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CITY OF DETROIT
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS MEETING
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3 DC BLISS: So, we don't have a DPD connect
4 application, but they can call the precinct, they can
5 call the Second Precinct.

6 COMMISSIONER BURTON: No, it used to be an app. I
7 don't know if you still use it or not. But DPD used to
8 have an app, DPD Connect, where you could go there. You
9 had all the NPOs information there, all the precincts
10 information, and you even talked about crime training for
11 the various precincts.

12 Okay. So, I would reach out to the precinct, that's
13 596-5200.

14 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I remember that was one of the
15 apps. I think that was the app during the time Chief
16 James Craig when he was here, but I don't know if the
17 department is still using that or not, but it was very
18 user friendly and a lot of Detroit residents were logging
19 onto that app.

20 DC BLISS: Well, the other, through the Chair. The
21 other thing is we can, you can go to DPD Facebook; you
22 can also go to the City of Detroit website and go to
23 Detroit Police Department and all that information is on
24 there also.

25 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay. Commissioner Moore.

1 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Just very briefly, Mr. Chairman,
2 I can't speak for any other District or any other
3 precinct, but in the Second, Sixth and Tenth Precincts in
4 District 7, our captains and commanders have been very
5 engaging over the years with the citizens, to a point
6 where I don't have to attend the meeting because they're
7 engaged. But when I hear this, that makes me think I
8 should be over the Second Precinct a little bit more
9 doing something, and when I go over there, it's not going
10 to be really nice because Ms. Parnell and Madam President
11 run it over there. So it's like, you know, why do I have
12 to go over there and bigfoot the situation when we have
13 competent leaders that can handle it.

14 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes, sir.

15 DC BLISS: Through the Chair, if I could just add,
16 Commissioner Moore, if you could send me her contact
17 information.

18 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Right now.

19 DC BLISS: Because I'd like to reach out to her.

20 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: All right. Next. Yes, sir.

21 MR. BROWN: Mr. Chair, we have three speakers. Ms.
22 Taura Brown, followed by formal Commissioner William
23 Davis, followed by Mr. Bowman.

24 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Alright.

25 MR. BROWN: Mr. Davis.

1 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Or Ms. Brown.

2 MR. BROWN: Ms. Brown.

3 MS. BROWN: Good afternoon, commissioners. Can you
4 all hear me?

5 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes, ma'am, you can be heard.

6 MS. BROWN: I apologize. I'm dealing with the flu
7 right now. I wanted to call in to ask respectfully that
8 you all take another look at the Sherman Butler case. I
9 know there's nothing that you all can do about it as far
10 as prosecuting it. I'm clear on that. What I do think
11 needs to be done is there needs to be some oversight of
12 the police department and how this case was handled. I
13 got a police report yesterday. It was 26 pages long.
14 Everybody's statement was different. I didn't see any
15 civilian statements, even though from the video, you can
16 clearly see them standing in the doorway. Sherman
17 Butler's case was overkill. In my opinion, it was
18 mishandled and the fact that the public has repeatedly
19 been lied to, it looks like a coverup. Then when you FOIA
20 information for it, to speak to what the previous
21 speakers were saying, when you send DPD, a FOIA, I just
22 got one back today when I requested Officer Goff, who was
23 present on the scene, his body cam video, I was sent a
24 bill for \$219. But remember they told us they've released
25 the video. So why is his video \$219 when the public

1 didn't have to pay for the other one? The other thing is,
2 when I requested some of the information from his file,
3 from the investigation, I got sent a bill for over
4 \$5,000. Again, what is it that's trying to be hidden? I
5 had case files before, several pieces of information,
6 police reports and all sorts of things. I get a FOIA back
7 every single day. So I don't understand what makes the
8 Sherman Butler case any different other than what we've
9 seen. And what we've seen has not been good because as
10 I've said before, damn near every statement on this case
11 is inconsistent with the video, and it's inconsistent
12 with what we were initially told by Kym Worthy and James
13 White. Please look into this, protocol was not followed
14 and something needs to be done.

15 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Thank you so much. We referred
16 this to the department to take a look at Deputy Chief
17 Bliss, and we had the attorney looking into it, and they
18 also referred to OCI, in terms of that it was received as
19 a citizen complaint. And so, we wanted to make sure that
20 the department is working with the OCI, making sure all
21 of the stuff that needs to be reviewed; that there's full
22 cooperation with that. And we will be open and
23 transparent with those findings far from OCI. But we are
24 also looking for the department to respond to the
25 document that was given last week. Commissioner Bernard.

1 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Just quickly. We, as
2 commissioners, referred it to OCI, and the response from
3 OCI was that they needed the original unedited videos.
4 The video that you posted and that you indicated was the
5 video was actually a combination of two videos, but it's
6 our understanding that there were four videos. OCI needs
7 all videos, all original unedited videos, and OCI, along
8 with the attorney, is going to report back to us and we
9 will report to the community about any policy violations
10 depicted in those videos. Based on what I just saw on the
11 ones that you already did, there's several policy
12 violations. I mean, tremendous ones, but that's separate.
13 He's insisted on the unedited videos. He's handling it
14 personally. He's here?

15 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: No, no, he's not here yet.

16 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I'm looking that way. So, that
17 is very important and this is for us; priority one.

18 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Alright. All right. Next call.
19 Yep.

20 MR. BROWN: Commissioner William Davis.

21 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: You may be heard, sir.

22 MR. DAVIS: Good afternoon. Can you hear me?

23 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes, sir.

