have had a very long  
12 presentation already, and you have the crime numbers,  
13 I'll stop there to answer any questions that this body  
14 may have for me.

15 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Any questions?

16 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: When is your last day going to  
17 be?

18 CHIEF WHITE: It looks like November 8th.

19 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: So a couple of weeks from now.

20 CHIEF WHITE: Yes.

21 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Are you immediately starting  
22 your new position, or are you going to take a break?

23 CHIEF WHITE: I constantly work. It'll be  
24 immediately, but I have to work that out when we finalize  
25 some things with DWIHN.

1 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I see.

2 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay. And yes, sir.

3 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: Yeah. So it's been a few  
4 weeks since I've been at the table, but obviously it's  
5 been a triumph of weeks for the department. And so I'm  
6 just wondering if you can share how the department is  
7 doing morale wise. I know there was an officer involved  
8 shooting another police officer. You are leaving. I know  
9 one of your officers who's currently dealing with some  
10 medical issues. So just to get a sense of how the  
11 department is.

12 CHIEF WHITE: Thank you for that, Commissioner  
13 Pressley. I knew that conversation would come up. It has  
14 been a rough year these past two weeks. We started off  
15 losing my old scout car partner Anthony Top. He died in  
16 his sleep. 51-year-old man. And you know, complications  
17 from Covid damaging his heart. We moved from that to, we  
18 know that we've got Flo Joe, Sharon Johnson, who was in  
19 the struggle of her life from a car accident, and  
20 everyone knows, and loves her. You top that with really  
21 one of the most unbelievable set of circumstances I have  
22 ever seen in my career, in my life, really with a  
23 sergeant, Sergeant Moss working at our social response  
24 team, who was struggling mentally. No one knew. We found  
25 out recently that this struggle was long-term. It was

1 ongoing and the communication just wasn't there to the  
2 police department. He had some concerns with the police  
3 department that he expressed on his last day. But they  
4 were not at a level that would bring about something like  
5 this. There were just some grievances that he had with  
6 some individuals that he worked with. And frankly, you  
7 know, he was in trauma. He was certainly in crisis. And  
8 so there really was no true logic to what he was  
9 communicating. They were just comments that we're all  
10 looking into. By the way, we've opened up an  
11 investigation, but nothing criminal, nothing ethical,  
12 nothing moral, just grievances with others. But we didn't  
13 see this coming.

14       And there were no indicators. And unfortunately two  
15 officers who will probably wear this, not probably will  
16 wear this for the rest of their lives, had to engage  
17 another officer, a supervisor in a fatal force situation  
18 where they had to use fatal force to take him down as a  
19 result of him wanting to die by police officer. He was  
20 very specific. The board will hear that when we produce  
21 the investigation in the video. But he was very vocal  
22 about his feelings towards being killed by a police  
23 officer. He was very specific as to which group he wanted  
24 that to be. I won't get into that right now. The officers  
25 were just put in a situation that, you know, no one ever

1 saw coming. They had to react.

2 I feel awful for them. But they were absolute  
3 heroes. When you see what they encountered you will agree  
4 with me. I'm very concerned about them because they now  
5 have to go forward, you know, and their trust has been  
6 violated. They're broken, obviously. And this is  
7 something that you just don't see coming. And then from a  
8 supervisor, so we'll deal with that. We're getting them  
9 the help that they need, but there's probably some help  
10 they're going to need long term that they don't even know  
11 about right now, because of the PTSD and all the things  
12 that come with what they had to deal with. The department  
13 is reeling on top of all of that. Last week, arguably one  
14 of the most popular commanders in the Detroit Police  
15 Department, and Commander Decker had a massive heart  
16 attack while attending a fundraiser. And he is also in  
17 the fight of his life. He did not have a heart rate or  
18 heartbeat, or pulse for many, many minutes. They worked  
19 on him for 15 minutes; just unbelievable. Detroit police  
20 officers are just unbelievable. Captain Duda, Captain  
21 Petty, Sergeant... I'm going to say his name. Thank you.  
22 Sergeant Kimble worked Decker for 15 minutes, so hard  
23 that Duda was concerned that he broke his ribs. And we  
24 actually had a little chuckle about that, because he did,  
25 but he's alive. And I actually talked to him Saturday.

1 He's still in critical condition and he's looking at  
2 surgery, open heart surgery in the next couple days. So a  
3 lot is going on this as the Detroit Police Department,  
4 but yet they're still showing up every single day, yet  
5 they're still responding to every police run.

6 And they're doing it like they always do with  
7 professionalism and distinction. And we should all be  
8 proud of this police department. I said to you Chairman  
9 in that meeting that you've got a good police department  
10 here, and they're showing up. They're not taking a bunch  
11 of sick days. And, you know, they're not airing their  
12 frustration on this issue. They're just confused because,  
13 everyone's just kind of like, what? No one saw this  
14 coming. So we're making sure that the officers know that  
15 there are resources available. We're making sure that  
16 officers have counselors to talk to the Office of  
17 Workplace and Community Resiliency. We're bringing  
18 everything that we can. They had something we call "Chop  
19 It Up Tuesdays," The other day where the officers were  
20 able to, a lot of officers attended to, were able to just  
21 come out and emote about what happened.

22 But what was interesting, it wasn't just that  
23 incident that they talked about. They just talked about  
24 having a place to deposit those emotions from some of the  
25 things that they see. And I thought it was a very

1 fruitful conversation. And in my new role, I'm going to  
2 make sure that I'm front and center on getting those  
3 services over here for the officers. Because I think it's  
4 necessary, not just the community, but the officers are  
5 part of the community, right? I mean, whether they  
6 physically live in it or not, they're part of the  
7 community of Detroit because of the work that they do. So  
8 we're going to make sure that we got those resources over  
9 here for the officers. So, that's the report; it's a lot.

10 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: Thank you. And so, to follow  
11 up, if I may, through the Chair you know, obviously just  
12 immense pressures that the department is under. And, you  
13 know, again, my prayers go out to all of the families who  
14 have been impacted, the officers as well. But again, from  
15 the civilian oversight point of view, obviously when one  
16 is under that kind of emotional distress there's a  
17 likelihood that, you know, demeanor might become more of  
18 an issue, maybe more short in dealing with citizens  
19 because of all that they're dealing with. And so, I just  
20 wonder if there are any kind of communications that has  
21 been happening so that officers are sensitive to the fact  
22 that, yeah, you might be going through a lot, but you  
23 know, when you engage with citizens, whether it's a  
24 traffic stop or the light, there's still an expectation  
25 of how we do business.

