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- 1 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Good afternoon everyone. Today is
- 2 October 31st, 2024, It is 3:00 PM. The Board of Police
- 3 Commissioners is called to order. Right now we do not
- 4 have a quorum, but the quorum looks like it's coming. So
- 5 until the quorum gets here, let's go to the secretary.
- 6 MS. GARNIER: Good afternoon. Chairman Woods, the
- 7 incoming information correspondence received this week is
- 8 the weekly OCI, I'm sorry, report that's under tab 11,
- 9 board members. That's the only piece of incoming
- 10 information at this time. And the announcements of the
- 11 meetings upcoming for this month are as follows: the next
- 12 board meeting is next Thursday here at Police
- 13 Headquarters at 3:00 PM; thereafter the next community
- 14 meeting is at the Butzel Recreation Center, and that will
- 15 be on November 14th at 6:30 PM. And those are all the
- 16 communications from the board secretary's office today.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay. Alright. Thank you very,
- 18 very kindly. If one of our staff members can ask
- 19 Commissioner Burton to step in...that'll be...here you go,
- 20 right here. All right. Thank you. So that will give us, I
- 21 believe, well not quite, 1, 2, 3, but yeah, we just need
- 22 to give us a quorum. All right. We have a quorum
- 23 introduction of commissioners.
- 24 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Woods Present.
- MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Bernard District 2,



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- Present.
- MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Banks Present. 2.
- 3 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Bell - Present, District
- 4 4.
- MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Burton Present on the 5
- behalf of District 5.
- 7 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Carter is excused.
- MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Moore is excused. 8
- MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Hernandez -9
- MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Pressley -10
- MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Dewaelsche Present. 11
- 12 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Smith -
- 13 MS. GARNIER: You have a quorum, sir.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Thank you very kindly. I
- 15 entertain a motion for the approval of the October 31st
- 16 2024 agenda.
- 17 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: So moved.
- 18 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHE: Support.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Motion made by Commissioner
- Bernard, second... 20
- 21 MR. BROWN: Invocation by...
- 2.2 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Oh, oh. Yeah. Yeah. Thank you. We
- do need prayer. Let me finish the motion though. Any 23
- questions? Second by Commissioner Dewaelsche. Any 24
- discussion? No discussion. All in favor say aye. 25



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- 1 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.
- CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Anyone opposed? The motion is 2.
- carried. I think this is the chief's chaplain, right? 3
- Let's have him come and do the invocation. 4
- 5 CHAPLAIN DAVENPORT: Let us pray. Gracious and kind
- God, our Father, we thank you for this council. We thank 6
- you for the efforts to improve our department, therefore,
- the city. We pray for your continued guidance and peace 8
- and clear communication. We thank you for the leadership.
- We thank all those that are willing to participate in the 10
- change and the progress of our city as a whole. We act on 11
- 12 your grace and you'll mercy your bond to our officers, to
- 13 families, and the city as a whole. We thank you for all
- 14 things as they are, and that you'll please provide the
- 15 necessary value we need to hear each other out, and the
- 16 move for excellence. This is my prayer. In the name of
- 17 Jesus, I pray. Amen.
- CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Amen. Thank you, Chaplain. 18
- Davenport. I entertain a motion for the approval of the 19
- minutes of October 24th, 2024. 20
- 21 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: So moved.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Moved by Commissioner Bernard.
- 23 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Second.
- 2.4 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Second by Commissioner Banks. Any
- 25 discussion? All in favor say aye.



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- 1 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Anyone opposed? The motion is
- 3 carried. Introduction of the BOPC staff,
- 4 MS. GARNIER: Mr. Chair, currently we have Chief
- 5 Investigator Jerome Warfield, Attorney Dante Goss, Mr.
- 6 Robert Brown, Ms. Jonya Underwood, Ms. Candace Hayes, Ms.
- 7 Artemisia Joshua, Ms. Mary Barber, Ms. Jasmine Taylor,
- 8 Mr. Drew Fries, Acting Supervising Investigator Elgin
- 9 Murphy. Our interpreters today are Dr. Stephanie Beatty
- 10 and Yakata Nichols; court reporter Don Handyside,
- 11 Sergeant Quinn for audio visual, Charles Henry for Media
- 12 Services video. And for the Chief of Police office is
- 13 Deputy Chief Hayes.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay. Thank you very, very
- 15 kindly. We are going to go to the Chairperson's report.
- 16 And in my report we have a very honorable and
- 17 distinguished leader here who is doing a great job to be
- 18 able to keep Wayne County safe. And that is in the person
- 19 of the Wayne County Prosecutor, Kym. Worthy. Thank you.
- 20 And let's welcome her as she presents to the board.
- 21 PROSECUTOR WORTHY: Thank you. It's my pleasure to be
- 22 here. It's been a while since I've been here. I think.
- 23 Ooh, I think it's before the pandemic, actually. And I'm
- 24 here because I wanted to just make an appearance, and
- 25 also I want you to address a few things, but let me just



- 1 tell you something about me. And the reason why it's
- 2 important is because I want you to understand where I'm
- 3 coming from when it talks about certain cases that we've
- 4 been doing lately. It's not on? Is it?
- 5 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: It's on.
- 6 PROSECUTOR WORTHY: Okay. Closer. Okay. So, as you
- 7 probably know, I started in the Wayne County Prosecutor's
- 8 Office when I was right out of law school. Stayed there
- 9 for almost 12 years. And the last six of those years I
- 10 prosecuted mainly homicides. So I'm a veteran of over a
- 11 hundred homicide juries, thousands of trials, thousands
- 12 of hearings.
- 13 And after that I came and I ran for the bench. And
- 14 at that time it was to court, court. And then it morphed
- 15 into, or morphed into the Wayne County Circuit Court. I
- 16 was on the bench for almost nine years. Please don't do
- 17 the math. And then I've been elected for ... this is my 21st
- 18 year. And the reason I say that is because I want to just
- 19 talk a little bit about process and procedure. And this
- 20 is probably not news to most of you. Most of you are
- 21 probably well versed in this, but I just want to go over
- 22 it anyway. We have a Public Integrity Unit in our office,
- 23 and that is a group of prosecutors who are especially
- 24 trained to do cases where police officers are shot or
- 25 killed and, or people who shoot and kill police officers,



- 1 as well as police officers who discharge their weapon.
- 2 And I think you know that when we do these cases, we
- 3 always expect whatever police jurisdiction is involved.
- 4 Of course, here is Detroit, but of course we have 43
- 5 cities in Wayne County. So we deal with over 90 police
- 6 agencies, not just the 43 cities, townships and
- 7 municipalities, but also we do a lot of work for the
- 8 feds. We do a lot of work for the state. We do the mental
- 9 health board; we do the airport. We do many, many other
- 10 entities within the city, within the county. And so when
- 11 we have a case that happens, we always encourage that
- 12 police department to make sure an outside entity looks at
- 13 those cases. And so then they will do their
- 14 investigation. They will then make the recommendation to
- 15 us and we will re-interview everybody that they have
- 16 submitted to us. So these cases generally take a long
- 17 time.
- I know the public is really apprehensive and wants
- 19 us to move faster than we move, but I am sure all of you,
- 20 within the sound of my voice, would prefer that it's done
- 21 right instead of being done fast. I've been often
- 22 criticized for years, decades probably for taking too
- 23 long. But I feel very, very strongly that the power of
- 24 the prosecutor to sign their name to a warrant is an
- 25 awesome power. And we should be right when we do it. The



- 1 prosecutor is the gatekeeper to the entire criminal
- 2 justice system. We are the ones that decide which cases
- 3 get into the system in the first place. And I am not
- 4 afraid under any circumstances, even if we believe
- 5 someone is guilty as sin, if we can't prove that case
- 6 beyond a reasonable doubt, then we don't issue it. And we
- 7 take a lot of criticism for that too.
- 8 So it's not helpful when we have certain cases; the
- 9 public people in this room, but mainly the public who
- 10 would like to criticize the work that we're doing. Now,
- 11 don't get me wrong, I can take criticism from anybody,
- 12 that's not my problem. But when we have cases, especially
- 13 high profile cases, and we have everybody having their
- 14 opinion and making their predictions about what's going
- 15 to happen or how long it's going to take, they want us to
- 16 issue it within about two or three minutes after it
- 17 happens. I'm exaggerating a little bit, but not by much
- 18 because they think that what they've seen in the media,
- 19 what they've been told by public officials and others is
- 20 true. And so therefore, why aren't we making our
- 21 decisions? We are the ones that have to stay, stand up in
- 22 court and prove cases beyond a reasonable doubt. And we
- 23 want to get it right. So we often will have cases that
- 24 are high profile in nature. And I'll just take the Dr.
- 25 Hoover case. I heard a lot from some of the people in



- 1 this room as well as the public who are saying things
- 2 about that case that were not true, that we're wondering
- 3 why we were taking so long, that riled up the public
- 4 about the case, that poisoned our jury pool; and our jury
- 5 pool to come, because that case has not yet gone to
- 6 trial. And when I announced the charges in that case, it
- 7 was over a year after that case had happened. But if we
- 8 had made our decision based on the information, we knew
- 9 at that time, it would not have been right. It's not
- 10 sustainable because when we issue these charges, we want
- 11 to make sure that we can go into court and prove the case
- 12 beyond a reasonable doubt.
- So we're not just looking at the arrest, we're not
- 14 just looking at the investigation. We're looking at what
- 15 we can sustain to a judge and or jury because I'm not
- 16 interested in violating anybody's rights, even if we know
- 17 that person is not someone that we'd all want to be
- 18 around. If they've committed murder, they've done
- 19 whatever they want to do, not what they wanted, whatever
- 20 they've done. But by the same token, we are not going to
- 21 issue those charges unless we are sure that we can prove
- 22 this case beyond a reasonable doubt. And what happens
- 23 when people let their opinion be known or ask questions
- 24 and forms about cases that they do nothing about? Because
- 25 I'm sure that all of you know that half of the things



- 1 that...no disrespect to any reporter that may be here, but
- 2 a lot of things you read in the paper about a case, when
- 3 I'm looking at it, when I'm reading about it, I don't
- 4 recognize it, because Most of it isn't true. And so we
- 5 can't base our decisions on what people may like, what
- 6 they may not like, or how fast they want us to move. And
- 7 so just be appreciative. We let everybody know that
- 8 please don't make opinions now. Because when it comes
- 9 from people with some authority; when it comes from
- 10 public officials, when they start talking about a case
- 11 that they do nothing about, it doesn't help, and it
- 12 really hurts what we're doing. And so I would appreciate
- 13 your assistance in that. So when you hear someone that
- 14 should not be talking about a case, especially if it's a
- 15 high profile case, I hope that you will caution them. The
- 16 other thing that's a little disturbing to me, if the case
- 17 is that we get, and no offense to anybody's race or
- 18 anybody's ethnicity, but it seems to me when you have
- 19 high profile cases, the cases that get all the attention
- 20 are cases when a white person's been killed or mutilated.
- 21 And then we don't seem to look at or care about it.
- 22 And I'm not saying we don't care, but we just don't hear
- 23 the firestorm about young African American boys and girls
- 24 that are killed. And so I really would like us to really
- 25 be temperate and to really be strong about our emotions



- 1 and really, really respect the decisions that we make and
- 2 the time it takes to get there. And that's why I started
- 3 by telling you about my background and what we knew. We
- 4 know what we're doing. We work with our police agencies;
- 5 we work very well with the Detroit Police Department. We
- 6 work well with the other 42 agencies that I have to work
- 7 with. And sometimes it takes time. We get impatient. I
- 8 get that and I understand that, but you want me to get it
- 9 right. I'm sure. And that is why also we have a
- 10 Conviction Integrity Unit, because oftentimes it's been
- 11 gotten wrong because people are rushing the judgment.
- 12 They're talking about cases, charges are being made,
- 13 juries are being had, people are being convicted, and
- 14 it's not always the right thing to do. So we have spent
- 15 over the last seven years, five years, maybe; we have
- 16 exonerated and or given new trials to 35 different men.
- 17 All of them African American men except for one. So
- 18 that's what happens sometimes when you have situations
- 19 where people rush to judgment, don't take their time. I
- 20 will take the criticism any day and any night, when I'm
- 21 accused, not by people in this room, of taking too long.
- 22 We want to make sure that we get it right. And that goes
- 23 from the Samantha Wall case to the Dr. Hoover case to the
- 24 many, many other cases that we do. If you take the work
- 25 that we do in the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office,



- 1 Michigan has 83 counties; and if you take the other 82
- 2 counties and add up all the cases they do, it's going to
- 3 be less than the one Wayne County. We do 70% of all the
- 4 criminal trials in the state of Michigan. We do 67% of
- 5 all the jury trials. So we are the ones that are faced
- 6 with all of this work to do, but we still want to take
- 7 our time on each and every case to make sure that we get
- 8 it right. So I want to just talk a little bit about one
- 9 more case that we are probably going to announce in the
- 10 next couple weeks. And that's the case where, and again,
- 11 the bailiff went to...it's a 36th District Court bailiff.
- 12 They were not Detroit police officers that fired any
- 13 shots. And so we want to talk about this because we want
- 14 to make sure that we understand that when we prosecute
- 15 cases, that we're looking at cases to prosecute, we do
- 16 look at the agency that they're from, whether they're
- 17 from Detroit or Westland or Wyandot or Gibraltar or
- 18 wherever they're from.
- 19 But in this case, this was a 36th District Court
- 20 bailiff. So I understand there was some chatter from this
- 21 body as well as other people wanting us to release the
- 22 body camera. Let me just tell you something about that. I
- 23 am not a proponent of releasing evidence that I'm going
- 24 to use in trial. It doesn't do anything that helps the
- 25 jury. It is never the whole story about a case. It's a



- 1 piece of evidence that we look at; and we cannot
- 2 prosecute and subject people to possibly life in prison
- 3 without the possibility of parole if we're looking at
- 4 pieces of evidence. So whenever you see body cam footage
- 5 or any other footage on TV or otherwise, it's not the
- 6 whole story. And so there's only a piece of evidence,
- 7 whether it's DNA or forensics, or ShotSpotter or
- 8 anything. It's a piece of evidence that we put together
- 9 during our investigation along with our law enforcement
- 10 partners to make a case and be able to prove that case
- 11 beyond a reasonable doubt.
- So I can tell you, when there's resistance, usually
- 13 about the body cam evidence, it's coming from me, because
- 14 I can only advise law enforcement. I can't tell them what
- 15 to do. But I would prefer that it never be released until
- 16 we make a decision. Now, there are cases that are
- 17 exceptional, but again, one of the cases where we
- 18 received a lot of blowback is the bailiff case. We will
- 19 release that when we make a decision. Like I said, we are
- 20 very close to making a decision, maybe in the next couple
- 21 weeks. And so it doesn't help when people who are in
- 22 positions of authority keep badgering me or anybody about
- 23 releasing body cam material. We want a jury to look at
- 24 the evidence, make a decision, make the correct decision.
- 25 We want to make sure we have the right person that we're