24 MR. DAVIS: Okay. I'd like to start off by saying
25 that I do live in the Second Precinct also, and during

1 the time that I was a police commissioner for District 7,
2 the Second Precinct, along with the Tenth, and the Sixth
3 had more stable leadership. I think it's a problem when
4 you rotate the captains and commanders a lot, in and in
5 and out, you know. Don't get me wrong, there may be a
6 need sometimes to do that, but that makes it more
7 difficult for the police community relationship
8 counselors to understand, and interact, which helps
9 everyone also, especially the Second Precinct in the last
10 couple years. I don't go to every meeting, but it seems
11 like every time I do go to a meeting, there's a different
12 commander or a captain. The Board of Police Commissions,
13 every time a captain or a commander is assigned to the
14 precincts to get moved, you actually get notification.

15 Also, as it relates to something that the board
16 chairman brought up at the last community meeting, you
17 know, I think it's a problem anytime people's vehicles
18 being towed and they getting these huge bills I think
19 that you all should be looking into that, and we need to
20 get some resolution because people have been complaining
21 about towing in this city for years. I know during the
22 time that I was on the board, I knew another
23 commissioner, she had her car towed, and, you know, it
24 was a lot of money. We need to know what's going on, why
25 is it taking so much, and there should be a cap on how

1 much they could turn somebody, especially if they just
2 had it for a day or two. Thank you.

3 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Thank you very much,
4 commissioner.

5 MR. BROWN: Mr. Chair, your next speaker will be Mr.
6 Bowman, followed by Ms. Marguerite Maddox.

7 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes, you may be heard, sir.

8 MR. BOWMAN: Hello? yeah. This is Scotty Bowman. I am
9 speaking on behalf of Detroit Residents Advancing
10 Civilian Oversight, (DRACO), as well as expressing my
11 support for a lot of the opinions and the papers put
12 forward by the coalition for Police Transparency and
13 Accountability. So first of all, regarding criminal
14 complaints, non-criminal complaints, there seems to be
15 this misperception that if a crime is involved or a
16 potential behavior that could be a crime is involved,
17 that somehow this absolves the Board of Police
18 Commissioners from holding anybody accountable. And that
19 is simply not true. And I heard this come up way back
20 when there were repeated calls for investigating the
21 coverup of the murder of Kaneisha Coleman, and now lately
22 because of, I'm sorry, Kym Worthy desire to not prosecute
23 Sherman, I mean, prosecute the bailiff and the murder of
24 Sherman Butler.

25 But in both cases, whether or not there was a crime

1 committed, it does not change the fact that there could
2 be a non-criminal complaint involved in that. Violation
3 of policy isn't necessarily a crime. However, if you
4 commit a crime, it is a violation of policy, and a person
5 could still be found guilty for violating the policy, if
6 one is clearly identified. In this case, there should be
7 an investigation of the officers' present at the scene of
8 this murder, even though the shooter was the bailiff, and
9 not them. Generally, people present are considered
10 accomplices, but again, that would be a criminality. Did
11 they violate policy? Did they follow the proper
12 procedures at the scene? And if they did, then they
13 should be held accountable accordingly. That is the job
14 of the Board of Police Commissioners and the chief
15 investigator. Thank you.

16 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Let it be clear; we have received
17 the complaint and we have considered it to be a citizen
18 complaint. And it is in the office of the chief
19 investigator, and it will be investigated thoroughly. And
20 there will be a response to it accordingly, just like any
21 other civil complaint, the thousands that we receive
22 every year, and we have competent staff to be able to
23 look at it. An attorney will work with the chief
24 investigator on this particular issue. So there's nothing
25 else that we can do, but do our fiduciary responsibility,

1 and that's what we are going to do. And we are not
2 shirking our responsibility in no shape, form, or
3 fashion. And wrong is wrong, right is right, you know
4 plain and simple. Next call.

5 MR. BROWN: Ms. Maddox.

6 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: You may be hurt, ma'am. Are you
7 there, Ms. Maddox?

8 MS. MADDOX: Yes, yes, I am. Happy New Year to
9 everyone. Number one. We do not have the [unclear11:55].
10 I think you could find a better way to [unclear12:55]. I
11 am getting feedback inside it is [unclear13:11], so I do
12 not, I hear what is being said, but I could not
13 understand because of the feedback. And another issue I
14 had is that we cannot get police officers of the court to
15 begin our text by telling them to try to live in the city
16 of Detroit.

17 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Thank you very kindly. I
18 entertain a motion for approval for the January 16th,
19 2025 agenda.

20 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: So, moved.

21 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Support.

22 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Motion made by ---

23 DR. JACKSON: Mr. Chairman.

24 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes.

25 DR. JACKSON: You did not have a roll call.

1 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Oh, okay. I'm sorry. Can you call
2 the roll please, madam secretary?

3 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Woods - Present.

4 MS. GARNIER: Vice Chair Smith is excused.

5 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Bernard - Present.

6 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Banks - Present.

7 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Bell - Present, District
8 4.

9 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Burton - Present, District
10 5.

11 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Carter - Present.

12 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Moore - Present.

13 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Hernandez - Present.

14 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Pressley - Here.

15 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Dewaelsche - Present.

16 MS. GARNIER: 10 Present, sir?

17 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Thank you very kindly. I
18 entertain a motion for approval for the January 16th,
19 2025 agenda.

20 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: So, moved.

21 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Support.

22 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Motion made by Commissioner
23 Carter, not Carter, Bernard. And supported by
24 Commissioner Moore. Any discussion" All in favor, say
25 aye.

1 COMMISSIONERS: All.

2 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Anyone opposed? The motion is
3 carried. I entertain a motion for the approval of the
4 minutes of January 9th, 2025.

5 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: So, moved.

6 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Support.

7 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Moved by Commissioner Pressley,
8 supported by Commissioner Moorey. Any discussion?

9 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Discussion? Yes, sir.

10 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the Chair. I would like
11 to ask madam secretary, was I excused last week? I did
12 not see that in the minutes, the online minutes.