1 CHIEF WHITE: Absolutely. We had our CompStat meeting  
2 this morning, and then as part of CompStat, we have a  
3 risk assessment. So we don't just do crime, we don't just  
4 do case notes. We do the whole picture. And one of the  
5 components of CompStat is how are the officers  
6 performing, interacting with the citizens today? One of  
7 the reports that we got is 100% compliance and body  
8 camera. Now, you know our compliance rate, as conveyed to  
9 us by the federal government, is greater than 94%. We  
10 raised that bar, it is now 100% because, you know, you,  
11 you need all incidents caught on body cameras. And the  
12 department has performed for the past three months at  
13 100% compliance and body camera usage.

14 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Give them a hand, Reverend  
15 Blount.

16 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: It might be premature.

17 CHIEF WHITE: But that's okay. But we tested it, and  
18 we looked at those numbers and that report is available  
19 to this board. In fact, we can send it over. But that's  
20 internal testing, right? The other thing that we looked  
21 at is citizens' complaints. And right now we've got a 40%  
22 reduction over the same period of time, the last testing  
23 period, which was 30 days ago. So I don't want to  
24 misrepresent that. It's not over the year; every 30 days  
25 we test this. And over the last 30 days, we've seen a

1 significant reduction in citizen complaints. Now, this  
2 testing period doesn't represent this incident. We'll  
3 look at that again in the next couple weeks to see if the  
4 department has changed as a result of it. But I give you  
5 that, that data set to illustrate that we are constantly  
6 aware of how we're performing with the community.

7       And the assistant chiefs, the deputy chiefs, they're  
8 constantly engaging the officers. The command teams are  
9 constantly engaging the officers to make sure not just  
10 that they're performing, but they're upright in that  
11 performance, that they're not suffering emotionally.  
12 These officers see things that people shouldn't see. You  
13 look at our homicide team, you know, it's not like on  
14 television; they don't get 15 minutes and get to go home  
15 and have laughs. They're at those scenes for hours and  
16 hours and hours, and they're investigating that body and  
17 they're seeing this stuff over and over and over again  
18 day in and day out. It takes its toll. There's a book out  
19 called "The Body Keeps the Score," and it does, your body  
20 knows what you're seeing; your body reacts, your emotions  
21 react to it.

22       And so we make sure that the officers get what they  
23 need, but we don't do a good enough job. And what's  
24 evident is when you have officers that are struggling,  
25 and so we're doing everything we can, but we're going to



1 do more. And we're very responsive when an officer comes.  
2 So we've had a few recently that came to us and said, I'm  
3 struggling. And we don't broadcast that, but we get them  
4 the help that they need. We don't take money out of their  
5 pocket to give them that help. We put them off sick, but  
6 we pay for it. And we're not going to fight them on if  
7 they say I'm still struggling, but they don't have the  
8 corresponding sick time. I'm going to make sure, and the  
9 department's going to make sure and my successor's going  
10 to make sure that they have the support that they need.

11 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: Thank you.

12 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yep. Commissioner Bernard, then  
13 Banks.

14 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Chief, the sergeant who was  
15 killed, as you pointed out, very graphically,  
16 unfortunately. I assume his family will get his full  
17 pension and he will be buried with honors, like other  
18 officers?

19 CHIEF WHITE: He will get, by policy the funeral that  
20 is prescribed for those who commit suicide.

21 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I didn't understand you, I'm  
22 sorry.

23 CHIEF WHITE: So, we have very specific policies as  
24 it relates to types of funerals, line of duty, not line  
25 of duty, retired, suicide. And he will get the one that

1 corresponds with his circumstance.

2 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Well, there would be line of  
3 duty suicide, wouldn't it?

4 CHIEF WHITE: There's no line of duty suicide.

5 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: It would not?

6 CHIEF WHITE: There is none. There is no policy on  
7 this.

8 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: To me, he should, because of  
9 the references that you made to his mental health and  
10 what was happening with him. Clearly he wasn't himself.  
11 So he was ill at the time this occurred. And if he was  
12 ill at the time it occurred, it seems to me that he  
13 should get the full benefit of everything because of his,  
14 what? 22 years of service?

15 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: Mr. Chair, I'm sorry to  
16 interrupt. Is there a way that this conversation might be  
17 better had through email, or the, like, just out of  
18 specificity to the families that might...?

19 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes. Just for the families, you  
20 know, the open and public talk about it.

21 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: But it is your right to ask..

22 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: It is your right to ask. We are  
23 just asking you to consider the family, you know, that  
24 this is a public domain. Well, what I'm saying is the  
25 sensitive nature of this is not the proper forum, but

1 could agree with us?

2 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: No, I don't agree because --

3 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay. But I can't stifle what you  
4 have to say. You can... what?

5 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: That's what it is.

6 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay. Well, I'm saying to you...  
7 Are you done?

8 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I'm done.

9 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay, thank you. That's all we  
10 ask. So, Commissioner Banks.

11 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Through the Chair.

12 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes.

13 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Through the Chair, Chief White,  
14 there was a case some years ago Mario Willis versus the  
15 Detroit Police Department, and there was a detective on  
16 that case that committed misconduct and Mr. Willis was  
17 sent to prison. Is there any kind of way where that case  
18 can be revisited or, I talked to someone from DPD, or  
19 whatever, because I'm advocating for the family; the  
20 family called me up and I'm advocating for the family,  
21 and the family wants some help. They want some answers.  
22 Is there anybody, a supervisor of something that the  
23 family can talk to or I can talk to, or if we can get  
24 more clarity on this situation, some type of  
25 documentation on this situation, if we could, Chief.

1 CHIEF WHITE: Through the Chair. If the conduct  
2 corresponds with the conviction, obviously there's the  
3 Conviction Integrity Unit. If the conduct is independent,  
4 and has no consequence, it'd be a little bit more  
5 challenging. But we can work with you. If you could give  
6 the name to the assistant chief, he's going to be taking  
7 over for me; Assistant Chief Fitzgerald, and we can  
8 research the information and get back to you. It may be  
9 something that you direct to the prosecutor, if you think  
10 that the conviction should be overturned, there's a  
11 process for that. If you think that the misconduct led to  
12 the conviction, there is a process for that as well.

13 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Okay. Thank you.

14 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Who's taking over from you?

15 CHIEF WHITE: It'll be announced Friday.

16 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Okay.

17 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yep. Any other questions? No  
18 other questions. We thank you, Chief, and we'll keep you  
19 in our prayers.

20 CHIEF WHITE: Thank you very much. Thank you.

21 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Go to oral communications.

22 MS. UNDERWOOD: Thank you, Mr. Chair. We have eight  
23 speakers. I'll call the first four at this time. The  
24 first speaker will be Minister Eric Blount, followed by  
25 Ms. Bernie Smith, then Ms. Fredia Butler and Mr. Jahdante

1 Smith.

2 MINISTER BLOUNT: Good afternoon board. I'm Minister  
3 Eric Blount from Sacred Heart Catholic Church here in  
4 Detroit. I'm a lifelong Detroiter.