- 1 prosecuting, and not based on, what people think or what
- 2 they may have seen on TV.
- 3 This is not law and order. This is not a legal
- 4 procedure. We do not have 44 minutes from the time that
- 5 the case happens until the time it finishes in trial.
- 6 That's not reality. It's probably a good representation
- 7 of what happens in the legal system, but it's not
- 8 reality. And let me give you one quick example; when it
- 9 comes to DNA, for example, I am sure that most people
- 10 think you can get DNA in a snap. Now, we have done much
- 11 better over the years in less than the time that it
- 12 takes. But if you watch a regular Law and Order episode,
- 13 you'll see the crime happens, two homicide detectives go
- 14 out, they go and see the medical examiner; it happened
- 15 five minutes ago. The medical examiner already has the
- 16 DNA results back. And not only do they have the DNA
- 17 results back there, but a picture of the guy who did it.
- 18 So it's examples like that when we talk about
- 19 forensics and other types of evidence. It's just not
- 20 reality. We have to do things right. We have to set a
- 21 course, we have to maintain our positivity and our sense
- 22 of justice. And for me, and if you know anything about
- 23 me, it doesn't matter who you are, what you do, what you
- 24 look like, if I can prove the evidence against you beyond
- 25 a reasonable doubt then I'm going to prosecute you. I



- 1 also just want to mention on the other side before I
- 2 conclude my remarks, we also have, and I'm only going to
- 3 mention this because you probably don't know; we also
- 4 have 15 diversionary programs in our office. So if you're
- 5 a first time offender and you've done something that's a
- 6 minor crime, the Wayne County Prosecutor's office in the
- 7 last 15 years, diverted 25,000 people from the criminal
- 8 justice system because we believe in second chances.
- 9 We believe in giving people options. And whether
- 10 it's mental health or homelessness or veterans or
- 11 sobriety court or a drug court, I think I said mental
- 12 health court already. We want to make sure that people
- 13 have a full and fair opportunity to get their lives
- 14 together before they're saddled with a criminal
- 15 conviction. So we do that on the one hand. We have some
- 16 very different things that we're doing than other offices
- 17 in the country. And let me just remind me, when I came in
- 18 as the assistant, as the elected prosecutor in 2004, I
- 19 was laughed at and ridiculed because I wanted to approach
- 20 the criminal justice system a different way. I wanted to
- 21 give people a second chance to make sure that we had
- 22 people that we could continue with their jobs, continue
- 23 with their lives without having a criminal conviction.
- But on the other hand, if you kill somebody, you
- 25 murder someone, you carjack someone, you molest a child,



- 1 you have an unsecured weapon in your house and the child
- 2 gets killed, we're going to go at it a different way. But
- 3 each time, no matter how heinous the crime may be, we are
- 4 going to approach it the same way to make sure that we
- 5 have all the evidence, if we look at it, that we make the
- 6 right decisions. It doesn't matter what the outside noise
- 7 is; it doesn't matter how many protestors we have at the
- 8 door; it doesn't matter how many hate letters I get; it
- 9 doesn't matter about that at all. What matters is justice
- 10 and fairness and morality, and whether we can prove that
- 11 case beyond a reasonable doubt. So the reason I go
- 12 through all that is because I want to just make sure that
- 13 people understand.
- Sometimes justice takes time. Sometimes doing the
- 15 right thing takes time, and I can withstand the noise and
- 16 the criticism because that's not what's important. It
- 17 isn't about me; it's about the system of justice and
- 18 making sure whatever the family is going through, let's
- 19 say it's a loss of a loved one, to make sure that they
- 20 get the justice they deserve. But prosecutors also have a
- 21 secondary function that's just as important as the first.
- 22 We represent all of the people of the state of Michigan,
- 23 not just the ones we like, not just the ones who are
- 24 fancy, not just the ones that are famous, everyone. That
- 25 means also that we have a responsibility for each



- 1 defendant in a case. We have to make sure, the
- 2 prosecutors have to make sure that justice is brought to
- 3 each defendant. They have to make sure that due process
- 4 is examined, due process is done. Due process is the name
- 5 of the game. We are just as responsible for that as we
- 6 are in prosecuting cases. So I just wanted to stop by
- 7 here and say all that. But please, I implore you, when
- 8 you hear about something on the news and it seems open
- 9 and shut to you, and it seems, why is Kym Worthy taking
- 10 so long to charge this crime? Why is the police
- 11 department taking so long to charge this crime? It is
- 12 because we want to get it right. It used to be when I was
- 13 trying cases back in the day, and I asked you not to do
- 14 the math and figure out how old it was. But when I was
- 15 trying cases, we didn't have the internet, we didn't have
- 16 body cameras, we didn't have social media, we didn't have
- 17 any of the things we have now.
- We didn't have ShotSpotter, we didn't have DNA when
- 19 I started, so you know how old I am. So we didn't have
- 20 the forensics that we have and forensics are changing
- 21 every day. So we can walk into court and make a decision
- 22 fairly quickly based on the evidence that we had at the
- 23 time. But now it's different. Now, one single prosecutor
- 24 may have 27 boxes of materials that they have to go
- 25 through; 3000 pages from Facebook, another 2000 pages



- 1 from Instagram and on and on, on. Plus, all the body cam
- 2 footage plus the shots, the body cam, the green light,
- 3 the surveillance, the dash cam. It takes time. The last
- 4 thing we want to do is bring injustice to the family. We
- 5 want the families and the citizens of Wayne County, in my
- 6 case, not just Detroit, but Wayne County. We want to make
- 7 sure that they are heard, that they are seen, and that
- 8 they are represented fairly and efficiently. So that's
- 9 kind of what I wanted to say today. I'm here to answer
- 10 any questions that you may have. As you know, I feel very
- 11 strongly about doing the right thing that we can. We are
- 12 not perfect. We are human. There is no perfect system.
- 13 Everybody in my office is not perfect. We try hard to get
- 14 it right. We will take the criticism. That's okay, in my
- 15 view, as long as justice is done.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Commissioner Banks.
- 17 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Thank you. Through the Chair.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: And let the record reflect that
- 19 Commissioner Pressley and Commissioner Smith are here.
- 20 COMMISSIONER SMITH: Sorry, I have a cold, so I'm not
- 21 coming on as strong as I usually would. Go ahead.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Commissioner Banks.
- 23 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Thank you. Through the Chair.
- 24 Prosecutor Worthy, I've been following your career for
- 25 quite some time. I think back in the '80s, if I'm not



- 1 mistaken, you prosecuted [Audio Unclear]?
- 2 PROSECUTOR WORTHY: You didn't have to say '80s, did
- 3 you? But it was in the '90s.
- 4 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Oh, '90s, okay.
- 5 PROSECUTOR WORTHY: That was me.
- 6 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Thought it was you. Back in the
- 7 '90s. And what's going on with the Jameson Williams case?
- 8 We know that he's a famous man here in the City of
- 9 Detroit. He played for the Detroit Lions, he was caught
- 10 with a gun and he didn't have a CPL. So he's no different
- 11 to a janitor or a man working Walmart. So how are we
- 12 going to deal with that situation here, prosecutor?
- 13 PROSECUTOR WORTHY: Like to do with every other case
- 14 that we do. We are going to look at the facts and
- 15 evidence. We're going to make a legal determination about
- 16 whether we can prove that case beyond a reasonable doubt.
- 17 And that's it. We're not going to rely on the outside
- 18 noise. We're not going to rely on who he is, but we're
- 19 going to be fair to him because that's part of our
- 20 responsibility as well. So, I don't know. My people are
- 21 reviewing it now. They have not briefed me, but I know
- 22 that they're going to do the right thing and we are going
- 23 to do the right thing despite any criticism that we
- 24 expect to get from either side. That's one of those
- 25 things where some people are going to be happy, some



- 1 people aren't. Whatever decision we make, we're going to
- 2 do it based on the facts and evidence. But I don't know
- 3 at this point because I have not been briefed.
- 4 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Thank you.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Commissioner Bernard.
- 6 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Thank you for joining us
- 7 today, my sister counsel. I'm very proud to see you here,
- 8 and obviously, have been a supporter of yours, and you of
- 9 me for many years. My question relates to what you were
- 10 saying about body cam evidence, and particularly the case
- 11 that you referenced. And I understand everything that you
- 12 said, and I agree with you 100%, but how do you compare
- 13 your position on that with that of other district
- 14 attorneys and federal attorneys throughout the United
- 15 States who released body cam footage within 30 days, like
- 16 our sister city, Chicago, for example, and COPA, which is
- 17 almost the equivalent of our BOPC. We're not quite as
- 18 advanced as they are, but in any event, it's a large city
- 19 with a huge crime issue; probably 80%, like you said, of
- 20 the state of Illinois in terms of criminal activity that
- 21 comes out of Chicago; and they release their video
- 22 evidence within two weeks to 30 days.
- 23 PROSECUTOR WORTHY: And that's their prerogative, I
- 24 just don't want to agree. There may be some cases where
- 25 that can be done, and it's certainly not going to be



- 1 released by me. So there may be some cases where that can
- 2 be done, but in my view, what that does is it puts an
- 3 unnecessary slant on it, one way or the other. It's never
- 4 going to be the only evidence that's had. We have to
- 5 review it; we have to review it along with everything
- 6 else that comes down the pipe in that particular case. I
- 7 think it can sway juries in the wrong way. I think it can
- 8 get the public all riled up. It may not even be the
- 9 decision we can make at that time. It may take a while. I
- 10 just personally do not believe in that. I believe that we
- 11 should look at the case that we shouldn't have the public
- 12 involved in that.
- And that doesn't mean I don't want the community
- 14 involved. That just is not what it means at all. It just
- 15 means I am the one that's charged with getting it right.
- 16 And I want to make sure that we try the best we can. And
- 17 to me, getting it right is not releasing evidence. If you
- 18 release that evidence, why don't you just release the
- 19 DNA, which as you know, by law, we can't do, we can't
- 20 mention, why don't we release the statement the defendant
- 21 made. And we can't do that by law either. Why? Because it
- 22 prejudices the jury pool and it goes against the rights
- 23 of that particular defendant.
- 24 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Do you feel that's the case as
- 25 well in like Chicago and so



- fourth, where the video was released in a matter of
- 2 days?
- 3 PROSECUTOR WORTHY: I can't speak for my friend Kim
- 4 Foxx. I can't speak on that. I don't know anything about
- 5 Chicago. All the things I don't know about Chicago law.
- 6 I'm an expert in Michigan criminal law. That is what I
- 7 know. So I can't speak about what everybody else does.
- 8 What I can say is that Chicago, Detroit, San Francisco,
- 9 Houston, LA, New York, every Borough in New York,
- 10 Atlanta, Milwaukee Boston; I can tell you that we've
- 11 worked together collaboratively because we have our own
- 12 organization called APA Association of Prosecutor
- 13 Attorneys. I didn't start it. I've been a member for a
- 14 very long time. I'm on the board. The reason why we focus
- 15 on APA and not on DAA, is because we have different
- 16 issues. When you are elected prosecutor or DA from a
- 17 large jurisdiction. I'm quite frankly interested in
- 18 hearing what they do in other jurisdictions, we steal
- 19 from each other all the time.
- There's no reason to reinvent the wheel. It doesn't
- 21 mean that we agree to lockstep each day with what
- 22 everybody else does. And so it's different, and it could
- 23 be one of those cases. There may be a case that has been,
- 24 one case in the past, which I won't mention, but I
- 25 thought it was a good thing that that video was released



- 1 early for various reasons. But again, that's going to be
- 2 very few, and brought between. Now I can't control what
- 3 the police do. If they release it, I have to deal with
- 4 it. But generally, as any police chief, I've had through
- 5 the years; very sad to lose this one. I've had 9 police
- 6 chiefs since I've been on this job, and they had 9
- 7 different agendas and 9 different issues. And sometimes
- 8 we agreed, sometimes we didn't agree. Sometimes we got
- 9 along, sometimes we didn't. And my positions have always
- 10 been the same on everything.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Chief White and let the record
- 12 reflect that Commissioner Hernandez is present.
- 13 CHIEF WHITE: Through the Chair, and Madam
- 14 Prosecutor, thank you for being here as well. I just want
- 15 to make sure we're not complaining about the issues.
- 16 Commissioner Bernard, you talk about Chicago releasing
- 17 video in 30 days of body cameras. We have looked at that
- 18 and they don't release all body camera video in 30 days,
- 19 which you're speaking of specifically, is the officer
- 20 involved shooting the bailiff of shooting, once again, is
- 21 not a Detroit police officer involved shooting, thereby
- 22 making it evidence that officers were there, but they did
- 23 not pull the trigger. They did not shoot the subject in
- 24 question. As a result, that is evidence. Now, I have made
- 25 a policy decision outside of the prosecutor's



- 1 conversation with me regarding this issue on officer
- 2 involved shootings. It still creates the same dynamic for
- 3 the prosecutor's difficulties, and things such as that
- 4 public opinion.
- 5 But I'm willing to take the risk in an effort to be
- 6 transparent with the community that we would release all
- 7 body camera video involved in an officer involved
- 8 shooting within 45 days. We have recently had discussions
- 9 on that topic, and we're even moving off of that. That's
- 10 a policy decision that we implemented that was not in
- 11 existence ever. But it does not capture those areas that
- 12 are not officer involved shootings. There's no agency I
- 13 have found in the United States, and believe me, we have
- 14 to talk to many that release all body camera video
- 15 regardless of the circumstances in 30 days involving
- 16 crime. It's just not the case because there is
- 17 evidentiary value in all body camera footage, but in non-
- 18 officer-involved shootings, you're infringing on the
- 19 rights of the person who has been victimized. That is not
- 20 occurring. I don't know who's telling you that, but it is
- 21 factually incorrect.
- 22 PROSECUTOR WORTHY: And also, let me just piggyback
- 23 on that. Let me just echo the fact that the bailiff case,
- 24 as I did say, but I want to make sure that it sticks, was
- 25 not a Detroit Police Department investigation. It was an



- 1 investigation of the bailiff from 36 District Court that
- 2 allegedly did the shooting in that case. So therefore, it
- 3 wasn't even the purview of the Detroit Police Department
- 4 to release that video.
- 5 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: A quick follow-up on that...
- 6 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHE: Microphone.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Use your microphone.
- 8 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: If an officer's body cam
- 9 captures a crime...I'm committing a crime against the
- 10 chairman or something. Whatever, or anyone in this room.
- 11 That body cam footage obviously is something that your
- 12 office would be interested in.
- 13 PROSECUTOR WORTHY: Of course.
- 14 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: But it's also something that
- 15 the community is interested in. I don't understand the
- 16 distinction, if you will, between body cam footage that
- 17 is collected by an officer shooting someone in a
- 18 situation and body cam that reflects me shooting him, for
- 19 example... I'm just saying...
- 20 PROSECUTOR WORTHY: Because it's not an officer
- 21 involved shooting.
- 22 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I know that.
- PROSECUTOR WORTHY: That's why. And I know that you
- 24 heard me say that I am not a proponent of that anyway,
- 25 but I can accept the policy decisions that are made and