13 MS. GARNIER: I apologize for the oversight. And you
14 were excused. You did send communication, sir.

15 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Thank you.

16 DR. JACKSON: Mr. Chairman. That's a question that
17 was in the minutes; it should be noted that if there's no
18 objection, that correction can be made.

19 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: If there's no objection,
20 correction can be made. But another one here.

21 COMMISSIONER MOORE: I just see that it says excused
22 right here in the notes. Are these the minutes right
23 here, or is it some kind of ---

24 DR. JACKSON: That is not a correction?

25 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes. So, right---

1 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I'm referencing the online
2 minutes. The online transcript, not the piece of paper.
3 This is not the minutes.

4 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Same thing.

5 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yeah, it's the same thing. What
6 are you saying in the image?

7 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I'm referencing it in the
8 online minutes.

9 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: That verbally, is with verbal.
10 Okay.

11 COMMISSIONER BURTON: The transcript that comes in
12 our email. I was not excused on that. And so, I like the
13 record to reflect that I was excused last week.

14 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: If there is no objection. There
15 being no objection, all in favor say, aye.

16 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

17 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: To the correction, right?

18 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: I'm not sure there is a
19 correction. We are approving the minutes, and according
20 to the minutes, his excused absence is already here.
21 We're not approving a transcript.

22 DR. JACKSON: The transcript is not something that
23 the board approves.

24 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay. All right.

25 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the Chair, and the

1 parliamentary, the transcript is the minutes from the
2 meeting from the 9th that I had excused absence for. This
3 piece of paper says, excuse here, but it doesn't say that
4 on the transcript that went on in a meeting. So
5 therefore, someone wouldn't know whether I was excused or
6 not excused.

7 DR. JACKSON: Mr. Commissioner, and to the Chair.

8 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes.

9 DR. JACKSON: It is not that the correction cannot be
10 made on the transcript, it's that it's not the board that
11 has to make that approval. So, as the Chair, you can ask
12 staff to make that correction to the transcript. That's
13 different from approving the minutes.

14 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay. All right.

15 DR. JACKSON: Is that difference clear?

16 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes, absolutely. That will be
17 corrected, commissioner. So, all in favor say, aye.

18 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

19 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Anyone oppose? The motion is
20 carried. Introduction of the BOPC staff and so on and so
21 forth.

22 MS. GRANIER: Present today, Board of Police
23 Commissioner staff, Attorney Dante Goss, Drew Fries,
24 Felicia Tyson, Teresa Blossom, Robert Brown, Mary Barber,
25 Candace Hayes, Artemisa Joshua, Jasmine Taylor, Chief

1 Investigator's Office are: Tiffany Stewart and LiSonya
2 Sloan, DPD HR Director, Katrina Patillo. For the Chief of
3 Police Office, Deputy Chief Mark Bliss. Our interpreters
4 today are Ms. Yakata and Dr. Stephanie Beatty. Court
5 reporter is Don Handyside. Charles Henry for media
6 services video. Elected officials. Noted are Marie
7 Overall of State Representative Tyrone Carter's Office.
8 Fredia Butler, Second Precinct, Community Relations
9 President, LaDon Davis, Office of Council member Fred
10 Durhal. And former Detroit Police Commissioner William
11 Davis. Those are records of the names that have been
12 submitted.

13 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Thank you very kindly.

14 DR. JACKSON: Mr. Chairman, the board parliamentarian
15 is also present. I really am here.

16 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Absolutely.

17 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: She's just back from the
18 Islands.

19 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: It is on.

20 DR. JACKSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

21 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes. Let's go to the Chief of
22 Police Report.

23 DR. JACKSON: You do not have a report, Mr. Chairman.

24 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: No.

25 DR. JACKSON: Just please state that.

1 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: There is no report for the Chair.

2 DR. JACKSON: Thank you, sir.

3 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Thank you, ma'am.

4 DC BLISS: Good afternoon. Deputy Chief Mark Bliss,
5 on behalf of Chief Bettison. I'll start with the update
6 on injured officers. We currently have no department
7 members who are disabled due to on-duty injuries. Moving
8 on to crime data as of the 15th of January, homicides, we
9 are now 38%; non-fatal shootings, we are up 8%;
10 robberies, we are down 13%. Total part one, violent
11 crime, we're down 6% and carjackings are currently at 0%.
12 Moving on to mental health related calls for service. In
13 the last seven days, we had 339 calls for service, and we
14 serviced 305. In 2024, at this point, we had 571. We
15 currently have 701. Service calls in 2024, we had 504,
16 and currently we have 618. Moving on to overdose related
17 calls. In the last 7 days, we had 95 calls for service
18 and we serviced 77. For calls for service. In 2024, we
19 had 227, and currently we're at 208. For service calls,
20 we have 163, and currently we're at 159. Moving on to
21 significant incidents. First incident was a double non-
22 fatal shooting. On Wednesday, January 8th at 8:26 PM,
23 officers were dispatched to the 8,400 block of Patton to
24 investigate a double shooting. Officers were en route to
25 the 8,400 block of Patton, when DPD dispatch notified

1 them that victims were at the Detroit Firehouse, located
2 at 18140 Joy Road. Officers arrived at the firehouse and
3 observed two victims being treated by medical personnel.
4 The victims were transported to a local hospital and
5 treated for gunshot wounds. Both victims were listed in
6 temporary serious condition. The victim stated that
7 unknown males shot them as they drove down the 8,400
8 block of Patton. Officers arrived at the incident
9 location and observed evidence that a shooting occurred
10 there. Officers from the Sixth Precinct preserved the
11 scene and detectives from the Sixth Precinct Detective
12 Unit were notified.