5 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Good afternoon.

6 MINISTER BLOUNT: At least once a month and sometimes  
7 once a week, some defense attorney, investigative  
8 reporter, or the Conviction Integrity Unit reveals some,  
9 mostly black men who have been wrongly convicted, finally  
10 get released from prison. But I blame a lot of this on  
11 one of the most significant things I think Chief White  
12 has done during his tenure as Chief. And that was the  
13 2022 Union contract. In it, it clearly states that an  
14 officer's disciplinary history cannot be used in a  
15 determination for their promotion. That's a built-in  
16 system to promote bad cops. So what do you expect? And  
17 this second most significant thing is his ridiculous 45-  
18 day body cam release delay. He didn't do it for Hakeem  
19 Littleton; that was released the same day, and then the  
20 July, 7th block party video, even though it wasn't a  
21 police use of force, he still released it way sooner than  
22 the 45-days. No. So that's why the Coalition for Police  
23 Transparency and Accountability is calling for a city  
24 ordinance that releases body-worn camera footage within  
25 seven days. Seven days is what we hope will be too short

1 of a time for any video footage to be manipulated.

2 No, and you shouldn't be surprised why we say we are  
3 pushing for an ordinance. An ordinance is city law and it  
4 supersedes everything else. The time wasted on policies  
5 on this board of police commissioners is just a joke,  
6 because their disciplinary history cannot be used even in  
7 their promotion. So your policies have no teeth at all.  
8 For the officer who wanted to kill himself by members of  
9 his own unit, you have to really think deeply about what  
10 that really means about what's going on in the Detroit  
11 Police Department.

12 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: I think that's your time.

13 MINISTER BLOUNT: 55 seconds, brother. Come on, man.  
14 No, you're right.

15 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Please get the clock right when  
16 we have it up here, you know, because it tricked me. Next  
17 speaker. Always great with oral comments, though.

18 MS. SMITH: [Audio not clear].

19 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes, ma'am.

20 FEMALE SPEAKER: Thank you.

21 MS. SMITH: Good afternoon to my police  
22 commissioners.

23 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Good afternoon.

24 MS. SMITH: I've been gone a couple of weeks, but  
25 I've been keeping up with what's going on. You know, I

1 don't have a problem with the reverend coming here and  
2 being in attendance, but when you constantly come every  
3 week...

4 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Address the Chair, please?

5 MS. SMITH: Address the Chair, the whole committee.

6 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay? Through the Chair.

7 MS. SMITH: ... every day, every week and complain and  
8 complain about the police department that's out here  
9 giving their lives for all of us, but you don't have a  
10 solution. I don't mind him complaining. But why don't you  
11 have a solution? I know of any minister on the pulpit  
12 that talks against the police department as that young  
13 man does, or that man or the minister. And it's sad. I am  
14 sick and tired of listening to it, and I'm sure you are,  
15 but you just don't say anything. But anyway, we're going  
16 to bless him and pray for him because no minister that I  
17 know of that's in the City of Detroit talks against the  
18 police department like he does. In the meantime, I want  
19 each and every one of you to realize that the police  
20 department itself is risking their lives for us every  
21 day.

22 I tell you that every time I come. And you have to  
23 appreciate what they're doing. At least tell them one day  
24 that we love you, you know, one of these days. because I  
25 do that when I see them. And the fact that we have a

1 commissioner that does not have any recognition of how  
2 important you are, but is constantly being negative in  
3 regards to coming in here to vote. I just want you to  
4 realize there are other people in the city that are  
5 looking at us and they're wondering what we are going to  
6 do better than what we're doing. But I think you're doing  
7 the best you can with what you have. But just continue to  
8 do the right thing. And I want all my police to know I  
9 love them because I always tell them when I see them,  
10 they're doing a hell of a good job risking their lives.

11 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Time. Thank you. Next.

12 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Through the Chair.

13 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yeah.

14 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Where's your mallet?

15 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: I didn't bring it. I am not  
16 bringing it back.

17 COMMISSIONER BANKS: It gives you more power.

18 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: I have to start keeping it here.  
19 You may be heard.

20 MS. BUTLER: Good afternoon. Wake up sleeping giants.  
21 I call out to you to wake up, not a physical sleep, but  
22 to use your minds. You have the power to really make a  
23 difference in this city. Instead, you are not  
24 representing us. I have observed poor attendants,  
25 Commissioners Burton, and Bell at different times,



1 walking out to keep from having a quorum and Commissioner  
2 Willie Burton sitting in the lobby instead of taking his  
3 seat at the table and even being argumentative with the  
4 Chair. Some of you come not dressed to take care of  
5 business, which disrespects your position as a  
6 commissioner and disrespects the people you represent. As  
7 I have stated before, there are too many officers living  
8 outside of the city. I know you will say that that's the  
9 law, and that can be changed too. We have been  
10 gerrymandered, redistrict, and we don't have fair  
11 representation. I believe if officers lived in the city,  
12 they would be more helpful in maintaining a clean and  
13 safe community. The mayor or any politician should not be  
14 living outside of the city, district, state, or any area  
15 they represent. The president cannot live in another  
16 country and represent the United States of America.  
17 Commissioners don't have one issue, though. Giants are  
18 powerful. You can think and do more than one thing at a  
19 time. Thank you.

20 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Thank you very kindly. Next.

21 MR. SMITH: Good afternoon.

22 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Good afternoon.

23 MR. SMITH: I just want to say to you, Chair, I don't  
24 appreciate you telling me that I'm making threats to you,  
25 and then trying to be buddy-buddy, when you see me in the

1 community; don't be not like that. I also want to talk  
2 about Deputy Chief Hope. She's going to be getting a  
3 complaint from me. I gave her ample chance to apologize.  
4 She tried to drag my name through the mud at an event  
5 with a mother who has a murdered grandson, and I've  
6 worked with mothers who have murdered children. And to  
7 say that I was disrespectful to that grandmother made no  
8 sense. If a mother stops me, and I have her number, I'll  
9 make sure I bring her one of these Thursdays, so she can  
10 come and speak about her experience with Marshall to...  
11 Anyway, she can speak of her experience with Marshall  
12 Bullock, who she was talking about.