- 1 we have to deal with it. I am not a proponent of it not
- 2 being released before charges are had. And oftentimes
- 3 what we will do at our...not oftentimes, sometimes at our
- 4 press conference, is that we will actually talk about and
- 5 show the footage at that particular time after we've had
- 6 a way to examine it. Because remember, sometimes you're
- 7 seeing things from one angle, and sometimes there are
- 8 multiple body cams. Sometimes it happens too fast and
- 9 you, you didn't see what you thought you saw. And so
- 10 we've had cases that I can come back and talk about
- 11 another day where that's made all the difference. And
- 12 sometimes it's the difference in whether the person's
- 13 going to be charged or whether the person's not going to
- 14 be charged.
- I am certainly a proponent of anything that's going
- 16 to help us get to the truth. So I remember when body
- 17 cameras first came to Detroit, we did a search and we
- 18 brought in Las Vegas because they had just had that
- 19 shooting where 500 people were shot or something like
- 20 that. We brought in other agencies and other prosecutor's
- 21 office across the country to make sure that we had a good
- 22 policy that we could deal with when body cameras came
- 23 out. And so we stick by that policy. Now I'll just give
- 24 you a very quick example of the disagreement between
- 25 myself and almost every other elected prosecutor in



- 1 Michigan. So we had a case where there was a well-known
- 2 anchor who was being harassed and stalk. And when the
- 3 Detroit police came, it was in a jurisdiction or precinct
- 4 where they had body cameras, one of the first.
- 5 And they came into the house, they took the
- 6 necessary reports, got the cell phone numbers of this
- 7 person and their children, social security numbers;
- 8 although I never understood why the police got social
- 9 security numbers, but that's something else. And they got
- 10 all this information. And so all recorded on body cam
- 11 footage and the officer got a very disturbing call from
- 12 his wife. One of the officers went outside, took that
- 13 call all on body camera. I do not believe that that is
- 14 something that's relevant to the case. I do not believe
- 15 that the victim's name and address and social security
- 16 number and phone number should be in a body cam. I
- 17 believe in the privacy rights of citizens. I believe in
- 18 the privacy rights of Detroit Police Departments,
- 19 whatever department. They're not policy. For example, I
- 20 don't want to know when officers are having, you know,
- 21 normal discussion during the table having lunch.
- I certainly don't want to know when they're in the
- 23 bathroom; going to the bathroom. I don't want to hear you
- 24 all that. So there are certain things when there's a
- 25 police citizen encounter, yes, we want to look at that,



- 1 but anything irrelevant to the case, we're not going to
- 2 look at. We're going to maintain a full and fair copy of
- 3 everything that happened. We're not going to disturb
- 4 that. We're going to let the defense attorney come to our
- 5 office and see it. We're going to give it to the judge so
- 6 they can look at it, determine that we didn't mess with
- 7 the tape or anything. But when it comes to showing
- 8 something to a jury, we want to show what's relevant. And
- 9 so we want to make sure that privacy rights are
- 10 protected. So that's just one of many things that's in
- 11 our policy. So I believe in anything that's going to help
- 12 us get to the truth.
- Body cam, cell phone, any type of forensic evidence,
- 14 anything that's going to help us get to the truth is
- 15 going to be helpful. But that means, as I said earlier,
- 16 it's going to take us longer to decide what we have to do
- 17 in that case. It used to be, when I was coming up a long
- 18 time ago, when you did a search warrant case and you had
- 19 a police department with a lawful search warrant to go
- 20 in, and let's say go into a home and search for drugs.
- 21 And we could make a decision very quickly on that when we
- 22 didn't have body cam or surveillance, probably 20
- 23 minutes, half an hour, and then take it to court and a
- 24 jury or a judge could decide about our evidence. Now when
- 25 we have a simple, not simple, but when we have a search



- 1 warrant like that, we have 7, 8 different body cameras we
- 2 have to look at, let alone ring camera, green light,
- 3 surveillance, dash cam.
- 4 And we're not going to just not look at everything
- 5 because sometimes we find information, and something as
- 6 innocuous, maybe, as jail calls. We will listen to, in a
- 7 case of a jail call, we have 10 and 12 hours of material.
- 8 We may find one jail, but we'll look at it, we're going
- 9 to make sure that we find something that's exculpatory to
- 10 the defendant. We have a duty to turn that over. And that
- 11 means we have to look at everything. We can't look at
- 12 everything when it comes to the door. But that trial
- 13 prosecutor has to go through all of that material just
- 14 like we have to go through, you know, 3000 pages of
- 15 Facebook material, 2000 pages of Instagram, like I said
- 16 earlier. So because we have this technology, which is a
- 17 good thing, this is all a good thing. I want officers to
- 18 have body cameras.
- I want to be able to narrow any avenues of untruth.
- 20 But people have to understand, then don't look in my
- 21 office and say, well, you need to make that decision and
- 22 five. Now I'm not going to do that. I'm going to look at
- 23 everything we have and then make a decision in all cases,
- 24 not just the cases that you all hear about; not just the
- 25 Hoovers and the bailiff and the Woll cases and everything



- 1 else. Not just that, but every single case that comes
- 2 down the pipe. And we do 18,000 or 20,000 cases a year.
- 3 So again, we do the best we can with what we have. And
- 4 let me tell you, if we ever think we've made a mistake or
- 5 if a witness has recanted, my prosecutors know at the
- 6 earliest attempt that you have, if you feel that we don't
- 7 have the right person, then they're duty bound to come to
- 8 us. I'm not someone that's going to hang on to stuff.
- 9 There are some jurisdictions very near to us. It's not
- 10 Oakland County. They are very near to us. They will co-
- 11 sign everything that the police walk through the door.
- 12 But that's their job. But my job is to make sure that we
- 13 can take a case to court beyond a reasonable doubt. So
- 14 that's why we're going to solve every single case that we
- 15 have. And that's what it's going to take. Sometimes it's
- 16 going to take long. Sometimes we can issue a case
- 17 quickly, sometimes we can't. But we don't need people's
- 18 opinion and opining and subjectivity trying to tell us
- 19 what to do and tell us that we are taking too long. And
- 20 these people have never tried a case in their life. They
- 21 don't even know the evidence that we have. They've never
- 22 even walked into the courtroom but tried to tell us what
- 23 to do. And I want to make sure I'm not swayed by that.
- 24 So that's really the main thing I came to say. We
- 25 want to make sure that you understand why, because I'm



- 1 sure all of us, there's nobody in this room that wants us
- 2 to charge someone that's not guilty. And the time to make
- 3 it right is the time at the beginning of a case. And
- 4 sometimes you go to the end of the case and sometimes,
- 5 God forbid, you have to have a CIU that finds something
- 6 else. But we will deal with that too. I'm not going to
- 7 walk away if it didn't happen on my watch, if it happened
- 8 40 years ago, I'm still responsible. And that's the same
- 9 thing that happened with the rape case. They happen, some
- 10 of them 50 years ago. But it's my responsibility as the
- 11 elected Wayne County prosecutor to make sure that we
- 12 bring justice to as many people as we can who've had
- 13 their lives sitting on the shelf in a crime lab.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: I want to say thank you, Madam
- 15 Prosecutor. Also, you know, yesterday someone walked out
- 16 of the courtroom out of prison because of your courageous
- 17 actions last week. It was an officer who committed bank
- 18 robbery and all of that stuff; and you exonerated the
- 19 gentleman last week. And I think everybody needs to take
- 20 a look at that press release from the prosecutor. Your
- 21 words were very, very powerful and very, very strong that
- 22 that is not tolerated in Wayne County; and it's certainly
- 23 not tolerated in the City of Detroit for officers to
- 24 conduct themselves in that type of fashion. And I thank
- 25 you for all of the courageous work. You said 35, I think



- 1 you had 37. Now, you didn't include those other two that
- 2 you recently did yesterday and last week. And certainly I
- 3 know that you just got your budget doubled for the
- 4 Conviction Integrity Unit.
- 5 PROSECUTOR WORTHY: Don't say that too loud. I guess.
- 6 So let me just add to that. And I want to make sure this
- 7 is clear because we talked about people who are brought
- 8 to us, that people want us to charge. That doesn't
- 9 account for, in any profession; the police officers, the
- 10 teachers, the prosecutors, whoever that does an excellent
- 11 job every day. We are seeing people that are brought to
- 12 us by a police department, to make sure that those in
- 13 their ranks are lawful and law abiding and doing what
- 14 they're supposed to do. And I think everybody knows in
- 15 Wayne County we're not afraid of that. You know, like I
- 16 said, I'm not all s to write that and I'm not holding
- 17 myself, I'm just saying. But the truth is, we have to be
- 18 willing to admit when we make mistakes. We have to be
- 19 willing to take the slings and arrows when people think
- 20 we're taking too long. And we have to stand tall and make
- 21 sure that justice is done. And like I said, we're not
- 22 perfect, we don't always get it right, but we should have
- 23 tried hard to get it right.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Well, we thank you very much and
- 25 we appreciate you immensely. Commissioner Smith.



- 1 COMMISSIONER SMITH: Thank you. Through the Chair. I
- 2 just want to say thank you Madam Prosecutor. You've been
- 3 a name that has rang in my household for quite some time.
- 4 My stepfather who was once your supervisor who you work
- 5 with Morton Tatken.
- 6 PROSECUTOR WORTHY: Oh my goodness.
- 7 COMMISSIONER SMITH: You probably wouldn't recognize
- 8 him because we are two different colors.
- 9 PROSECUTOR WORTHY: Mort was one of my first dock
- 10 attorney supervisors when I was a baby prosecutor, yes.
- 11 COMMISSIONER SMITH: So, I just want to thank you
- 12 personally. I have a case that you just got from up under
- 13 you, that the whole city has been going crazy over. That
- 14 was very personal to me. I thank you for taking your
- 15 time. I thank you for the findings. I thank you for the
- 16 soon to be conviction. I just want to thank you. And
- 17 that's with Na'Ziyah Harris. Thank you.
- 18 PROSECUTOR WORTHY: That was a heartbreak for us all.
- 19 But again, let me just leave by saying the bailiff case
- 20 was not a Detroit Police Department officer. It was 36
- 21 District Court. I would've been upset if Chief White
- 22 released evidence in a case where it was not one of his
- 23 officers.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: You heard that, Chief White?
- 25 CHIEF WHITE: I sure did. Thank you, Madam



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- Prosecutor.
- 2. CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Thank you, Madam Prosecutor. God
- bless you. 3
- COMMISSIONER BANKS: Through the Chair. One more 4
- 5 quick one for the press, if the prosecutor will receive
- 6 me.
- 7 PROSECUTOR WORTHY: Yes.
- CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Go ahead. 8
- 9 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Blessings to you and your
- household, prosecutor. Through the Chair. Prosecutor 10
- Worthy, now the bailiff, is he being charged with 11
- 12 anything? Because when DPD is not there on the scene, he
- 13 should have backed down. And that's the protocol because
- 14 they outranked him with authority.
- 15 PROSECUTOR WORTHY: First of all, that's not factual.
- 16 COMMISSIONER BANKS: That's what?
- PROSECUTOR WORTHY: That's not factual. And what you 17
- just said; and like I said from the very beginning, we 18
- are near to making a decision one way at the other. In 19
- that case, in a couple weeks. 20
- 21 COMMISSIONER BANKS: I'm just going by what I see in
- 2.2 the media.
- PROSECUTOR WORTHY: And that's the problem. 23
- 24 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Well, we have to believe
- 25 something.



- 1 PROSECUTOR WORTHY: Well, you do. But you have to
- 2 know and recognize that not...and like I said before, no
- 3 disrespect to people in the media. They don't always get
- 4 it right, and they don't have the evidence that we have.
- 5 And just like you see on TV, this is one thing that I
- 6 will say, I dislike TV. We don't tell everything. So you
- 7 don't know everything that we have. And that thing that
- 8 you don't know about, may be the key to whether we make a
- 9 decision or not. So again that's a case that we will be
- 10 making a decision on soon.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Last one, Commissioner Bell.
- 12 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you Mr. Chairman.
- 13 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Can I go after, Chair. I mean,
- 14 Commissioner Bell?
- 15 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Please finish your ...because she
- 16 has to go too.
- 17 COMMISSIONER BANKS: I yield. No, I yield.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Oh, go ahead.
- 19 COMMISSIONER BANKS: I'm all set.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: You're good?
- 21 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Yeah.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: All right. Commissioner Bell.
- 23 COMMISSIONER BELL: Madam Prosecutor, I just wanted
- 24 to say thank you for my years' experience. I recall when
- 25 you first came to the prosecutor office in 1971, in the



- 1 `70s, the police officers had the opportunity to sit in
- 2 the jury box until Judge Crockett changed the whole
- 3 scenario. And I would like to say that I speak to the
- 4 academy class in their class about Malice Green, the
- 5 case. Historically, that changed the whole accountability
- 6 of police officers, not just for Detroit, across this
- 7 country. And we deal with more equal justice for all;
- 8 police officers are not above the law. And I just want to
- 9 say to you, you've done an outstanding job. So just keep
- 10 on, keep on, keep on. Thank you to the chairman for
- 11 inviting you here. And I hope that the board takes time
- 12 to listen to what you had to say over and over again. But
- 13 the bottom line is, we are not the seeking for the
- 14 community. We are the Board of Police Commissioners. We
- 15 have a higher standard for what we see on TV and what we
- 16 hear in the community. I've been a commissioner for
- 17 almost 13 years. I haven't had one community person come
- 18 to me talking about video cameras, since the peanut
- 19 gallery here. But we should not be the cheerleaders.
- 20 Thank you, madam.
- 21 PROSECUTOR WORTHY: It's interesting because when I
- 22 did that case back in 1993, we did that case with no
- 23 video; I don't think we had forensic evidence either. We
- 24 did it an old fashioned way that we tried cases at the
- 25 time. We relied on witnesses that were truthful and they



- 1 were not afraid to come forward. And two juries believed
- 2 them. And so now we have so many other tools, which is
- 3 great, but we wish we would've had those tools back then.
- 4 But I don't know if you all know that that's the first
- 5 case in the United States of America, where police
- 6 officers that were on duty were convicted of murder. So
- 7 I'm still very proud of that case. But also when you
- 8 think about it, you think, have we really come and I'm
- 9 not talking about Detroit; I'm talking about across the
- 10 country. Have we really come that far from there? And so
- 11 that's another thing, but that's a whole topic for
- 12 another conversation.
- 13 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Through the Chair. Can I go,
- 14 I've changed my mind.
- 15 PROSECUTOR WORTHY: Go ahead.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Go ahead.
- 17 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Thank you. Through the Chair.
- 18 I'm advocating for a family, and they sent me a video. I
- 19 literally saw DPD, the detective, when he's interrogating
- 20 a young man that helped a man get sent up to prison for
- 21 14 years, Prosecutor Worthy. He's been there 14 years.
- 22 And the detective name is Detective Shea with the Detroit
- 23 Police Department. I have the video, the family sent me,
- 24 and he committed misconduct. The gentleman had told the
- 25 detective an alibi, but he did not say that he gave him



- 1 an alibi. And now he's serving 14 years in prison. His
- 2 name is Mario Willis, and the family has been reaching
- 3 out to me. I'm just trying to help them, fight for them
- 4 all I can. I know the mother, she's a prominent lady. Her
- 5 name is Maxine Willis.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes. Don't say the mother's name.
- 7 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Sorry.
- 8 PROSECUTOR WORTHY: Is that the case with the
- 9 firefighter?
- 10 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Yes, it is.
- 11 PROSECUTOR WORTHY: I know that case, yes.
- 12 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Are you aware of it?
- 13 PROSECUTOR WORTHY: Yes.
- 14 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Okay. Thank you.
- 15 PROSECUTOR WORTHY: Very aware.
- 16 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Okay. Mr. Chair, I'm all set
- 17 then. She's aware of it. I'm all set.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay. Thank you. Thank you. God
- 19 bless you, prosecutor and enjoy your Harvest Day,
- 20 Halloween Day. Thank you so much.
- 21 PROSECUTOR WORTHY: Thank you.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: All right. Let's go to the budget
- 23 presentation by Drew Fries; and then we'll go to the
- 24 Chief of Police Report after that. All right. You may be
- 25 heard. I'm sorry.