13 The detectives determined that several young men
14 wearing all black fired at the victims as they drove down
15 Patton. Officers observed additional vehicles in homes
16 that were also struck by gunfire during the incident.
17 Detectives have no suspect identified at this time. The
18 incident is still under investigation. Detectives are
19 asking anyone with information regarding this incident to
20 contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800- SPEAKUP or
21 detroitrewards.tv. The second incident is shots fired. On
22 Saturday, January 11th, at 7:32 PM, officers were
23 dispatched to the 9,800 block of Chalmers to investigate
24 shots fired. Officers arrived at the location to assist
25 on-duty police officers who heard shots fired in the

1 area. No officers were injured as a result of the shots
2 fired. Officers stated they were conveying a citizen
3 home, traveling south on Chalmers, when a gold SUV
4 traveling north on Chalmers fired approximately 5 shots
5 as they drove by.

6 Officers notified DPD dispatch of the incident via
7 DPD radio and then dropped the citizens off at home.
8 Officers then returned to the location where the shots
9 were fired to conduct a follow-up investigation. Officers
10 from the Ninth Precinct preserved the scene and notified
11 detectives from the Ninth Precinct. Detective Unit.
12 Detectives determined that the passenger of a gold SUV
13 fired shots. Detectives were able to identify the
14 suspects who fired shots. And on January 14th, Detroit
15 Police arrested the suspects without incident. Detectives
16 are preparing a warrant to be submitted to the Wayne
17 County Prosecutor's Office. Incident number three, non-
18 fatal shooting. On Monday, January 13th at 8:07 AM,
19 officers were dispatched to the 9,400 block of a Holmur
20 to investigate a shooting. Officers arrived on scene and
21 were approached by the suspect who stated that he just
22 shot the victim. Officers arrested the suspect at the
23 scene. Officers entered the location to assist the victim
24 and observed the victim suffering from a gunshot wound to
25 the head.

1 Medics arrived at the location and conveyed the
2 victim to a local hospital where the victim was listed in
3 temporary serious condition. Officers from the Tenth
4 Precinct preserved the scene and detectives from the
5 Tenth Precinct Detective Unit were notified. Detectives
6 determined that the victim and suspect argued before the
7 shooting because the suspect turned the WIFI off while
8 the victim was using it. On January 14th, detectives
9 submitted a warrant to the Wayne County Prosecutor's
10 Office. On January 15th, the Wayne County Prosecutor's
11 Office denied the warrant due to a self-defense claim by
12 the suspect. It was determined that the victim pointed a
13 handgun at the suspect before the suspect shot the
14 victim.

15 Incident number four, fatal shooting. On Tuesday,
16 January 14th at 12:07 AM, officers were dispatched on a
17 2200 block of West McNichols to investigate a fatal
18 shooting. Officers arrived at the scene and observed the
19 victim's suffering from a gunshot wound to the chest. The
20 victim was transported to a local hospital by medics
21 where he was pronounced deceased on arrival. Officers
22 from the Eighth Precinct preserved the scene and
23 detectives from the Homicide Section were notified.
24 Detectives determined that the suspect and the victim
25 were involved in an argument before the shooting, and the

1 suspect left the location on foot after the shooting.
2 Officers from the Eighth Precinct Special Operations Unit
3 and the Headquarters Surveillance Unit discovered the
4 suspect walking in the area of Burgess, and West
5 McNichols. The suspect was arrested and conveyed to the
6 Detroit Detention Center. Detectives from the Homicide
7 Section are preparing a warrant to be submitted to the
8 Wayne County Prosecutor's Office for review. Incident
9 number five. Officer involved shooting. On Wednesday,
10 January 15th at 8:05 PM, officers were on routine patrol
11 in the Dupre and Morang area when they observed the
12 driver of a silver sedan on the cell phone while driving.

13 Officers then conducted a traffic stop on the
14 vehicle. Officers approached the vehicle and requested
15 the appropriate paperwork at which time the driver of the
16 vehicle refused to comply with the officers. Officers
17 then opened the vehicle door to further investigate, at
18 which point the driver drove away from the officers. As
19 the suspect drove away, one of the officers was trapped
20 in the vehicle and was being dragged. The trapped officer
21 fired one shot before dislodging from the vehicle. The
22 suspect drove away from the location east of Dupre toward
23 Morang. The shot does not appear to have taken effect.
24 The officer was transported to a local hospital, and
25 treated for minor injuries. The incident is still under

1 investigation. Detectives are asking anyone with
2 information regarding this incident to contact Crime
3 Stoppers at 1-800-SPEAKUP or detroitrewards.tv. On a
4 positive note. Coffee and cake. On Monday, January 15th,
5 the retirement celebration was held for Captain Derrick
6 Maye in the Skylar room of the Detroit Public Safety
7 Headquarters. Captain Maye served with the department for
8 27 years. First responders' night. Tonight, members of
9 the Detroit Police Department and DPD Law Enforcement
10 Explorers will be attending the Detroit Pistons game at
11 7:00 PM for first responders' night. During the game,
12 officers will be competing with members of the Detroit
13 Fire Department in a multi-event race on the court. That
14 concludes my report out.

15 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Any question? Yes, sir.
16 Commissioner Moore.

17 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Thank you, Mr. Chair. So Chief,
18 I heard what you stated about the officer being dragged,
19 and I was going to ask the question anyway, but can we
20 see the video today? I just don't understand the officer
21 being dragged, but usually because the officer went
22 inside of a vehicle while the door was closed. Are you
23 saying this time that the door was open or is that not
24 your report? If it's not your report, then I'll just stay
25 in.

1 DC BLISS: Through the Chair. I haven't seen that
2 video yet. So, as soon as we're able to see it I'm sure
3 that they'll release it to the board, in order for them
4 to review. So, I don't want to speak prematurely about
5 what actually happened. So, I'd like to kind of withhold
6 my comment while I'm able to visually see it myself.