13 Marshall Bullock has nothing to do with Jahdante  
14 Smith; doesn't sound anything alike. I also want to say,  
15 I'll be meeting with Thirkill. We'll be getting that  
16 meeting with Thirkill. I want to see him. And also, I'm  
17 just so happy to see the presiding chief leave. Also, I  
18 want to say that you, Darryl Woods, said that you don't  
19 have a lot of power on this board. The speaker before  
20 just said otherwise. You have so much power and you are  
21 using that power unjustly. You are cutting other  
22 commissioners off; you're being very disrespectful.  
23 That's why I gave you the moniker officer, because you're  
24 very disrespectful to a lot. I'm not going to even name,  
25 but you know who you're very disrespectful to on this

1 board. And you're an appointee. You were not vested  
2 interest by the people you were not voted in. You were  
3 appointed by your buddy, right?

4 So I want to say you need to clean it up. Also, this  
5 board is made to address officer misconduct. I understand  
6 we have a lot of officers who have different things  
7 they're dealing with, but my thing is, there's mental  
8 health issues going on. And we have a chief who's going  
9 to a mental health agency, and they're killing not only  
10 officers with mental health issues, but civilians as  
11 well, who are going through a crisis. We have a mental  
12 health unit who seem to not be responding. We have people  
13 like Sherman Butler, who are going through a mental  
14 health crisis or whatever they may be going through. And  
15 we're getting regular officers, and they're either  
16 shooting to kill, letting other people shoot to kill or  
17 not maintaining situations. Some officers do a good job,  
18 but we are here to talk about the ones who don't do a  
19 good job. We are not saying all officers are bad, we're  
20 saying some officers are bad. And this is where we come  
21 and talk about it, not to glorify the people who we think  
22 are doing good.

23 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Thank you. Next.

24 MS. UNDERWOOD: We will go with the next three  
25 speakers in the room, and then we'll go onto Zoom. The

1 next speaker will be Ms. Glenda McGadney, Ms. Williams  
2 and Mr. Dana Lund.

3 MS. McGadney: Good afternoon, everybody.

4 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: You may be heard.

5 MS. McGadney: I want to say, I thank Mr. Darryl  
6 Woods. On three or four occasions, when I was telling...

7 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Excuse me; excuse me.

8 MS. McGadney: I'm starting to talk. Thank you, young  
9 man.

10 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Restart her time, please. Hold  
11 on. Restart her time. Thank you. Go ahead.

12 MS. McGadney: On three or four occasions, Mr. Darryl  
13 Woods tried to assist me in so far as dealing with mental  
14 illness in my neighborhood. And then this past Sunday,  
15 I'm sure all of you heard on the news about the lady who  
16 killed her son and then killed herself. Those are  
17 relatives of mine. Mental illness is a real issue with  
18 many of us. And Mr. Darryl Woods pointed me to some  
19 police officers and they were supposed to do a follow up  
20 call with me, but that never happened. That was on at  
21 least four occasions. You did your job, but they didn't  
22 do a follow up with me. I want to let everybody know  
23 there's HOPE, not hand cut. Some of you already know  
24 about this. It's the 1-833-202-HOPE. 833-202-HOPE. And  
25 the crisis intervention car will come out if you call 911

1 and tell them that it's a mental illness issue. This  
2 coming Tuesday, I will be going to court along with my  
3 neighbor, dealing with this individual who's been in our  
4 neighborhood for a number of years and even assaulted  
5 someone. And this has been ongoing. So this is a real  
6 issue, and we need to make sure that we get the health  
7 Department involved, as well as know numbers, and other  
8 individuals along with the prayer. Thank you.

9 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Thank you. And can we get an  
10 officer to work with her?

11 MS. WILLIAMS: I'm glad to see the clock is up there.  
12 Through the Chair. Yes. I've been complaining about  
13 officers living in shelters. So I've come to realize a  
14 lot of people in this room, and I cannot say everyone in  
15 this room, but there are, a lot of people sitting at  
16 these tables are fully aware of what's going on. I  
17 understand you guys cannot discriminate when you hire a  
18 person, but your birth certificate and your social  
19 security card is going to tell you what you were when you  
20 were born. So if you decide to identify yourself as a  
21 woman, but you are still a man and living in women's  
22 shelters, it's a problem. So HR, we are going to start  
23 there. So if you guys do your job correctly and  
24 investigate, like you should investigate, like you said  
25 on the back of this, the oversight of police officers and

1 what your job is; and you guys should contact certain law  
2 enforcement agencies. You are not doing that. I've been  
3 complaining about this for a long time, but I did not  
4 know the severity of how many officers do live in these  
5 facilities and taking advantage of this. The homeless  
6 shelter is for homeless people, not for people that make  
7 50 plus a year and can afford rent. And it's an overflow.  
8 Regular people, homeless people, have been sleeping in  
9 these facilities for over seven weeks, sleeping in  
10 chairs, while police officers are taking us space for  
11 homeless people, it is getting ready to get cold. This is  
12 not acceptable. So you guys need to get off your behinds  
13 and do your job correctly and comply with the law, not  
14 calling in favors and continuing to cover up and acting  
15 like there are no officers that live in these facilities;  
16 that's been in there for a quite a long time. And there  
17 are high ranking people there too. And I'm very upset and  
18 disappointed with the system, where officers continue to  
19 conspire to cover up illegal activities, which is  
20 conspiracy. Have a great day.

21 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Thank you. Next.

22 MS. UNDERWOOD: Yes, sir.

23 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: You may be heard.

24 MR. LUND: My name is Mr. Dana Lund. One thing I want  
25 to complain about is every time I do come up here, and I

1 have come up here multiple times. In the neighborhood of  
2 Waltham Street on the Eastside right here. The Ninth  
3 Precinct has never been straightened out. Officer Wade,  
4 Officer Kaczynski and Officer Gardner. They are within  
5 the Community Relations Offices. They never came around  
6 and took care of any of the business that I called in  
7 about. There's a young man at 19518 Waltham who is  
8 running a junkyard business. And every time I called in  
9 about it, they did nothing about it. He just keeps  
10 trashing the neighborhood. Why is it that you guys cannot  
11 straighten out that neighborhood? He has junk cars at  
12 19515; he has junk cars at 19510, and he's parking them  
13 all in the neighborhood. He's downgrading my neighborhood  
14 that I paid for, two houses in that neighborhood. And  
15 then there's a lady at 19523.

16 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Excuse me, sir; excuse me.

17 MR. LUND: You are going to hold my time?

18 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Excuse me. Excuse me.

19 MR. LUND: I'm sorry.

20 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Please don't say addresses on the  
21 public record. Go ahead.

22 MR. LUND: I didn't mean to use profanity, but...

23 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Excuse me, sir. I don't think you  
24 heard me correctly. Please do not use addresses on...

25 MR. LUND: Oh, the addresses are empty houses.

1 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay. Alright.

2 MR. LUND: And that's where he has the junk cars.

3 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay. All right. Give him, give  
4 him 20 more seconds, in addition.