- 1 MR. FRIES: Thank you, Chairman Woods. To the board,
- 2 it's good to see you. Walking through a couple budgetary
- 3 items today. Those being information regarding the market
- 4 research results for OCI senior and supervising
- 5 investigators pay, looking at the city's budget timeline,
- 6 looking at an in progress working draft for the BOPCs
- 7 fiscal 2025 through 2026 submission. Looking at a
- 8 progress report on communication with DPD to receive the
- 9 police department's budget draft, and then asking for
- 10 feedback and considerations for the Board of Police
- 11 Commissioners.
- Back when labor relations started working with the
- 13 union on the union's investigative pay for the OCI team,
- 14 a market research study was done to look at standard
- 15 compensation. The titles that were reviewed were the OCI
- 16 investigators, the senior investigators, and the
- 17 supervising investigators. This was conducted in
- 18 September of 2023, and cities across the nation were
- 19 polled. We go to the next page. The results of that
- 20 market study helped the city and the union come together
- 21 on the agreed upon salary increases that have actualized
- 22 for the OCI investigators. Their salaries increase on
- 23 average from 54,500 to 62,000. These actualized as of
- 24 when the contract was signed, which is July 1st, 2024,
- 25 and these salaries were increased in early October of



- 1 this year. Part of this research shows what is the
- 2 standard rate of pay for seniors and supervising
- 3 investigators, and we can see these below in the green.
- 4 Now, before the board is the opportunity to learn from
- 5 this market research and look at what is being
- 6 recommended. In that proposal from the market research,
- 7 we can see that these bans across investigators, senior
- 8 investigators, and supervising investigators do not
- 9 overlap. And it is at this time that we are just using
- 10 this to share this information.
- 11 Turning the page to the budget timeline. At the end
- 12 of September, the fiscal year budget cycle began for the
- 13 city. The week of November 11 , drafts are submitted to
- 14 the budget department throughout the city. The end of
- 15 January, a review draft back from the budget department
- 16 is given back to BOPC. Late February, the city budgets
- 17 are finalized. Early March, the mayor presents the
- 18 collective Detroit budget to the City Council, and mid-
- 19 March Department hearings are given with the City
- 20 Council. We can turn the page. So where we are at in this
- 21 cycle is building the BOPC budget for next year.
- We're looking at a working draft, and essentially
- 23 where this is at now is pulling everything forward in
- 24 what our capabilities and the size of our staff is in the
- 25 current year, and projecting that forward into next year.



- 1 So the size of our OCI team, the same our capabilities,
- 2 including the Wing Swept case management system is the
- 3 same, and now presents the opportunity to add to this
- 4 budget and to include increased capabilities, other
- 5 budgetary initiatives that we hope to accomplish in next
- 6 year. So this is what is being presented to the board as
- 7 we seek your feedback and budgetary initiative ideas. In
- 8 review from what took place last year, we increased the
- 9 budget by more than \$800,000, which represents a 21%
- 10 increase. When the budget was submitted last year, this
- 11 large increase was for the purpose of clearing the
- 12 backlog. Originally, what was submitted was bringing in
- 13 28 task workers to the OCI team. What was decided upon is
- 14 that instead of temporary workers, we increased OCI's
- 15 team by six investigators. What was accepted by the city
- 16 was a one-time payment. And so in June of this year,
- 17 those six investigators, based on what was accepted,
- 18 could potentially go away. And the word that was used in
- 19 the budget committee meeting is catastrophic in terms of
- 20 what that new team of OCI investigators is accomplishing.
- 21 So, number one on the budget priorities going into next
- 22 year is making sure that this is not a one-time increase,
- 23 but this is our team moving forward.
- Turning the page; Mr. Nazarko is the CFO for DPD.
- 25 He's been a great partner. The BOPC did not receive DPD's



- 1 budget on the timeline in which they submitted it to the
- 2 budget department, allowing for enough time for BOPC to
- 3 review that budget. So, going into this year, we've been
- 4 in partnership with Mr. Nazarko and align that we're
- 5 hoping BOPC receives that budget in a more appropriate
- 6 timeline.
- 7 The communication here, and I can read: "Mr. Nevrus
- 8 Nazarko, as the budget department has locked in the
- 9 baseline with the Mayor's Office, we now sit at the
- 10 beginning of the budget cycle for the '25 through '26
- 11 fiscal year. I want to thank you for your continued
- 12 partnership and commitment to deliver DPD's budget for
- 13 the BOPC for review. As guided by the City Charter, the
- 14 BOPC is requesting to receive the police department's
- 15 budget draft on the same timeline of when it is submitted
- 16 to the budget department in early November. Mr. Nazarko,
- 17 this is a formal request to receive Detroit Police
- 18 Department's '25 through '26 fiscal budget draft by
- 19 Friday, November 8th. This cadence allows for the Board
- 20 of Police Commissioners the needed time for review ahead
- 21 of when the budgets are finalized in early 2025. Thank
- 22 you for your help and advocacy in this deliverable."
- 23 Mr. Nazarko responded: "I realized the board's
- 24 desire to receive DPD's budget requests earlier than
- 25 previous years. However, I would like to clarify to you,



- 1 and the board's presentation and submission of DPD's
- 2 budget request is done by the Chief, and I am going to
- 3 work with him and his office to facilitate your requests.
- 4 Also, I'm not sure if the draft budget request will be
- 5 ready by November 8th."
- 6 BOPC's response back to Mr. Nazarko: "Mr. Nazarko,
- 7 thank you for working with Chief White to facilitate
- 8 BOPC's request to receive DPDs budget draft for review as
- 9 guided by the City Charter. Thank you for the feedback on
- 10 November 8th. If this date is not feasible, the BOPC
- 11 would ask to receive DPDs budget draft when it is sent to
- 12 the budget department the following week, November 13 ,
- 13 deadline. Thank you for the partnership, Mr. Nazarko."
- We're still waiting for a response from Mr. Nazarko,
- 15 but I wanted to give that update to the board. It takes
- 16 us to our last page considerations for BOPC at this time,
- 17 meaning on the horizon, the budget submission.
- 18 Just this morning, this budget draft that's being
- 19 presented was sent out to the Board of Police
- 20 Commissioners to ask for the feedback and budgetary
- 21 initiative ideas. I want to call it again that these six
- 22 OCI investigators, full-time employees, are number one on
- 23 a priority list going into next year. And then it has
- 24 been told from the budget department that the total city
- 25 baseline has shown that there are less available funds



- 1 for increase than last year's budget cycle submission.
- 2 So, although we were able to increase the budget by 21%
- 3 from last year, we have been told that there's less
- 4 opportunity to increase by that much going into next
- 5 year.
- 6 For our OCI team. As it stands today, the OCI
- 7 investigators have increased their pay by 14% and are now
- 8 in line with compensation market standards. Whereas the
- 9 seniors and supervisors maintain unchanged pay, which is
- 10 currently below market standards. And then finally,
- 11 consideration on the alignment with DPD on sending their
- 12 budget draft to the BOPC. That concludes my presentation.
- 13 Thank you very much.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes, sir.
- 15 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Thank you. Through the
- 16 Chair. I appreciate the report. Obviously, I'm familiar
- 17 with the content, given that I'm on the budget committee.
- 18 I just have a question, if we could bring back the
- 19 slides. I can't remember it was slide four or five, but
- 20 are we at any risk, and I'm just intending the pressure
- 21 test; Are we at any risk of not being able to contain the
- 22 additional six investigators that we added if we're not
- 23 approved for the 25-26 budget? I know you mentioned the
- 24 21% increase, which resulted in, instead of task
- 25 employees, it resulted in the six full-time



- 1 investigators. If we don't get approved, are we at risk
- 2 of not being able to retain them?
- 3 MR. FRIES: It's been my understanding from working
- 4 with the budget department that they understand how big
- 5 of a priority this is for the BOPC, as well as the
- 6 mayor's office, as well as the City's Council. And
- 7 there's a lot of alignment that clearing the backlog is a
- 8 priority for everyone. So, would I say there's zero risk?
- 9 No, but I think that there is a very good chance that we
- 10 will maintain the current size of the team for the OCI
- 11 and the greater Board of Police Commissioners.
- 12 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: And that factors in the
- 13 increase in salaries?
- MR. FRIES: It does.
- 15 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Perfect. Thank you.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Commissioner.
- 17 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Thank you for this
- 18 presentation. Sorry about that. This is really in large
- 19 measure for the Chief. There has been a tremendous influx
- 20 of cash money to the City of Detroit as a result of the
- 21 various federal legislative initiatives that have been
- 22 initiated in the last year or so. Those initiatives will
- 23 be gone next year. It has impacted our budget; it has
- 24 certainly impacted the department's budget. What's your
- 25 projection with respect to what's going to happen with



- 1 the revenues, not just to DPD, but to us, as we're all in
- 2 tandem together, as well as with the city. Because it's
- 3 my understanding, at least from other people, that the
- 4 200 officers that you hired as a result of the big influx
- 5 of cash that we got in large measure, we don't have a way
- 6 of paying for them in the future, you know, but their
- 7 total compensation benefits, all that kind of stuff. And
- 8 my question to you Drew, on the same point, is what's
- 9 your projection for the commission as a result of this
- 10 tightening of the budget, based on the national debt, and
- 11 everything else?
- MR. FRIES: Through the Chair. Commissioner Bernard,
- 13 as it relates to the budgetary issues that you inquired,
- 14 I can forward that to the agency CFO to get you a
- 15 response. I am unable to speak to that intelligently. And
- 16 the last thing I want to do is provide this body some
- 17 inaccurate information. So I will take that as an action
- 18 item and get a response for you by the next meeting.
- 19 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I know that we're part of the...
- 20 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHE: Microphone.
- 21 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I'm sorry, Eva. I know that
- 22 we're part of the general fund, but I mean, we have got
- 23 to look at the reality of overall funding for the City of
- 24 Detroit and how that's going to impact the commission and
- 25 our staff.



- 1 MR. FRIES: Absolutely. So when we look at where the
- 2 BOPC budget has been over the last five years, I would
- 3 say that it's been underfunded as a department in the
- 4 City of Detroit. So that increase in this last year for
- 5 21%, I think got us back to close to whole. And so our
- 6 approach going into next year, understanding that there
- 7 are less increased funds available, is to think about it
- 8 the same way, give our priorities of what is most
- 9 important, and ask for what is needed to be asked, based
- 10 on the judgment of the board. And then in the current
- 11 fiscal year, any favorability or money that is not being
- 12 spent, we do our best to utilize those funds just like
- 13 what we're doing in the current fiscal year.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yep. Commissioner.
- 15 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHE: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I
- 16 would just have the commission note on the page that
- 17 indicates the 2025 draft budget. If you look at that
- 18 page, you'll see that last year's budget was 4.5 million,
- 19 and what we're asking for in '25, '26 is 4.4 million. So
- 20 it would seem to me that we're asking for less. It should
- 21 be approved. In fact, that also includes the six new, I
- 22 mean the six investigators, right? And then the increase
- 23 in the OCI staff, including the projected increase that
- 24 we're still waiting for, for the supervisors of the OCI.
- 25 Is that correct?



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- 1 MR. FRIES: That is correct.
- 2 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHE: So all of those are
- 3 included, and we still are asking for less this year than
- 4 last year. So what I would recommend is that we increase
- 5 that budget and ask for everything that we need rather
- 6 than submitting a budget that's less, that would be my
- 7 recommendation.
- 8 MR. FRIES: Through the Chair.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes.
- 10 MR. FRIES: Thank you Commissioner Garza Dewaelsche.
- 11 This is where the numbers are at now, halfway through
- 12 that process, which is why we're asking for feedback from
- 13 the commissioners of what else can be done and to then
- 14 add to this budget request.
- 15 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHE: Thank you. That's correct.
- 16 Thank you.
- 17 MR. FRIES: Alright.
- 18 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: What can be done is we get
- 19 grants, which is what I've been saying for three, four
- 20 years now. We don't have a single grant, which makes no
- 21 sense. The foundation of course, can act as our
- 22 fiduciary, but we have to actively pursue federal and
- 23 state grants, which we're entitled to. So that's the
- 24 problem.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yep. Yep. And so Mr. Fries and I



- 1 have been in a robust conversation, as well as bringing
- 2 in Commissioner Dewaelsche, who is the chair of the
- 3 budget committee to explore those options.
- 4 And we're looking at that. He has talked to some of
- 5 the grant folks for the City of Detroit. And we are
- 6 absolutely going to pursue that. And I'll just say that,
- 7 you know we are now at a staffing level of where we are
- 8 spending the money now, and we are also exploring
- 9 bringing in task workers where we would be able to spend
- 10 even more money on the budget. Now, I think what it was
- 11 is that we weren't spending the money and we didn't have
- 12 the positions filled; and that brought us under a lot of
- 13 criticism. And now we are right sizing the ship in terms
- 14 of staffing, and then they are doing a tremendous job and
- 15 doing these investigations. And in fact, we'll be working
- 16 with the chair of the citizen complaint committee, and
- 17 this board to have a press conference within the next two
- 18 weeks to be able to say where we are with that.
- 19 And I think, again, this community is going to be
- 20 utterly amazed in terms of the direction that this board
- 21 is going in. And so thank you. Is there anything else
- 22 before you close off?
- COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Chairman, I just frankly, want
- 24 to congratulate you on what you've done in terms of
- 25 pushing us forward in terms of filling positions. That