7 COMMISSIONER MOORE: And also, the commander has been
8 in touch with Ms. Parnell, so they're going to work on
9 some things as early as tomorrow. So, we shouldn't have
10 that issue festering. So thank you.

11 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Thank you Commissioner.
12 Commissioner Bernard.

13 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Two things. In response to
14 what my colleague just said, I thought that --- I don't
15 know --- Detroit I know that several cities, communities,
16 large cities in the country have decided not to, if you
17 will, to stop people. For example, you sit on your cell
18 phone, this whole incident happened because of a minor --
19 - if it's a misdemeanor, I don't even know. But a minor,
20 almost still will be retrieved as a civil infraction. So
21 my question is, what is our position on that? And then I
22 have the second question: in our materials today, you
23 have a memo regarding a three-day training program called
24 Back to Basics: Fundamentals Training Course for any
25 officers who voluntarily want to be retrained. May I

1 suggest that those people that you have involved in
2 disciplinary actions, be they, those that come before us,
3 or those that you handle internally be required to go
4 back through the three-day basic training.

5 They get paid for it. It doesn't hurt to be
6 retrained. We can all hear it more than once and if we
7 want to really internalize it, but to me it's the
8 proactive way. You'd mentioned, when I walked in, you
9 were talking about drug testing of officers. This, of
10 course, basic training covers that. So, it is a proactive
11 approach rather than a reactive approach. And it may
12 just, you know, ring a bell and somebody's head, maybe I
13 need to do this differently. But back to my first
14 question.

15 DC BLISS: Through the Chair. We do enforce motor
16 vehicle loss. So, we don't have any reduction in any type
17 of --- we're not like other departments to say, you know,
18 these are lesser ones. We enforce the motor vehicle laws
19 totally. So, if somebody violates that, we will in
20 certain cases investigate. There is no lesser charge. It
21 doesn't matter if it's a civil infraction.

22 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: That includes reaching in
23 somebody's car because they were on their cell phone.

24 DC BLISS: Well, through the Chair, as I already
25 explained, I haven't seen the video, so I don't want to

1 speak prematurely on it because it wouldn't be fair to
2 the investigation; it wouldn't be fair to give you false
3 information.

4 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Thank you. But do send them to
5 training, please, or consider that.

6 DC BLISS: Through the Chair, absolutely.

7 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I'll recommend it to the chief
8 as well.

9 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Anything further?

10 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: Through the Chair.

11 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes, sir.

12 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: Again, related to the officer
13 involved shooting. So, it's my understanding that the
14 individual who drove off has not been in custody or
15 retrieved?

16 DC BLISS: Through the Chair. It's my understanding
17 that the person has not been in custody yet, but I know
18 that we were currently out looking for that individual.

19 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: And so, was the stop long
20 enough to retrieve license plates number and information,
21 or was it --- I'm sure obviously having not seen the
22 video, do we know the tenure, the time of the stop.

23 DC BLISS: Through the Chair. Yes, we do. There are
24 some specifics that we do have and if helping us in our
25 investigation.

1 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: Thank you.

2 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Anything further? Yes,

3 Commissioner Burton.

4 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I have a few questions.

5 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes.

6 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Chief, pertaining to the
7 officers that were not MCOLES certified, are there
8 updates status on those officers? Are they going through
9 the MCOLES?

10 DC BLISS: Through the Chair. I do have the director
11 of police personnel. She has been handling that
12 personally. And she's been working vigorously on getting
13 that. We are down to, how many?

14 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Her report is next.

15 DC BLISS: Okay. But yes, we are currently working
16 through it, you know, as I explained, there are two parts
17 to it. First is us getting the paperwork, and then the
18 second part is MCOLES reviewing it and approving. So, we
19 are vigorous in getting all the paperwork to MCOLES, but
20 we, in some cases, are waiting on MCOLES to come back to
21 us and say, okay, yes, this is approved, or can you
22 resubmit this or fix this? So, it is a back and forth,
23 but we're definitely getting basically to the end of it
24 now.

25 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Oh, okay. I hope that we can

1 hear later from the HR director as well on that; and
2 also, we as a body, would like to know more about that
3 because we get a lot of calls from our constituents all
4 the time. And since this story has broken, in addition to
5 my following question, when it came to New Year's Eve and
6 New Year's Day, how many shooting incidents were reported
7 and how many guns were confiscated, and how many arrests
8 for New Year's Eve and New Year's Day? Do we have a
9 report on that?

10 DC BLISS: Through the Chair, I can get that
11 information. Commissioner, what I can do is as soon as
12 we're done here, I can make sure to make the request. So,
13 I'll follow up with you to make sure I get exactly what
14 you want in order to get that report to you.

15 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Can you send that to my email?

16 DC BLISS: Through the Chair, I can send it to the
17 Board of Police Commissioners and it can get to whoever's
18 email that it needs to get to.

19 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Sure. And then also at the next
20 meeting, if you can provide that with the public, because
21 the public would like to know more about that as, since
22 the City has invested heavily in ShotSpotter technology.

23 DC BLISS: Through the Chair, we will provide that
24 report out, once we get the information.

25 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: All right. You good, Commissioner

1 Burton?

2 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I'm all set for right now.

3 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: And that revision has been made
4 in the transcripts too. I have just been alerted. Yep.
5 Director Patillo.