5 MR. LUND: And these are where he is storing these  
6 junk cars sitting right there, and it's bringing my  
7 neighborhood down. I can't even sell my house. And that's  
8 bringing me, bringing my property down. So what am I  
9 supposed to do? And every time I call this Officer Wade,  
10 he comes out there and, at a community meeting, he  
11 indicates that he was never called out there.

12 Now, Pilfer was the commissioner and he said it  
13 right there in front of Officer Pilfer. I hope I'm  
14 stating his name correctly. But what is it that they want  
15 to do? They're not going to do anything about it. And  
16 number nine has always been a precinct that doesn't do  
17 their job.

18 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay, thank you. We have an  
19 officer to work with you, to talk  
20 with you.

21 MR. LUND: Who can I give this statement to?

22 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: They're going to talk with you  
23 right there.

24 MR. LUND: I wanted to give this to the commissioner.

25 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Can you ask him to follow up



1 with us? Officer? What happened?

2 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yep. Assistant Chief, Fitzgerald.

3 Can you make sure that the officer follows up with the  
4 board as to what is the action taken with this gentleman?

5 AC FITZGERALD: I took all four addresses down. So  
6 we'll address it, we'll get it taken care of.

7 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Alright. Yeah. Make sure it's  
8 reported back to the board. Yep. Alright,

9 MS. UNDERWOOD: Mr. Chair, we're going to go into  
10 Zoom. We have four speakers in Zoom. Our first speaker  
11 will be Election Roo, then we'll go to Marguerite Maddox,  
12 Taura Brown, and former Commissioner William Davis.

13 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: You may be heard.

14 ELECTION INTEGRITY ROO: Well actually, the name is  
15 Election Integrity Roo. It should have come across on the  
16 board. Can you hear me clearly?

17 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: We hear you clearly.

18 ELECTION INTEGRITY ROO: First off, I want to send a  
19 big, big, big shout out to the departing chief, James E.  
20 White. A standup man, faced with a request. He made a  
21 tough call considering what was requested and the death  
22 of Kaniesha Coleman. He called the Michigan State Police  
23 to do a review investigation of his DPD case 20-112, the  
24 death of Kaniesha Coleman, not a suicide death. Now, you  
25 yourself, Darryl Woods, after the board voted to subpoena

1 the report, the next morning you went in and you told the  
2 acting secretary to not start the subpoena process,  
3 instead sent a letter over to the Michigan State Police,  
4 and they subsequently returned a redacted version of the  
5 report. And you yourself said that the Michigan State  
6 Police told you that it was a suicide as well as  
7 Assistant Chief Fitzgerald.

8 He said that it was a suicide and he was told it was  
9 a suicide too. You all are both lying. And I say that  
10 because if there is a Michigan State police officer that  
11 told you all that it was a suicide, he lied. Now, to you  
12 Darryl Woods, and I want to give a salute to the chief  
13 for being a standup. I wouldn't be able to ascertain what  
14 it is I have ascertained Now to you, Darryl Woods, the  
15 next time Mark McLeod calls you, take the call and tell  
16 him, Ruben; Rub with the waves told you to smoke dick  
17 publicly. What does he say?

18 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: All right. Second to that for us  
19 Mr. Attorney, in terms of what type of violations that  
20 is, in terms of and yeah. Next caller.

21 MS. MADDUX: I would like to take make a comment  
22 about the officer [unclear]. But there is way that they  
23 will become [unclear]. It be that you, I don't care if  
24 you are, [unclear]. I never believed that I would be  
25 walking with a walker. I never dreamed that. But parts of

1 my disability, that I know how to deal with [unclear] by  
2 myself. But for those who may not know this, I have  
3 family members with mental illness, so I know how to deal  
4 with mental illness. So please take it seriously and God  
5 bless you. And all of those who are listening, please  
6 take this seriously. I'm done. Thank you. And God bless  
7 you all.

8 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Thank you. Next caller.

9 MS. BROWN: Good afternoon board. This is Taura  
10 Brown. I just wanted to say, I understand that some  
11 people don't like the comments that are said here, but I  
12 do want to uplift the fact that, you know, it is a good  
13 thing that Minister Blount is not out here just praising  
14 the police. This is an oversight board and that's what's  
15 supposed to go on here. There's no platform for civilians  
16 to go on the news and talk about the experiences that  
17 they're having with the police. This is where they do it.  
18 The other thing I wanted to uplift is, you all can do a  
19 better job working on the way you all treat each other up  
20 there. The world is watching and you all up there  
21 clowning and cutting each other off and yelling back and  
22 forth. It's just not a good look. And there's a lot of  
23 misogyny going on there. You know, I don't know if  
24 Commissioner Smith is quiet because she's just a quiet  
25 person.

1 I don't know if she's quiet because she's being shut  
2 down. I don't know. I do know that Commissioner Bernard  
3 is very vocal and you know this; she is one of the more  
4 vocal ones. And no, everyone doesn't always agree with  
5 what she says, but there's a lot of stuff that she's  
6 saying that needs to be heard and a lot of things that  
7 people are agreeing with and she's being shut down before  
8 she can even say them. And although I understand earlier  
9 in the conversation about the questions that she was  
10 asking, there are people that want to know. I  
11 particularly wasn't clear on how funerals were handled.  
12 So that was something I wanted to know. And this is a  
13 public forum. The same way you all are going to go on  
14 these emails and discuss that. Anybody from the public  
15 that wants to hear it can send a FOIA request for that  
16 email to see what you all are talking about. As far as  
17 that funeral arrangement goes, I think sometimes you all  
18 forget that that process exists. Speaking of which, you  
19 know, Chief White, congratulations on your promotion and  
20 it's nice to see you going on to whatever it is that you  
21 want to do. However, I remember you saying that in  
22 Sherman Butler's case, the reason we weren't getting the  
23 videos is because of Kim worthy. So whose fault is it  
24 that the FOIAs are not being responded to, because I've  
25 sent over 20 of them and they've all been denied. Thank

1 you.

2 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Thank you. Next caller. Any other  
3 caller? You, sir.

4 COMMISSIONER BANKS: I have one really quickly, Mr.  
5 Chair. I want to say this with no disrespect or anything  
6 to you. I want to let you know I love you, but you set  
7 the tone of this board. You are the Chairman, and you set  
8 the tone on how the day goes. You set the tone of  
9 everything. So I just want to let you know that.

10 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: And you say that to say what?

11 COMMISSIONER BANKS: I just want to let you know, you  
12 set the tone, you're the Chairman.

13 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yeah, absolutely.