- 1 was your initiative. I mean, you said we need to do
- 2 something about this, and you actually did it. So I do
- 3 think a lot of that credit goes to you. And of course,
- 4 also to my fellow Commissioner Jesus. We're moving in
- 5 the right direction, and thank you for that leadership.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: What works for that guy down
- 7 there, you know what I'm saying. I did what he told me to
- 8 do; and we, as a board, got the job done. because there's
- 9 no "I" in team. So thank you and have a blessed one.
- 10 We're going to go to the Chief of Police Report.
- 11 MR. FRIES: Thank you.
- 12 DC HAYES: Thank you. Good evening to this honorable
- 13 body and those in attendance, both virtually and in
- 14 person. My name is Franklin Hayes, Deputy Police Chief,
- 15 and I will be providing the Chief's report for today's
- 16 meeting. We want to start with our crime data. We
- 17 continue to trend favorably in our efforts to continue to
- 18 reduce crime here in our city. Year to date...
- 19 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Try to cut all the pork out of
- 20 that diet, I have to take my grandson to trick or treat
- 21 too. So, you know, let's go.
- 22 DC HAYES: We are down 39 less homicides, actual
- 23 victims, 182 less non-fatal shooting victims, which is
- 24 221 over this time last year; we're down 197 less
- 25 robberies down 745. Total part one, violent crime



- 1 incidents here in the city. We still continue to work
- 2 with those that are in the mental health crisis that
- 3 we've responded to, 12,797 calls for service this year,
- 4 which is approximately 800 more than last year. We are
- 5 thankful, bittersweet, but we will have a partner at
- 6 DWIHN here shortly that will hopefully get the residents
- 7 here, and certainly the City of Detroit and Wayne County,
- 8 the help that they need, because this is not a policing
- 9 issue. I want to talk of three significant events. One
- 10 was a fatal shooting that happened in the 12,000 block of
- 11 Bramell, when officers responded to the scene and found
- 12 the victim lying in the backseat of a vehicle suffering
- 13 from a gunshot wound to his chest. Detective determined
- 14 that two suspects dressed in all black, approached the
- 15 victim and witnesses as they sat in the vehicle and
- 16 announced a robbery. The suspect took the victim and
- 17 witnessed his property, then shot the victim while he was
- 18 in the backseat of the car. We're asking anyone with
- 19 information on this incident contact Crime Stoppers at 1-
- 20 800-SPEAKUP or detroitrewards.tv. Children getting shot;
- 21 unsecured firearms are not acceptable. It is not okay.
- 22 And we had another incident that happened this past
- 23 Wednesday in the 4,000 block of West Grand Street, where,
- 24 after an interview of a 3-year-old who was in critical
- 25 condition with two gunshot wounds to the stomach and the



- 1 right side, it was determined that the father was the
- 2 suspect and he was placed under arrest. The detectives
- 3 are now preparing a warrant to be submitted to the Wayne
- 4 County Prosecutor's office, Madam Prosecutor, who just
- 5 left, to hold that individual accountable.
- 6 We also had another child shot on Wednesday morning
- 7 at 7:03 AM in the 15,000 block of Kentfield, where
- 8 someone shot up the house, and a 9-year-old was grazed in
- 9 the back. The men and women assigned the organized crime
- 10 Commercial Auto Theft began the work. And we are proud to
- 11 announce that there was an arrest made. Four individuals
- 12 were arrested, and the firearm utilized in that was
- 13 recovered. They've been responsible for some other crimes
- 14 here in the city as well. They attempted to carjack
- 15 others on a small spree, but they are now in custody and
- 16 will be held accountable. The last incident is one that
- 17 is just a slap in the face of the legacy of those that
- 18 served this country. And that is that on Wednesday the
- 19 23rd that morning under darkness, the statue of
- 20 Lieutenant Colonel Alexander Jefferson was defaced, cut
- 21 down and ultimately stolen from its place in Rouge Park.
- We put a plea out to this community that was
- 23 absolutely outraged again, for the disrespect and working
- 24 through tips and information, we were able to recover the
- 25 statue. We made an arrest where the individual confessed.



- 1 So now we are working with Director Crystal Perkins, the
- 2 GSD, and the generous donors that helped fund this
- 3 project as well as the artists to restore and bring the
- 4 statue back home where it belongs, and still hold the
- 5 individual responsible accountable for that. Yesterday we
- 6 had a visit from the White House where the White House
- 7 Domestic Policy Advisor came to audit the department. We
- 8 did receive some ARPA funding and they were designed to
- 9 program for specific things, so it was a check in. So
- 10 they came and in essence, audited us to make sure that we
- 11 spent the money how we said we would spend them.
- 12 And from that, they were able to see our fleet
- 13 enhancements, our new helicopter, some upgrades in the
- 14 Real Time Crime Center, as well as our Training Center.
- 15 So that went extremely well. We did what we were supposed
- 16 to do, as the White House came to check and see. And
- 17 commissioners, you mentioned, Chair, today Halloween
- 18 begins in each of our precincts; we encourage the
- 19 community to stop by. We enjoy free candy. We'll have
- 20 entertainment, haunted houses, and also face painting. So
- 21 we look to enjoy an evening of fun with our community
- 22 here tonight. Commissioner, I've trimmed the pork as you
- 23 directed, and that completes the Chief's Report, and I
- 24 can answer any questions that you may have.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yep. Commissioner Banks.



- 1 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Thank you. Through the Chair,
- 2 blessings to you and your household. Deputy Chief. When
- 3 does it require, when an officer needs to be retrained?
- 4 Because as I looked at the video with Detroit Lions wide
- 5 receiver Jameson Williams Davis doing that on the news,
- 6 and the sergeant on site, they had a sergeant on site. He
- 7 was calling around Jameson Williams did not have CPL. His
- 8 brother had a CPL. Now, the sergeant on site, he's a
- 9 sergeant on site, calling around asking other officers.
- 10 And his CPL, Jerry Jameson Williams, CPL. Jameson
- 11 Williams didn't have a CPL. That's just the basic
- 12 protocol 101. My CPL cannot carry my brother's CPL. I'm
- 13 not a police officer, though. And it appears that
- 14 sergeant on site 40, may need to be getting some
- 15 retraining. When does that come to mind with DPD staff
- 16 and authority?
- 17 DC HAYES: So, through the Chair...
- 18 COMMISSIONER BANKS: So now that was as I mentioned,
- 19 that was no hearsay. I saw a video on Fox2 news.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes.
- 21 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Do you mind? Thank you.
- 22 Through the Chair. I just need to make a public comment
- 23 in the sense of, for the record, the comments made by our
- 24 colleague are not factual. None of us know what the facts
- 25 are.



- 1 COMMISSIONER BANKS: I heard the video, though.
- 2 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: It's irresponsible to come
- 3 off, especially in the seat that we're holding as if we
- 4 are presenting facts or as if we're in court right now.
- 5 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Do you want to hear the video?
- 6 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: We're not.
- 7 COMMISSIONER BANKS: I heard the video, The sergeant
- 8 called, so all around the people asking in this video,
- 9 his CPL, Terry Jameson Williams...
- 10 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Commissioner Banks...
- 11 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Video...
- 12 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Excuse me.
- 13 COMMISSIONER BANKS: I heard the video. That's a
- 14 fact.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: I think what Commissioner
- 16 Hernandez is alluding to, did you hear the body cam
- 17 video, or did you look at a new report?
- 18 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: That doesn't need the
- 19 process to carry out?
- 20 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: That's all right. Yeah. You know,
- 21 that's a soundbite. That's not the video.
- 22 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: It is just irresponsible to
- 23 make comments that are ridiculously preliminary and
- 24 ongoing investigation. If we can't comprehend that, I
- 25 can't help that.



- 1 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Well, I'm just letting you know
- 2 what I heard, what the sergeant said.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: You heard the news report?
- 4 COMMISSIONER BANKS: No, that was the sergeant.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: But I'm saying you heard the
- 6 news... excuse me, sir. You heard a news report, you didn't
- 7 hear the body cam video. So, that's what the news
- 8 reported. I'm sure we don't know how long the body cam
- 9 video is. We don't know exactly what happened in this
- 10 situation. We don't even know the law. The law is the
- 11 law. And I tell you this, that I wouldn't want any
- 12 African American young man to be treated, whether he's
- 13 Mr. Jameson or whether he's my cousin. This commission
- 14 has been actively involved in advocating against some of
- 15 these stops that have been going on. And so we don't want
- 16 our citizens, whether you be a football player, or
- 17 whether you be Joe Blow on the street to be treated in an
- 18 unconstitutional way. And so we need to get the facts
- 19 out, you know, because we don't really know what
- 20 happened. And I think that Mr. Jamison deserves due
- 21 process, and for all of the facts to come out in this
- 22 situation. And then we can allow the facts to speak for
- 23 itself.
- 24 And we heard Madam Prosecutor said that this case is
- 25 before her, and that she will be making the decision in



- 1 this case. And so I'm sure that the Deputy Chief would
- 2 not speak on an ongoing investigation. I know he wouldn't
- 3 do that, you know, but you want to speak on it?
- 4 DC HAYES: No, sir. I would not speak on that matter
- 5 as you indicated. I would just say the department takes
- 6 every opportunity we can to train our officers to ensure
- 7 that they are delivering the best policing services
- 8 possible to the residents here in the City of Detroit.
- 9 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: But that was, through Chair,
- 10 that was going to be my attempt to refocus us, is that
- 11 despite, our opinions around what is facts or not facts,
- 12 I think that the commissioner's question was rather when
- 13 does department trigger training when it needs to be had.
- 14 And so I just wanted that to be addressed despite the
- 15 details of being murky.
- 16 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Right. Alright. I'm fine.
- 17 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Through the Chair.
- 18 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHE: Microphone.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yeah. Use this microphone.
- 20 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Just as a final note on that.
- 21 First of all, you have to have probable cause to search
- 22 your vehicle while we are on the subject, or at least
- 23 reasonable suspicion. I mean, there are other issues
- 24 other than just the gun. I mean, if you stop me, you
- 25 don't have a right to talk to search my vehicle. You have



- 1 to ask my permission, quite frankly even if I have a
- 2 license that says I have a CPL, there are a lot of
- 3 issues. And I think that the chief knows that as well. So
- 4 I think he's looking at all those issues.
- 5 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the Chair.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes, sir.
- 7 COMMISSIONER BURTON: You know, a question for the
- 8 Chief. It appears that the officers made a good stop,
- 9 number one. The question that I have in mind is, who gave
- 10 the order for the officers not to arrest; also will you
- 11 be making a video and audio available to this body?
- 12 DC HAYES: Through the Chair. As Chief White
- 13 indicated yesterday, this is under an Internal Affairs
- 14 review, and a warrant has been submitted to the Wayne
- 15 County Prosecutor's office. Based on the decision, and
- 16 when that charging decisions come down, we will then take
- 17 the next steps in transparency.
- 18 COMMISSIONER BURTON: But the question I asked, I
- 19 raised here is, who gave the order for the officers to
- 20 stand down? They made a good stop, but somebody had to
- 21 give the order.
- 22 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I don't know if it was a good
- 23 stop. That's not true.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yep. Yes. Speak through the
- 25 Chair.



- 1 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Again, you answer the question,
- 2 Chief.
- 3 DC HAYES: Again, through the Chair. That is under
- 4 Internal Affairs investigation. The report will be made
- 5 to this body once it's concluded.
- 6 COMMISSIONER BURTON: What's the timeframe for this
- 7 investigation?
- 8 DC HAYES: Through the Chair. I believe the Chief
- 9 indicated 30 days.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay. Alright. There being
- 11 nothing else, we're going to go to oral communication.
- 12 COMMISSIONER BURTON: No, through the Chair, I have
- 13 another question.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay.
- 15 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Another question I have is on
- 16 the behalf of Detroiters reaching out, concerned about a
- 17 sergeant that was killed here in the City of Detroit by
- 18 the same department. That's an officer involved shooting.
- 19 We have a policy that this board has adopted and
- 20 approved. When will that video and audio be made
- 21 available to this board as well as the 911 calls.
- DC HAYES: Through the Chair. Within the timeframe
- 23 that the Chief has committed to releasing all officer
- 24 involved videos. That will happen, sir. We are well
- 25 within that time frame.



- COMMISSIONER BURTON: Okay. I will make sure that 1
- closer to the date I bring this up again. 2
- 3 DC HAYES: Sure. Understood.
- COMMISSIONER BURTON: Because the public has a right 4
- 5 to want to know what's really going on here. Especially,
- we as commissioners need to exercise our fiduciary 6
- responsibility to get to the bottom of this, for 7
- something like this to never happen again. We're talking 8
- about a 16-year veteran officer who was a sergeant, who
- was loved by this department, but something went wrong 10
- that day. And we want to know from our fiduciary 11
- responsibility what went wrong. But we won't know until 12
- 13 we hear the 911 call, until we see all of the available
- 14 facts.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Absolutely. Anything further?
- 16 There being nothing further, we're going to go to oral
- communications. 17
- MS. UNDERWOOD: Thank you, Mr. Chair. We have 11 18
- speakers. I'll call the first three speakers. Minister 19
- Eric Blount, Ms. Bernice Smith, Black Bag Roo. 20
- 21 MINISTER BLOUNT: Commissioner Woods, Chairperson
- 2.2 Woods.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes, sir.
- 24 MINISTER BLOUNT: I'm very disappointed that you
- 25 would bring the prosecutor's office in here and let them



- 1 have a one-sided narrative about what happens to
- 2 citizens. Why not also bring in a wrongfully convicted
- 3 person fresh out of prison for 20 years? Maybe then we'll
- 4 hear the other side of this story.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: We'll do that.
- 6 MINISTER BLOUNT: You should have done it right here,
- 7 right now, so we can hear them both at the same time.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes, sir.
- 9 MINISTER BLOUNT: That's my real issue. And that's
- 10 the real scandal here. Because don't forget, she at least
- 11 mentioned that 99% of the people released under wrongful
- 12 convictions are black men. But not only that, all this
- 13 release of information, I believe she's absolutely wrong
- 14 about not releasing body-worn camera footage. It's a
- 15 piece of evidence. No, it's not everything. It is a piece
- 16 of evidence. And when the police have a suspect that has
- 17 not had due process, they still release the name, the
- 18 picture, the video of what may have been this person. And
- 19 yes, police have the constitutional right to lie to
- 20 citizens, but a citizen lying to police is criminally
- 21 charged with a felony. How does that happen? And also,
- 22 the police, if you have a suspect that hasn't had due
- 23 process and all these things that Kym Worthy says she
- 24 wants to wait to release the video. You can still take
- 25 that person and have them under custody for 72 hours



- 1 without being charged. This is a sick and corrupted
- 2 system. And you have to get it right, because not only
- 3 bright men, but all people are in danger of this. One
- 4 hour in prison is enough to change a person's life
- 5 forever and their families and their communities. Thank
- 6 you.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Thank you. You may be heard.
- 8 MS. SMITH: Thank you. Let me let you know; I've been
- 9 with the police department under Coleman Young since '73.
- 10 I've learned quite a bit about the citizens and the
- 11 police department. And when you have people come up here
- 12 that complain, and complain; I said it last week, if you
- 13 don't have a solution, shut your mouth or investigate
- 14 yourself. Now you're talking about Kym; Kym was my
- 15 daughter. I started with her in her campaign when she
- 16 became the prosecutor for Starsky and Hutch. I had a
- 17 business right there, a block away when all this
- 18 happened. I was able to see what they did to that young
- 19 man. The police were across the street at a liquor store
- 20 and they were looking out the window at all the blacks
- 21 that were in front of that liquor store. And when they
- 22 saw Starsky, I don't know what he did.
- 23 And he got in the car with his friends and they
- 24 followed him three blocks down on 23 and Warren. I can
- 25 tell you about it, but I don't have the time to tell you.