6 DIRECTOR PATILLO: Through the Chair. I'll be
7 presenting the human resources report for the month of
8 December. As stated, this is for the December report. So
9 the department was currently filled at 97%. We get to the
10 4 officers. We were filled at 99% with 1% vacancy. On
11 December 31st, we had 31 vacancies for sworn officers.
12 And on that Saturday, we hired an additional 15, which
13 brought us down to the twenties. So, great job all
14 around. For the civilians, we were at 92% fill, and 8%
15 vacancies, and police assistance 97% filled, with a 3%
16 vacancy. For sworn recruiting from the beginning of the
17 fiscal year with a total of 1,724 applicants.
18 Applications 5; 106 were in process; 1 withdrew, 568 were
19 archived, 79 were hired during the fiscal year. 177 were
20 temporarily disqualified, 152 were permanently
21 disqualified, and 241 was waiting on MCOLES. For the
22 MCOLES testing for the month, we had a total of 157
23 scheduled for the written test,
24 94 appeared. 62 passed the exam. 32 failed, 2
25 reschedule, 2 withdrew. And 61 no showed. For the

1 physical exam, 152 were scheduled, 80 appeared, 53
2 passed, 27 failed. 4 rescheduled, 68 no-shows. For
3 academy graduates, we did not have an academy class
4 graduates graduation for the month of December. For total
5 new hires, we had 27 sworn, 31 civilians. Total
6 population for the new hires was 58. For Detroit
7 residency, for Detroit, total sworn 605, 9 Detroiters,
8 2028 for total civilians for Detroit. 430 for 9
9 Detroiters, 3.5 and f4 police assistances. We had 15
10 Detroiters, 17, 9 Detroiters. So, in the new hires, we
11 had 14 Detroit residents, 6 civilians, and 6 Detroit
12 residents were sworn. We did not have any interns. Our
13 last interns were to carry over from the Mayoral
14 Fellowship Program. Her last day was December 31st. For
15 attrition, we had sworn 11 officers who separated from
16 the department, 9 civilians for a total of 20. For leave
17 of absence, for the FMLA continuous, we had 21 sworn, 6
18 civilians. For FMLA intermittently, we had 108 sworn, 55
19 civilians. For paid parental leave, we had 8 sworn, 1
20 civilian; medical leave, 2 sworn, 3 civilians. military,
21 1 sworn. Restricted, we had 137 sworn, 6 civilians,
22 disabled, 22 sworn, 5. civilians. 6 status was 29 sworn,
23 3 civilians. For personal suspensions, we had a total of
24 22, 21 officers, 1 sergeant. For the monthly separations.
25 As I stated, it was a code of 11. That breakout was 6

1 officers, 1 sergeant, 1 lieutenant, 1 detective, 1
2 captain, 1 corporal. And we have a total of 500 in the
3 drop the [unclear38:45] program.

4 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Let me stop you for a minute. Did
5 the ones that were separated, were separated because of
6 discipline. Give me one second.

7 DIRECTOR PATILLO: Also in the category, we had one
8 that passed away. There was one that resigned under
9 charges, yes.

10 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes. Was that forward to MCOLES.

11 DIRECTOR PATILLO: That should have been. Let me just
12 check the name really quickly. The one I'm thinking of
13 was forwarded, but on this dispense roster you have, is
14 pending arbitrations. But I will definitely confirm that
15 it was, and I'll get back with you today.

16 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: All right, thank you. You can
17 continue.

18 DIRECTOR PATILLO: So, just to give you a few year-
19 end stats. One second. So we had a net gain of officers.
20 So, when we took a look at --- as you all know, that the
21 contract was signed for the sworn increase in their
22 salaries that was implemented November of 2022. So, these
23 stats that I'm going to give you are from 1st January
24 until present. From 1st January of 2023, to the present,
25 we had a net gain of 347 police officers. Of the calendar

1 year of 2024, we had a net gain of 143. So, within
2 January the first of 2023, we hired 643 police officers.
3 We separated at 296. And that is your net gain for the
4 sworn. With the civilians, we had a net gain of 117 since
5 January the first. And the difference in that is that in
6 2023, we only had a net gain of 59. For the academy, we
7 actually have 6 classes that are at the academy right now
8 for a total of approximately 182 students. We started a
9 class on January the 6th with 32 officers. We're going to
10 graduate a class on January the 24th with approximately
11 39 officers.

12 And before I get into the MCOLES, I just wanted to
13 note, we are working with the city representatives for
14 the upcoming internship program, which would be the
15 Mayoral Fellowship Program, and also the Grow Detroit
16 Young Talent. The details have not been pushed out on
17 that. However, the Grow Detroit Young talent
18 applications, as I'm told, will be open starting around
19 February the 6th. And that is the youth that the city
20 department is trying to hire between the ages of 14 and
21 24. So, before I get into the MCOLES information, I just
22 want to, as we ended up with the year-end numbers, I do
23 this, because I didn't do this by myself and I'm a team
24 player, so I just wanted to thank the recruiting team and
25 the HR team for their hard work.

1 A lot of the individuals work more than 5 days a
2 week, more than 8 hours to do what they can do. I want to
3 thank the leadership for supporting us and all the
4 initiatives and also all three unions. Actually, they
5 supported us in every single initiative that we put
6 forward. The City Council; I've also spoken with them and
7 they graciously wanted us to come out to their Districts
8 to have recruiting events. That also along with the
9 mayor, he supported those initiatives as well. Our
10 leadership has already said here. And then for the BOPC,
11 you all actually supported our initiative. You passed out
12 our flyers, you showed up at the best of our events. So,
13 we could not have done those type of numbers without the
14 support of everyone. And so, we hope that you continue to
15 stand behind us and everything that we do because the
16 work is not over.