14 COMMISSIONER BANKS: You know, when people call in  
15 with comments like that; you set the tone.

16 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Well, and the tone is said that  
17 we are going to operate by the Robert Rules of order and  
18 that we are going to respect people and get it right. And  
19 every commissioner is given due deference and has the  
20 ability to communicate and talk anytime they want to talk  
21 within the rules. And so if we go outside of Robert Rules  
22 of order, and disregard that, then we have chaos. I don't  
23 agree that, for the most part, I think that this  
24 commission has tightened its reins, and is doing much  
25 better than previous years in terms of chaos. And so we

1 have to learn to respect each other, operate in dignity,  
2 and also operate within the rules. And so there's not one  
3 time any commissioner who wanted to say something didn't  
4 have an opportunity to say it within the rules. And so  
5 we're going to continue to respect that. And then we're  
6 going to also make sure that we put proper and accurate  
7 information as we have it out to the community, you know?  
8 And so because we cannot put out misinformation, we can't  
9 say someone was murdered and they weren't murdered, or we  
10 don't have any evidence that they were murdered, you  
11 know, we can't do those types of things. We have to stay  
12 within the confines of the information that we have, and  
13 within the Robert Rules of order. You may be heard.

14 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Just quickly. A young lady  
15 made reference to FOIA requests being denied. Chief  
16 Fitzgerald, can you give us a list? And I know that you  
17 have a vast legal department. Can you give us a list of  
18 the FOIA requests that have first sampled this year and  
19 what's been granted and what's been denied? Because  
20 people file for your request in order to make information  
21 public or to get information and the facts. And if  
22 they're being denied in the way that she tended to  
23 suggest, I think we need to look into it and I'd  
24 appreciate that maybe within two weeks. Is that okay?

25 AC FITZGERALD: Yes, ma'am.

1 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Thank you so much.

2 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Alright. Thank you. Commissioner  
3 and commissioner.

4 COMMISSIONER SMITH: Yes. Through the Chair. Just in  
5 response to the previous caller. Yeah, Commissioner Smith  
6 is pretty quiet sitting on this board, but I am watching  
7 everything. I am based in this community, probably more  
8 than any commissioner that I see on this board. And not  
9 to diminish the value of anyone, I'm advocating for all  
10 of you. I also am one of the commissioners that was on  
11 the scene the day of Sherman Lee Butler. So, I'm very  
12 aware of what's going on and I'm waiting, just like you  
13 all. I'm watching everything. I'm not argumentative, I'm  
14 not going back and forth with anyone, but please be  
15 assured, I am paying attention and I am watching it all.  
16 Thank you.

17 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Are you being held against your  
18 will, or has someone put a muzzle on your mouth and..

19 COMMISSIONER SMITH: Absolutely.

20 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Go ahead, Commissioner.

21 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: Through the Chair. Again to  
22 respond to the last public commenter and to express any  
23 apologies necessary to Commissioner Bernard. My intent  
24 was not to censure her, or to prevent her from sharing  
25 what needed to be known. It was just a matter of

1 sensitivity around the conversation. And it was not an  
2 attempt to keep the public from being aware of the  
3 different categories, just trying to get us to be  
4 thoughtful about whether or not it's the correct medium.  
5 So again, I do apologize if that came off as  
6 misogynistic. It wasn't my intention. It was only to  
7 again, have us to consider whether or not this was the  
8 best setting for that type of question, noting the  
9 sensitivities we were dealing with.

10 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yeah. And be clear that these two  
11 women and the three women that we have on the commission,  
12 they are very, very strong women who stand up for  
13 themselves, are very, very vocal. And I have a lot of  
14 love and affection for both of them; all three of them,  
15 and she and I may not agree on everything, but we talk,  
16 laugh and strategize a whole lot. So there's no woman on  
17 this commission who is going to be disrespected or  
18 disregarded in any shape, form or fashion, and they  
19 wouldn't allow it anyway. You know, she's a lawyer. She's  
20 serious; she's a lawyer. But any more public comments.

21 MS. UNDERWOOD: Our last speaker is former  
22 Commissioner William Davis.

23 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Alright.

24 MR. DAVIS: Good evening. Can I be heard?

25 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Mr. Davis? Yes, sir.



1 MR. DAVIS: Okay. I'd like to start off by saying  
2 that I was very pleased with the last two political  
3 events I went to. One for Obama and one for the vice  
4 president. And I'm also looking forward to continuing  
5 police presence to make sure everything is nice and safe  
6 for people voting in various places that they are voting.  
7 Also, I would like to see more commissioners. Like  
8 yesterday I went to an event that Commissioner Moore had  
9 over at Wendy's at Grand River and Livernois. I think  
10 more commissioners should be doing community events. I  
11 know Commissioner Burton has been doing them for years.  
12 But I think more commissioners should be doing that. And  
13 meeting one-on-one with the public and just talking and  
14 exchanging and letting people know that you all are  
15 approachable and you all are listening. I think sometimes  
16 some people do not like coming down to public safety for  
17 a number of reasons.

18 I also, I think there's a greater need to make sure  
19 that people are aware that they have the opportunity to  
20 call in or to come down there and express concerns they  
21 have with the police department. I wish Chief White well,  
22 and I think, perhaps he could also do a lot to help.  
23 There are some mental challenges with the community at  
24 large and with the police department. Also, I agree with  
25 Ms. Butler, and that a greater effort should be made to

1 try to encourage more Detroit police officers to live in  
2 the city. I think it's horrible that over 75% of the  
3 police officers live outside the city and over 90% of the  
4 commanding officers live outside the city. That makes  
5 Detroit look like it's an occupied city. Thank you.

6 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Thank you very kindly. We did  
7 announcements; a report from the board of secretary. We  
8 did that, right?

9 MS. GARNIER: Yes, sir.

10 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yep. Alright let's go to a new  
11 business. It's a closed session. This is..

12 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I have a new business.

13 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: No, we'll do that after this. The  
14 new business, the closed session pursuant to Section 8...

15 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: It's an announcement. Mr.  
16 Chair. Everyone's here. Because after we go into a closed  
17 session, people will be gone.

18 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Oh, go ahead.

19 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Just an announcement.

20 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Go ahead.

21 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Quickly. I urge you to look at  
22 our website this week. Next week the Policy Committee is  
23 meeting on Tuesday, and on Thursday we're going to make a  
24 report. We have about seven or eight policies that we are  
25 going to propose that the Board of Police Commissioners

1 approve. And then they'll be sent, obviously to the  
2 department. Number one. I want you to look at those. But  
3 number two, one of the things that has been brought to my  
4 attention by the young woman. Felicia, please stand up so  
5 people will know who you are. She is the new policy  
6 manager for the board. She has done a spreadsheet. I'm  
7 going to put that online too that tells you how many  
8 policies and it is information for the public; which  
9 policies have expired; which policies are currently  
10 effective. So you'll have, whatever it's called; I call  
11 them a windshield, but it's called a dashboard. I'm sorry  
12 for what is current and what is not. And I urge you to  
13 engage with us and let us know what you think about the  
14 ones that are current, the ones that are expired. We've  
15 got a lot of work to do. More than 38 have expired. So I  
16 just want you to be aware of where we're going. So you  
17 and your families can familiarize yourself with police  
18 policies and procedures so that when something happens to  
19 you or your family, you will know how to address it.  
20 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

21 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Commissioner Hernandez.