- 1 And that's when that happened. And that's when Kym became
- 2 the prosecutor; and she did that case. I watched her grow
- 3 through the years, I worked on her campaign when she was
- 4 the judge. She was a good judge; and then she became the
- 5 prosecutor. So I've been in this city a hell of a long
- 6 time and I know the good ones and I know the bad ones. So
- 7 as far as my police are concerned, I love them dearly;
- 8 and I've always told you they have risked their lives
- 9 when they put that uniform on to take care of all of us.
- 10 And we don't realize that. I realize it. I happen to be
- 11 92 years old, so I know what I'm talking about. And don't
- 12 ever compare Detroit against Chicago because that's my
- 13 hometown. And I will born there. So I know what Chicago
- 14 will do. We have a campaign going on, and I shouldn't say
- 15 anything about it. But I'm telling you, vote and don't
- 16 vote with Trump, because he is a racist. I encountered
- 17 him myself. I can tell you about him right here in the
- 18 City of Detroit. He wanted to build a hotel here.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay, that's time. Alright next
- 20 speaker.
- MS. UNDERWOOD: Next speaker is Black Bag Roo, and
- 22 after Mr. Roo, Lieutenant Mark Young.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: That's it. Hold on.
- 24 COMMISSIONER BANKS: I think it's election not...
- 25 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Come on up. No, not you guys.



- 1 He's first.
- BLACK BAG ROO: Bless your heart, man. Hey there,
- 3 Woods, have to start the clock. Now, last week I had
- 4 something to say to you. I showed up in person. I've been
- 5 talking to people that were locked up over at Ryan all
- 6 the time. And I told you, when Mark called you to ask,
- 7 tell them that Rubiski broke with the waves, what I told
- 8 you last week, what you are so upset about; and what you
- 9 did was, these board members voted to subpoena the
- 10 record. You went in the next morning and you told the
- 11 acting secretary to send a letter because you've been
- 12 talking to somebody over at the Michigan State Police.
- 13 Now, board members, citizens, residents, taxpayers, City
- 14 of Detroit, this man, as in; you sacked the board's
- 15 authority, you did the same thing Willie Bell did.
- And then Jim Holley, the snake away of salesman;
- 17 that too, and QuanTez Pressley, and Brian Ferguson, and
- 18 you just trying to follow in their footsteps. Now, hey
- 19 man, listen, Nene asked me for some help, and that's what
- 20 she is going to get. And her birthday was 10/13. She
- 21 didn't get what she wanted on her birthday. Kaniesha's
- 22 birthday, 10/15. She didn't...Kaniesha's dead man. Somebody
- 23 killed her. She didn't shoot herself. The Detroit Police
- 24 is trying to contend that Kaniesha was left-handed. They
- 25 are trying to contend she took a gun and shot herself in



- 1 the abdomen, left side. She's left-handed; dominant hand,
- 2 she never used her right hand for nothing to shoot
- 3 herself in the left side in the abdomen, threw it through
- 4 the womb, no bullet fragment, recovered no suicide weapon
- 5 at the scene. And lies being told by the suspects who
- 6 turned into witnesses. And Jeffrey Huss changing the
- 7 original determination of homicide to suicide. And then
- 8 you doing what you did, usurping the board's authorities
- 9 is just too much. Nene is going to get what she wants.
- 10 You're standing in the way you have to go. Somebody on
- 11 this board is to make a motion to remove this chairman
- 12 from his position immediately.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Next. Thank you, sir.
- 14 CHIEF WELBORN: And to everybody here, my name is
- 15 Chief Master Sergeant Bill Welborn, Detroit Chapter,
- 16 Tuskegee Airmen.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Wow!
- 18 CHIEF WELBORN: We are here because of the incident
- 19 AC talked about a while ago. When I first heard about it,
- 20 I got mad. I mean, I really got mad. I already have a
- 21 Vietnam flashback on somebody. And you know, because this
- 22 was a slap in the face to me. That's all we've been
- 23 through. And I've been with Tuskegee ever since 1948. So
- 24 I knew everything about him, about Jeff and everybody
- 25 else. Jeff was a guy that everybody loved. When we had



- 1 the dedication out there, 38 of us old students showed up
- 2 to the dedication. Debbie Stabenow, Rashida Tlaib, Debbie
- 3 Dingell, Coleman Young, he would better have been there,
- 4 or I would kill him.
- 5 But you know, this really hurt. And when I got the
- 6 call that said that they had found the statue, I almost
- 7 jumped for joy. I'm here on behalf of the Detroit
- 8 Chapter, Tuskegee Airmen, and my partner, he's going to
- 9 speak for a few seconds to give this book by Colonel
- 10 Jefferson. It's called: Red Tail Captured, Red Tail Free.
- 11 This is the story of Colonel Jefferson himself. It tells
- 12 all about his story. And I'm going to present this to the
- 13 Detroit Police Department; just trying to show them some
- 14 kind of thanks for what they did. They did a job that I
- 15 really appreciate.
- 16 TUSKEGEE AIRMEN SPEAKER: Also, I want to add on to
- 17 what Bill said. You know, you always hear the bad news
- 18 about the police. But when they do a great job, people
- 19 don't even appreciate it. They don't appreciate it. Now,
- 20 see something, hear something, say something; communities
- 21 have to get involved too, you know. So on behalf of the
- 22 Tuskegee Airmen, Detroit chapter, also, I want to present
- 23 this to the Chief. This was a hat. I was a military
- 24 policeman, so I know how hard it is being a police
- 25 officer. And also on the back of there is the first



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- 1 combat unit in Vietnam, the 173rd Airborne Brigade.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Wow!
- 3 TUSKEGEE AIRMEN SPEAKER: Yes. And also Blue History.
- 4 Bass Reeves was a black slave, legendary black hero
- 5 Marshall. He was the first black US Deputy Marshall. He
- 6 arrested over 3000 people. He arrested his own son when
- 7 his son committed a crime. CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Wow!
- 8 TUSKEGEE AIRMEN SPEAKER: The lone ranger. He was a
- 9 real lone ranger. God bless you, sir. God bless you.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Thanks for your service. You want
- 11 to say something to him?
- DC HAYES: To our veterans of the Tuskegee Airmen. On
- 13 behalf of...
- 14 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: A point of order.
- DC HAYES: Sorry. To our veterans who've served this
- 16 country honorably. There have been many books and movies
- 17 about the struggles that it takes just for you to fight
- 18 for our freedom. On behalf of the men and women of the
- 19 Detroit Police Department, we thank you. It is our
- 20 pleasure to serve you and certainly to bring justice and
- 21 honor to the late Lieutenant Colonel. Thank you for the
- 22 gestures. Chief White will absolutely enjoy them. And we
- 23 will memorialize the book and the other items here at
- 24 Detroit Public Safety Headquarters. And again, we say
- 25 thank you.



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- 1 MALE SPEAKER: Wonderful.
- DC HAYES: Mr. Chair, if we can do this after the
- 3 meeting.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Thank you. Next person.
- 5 MS. UNDERWOOD: Our next speakers will be, Mr.
- 6 Vincent Bennett, Ms. Williams, and Mr. Foster. And then
- 7 we'll go into Zoom.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Sir, can you have a seat?
- 9 MR. BENNETT: Good evening to everyone. Good evening
- 10 to the board.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Good evening.
- MR. BENNETT: Commissioners, this is my very first
- 13 time ever attending such a function of this magnitude. I
- 14 was invited by an officer yesterday. I was here to get
- 15 some assistance with some community service; and she
- 16 invited me to the meetings and I can meet some
- 17 distinguished people such as the board. And maybe I can
- 18 get some added assistance in my community. I live in the
- 19 Ninth Precinct, District area of the City of Detroit. And
- 20 yeah, this gun violence stuff has been getting completely
- 21 out of control. And the reason why the officers are
- 22 having such a hard problem doing a horrific job, and
- 23 they're doing the best that they can. I think everybody
- 24 that's in this room feels the same way because everybody
- 25 in this room has the same kind of goal. But the only



- 1 thing we have to do now, I think, is all of us work
- 2 collectively together. You know, we have to put away some
- 3 of our personal indifferences or our biased opinions on
- 4 whatever that circumstance may arise at that point in
- 5 time. Because, like you said, Chair that it takes all of
- 6 us, you know, and as Madam Prosecutor was speaking, we
- 7 can't let these distract us. First of all, we all have to
- 8 listen to the facts. The reason why we don't have a lot
- 9 of people speaking up saying something, such as myself,
- 10 is because we are getting terrorized. And like the
- 11 investigator came out today to my house before I came to
- 12 the meeting. And like I told him, I said, hey, I don't
- 13 want to contribute to the problem. I'm here today to talk
- 14 about, let's all become team players. Let's continue to
- 15 be team players. And if we do that, I think we can get
- 16 everybody a job, and have a great solution as the
- 17 resolution that we all have here sitting, you know, at
- 18 the table before us. I'm going to come back again. I'm
- 19 here to speak, I'm here to even do an internship, I'm
- 20 here to help assist. But I'm also here to assist this. I
- 21 just wanted to say that, you know?
- 22 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay. Thank you. Next.
- 23 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Chair, can ask him one quick
- 24 question.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes, sir.



- 1 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Through the Chair. Brother, you
- 2 mentioned the Ninth Precinct, right?
- 3 MR. BENNETT: That's correct.
- 4 COMMISSIONER BANKS: I live in the Ninth Precinct.
- 5 Can we talk afterwards? Do you need some type of help,
- 6 assistance?
- 7 MR. BENNETT: Yes, sir.
- 8 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Let's talk afterwards.
- 9 MR. BENNETT: No problem. Thank you. Have a great
- 10 day.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Alright. Yes. The next speaker.
- 12 Yep. Go ahead, Deputy Chief.
- DC HAYES: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Also, Second Deputy
- 14 Chief Kyra Joy Hope is in the audience. If they can
- 15 connect, we can begin right now making sure that we get
- 16 the services that our resident needs.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Absolutely.
- 18 DC HAYES: Thank you.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: You may be heard.
- MS. WILLIAMS: Through the Chair. Abuse of authority,
- 21 equality, and justice for all. I've been complaining
- 22 about officers in the shelters. So Cheyenne is the
- 23 officer that was at 1200, well, 12 900 West Chicago. The
- 24 officer I was complaining about concerning her daughter.
- 25 Officer Boldman worked here and he's the officer also.



- 1 But she was at 3426 Mac. But last night, well, at 2:00 AM
- 2 this morning, class of '24, one of their officers got
- 3 into a fight at the shelter. They were going below the
- 4 block. This is not acceptable when you are in the
- 5 shelter. And I'm quite sure they have their weapons too,
- 6 because you're not going to leave your weapons
- 7 unattended. You are in the facility, taking up space for
- 8 homeless people. I've been complaining about this. Deputy
- 9 Chief, I mean, Hayes said there are no officers in the
- 10 shelter, because Chief White has to sign off on it,
- 11 whatever the case is. I'm fully aware of officers in that
- 12 facility, not just the class of '24.
- So a lot of people that have been on the force for a
- 14 long time, and I'm not going to give them the courtesy,
- 15 out of respect, I'm not going to even mention their name,
- 16 but we are going to talk about that one. The bottom line
- 17 is; I don't care what nobody says in this room. If you
- 18 are not going to do your job correctly, then no one needs
- 19 to be sitting down and acting like everything is okay.
- 20 Like when (audio unclear) was on the board of
- 21 commissioners [audio unclear] had your job. When I made
- 22 complaints, they were not conclusive. So he got fired for
- 23 all this illegal stuff. So I'm going back from '21. All
- 24 the complaints I've made against officers not respecting
- 25 their badges, abuse of authority.



- 1 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Thank you. Will you stop being
- 2 disruptive in this meeting, sir. Thank you. You continue
- 3 to be disruptive in our meeting, sir.
- 4 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the Chair. If someone
- 5 is clapping, that's not being disruptive. I mean, people
- 6 do that in solidarity when someone that they agree with
- 7 is speaking. You had a lady that was speaking.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: It conforms to the meeting...
- 9 COMMISSIONER BURTON: But you had a lady that was,
- 10 you had a citizen that was just speaking at, at the
- 11 podium and he was clapping on the behalf of something
- 12 that she said.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: You are out of order. You are not
- 14 being recognized. You may be heard, sir.
- 15 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I'd like to make a motion at
- 16 this time to remove Darryl Woods as Chair.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: You may be heard, sir... You are
- 18 being disruptive, you are out of order, sir.
- 19 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Point of order. You are
- 20 disruptive.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Excuse me. Yes, sir, you may be
- 22 heard.
- MR. FOSTER: Good evening.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Good evening.
- 25 MR > FOSTER: Through the Chair. Just a few things



- 1 this evening. I don't know how Commander Decker is doing.
- 2 I hope he's doing much better in this situation. In light
- 3 of the news, I hope that you guys keep DC Hayes in mind
- 4 for some line of promotion. He has done a very, very good
- 5 job out here being visible in the community. Thirdly,
- 6 when we have citizens up here that come up for over a
- 7 year, I'm not sure if anyone else heard of, but she's
- 8 been in a shelter over a year, and that's too long. And
- 9 if we could find some type of social work and get
- 10 permanent housing that may alleviate some of these
- 11 grievances that continue to come in on a weekly basis.
- 12 Fourth...
- 13 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: The time is not clicking.
- MR. FOSTER: Yeah, that's all right. I'm sorry, but
- 15 the fourth thing is, when it comes down to our
- 16 investigations, I think highlighted \$60 million in
- 17 overtime. We need to be more considerate about what we
- 18 are...
- 19 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Hold on. The time is not clicking
- 20 on this screen, or someone needs to keep up with the
- 21 time. Let me know when the time is working or will
- 22 someone take the time.
- MS. UNDERWOOD: I'll take over in just a moment, sir.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Go ahead. I apologize.
- MR. FOSTER: Yeah, I appreciate you all. I think that