17 And so even though we might be in double digits
18 right now, that can all change. And so we still have to
19 put our efforts behind the recruiting efforts. So as far
20 as the MCOLES, when we originally started, it was 32
21 officers; 3 officers resigned, which brought the numbers
22 down to 29. 19 officers are on the streets right now. We
23 have 5 officers that are under review. And that means
24 their paperwork is up at MCOLES being reviewed. Hopefully
25 by today or tomorrow, I'll get an update as to whether

1 they will go to the final reviews. There are several
2 reviews that happen at M codes. It's not just one review.
3 They can come back for just something small. It could be
4 initials not at the top of the page or something like
5 that. So, we do have a process here that we are basically
6 streamlining, and looking at every single question, every
7 single form. So, 5 of those packages are under review.
8 Four packages, we are still pending some type of
9 paperwork. And then we have one officer that is currently
10 overtaking the RPTE course. And so when he is done, we
11 will complete his package or complete the process that we
12 need to do to get him back out. And so that is where we
13 are. So, we are working diligently to get all the
14 officers back on the streets. Pending any question, this
15 concludes my presentation.

16 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Commissioner Burton, then
17 Commissioner Bernard. Commissioner Moore

18 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the Chair.

19 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes, sir.

20 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Question for our HR director.
21 There were a number of officers that were brought on that
22 were not MCOLES certified no longer. How a mistake like
23 that was made; how were they selected; how did they come
24 on board, and how long were they on the streets working
25 as DPD officers, but were not MCOLES certified? How was

1 that mistake made?

2 DIRECTOR PATILLO: DC BLISS, do you want to take
3 that?

4 DC BLISS: Through the Chair. So, we did a deep dive
5 and there were a certain number of failures on our side.
6 We were fortunate that one of our sergeants did an audit
7 and came back and was able to identify where there was a
8 deficiency. And that led us to audit our entire roster.
9 So, that's how we uncovered some of these issues. And it
10 just comes down to a couple things that the
11 investigations almost did, but it just comes down to ---
12 first it was an individual's responsibility to put it in
13 the system. He did not put it in the system. And then
14 another responsibility is to report out to MCOLES yearly
15 to verify our rosters. And what we found in that case is
16 that it was not happening. That was not happening at all.
17 So that check and balance that would've allowed us to
18 catch this didn't happen. Because, as you know, some of
19 these came back; they came on several years ago and some
20 of our rosters that were submitted, they were not
21 accurate. So, we are actually problem solving that right
22 now. We're putting in a new process to ensure that that
23 never happens again. We have quarterly audits and we are
24 just working through it to make sure that we were
25 fortunate to identify this and now that it'll never

1 happen again.

2 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Thank you.

3 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I'd just like a comment about
4 this. The problem that I have with your response, Chief,
5 and yours, as well, Ms. Patillo, is that there's been no
6 accountability whatsoever for what is a major, major
7 issue. If I'm flying on Delta Airlines, and I have 19
8 pilots or however many you had that aren't licensed as
9 pilots, and I discovered that later, I am very disturbed
10 about that, the potential consequences and liability for
11 the city as a result of a huge oversight. That's not even
12 fathomable in any business for any Personnel Department,
13 whether it's Ford Motor Company or a trucking company.
14 The first rule is not all this minutia at the back. It
15 is, do you have the license to drive a truck? Do you have
16 a pilot's license? Do I have a driver's license? That's
17 the first question an officer will ask me. Show me your
18 license. Show me that you have the right to drive the
19 truck. They must have officers on the street interacting
20 with people. And I'm going to ask him for a report on
21 that too. All of the officers that were not licensed were
22 on the street. I want to know what they were doing; if
23 they arrested anybody, if they were involved in any
24 grievances, if they were, I mean in any complaints or
25 anything else, I want to know what they did and if

1 there's any litigation involving any of them. Because I
2 can tell you as a lawyer, if you had seen me stab a
3 person to death, if you didn't have a license and you
4 arrested me, that would be the first thing I'd say to a
5 jury. This guy is just a person, he has no right to
6 arrest me; no right to hold me, no right to ticket me.
7 His or her observations are irrelevant because they're
8 unlicensed and may have any official evaluations. And I'm
9 also disturbed that you met with 3 members of the board,
10 and had a very intense, I understand meeting with them.
11 Fine, but that is not the full board. And for the board
12 not to be able to address you, question you about this
13 and address this issue is failing on our part, quite
14 frankly, because there's no corporation in America that
15 you could walk into a boardroom and say that people who
16 are, like I said, pilots who are supposed to be licensed,
17 were not licensed, and the HR director not appear for the
18 whole board, and in a confidential or other situation and
19 address this. But there have been no consequences to you,
20 there have been no consequences to the department and no
21 accountability.

22 This doesn't fall through the cracks. This is bigger
23 than that. And our potential liability could be --- you
24 think it's bad for those firefighters in California, just
25 imagine what it would be for us in a microscopic state

1 compared to Los Angeles, given the fact these officers
2 were involved in anything. This is major and I want to
3 report on it, formal report like I requested just now on
4 these people; what they've been doing for us, and they
5 certainly should be doing anything right now until such
6 time as they are MCOLES certified. We can't afford the
7 liability. We don't want the exposure. And I think the
8 board has to address this seriously [unclear49:43], think
9 about it. Go out and put it on the airplane and have the
10 pilot not licensed. Think about how you feel about that.

11 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Through the Chair.

12 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Go ahead, Commissioner Moore.

13 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

14 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes.

15 COMMISSIONER MOORE: I just want to segue off of the
16 MCOLES situation and get into more of this being
17 marketed. The statistics that you provide to us are
18 excellent every month as it relates to attrition rates
19 and things of that nature. How would we go about getting
20 this online posted so the citizens can see this for
21 themselves?

22 DIRECTOR PATILLO: I do believe that upcoming should
23 be the annual report, and that information will be in the
24 annual report.

25 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Or what about online?

1 DIRECTOR PATILLO: I don't know how the BOPC is
2 [unclear50:35], but I know we are preparing data for DPD
3 as well.

4 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yeah. We can work with our board
5 secretary and team with Ms. Blossom to be able to upload
6 it on our website for public consumption. That'd be
7 great. And we also can put it on our Facebook page. Is
8 that satisfactory?