22 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Thank you. Through the  
23 Chair. I'll make a motion to move to closed session  
24 pursuant to Section 8 (a) of the Open Meeting Act MCL  
25 15268(a). The department's request for the board to

1 consider administrative leave without pay, but with  
2 medical benefits for police Officer Mory Sangare, Badge  
3 3511 assigned to the Ninth Precinct.

4 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Second.

5 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Motion made by Commissioner  
6 Hernandez to go into closed session; second by  
7 Commissioner Bernard. All the favors say aye.

8 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

9 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Any discussion? Anyone opposed?  
10 The motion is carried. This is a four-minute recess.

11 (Whereupon the Board Entered into Closed Session)

12 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Alright. October 24th. 2024. It  
13 is 4:59. The Board of Police Commissioners is out of  
14 closed session. We are back in open session. Call the  
15 roll, please?

16 MS. GARNIER: Chairperson Woods - Present.

17 MS. GARNIER: Vice Chairperson Smith - Present.

18 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Bernard - Present.

19 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Banks - Present.

20 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Bell - Present.

21 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Burton - Present.

22 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Carter -

23 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Moore is excused.

24 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Hernandez - Present.

25 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Pressley - Here.

1 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Dewaelsche is excused.

2 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: We have a quorum?

3 MS. GARNIER: Yes, sir.

4 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Introduction of staff. Oh, oh no,  
5 we have to do that, right? Alright. Commissioner  
6 Hernandez, what's your pleasure?

7 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Thank you, sir. Through the  
8 Chair. I'll make a motion to head into close session  
9 pursuant to Section 8(a) of the Open Meeting Act, MCL  
10 1526(a). The department's request for the board to  
11 consider administrative leave without pay, but with  
12 medical benefits for Police Officer Scott Mackenzie.  
13 Badge 3284 assigned to the Eighth Precinct.

14 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Motion made by Commissioner  
15 Hernandez, anyone second? COMMISSIONER SMITH: Second.

16 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Second by Commissioner Smith. Any  
17 discussion? All in favor say aye.

18 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

19 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Anyone opposed? The motion is  
20 carried. This is a two-minute recess.

21 (Whereupon the Board Entered into Closed Session)

22 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: All right. Meeting called to  
23 order. It is October 24th, 2024, at 5:35. This meeting is  
24 back in session. Please call the roll.

25 MS. GARNIER: Chairperson Woods - Present.

1 MS. GARNIER: Vice Chairperson Smith - Present.

2 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Bernard - Present.

3 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Banks - Present.

4 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Bell - Present.

5 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Burton - Present.

6 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Carter -

7 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Moore is excused.

8 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Hernandez - Present.

9 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Pressley - Here.

10 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Dewaelsche is excused.

11 MS. GARNIER: Eight present, sir.

12 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay. What is the pleasure of  
13 this board?

14 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: Well, I move that we deny the  
15 Chief's recommendation for suspension without pay for  
16 Officer Scott Mackenzie.

17 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Second.

18 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Motion made by Commissioner  
19 Pressley to deny the request to suspend without pay,  
20 Officer Mackenzie, second by Commissioner Bernard. Any  
21 discussion? Oh, I don't think it was a discussion.

22 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: No, it's discussion.

23 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Any discussion?

24 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Yeah, we have a discussion right  
25 here. Now, the first time that was committed was...

1 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: No.

2 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Okay.

3 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: We can't talk about any of  
4 the details of the closed session.

5 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Okay. I'm sorry about that.  
6 Commissioners, sorry.

7 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay. Alright. Any other  
8 discussion?

9 COMMISSIONER BANKS: I'm sorry. I should have got  
10 that out during the closed session. It is my fault.

11 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: There being no discussion; other  
12 further discussion? All in favor say aye.

13 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Can we get roll call vote,  
14 please?

15 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yeah. Roll call vote.

16 MS. GARNIER: Chairperson Woods - Go to me last.

17 MS. GARNIER: Vice Chairperson Smith -

18 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: To deny.

19 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: So, yes is to deny, no is to  
20 approve.

21 VICE CHAIRPERSON: Yes.

22 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay. She said yes.

23 MS. GARNIER: Okay. Commissioner Bernard - Yes.

24 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Banks - Yes.

25 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Bell. Nay.

1 MS. GARNIER: I'm sorry?

2 COMMISSIONER BELL: Nay.

3 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Burton - I'm going to  
4 abstain just now hearing arguments for the first time  
5 today. And I need more time to review. So I'm going to  
6 abstain at this time.

7 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Moore is excused.

8 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Carter -

9 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Hernandez - No.

10 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Pressley - Yes.

11 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Dewaelsche is excused.

12 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Woods - Yes.

13 MS. GARNIER: Five yes votes, One nay and one  
14 abstention, sir.

15 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Two nays.

16 MS. GARNIER: I'm sorry. I didn't get the other.

17 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Thank you. All right. Thank you.  
18 So, it is dismissed.

19 COMMISSIONER BANKS: We have some issues. No new  
20 business. Are we still with new business?

21 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yeah, I'm not done yet.

22 MS. GARNIER: I'm sorry, Chair.

23 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Through the Chair.  
24 Commissioner Bell and I voted no.

25 MS. GARNIER: Correct.



1 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: If we could just have the  
2 record reflect that.

3 MS. GARNIER: It was my mistake, sir. Yes. There were  
4 two no votes.

5 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: And one abstention.

6 MS. GARNIER: And one abstention. Yes, sir.

7 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay. Give us the record clear.  
8 Make it clear.

9 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: He is not without pay.

10 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Excuse me. Excuse me. Listen to  
11 me. The secretary.

12 MS. GARNIER: The votes received were as follows.  
13 Five yes votes; two no votes, and one abstention.

14 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Alright, thank you. Commissioner  
15 Hernandez.

16 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Thank you. Through the  
17 Chair. As part of new business, obviously with the  
18 announcement of Chief White's appointment to become CEO  
19 of DWIHN that kick starts the BOPC's charter mandated  
20 obligation to conduct a search, one that's going to be  
21 national in nature, so that we can then complete our  
22 charter mandated obligation and provide the mayor with  
23 three candidates, three qualified candidates. So at the  
24 direction of Chairman Woods myself, along with a few  
25 other commissioners will lead that search in partnership

1 with City of Detroit HR. We'll kick off that committee,  
2 that special committee next week, and set a timeline that  
3 we'll make public to the community so that, you'll know,  
4 step by step where we are along with that search and  
5 providing those three names and completing our  
6 obligation.