- 1 it's important that we do better management. And I know
- 2 the community has a lot of outlook and rage about things.
- 3 But I think that time and effort investigating what went
- 4 on with the young black man as I see them, could be
- 5 further used and as enacting new policies. We don't have
- 6 to keep spending money or overtime to appease things. We
- 7 have to better use our finances. And just like I equally
- 8 advocate for anybody else, advocate for some form of
- 9 compassion for that young man as well. So, as a sergeant
- 10 domestic violence was one of the things I continued to
- 11 advocate for, and my question is, how are officers with
- 12 these issues living outside of this community? And if
- 13 they're doing these behaviors outside of their community,
- 14 how are they conducting themselves in uniform within our
- 15 community?
- And so those things have to be evaluated. Another
- 17 use this last time, I as well, am an air force veteran. I
- 18 invaded Iraq in '03. And it was just coincidental with
- 19 the same unit this young man was talking about. 173rd
- 20 Airborne Brigade, March 26th of '03. And then just to
- 21 further give the public some information about Tuskegee
- 22 Airmen; we often hear one side of them. The Red Tails is
- 23 very important that you understand equally the other side
- 24 and the contribution that was made to civil rights in the
- 25 form of our former Mayor Coleman Young. And if you ever



- 1 get time, hopefully you could Google it today. It's
- 2 called: The Freeman Field Mutiny. Read the Freeman Field
- 3 Mutiny. And I appreciate you guys' service and thank you.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Thank you for your service and
- 5 thank you for all that you do for this community. Next.
- 6 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Through the Chair.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes.
- 8 COMMISSIONER BANKS: The security officers out there,
- 9 they say, when you close that door, it locks.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Those people right here?
- 11 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Yeah. So, people are going to
- 12 keep knocking on it if it's closed. And it was locked.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: We got this, Mother Smith.
- 14 MALE SPEAKER: Yes.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Thank you, sir.
- MALE SPEAKER: You're welcome.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Alright. Next speaker.
- 18 MS. UNDERWOOD: We're going to Zoom. Our first
- 19 speaker will be Mr. Jahdante Smith, and former
- 20 Commissioner William Davis. And our last speaker is Ms.
- 21 Denise Lyles.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: You may be heard.
- MR. SMITH: Hello, Jahdante Smith. Good afternoon.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Good afternoon.
- MR. SMITH: I want to say it's very interesting to



- 1 see the prosecutor here. I'm so sad I missed that. I
- 2 wanted to thank Chief White for leaving, because he makes
- 3 way for one of the best officers I've ever met in my
- 4 life, Chief Bettison. I want to also talk about the fact
- 5 that Darryl Woods, you served all of that time in prison
- 6 and you know Devonte Sanford, correct? And how his plight
- 7 was under the same prosecutor, all the juvenile lifers
- 8 that you're supposed to be working to bring home, right?
- 9 And of all these people who have been in these situations
- 10 under this same prosecutor, and you bring her here like
- 11 you are friends with her, which you probably are, because
- 12 that's how you act. So, I'm going to get off you though.
- 13 I'm talking about Sergeant Dowdy in Homicide who is doing
- 14 a terrible job. That man needs to be investigated.
- 15 There's an active complaint against him. I also want to
- 16 talk about the fact that Sherman Lee Butler was murdered.
- 17 And we are telling commissioners that, oh, we don't have
- 18 all the evidence. That's why the transparency of this
- 19 board is to help get evidence out to citizens, to
- 20 residents so we can know what's going on. We don't care
- 21 what you have. If you don't give it to us, you're hiding
- 22 in something, right? That's the whole thing about that. I
- 23 did witness something good today, officer. I saw an
- 24 officer with a CIT situation at a gas station and called
- 25 a CIT officer. Officers responded kind of quickly. You



- 1 actually have to give credit to Chief White for that. But
- 2 there have been so many mentally ill people murdered
- 3 under this department, under this current Chief who's
- 4 leaving; under his watch, which is very unfortunate.
- 5 Also this board, the purpose of this board is to
- 6 question the officers. It's to question what happens with
- 7 officers. I have a complaint against the DC, a deputy
- 8 chief of police, not Franklin Hayes, but DC Hope. She is
- 9 lying about me for no apparent reason. You know, so we
- 10 have bad leadership sometimes. Sometimes we have good
- 11 leadership, sometimes we have bad leadership. I'm not
- 12 talking about DC Hayes. He does a pretty good job. But
- 13 you know, this meeting is to talk about bad officers, not
- 14 to specifically praise them. You can talk about some
- 15 situations. This is for bad officers.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Thank you. The next caller. The
- 17 next caller.
- 18 MR. DAVIS: Good afternoon. Can I be heard?
- 19 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes, sir.
- 20 MR. DAVIS: Okay. I think this board should do a
- 21 better job and should intentionally lobby the mayor and
- 22 City Council. I have some issues with this board, but I
- 23 think one of the things you all need to do is to increase
- 24 your budget, especially as the number of police officers
- 25 have increased, and the number of police officers now



- 1 associated with transportation. You know, with DOT has
- 2 been a major shift. So I expect even more complaints to
- 3 come in. I think this board should do a better job in
- 4 making sure the number of backlog cases are completely
- 5 eliminated and that you all can stay up on the cases so
- 6 that the backlog doesn't build up again. I think you
- 7 could do a better job of that if you increase overall
- 8 staffing and you want to make sure people are paid
- 9 properly. You know, I've come from a strong union
- 10 background.
- I was UAW chief steward for UAW supervisor with the
- 12 city way back when before some of you all even knew what
- 13 the city was. Anyway, I think that more needs to be done.
- 14 And also I think more needs to be done as it relates to
- 15 officers that falsify official documentation. Like I
- 16 said, I did 34 years in the Water Department, and during
- 17 that time, if a person falsified official documentation,
- 18 they would be terminated. It appears if sometimes you can
- 19 falsify official documentation with, you know, with the
- 20 police department and you just get a vacation, you know,
- 21 a paid vacation or you get a reassignment to an easier
- 22 job. We need to make sure that we don't have, especially
- 23 black men going to jail needlessly or being harassed
- 24 needlessly or just spending any time in jail when they
- 25 shouldn't be. We need to make sure everything is above



- 1 board. I think that each and every one on this board can
- 2 do a better job; and hopefully, you all will start doing
- 3 a better job. Thank you.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Next speaker. Before you start,
- 5 it is ironic that we just did a whole budget presentation
- 6 and said that this board brought in a number of staff
- 7 members and they're doing investigations like never
- 8 before, but it is being said that we are not doing that.
- 9 I'm just baffled by this. Next speaker.
- 10 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the Chair.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Excuse me.
- 12 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Commissioner William Davis was
- 13 elected. He's an honorable commissioner...
- 14 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: My friend.
- 15 COMMISSIONER BURTON: And he was one of the best...
- 16 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: He's my friend.
- 17 COMMISSIONER BURTON: He is one of the best
- 18 commissioners that ever served on this board.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: You're not being heard.
- 20 COMMISSIONER BURTON: You shouldn't be...
- 21 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: You are out of order.
- 22 COMMISSIONER BURTON: You are out of order...
- 23 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: You are out of order.
- 24 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Because you sitting up here
- 25 trying to talk...



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- 1 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Next caller. Next caller.
- 2 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Let's talk about another caller
- 3 who was elected behind his back.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: And now he can hear me. He can
- 5 hear me clearly.
- 6 MS. UNDERWOOD: Ms. Lyles. Is this Ms. Lyles?
- 7 MS. LYLES: Yes. Can I be heard?
- 8 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes, you may be heard.
- 9 MS. LYLES: Good afternoon, everyone. First and
- 10 foremost, I support my police department in the Tenth
- 11 Precinct totally. But I also want to know about the
- 12 training. And when I say training, empathy training. And
- 13 just last week, one of my brothers died of a massive
- 14 heart attack sitting in his car, in his driveway. The
- 15 EMTs asked my niece while his daughter was also there,
- 16 and her father was dead on the ground. He asked my niece
- 17 to look in his car to see if his ID and things were in
- 18 there. She's in the vehicle searching for his ID, and the
- 19 officer tells her; "Get out the car, get out the car. We
- 20 need to check for fentanyl." First of all, you know
- 21 nothing about this and where's your compassion? When this
- 22 family member is laying on the ground dead? And she's
- 23 like, "EMT told me to come in here and get the ID."
- 24 "Well, we have all the information we need. We have his
- 25 name and we have his date of birth." She said, "Yes, I'm



- 1 the one who gave it to him." So my plea is that not only
- 2 new officers, but older officers go through empathy
- 3 training. We are constantly trying to build a connection
- 4 between our police officers and the community. That's no
- 5 way to do it. Thank you.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Thank you. Any more callers?
- 7 MS. UNDERWOOD: That's it, sir.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Alright. Thank you so much. So
- 9 let's go to the Human Resource Bureau. We are calling you
- 10 up. Human Resource.
- 11 DIRECTOR PATILLO: Five or six zooms, so I apologize.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: It's not a problem. You may be
- 13 heard.
- 14 DIRECTOR PATILLO: Good afternoon. Through the Chair,
- 15 I'll be presenting the Human Resource Bureau Report for
- 16 the month of September. So for the current staffing, the
- 17 department was filled at 95% or sworn. They were filled
- 18 at 96% and vacancies 4%. For civilians, it was 88%
- 19 filled.
- 20 For the police assistance, we were at 97%, filled,
- 21 3% vacancies. For the sworn recruiting, July plus since
- 22 the beginning of the fiscal year, we were at total
- 23 applications 2022 in processing 431, withdrew 4, archive
- 24 725, hired 52 during the fiscal year. 363, temporary
- 25 disqualified, currently disqualified 212 and awaiting



- 1 MCOLES was 235. For the MCOLES testing; for the written
- 2 test schedule was 168, 88 appeared during that time.
- 3 There were 67 that passed with a 76% passing rate. There
- 4 were 21 that failed, 24% failure rate, 6 reschedules, 3
- 5 withdrew, and 80 no shows. For physical agility, 179
- 6 schedule 90 appeared. 43 pass, which is a 48% passing
- 7 rate, 47 failed, 52% failure rate, 4 reschedules, 2
- 8 withdrew, 89 no shows. For the graduation class, we had a
- 9 total of 34 that graduated in September. Total new hires,
- 10 we had a total of 57; 17 sworn 40 civilians for the
- 11 Detroit residency, 585 Detroiters, total sworn non-
- 12 Detroiters 1,994. For police assistance which is also
- 13 including your sworn numbers. 15 Detroiters 18 non-
- 14 Detroiters for the civilians. 437 Detroiters, 289 non-
- 15 Detroiters. Of those new hires, they had a total of 22
- 16 civilian Detroit residents and 4 sworn residents. We have
- 17 1 intern that's still here. For attrition, we had a total
- 18 of 24. 13 sworn, 10 civilians, 1 police assistant. For
- 19 the leave of absence, for sworn, we had 15 FMLA
- 20 continuous for sworn, 6 for civilians. For FMLA
- 21 intermediate, 79 sworn 43 civilians. For paid parental
- 22 leave, we had 17 sworn, 3 civilians. Medical leave, 1
- 23 sworn, 3 civilians. Military, 1 sworn. Restricted, 145
- 24 for sworn, 11 civilians, 26 disabled were sworn, 36 for
- 25 sworn and 6 civilians. For the suspensions, we had a



- 1 total of 26, 24 police officers, 1 sergeant, 1
- 2 lieutenant, and for monthly separations, we had a total
- 3 of 13. That was 8 police officers, 3 sergeants, 1
- 4 lieutenant, 1 detective. And for your drop, we had a
- 5 total of 511. Also, on November 14th, I think you may
- 6 have already received the flyers. We are going to be
- 7 doing our VPD greet over at Triumph Church, East Campus.
- 8 That is a safe community where citizens can come out and
- 9 ask questions about joining the police force. We'll have
- 10 representations from 36 District Court. Sir Metro will be
- 11 there. We'll have a plethora of DPD representatives
- 12 there. From background investigators to our actual
- 13 members that are on the force from various different
- 14 units, and our HR consultants will be there as well. And
- 15 then on November 16th, so that time is going to be 4 to
- 16 7:00 PM. November 16th, we're going to be doing our
- 17 hiring fair at 6050 Linwood, our training center from
- 18 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM And then I have one more thing.
- So this is not in your notes, but I just want to
- 20 say, as of today, we have 59 vacancies. So we have come a
- 21 long way on recruiting with pay raises. We just want to
- 22 thank everyone for helping us to where we have gotten.
- 23 It's taken a lot to get here, to just be down to 59
- 24 vacancies. So from the mayor to the City Council, the
- 25 Board of Police Commissioners, to our staff here to Chief



- 1 White. We still have ways to go, but anything that you
- 2 all can do to encourage, to help promote, to pass out our
- 3 flyers, to have us come to the events to where you are,
- 4 we would greatly appreciate it because we are really
- 5 trying to get to zero. So with that being said, that
- 6 concludes our presentation.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Any questions?
- 8 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Pardon me. Have you done a
- 9 salary comparison for the adjoining police departments
- 10 here in Wayne County? For like, Warren and everyone else?
- 11 I'm just interested in knowing what the footprint is,
- 12 quite frankly for our department versus sister
- 13 departments. And I asked that because I had referred a
- 14 young African American man to the department, and he was
- 15 turned down. He has since been hired by Wayne at a salary
- 16 higher than ours. I thought our salary was the highest
- 17 salary in Wayne County, but apparently that's not the
- 18 case. But I'm just interested in the footprint for hiring
- 19 within Wayne County.
- 20 DIRECTOR PATILLO: We did pull some data a couple of
- 21 weeks ago. What I will say is that some of the agencies,
- 22 and I don't have it in front of me, so I won't quote
- 23 numbers. Some of the agencies did receive an increase as
- 24 of July, 1st. But I haven't boarded, like I said, for all
- 25 the counties. But there were some counties, Warren being



- 1 one of them, that did have a significant pay increase.
- 2 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Well, we'd be interested in
- 3 seeing how we rank with respect to Southeastern Michigan
- 4 police departments.
- 5 DIRECTOR PATILLO: Okay.
- 6 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Thank you.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Oh, yeah, go ahead.
- 8 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Were you going to say something?
- 9 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: You go first, sir.
- 10 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Oh, okay. Thank you. Chair.
- 11 Through the Chair, blessings to you and your household,
- 12 Director. We had 168 people take the written examination.
- 13 Only 67 passed. That's less than half. Why? I mean, what
- 14 is the written examination about? Can you give a little
- 15 briefing on that?
- DIRECTOR PATILLO: It is multiple choice, but the
- 17 written examination is, it could be a million and one
- 18 reason why someone does not pass. I mean, it could be
- 19 maybe they hung out the night before. It could be, maybe
- 20 some people have an issue with test taking skills. So I
- 21 can't really, per se answer that question. I can tell you
- 22 that even if they don't pass the first time, we do give
- 23 them another opportunity to pass. And it is not an
- 24 expense to them. We actually assume the cost of that
- 25 expense.