7 Okay. Yes, Commissioner Banks, you had something?

8 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Yes, I did. Through the Chair.

9 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes, sir.

10 COMMISSIONER BANKS: I want to make a motion. I move  
11 that we subpoena DPD for the full unredacted Michigan  
12 State Police Report on Kaniesha Coleman. Is there a  
13 second?

14 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Second.

15 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Second.

16 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Motion made by Commissioner Banks  
17 to subpoena DPD for the full unredacted report of the  
18 case of Kaniesha Coleman.

19 COMMISSIONER BANKS: From the state police.

20 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: And it was by Commissioner  
21 Bernard.

22 COMMISSIONER BANKS: and Commissioner Burton.

23 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Commissioner, one second. You  
24 only get one second. Second by Commissioner Bernard. Any  
25 discussion? All in favor say aye.

1 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

2 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Anyone opposed? Say no. No.

3 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: No.

4 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay. no. It fails.

5 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Why did it fail?

6 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Because you didn't get the  
7 majority of the vote. Do a roll call vote.

8 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Smith - Yes.

9 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay.

10 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Bernard - Yes.

11 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Banks - Yes.

12 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Bell - No.

13 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Burton - Yes.

14 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Carter -

15 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Moore is excused.

16 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Hernandez - No.

17 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Pressley has left

18 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Dewaelsche is excused.

19 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Woods - No.

20 MS. GARNIER: I have recorded three no votes and four  
21 yes votes.

22 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Excuse me. Mr. Attorney, find out  
23 if that is sufficient enough according to the charter. I  
24 don't know how that makeup is, in terms of the approval  
25 that you need. Is this a simple majority or is, excuse

1 me, or you need a supermajority? Excuse me. Excuse me. So  
2 check what the charter says about that. We know the  
3 majority of the votes have stated yes at this time. And  
4 if that be the case, then you are to put together a  
5 subpoena and go with the wishes of the majority of the  
6 vote, if that's the case.

7 ATTORNEY GOSS: Yes, Commissioner.

8 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Through the Chair.

9 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes.

10 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: If I could just add a little  
11 bit of commentary. This is the same motion that we  
12 originally submitted a few weeks ago, which actually kick  
13 started the process for Michigan State Police to provide  
14 the redacted report that we received. They decided to  
15 provide a redacted report. I don't see the outcome  
16 changing. That's their prerogative. So it's just the same  
17 vote and the same submission that we already did. There's  
18 no difference in this request. I just want to make that  
19 clear for the public.

20 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: It's absolutely redundant. And  
21 then again, I don't know if the department because I had  
22 these robust discussions with the department as relates  
23 to this, as well as with the state police, if it's their  
24 report to release. And so that's going to be a legal  
25 issue, and we'll let the court speak about it. You know

1 what I'm saying? And that's what I want to do. Go ahead,  
2 redact it, you know, because there's nothing to hide in  
3 this situation. No one is running from anything or, you  
4 know, I want that report to be received by the community  
5 just like anybody else. But it's my understanding that  
6 it's not the department's report to release; they have to  
7 have authorization from the state police.

8 Just like we cannot release the report because  
9 that's the state police report and whoever has been  
10 leaking it out among us they are a violation of the law.  
11 And so we shouldn't be leaking reports to the community  
12 willy-nilly, you know, so you have to be very, very  
13 careful. I wanted the community to be fully abreast and  
14 aware as to the facts in that particular case because  
15 again, as I said before, that it is not my position to  
16 play with the emotions of anyone, especially the family  
17 of Kaniesha Coleman. They deserve respect, they deserve  
18 answers. And at this point, they haven't come before this  
19 board complaining about anything. Commissioner Smith.

20 COMMISSIONER SMITH: Through the Chair. I just had a  
21 quick question. With the redacted report, it just takes  
22 out the names and different portions, and so all the  
23 report was there just different names that we weren't  
24 privy to were taken out. Correct. And then also, my  
25 question is, and when we get this report, the unredacted

1 version, who are we supposed to give it to?

2 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: The motion that was made and  
3 adopted doesn't guarantee that Michigan State Police will  
4 provide an unredacted report. It doesn't guarantee.

5 COMMISSIONER SMITH: I'm saying, upon whatever they  
6 decide to do. And we have this report in our hand, then  
7 what; what are we supposed to do with it?

8 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: And let me also make clear too;  
9 and let me retract and let the record reflect, and I'm  
10 going to change my vote because I did decide to abstain  
11 or to not even have any dealings with this situation at  
12 all; and allow the Vice Chairwoman to handle this. And  
13 so, we really didn't even need to vote, because it has  
14 already been discussed. And so I've been reminded about  
15 this issue. And so I, 1000% am out of this situation for  
16 the sake of transparency. So the Vice Chairman, she's has  
17 to him in this situation, but the attorney, you know, you  
18 go ahead and discuss all of the matters in this  
19 situation. because I'm going to remove myself from this  
20 situation. I want no deal with it, in no shape, form, or  
21 fashion. And thank you for reminding me of that. And it  
22 just keeps going; we are going through a rabbit hole, but  
23 you know, it is all good. Make the statement and then we  
24 can get out.

25 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: If I may provide some

1 clarification. Once the board approved the adoption and  
2 has, again, tonight approved the adoption of a motion to  
3 subpoena the department for the unredacted report, that  
4 is a legal matter and it will be determined if the  
5 department elects not to provide that report to the board  
6 then in order for them not to do that then our lawyer, we  
7 go to court. To decide whether or not the department is  
8 rightfully or wrongfully not providing the unredacted  
9 report. But right now our attorney has clear direction to  
10 subpoena - to prepare a subpoena and serve that on the  
11 department legally. They have a certain amount of time in  
12 which they can respond and then we move from there.

13 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Ok, I do not have any comment on  
14 it but we can go ahead.

15 CHAIRPERSON HERNANDEZ: Motion to adjourn.

16 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Motion made by Commissioner  
17 Hernandez. Second by Commissioner Bernard. Any  
18 Discussion? All in favor say Aye. Anyone opposed, the  
19 motion is carried this meeting is adjourned.

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22 (Meeting Adjourned at 5:50 p.m.)

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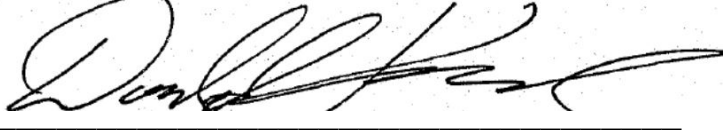
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