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- 1 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Okay. I'm all set, Chair.
- CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Thank you. Commissioner 2
- 3 Dewaelsche.
- COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHE: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I'm 4
- 5 really pleased to hear that we're at 95%. The last time I
- was on the commission, I don't think we were rarely at 6
- 95%. So that's really good news. What concerns me is that
- we still have a significant number of applicants, or I 8
- should say the police department officers that are non-
- residents of the city of Detroit. And I've been told in 10
- the past that there's nothing we can do because the law 11
- 12 says they can live wherever. Well, I think as a
- 13 department and in recruiting, there is something we can
- 14 do. We can totally, or not totally, but at least give
- 15 major emphasis to recruiting from the city and from
- 16 different, you know, organizations that work with city
- 17 residents. So I guess my question is, what are some of
- the efforts that we're doing to recruit Detroit residents 18
- to the department? 19
- 20 DIRECTOR PATILLO: So we heavily advertise and market
- all of our billboards up in Detroit. We are also, in all 21
- the high schools, all of the colleges that are here. When 22
- the city councilmen have their events, we're also out in 23
- 24 their events. They actually have all of our flowers;
- 25 flowers that they have disseminated as well. So we're out



- 1 at pretty much any place there is an invitation to go and
- 2 recruit, we are there. Any organization that reaches out
- 3 to us, the military reaches out to us. Athletic gyms and
- 4 things like that, we're out everywhere. So it's not that
- 5 we are not out, we are out heavily recruiting in Detroit
- 6 and outside of Detroit.
- 7 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHE: If I could just follow up,
- 8 Mr. Chair. Yes, and that's really good. I think that what
- 9 we need to do though, as a department, we need to be
- 10 upfront, in front of that in terms of, we go to the
- 11 organizations, we ask if we can have an event at their,
- 12 I'm talking about nonprofits, especially nonprofits that
- 13 serve Detroit residents in very many ways. And so I think
- 14 we need to be the ones that are asking them, what events
- 15 do you have? I'm just throwing out some ideas.
- 16 DIRECTOR PATILLO: And we do.
- 17 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHE: Okay, good. Thank you.
- 18 DIRECTOR PATILLO: But if you ask for some
- 19 recommendations, I will be more than happy to take them.
- 20 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHE: We'll definitely do that.
- 21 Thank you.
- 22 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Just quickly. Your report, one
- 23 of the sheets is red writing, I can hardly read it. If
- 24 you could just make it maybe yellow or lighter...
- 25 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHE: Microphone.



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- 1 DIRECTOR PATILLO: I see what page she's on.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Thank you. Alright. Go ahead,
- 3 commissioner.
- 4 COMMISSIONER BANKS: I'm just piggybacking off of
- 5 Commissioner Dewaelsche. Even though you recruit from
- 6 Detroit, but we maxed out, Director, Detroit Police maxed
- 7 out what, in 4 years?
- 8 DIRECTOR PATILLO: Yes.
- 9 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Even though they maxed out in 4
- 10 years. What, 75, 80, \$90,000, whatever, 85, whatever.
- 11 They still can move to Bloomfield Grosse Pointe, right?
- 12 DIRECTOR PATILLO: Yes.
- 13 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Okay. So it really doesn't make
- 14 a difference if we recruit from Detroit.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Alright.
- 16 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: The comment and response to my
- 17 colleague; most of the City Detroit workers live outside
- 18 the city. I mean, both at the executive level as well as
- 19 at a staffing level. So we can criticize our department,
- 20 but the fact of the matter is that there's no requirement
- 21 whatsoever, other than for the mayor, that anyone being
- 22 in terms of his executive staff in the city be a resident
- 23 of the City of Detroit. We only have one person who has
- 24 to be a resident, and that's the mayor.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Alright. The question that I have



- 1 is that we have a suspension that's without pay. I see
- 2 that it's from 2020. Can you explain that?
- 3 DIRECTOR PATILLO: So I cannot explain that. However,
- 4 I can get it from disciplinary and give you an answer.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yeah. Please get us an answer.
- 6 Thank you so much, and great report. And thank you for
- 7 your tenacity. I see you out in the community myself
- 8 personally, and you are always out there doing what's
- 9 needed to be able to recruit. I see you throughout the
- 10 City of Detroit. And so thank you for your leadership.
- 11 DIRECTOR PATILLO: You're welcome.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yep. Having said that, we did the
- 13 announcements and all of that. Any new business? No new
- 14 business. What is the pleasure of this board?
- 15 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHE: I have a memo.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Oh yeah. Okay. Alright. I didn't
- 17 see that. Oh, the budget committee is doing a new
- 18 business.
- 19 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHE: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I'll
- 20 be very brief. The budget committee, as the executive
- 21 fiscal manager indicated we met last night and I have a
- 22 budget memo regarding our meeting that I would like to
- 23 read. It's very brief.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes, ma'am.
- 25 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHE: Dear colleagues, on behalf



- 1 of the Board of Police Commissioners budget committee,
- 2 please see the key follow up from the committee meeting
- 3 held on October 30th, 2024. Committee Chairperson, myself
- 4 and Chairman Woods were at the meeting. Staff attendees
- 5 were the board secretary, Lydia Garnier Drew Fries,
- 6 executive fiscal manager. And the points that I want to
- 7 make, the major point is that fiscal year '25, '26, BOPC
- 8 budget. As we move forward with the new budget cycle for
- 9 the city, we are asking our fellow board of police
- 10 commissioners to share their feedback and budget
- 11 initiative ideas to help build the BOPC budget. The
- 12 budget committee will reconvene next Friday to refine the
- 13 budget draft, incorporating your valuable suggestions.
- 14 Please submit your input by Thursday, November 7th. The
- 15 committee will compile and further develop the building
- 16 of the budget for the upcoming '25. '26 fiscal year.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: We will lose our quorum when Mr.
- 18 Burton leaves.
- 19 COMMISSIONER BANKS: We still have 6.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: We still have 6.
- 21 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHE: As long as you start with
- 22 the quorum, you're fine. CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Alright,
- 23 thank you.
- 24 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHE: Yes. Thank you.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Alright, go ahead.



- 1 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHE: The committee will compile
- 2 and further develop the building budget for the upcoming
- 3 '25, '26 fiscal year. The budget committee will then
- 4 bring the updated BOPC budget draft to the full board for
- 5 approval ahead of the submission to the city, which is
- 6 November 13th. That's their submission deadline. Thank
- 7 you for your collaboration. The next budget committee
- 8 meeting is scheduled for November 8th, 2024 at 2:30 PM.
- 9 Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Chair.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Great work. Thank you. Yep. We
- 11 are there.
- 12 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Excellent report.
- 13 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHE: Thank you.
- 14 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: My question is...
- 15 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Please grab that mic.
- 16 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: My question is, thank you. My
- 17 question is for OCI. I'm looking at the caseloads here.
- 18 One person has 1 case; another one has 8; other people
- 19 have 124. I'm trying to understand this. And number 2,
- 20 the printout that you gave us is not readable at all. The
- 21 print is way too small. Page after page, you can't read.
- 22 But the summary page is the one I'm referencing, which
- 23 says caseloads as of October 29th, 2024
- 24 CI WARFIELD: Through the Chair. As it relates to the
- 25 print on the page, we'll fix that and we'll absolutely



- 1 make sure that is larger and where it should be. As it
- 2 relates to the caseloads; the caseloads vary depending on
- 3 those investigators that are currently in training,
- 4 versus those investigators who are more experienced and
- 5 have larger caseloads. We have 6, 7, I'm sorry, 7
- 6 investigators who are still in training. They are in
- 7 their 6th month and one I think is in their 9th month
- 8 being with the Office of the Chief Investigator. And so
- 9 their caseloads right now are somewhat smaller only
- 10 because they're still in the training phase.
- 11 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: But how can a person be a
- 12 full-time employee, making what, 70,000, almost 80,000 a
- 13 year and have 1 case or 3 cases or 8 cases versus people
- 14 who have 208 cases. Everybody's making the same amount of
- 15 money essentially.
- 16 CI WARFIELD: So two things. One; no one is making 70
- 17 or \$80,000 as an investigator,
- 18 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: 60, 70. But still...
- 19 CI WARFIELD: The second point is these with the
- 20 reports that you have right now in front of you are
- 21 weekly reports. So they change frequently. As a matter of
- 22 fact, I just did a preliminary one just right now, which
- 23 doesn't even include the cases that closed today. We have
- 24 over a hundred cases that are actually physically closed
- 25 in our office. During the month of October. When all is



- 1 said and done, when all of those records are tallied up,
- 2 we're probably closer to 110 or 120 cases that are
- 3 actually closed. In addition to that, there has been
- 4 another 160 cases that have been submitted for review to
- 5 be closed. So when you look at the overall production of
- 6 the office, again, it's a snapshot, but unfortunately
- 7 it's an unfair snapshot because what it does not capture
- 8 is the full gravity of the work that's being done in the
- 9 office. And again, this is just a snapshot in time.
- 10 That's all it is; and a week at a time at that.
- 11 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: There is one other question,
- 12 how can we possibly have 593 still unassigned cases with
- 13 all the people that we have and all the resources that
- 14 are being put into this? I mean, I'm getting comments
- 15 even from City Council members again for what, 3, 4
- 16 years, we've been talking about backlogs.
- 17 CI WARFIELD: Those cases are not, through the Chair.
- 18 Those cases are not unassigned. They're in a backlog
- 19 status on purpose. And the reason that they're in the
- 20 backlog bucket is simply because most of those cases are
- 21 cases that came over to us from the OIG, when OIG took
- 22 over 1400 cases out of our office, they brought back to
- 23 our office another 1200 cases. The 593 cases that you see
- 24 there is what's left over from the 1200 cases that we've
- 25 already reinvestigated and that we've already closed as a



- 1 result of that investigation. So we are well ahead of the
- 2 curve as it relates to clearing up that backlog. So those
- 3 are what's remaining from that 1200 cases that we
- 4 received back from the OIG office.
- 5 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: But what's the projection for
- 6 clearing up the 593, so I can stop hearing about it at
- 7 every City Council meeting that I go to?
- 8 CI WARFIELD: Yes, ma'am.
- 9 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Attack me when I get there.
- 10 CI WARFIELD: Yes, ma'am. The projection is March,
- 11 I'm sorry, April/May of next year. And the reason why
- 12 it's April/May of next year, is that we only received a
- 13 full staff, as you know, at the very beginning of this
- 14 year. And again, a number of those individuals are still
- 15 in training. Even though our production has increased
- 16 significantly. Prior to our staff being full, we were
- 17 closing about 45 to 60 cases. Now again, that's well over
- 18 a hundred cases a month since we've had the full staff,
- 19 even with the new people still being in training. As a
- 20 matter of fact, some of our new investigators are
- 21 producing a lot higher number of closed cases than those
- 22 who have been with us for a while. So around the office,
- 23 people are working extremely diligently getting it done.
- 24 What we cannot do is be gimmicky in the way that we close
- 25 these cases. We have to thoroughly investigate every



- 1 case. We have to make sure that we follow our SOP and the
- 2 protocols that are already set in place. So we have to be
- 3 thorough with it. But we are making our way through these
- 4 cases, I think at a very good clip.
- 5 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Well, all I can tell you is
- 6 that this sheet here does not reflect that. A person has
- 7 one case and another person has 208.
- 8 CI WARFIELD: Well, let me say this; this sheet...
- 9 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: That's all I'm saying.
- 10 CI WARFIELD: No. This sheet is absolutely not up to
- 11 date. Our average case size, just so you know, our
- 12 average case size, especially when we started our
- 13 timelines initiative, our average case size is about a
- 14 hundred cases or less. So when you see the one
- 15 investigator there with only 8 cases, that's not all
- 16 that's in her caseload. Her caseload is actually over
- 17 200. And the reason why it's only 8 is because we give it
- 18 to them as a measure that it will not overwhelm them
- 19 while they're still in training. So there are cases that
- 20 are assigned to them that are not in this particular
- 21 document, but we know the bucket that they are assigned
- 22 to.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: So this is a weekly update.
- 24 CI WARFIELD: That's all this is, is a weekly update...
- 25 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Can't anybody on City Council or



- 1 any other agency come in and micromanage what we're
- 2 doing. You know, our investigators are working very, very
- 3 hard and they're doing a strong job in doing this, you
- 4 know doing their job. And so we look forward to reporting
- 5 to the City Council and to the city very, very soon as it
- 6 relates to the fine job that is going on in OCI. Like you
- 7 said, it was a snapshot. What is the pleasure of this
- 8 board?
- 9 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Through the Chair. This is for
- 10 the Chief Investigator. Chief investigator. Now, the
- 11 commissioner said that the 593 backlog you were talking
- 12 about, because, if I'm not mistaken, you said the sheet
- 13 was not accurate, right?
- 14 CI WARFIELD: No. So this is a snapshot. If we get
- 15 this number today, that number would not be... these
- 16 numbers are full. Let me just go back a little bit. These
- 17 numbers are generated overnight at 8:00 AM every day. And
- 18 these numbers right here are not reflective of what has
- 19 taken place this week at all. So even when you look at
- 20 the number 593 in the backlog bucket, please know that
- 21 those cases that we have deemed as backlog are those
- 22 cases; and if you remember, maybe just over a year ago,
- 23 there are those cases that we found in our office that I
- 24 personally did an audit on, and found that these cases
- 25 were deemed as closed and they were not fully



- 1 investigated. Those are in that backlog bucket. And in
- 2 addition to the cases that came back to us from the OIG,
- 3 they ended up in the backlog bucket.
- And so what we have been doing, again, it ended up
- 5 to be over 1200 cases. What we ended up doing is giving
- 6 them out to investigators a little bit at a time in order
- 7 that they not be overwhelmed, but they're able to make
- 8 their way through with them. And they certainly have,
- 9 that number was much higher than 593 when we first
- 10 started in the backlog bucket.
- 11 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Let's see; I still have one
- 12 more. Mr. Chair?
- 13 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes, sir.
- 14 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Through the Chair. Now, Chief, I
- 15 haven't asked you for 9 months, where will we stand with
- 16 the backlog because I wanted you to get a full... huh?
- 17 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Let him speak, and please don't
- 18 interrupt.
- 19 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Didn't we not just receive
- 20 that answer?
- 21 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yeah.
- 22 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Okay. Now, the last time I asked
- 23 you was about 9 months ago, but I was waiting on you to
- 24 get your staff, and get your staff lined up and geared up
- 25 and everything. So I'm coming back to you now. Where do



| 1  | we stand in the backlog, Chief, as of now? And you know  |  |  |
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| 2  | COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: I'm going to make a motion       |  |  |
| 3  | to adjourn. That question was already asked and answered |  |  |
| 4  | two minutes ago.   |  |  |
| 5  | COMMISSIONER BELL: Second.                               |  |  |
| 6  | CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Motion made by Commissioner           |  |  |
| 7  | Hernandez, second by Commissioner Bell to adjourn. Any   |  |  |
| 8  | discussion? Thank you. There being no discussion, all in |  |  |
| 9  | favor, say aye.  |  |  |
| 10 | COMMISSIONERS: Aye.                                      |  |  |
| 11 | CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Anyone opposed? The motion is         |  |  |
| 12 | carried. Thank you.                                      |  |  |
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