9 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Absolutely, because Commissioner
10 Hernandez has highlighted how well it was a while ago,
11 and the citizen just asked me about it, and I said, well,
12 let's ask.

13 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes. Okay. Commissioner Banks.

14 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Through the Chair. Thank you Mr.
15 Chair. I'm going to concur with Commissioner Bernard on
16 the officers, not being certified. That's a solid
17 statement right there. I just want to back you up on
18 that. That was very solid. Very solid. That's very
19 important.

20 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: And no policy. You just
21 continue business as usual. Like it's usual. It's not.

22 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Commissioner Bell.

23 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I want to
24 clarify a statement made by the commissioner, MLC,
25 Section 6764.17.

1 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: If you could talk into the mic.

2 COMMISSIONER BELL: Okay.

3 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Thank you.

4 COMMISSIONER BELL: A private person may make an
5 arrest in the following situation for a felony committed
6 in the private person present. I just want to clarify
7 that.

8 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: It's not a private person,
9 this is a person acting under color of law in uniform,
10 the pilot.

11 COMMISSIONER BELL: I just want to clarify ---

12 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Well, let me make it clear that
13 this situation is under investigation. Is that correct?

14 DC BLISS: Through the Chair, as I was saying, we
15 have a current investigation and in our findings, those
16 that are at fault will be held accountable.

17 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yeah. So, you know, we know that
18 it's been investigated and let the record reflect that
19 all commissioners were invited to a meeting to be
20 briefed, excuse me, to be briefed on by Director Patillo
21 to make sure that it wasn't a quorum in the room. It had
22 to be done in sections and things of that nature. And
23 some folks were not satisfied with that. However,
24 everyone had the opportunity to be brief on that
25 particular day. And whoever is at fault would be held

1 accountable. If there's someone to be held accountable,
2 they would be held accountable. And the OCI do have the
3 names to be able to report to you, Commissioner Bernard,
4 as it relates to see if there are any policy violations
5 or any citizen complaints were done against any of those
6 officers.

7 And then for us, from the criminal liabilities and
8 things of that nature, the Wayne County Prosecutor's
9 Office is doing a deep dive investigation, and they are
10 actively investigating the different scenarios on what's
11 legal in that particular regard. And so, we await the
12 findings of all of these investigations, and actively
13 want to know what happened in that situation. And so
14 that's the factual aspect of things. And no officer at
15 this particular time that is not certified, is not
16 working in the streets and things of that nature. And how
17 many returned thus far, director?

18 DIRECTOR PATILLO: 19

19 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: 19 of them have returned. What is
20 the timeline and when do you think that all of this would
21 be done?

22 DIRECTOR PATILLO: I hope that by the end of the
23 month that it is done; that all the officers are back on
24 the street.

25 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yeah, absolutely. And you have

1 taken a more active different nuance to this situation,
2 and we await the full investigation report. We again
3 grasp at straws, but absolutely understand and believe
4 that we have our eyes on this and we would not let up
5 until the community get all the answers that they
6 deserve, and this commission as well. So, thank you,
7 Director Patillo. There are no more questions. Oh, you
8 have a question?

9 COMMISSIONER CARTER: I have a question.

10 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Commissioner Carter.

11 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Thank you, Mr. Chair. My
12 question is about the DROP program, and it's been a
13 while, so if you could refresh my recollection. The DROP
14 program, how long can an officer participate in it? And
15 are all officers who I think are retired, are they all
16 able to participate in it? And you gave me a number on
17 how many are participating in it.

18 DIRECTOR PATILLO: I believe that number was 500.

19 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Are currently in the DROP
20 program?

21 DIRECTOR PATILLO: Currently in the DROP program.

22 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Can you give a brief
23 description of what it is?

24 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Thank you.

25 DIRECTOR PATILLO: So, I don't have a contract in

1 front of me. DC, do you recall? I believe it was 10
2 years, I believe a couple years ago there was an MOU that
3 was signed for LSA, for the VLSA where when they came up
4 on that computer they would have to submit a memo through
5 channels to the chief of police to extend.

6 COMMISSIONER CARTER: So, can we start with an
7 overview?

8 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Yeah. I can tell you what it
9 is.

10 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Okay. Because you just asked
11 and I just need the overview. I know what it is because I
12 participated in

13 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: The public ---

14 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Oh, I know what it is. I'd like
15 for the director to tell us what it is or the deputy
16 chief, as well as give us the information that I
17 requested

18 DC BLISS: Through the Chair. So, and I'm going to be
19 very general, but basically the DROP program is a program
20 to basically keep members, give them the option to
21 retire, but they would drop at a certain rank, and they
22 could take some of their money. They could reinvest some
23 of that money. But it allows us to maintain certain
24 levels of knowledge within the department. So, what it
25 allows us to do is a member can drop, and they have

1 automatic 10 years they can stay in the program, okay.
2 And after that 10 years, then they have an option of 5
3 more. But every year you have to apply to the chief of
4 police to extend the DROP program. After you get your 5,
5 then you're done. So, it's a total of 15 years that you
6 can be in the DROP program.

7 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay. Yes, commissioner.

8 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: It's my understanding that the
9 DROP program was initiated as a result of the bankruptcy
10 for the City of Detroit. The person who --- the receiver
11 for the City of Detroit said, we had lots of police
12 officers who had been on a payroll for many, many years,
13 and the issue was how do you get people to retire? The
14 DROP program says that, I think, you tell me that a
15 certain point. I think you are literally, if you were
16 forced out of the department, and then you can apply for
17 another job after you, you know, your full retirement,
18 and all that kind of stuff. But then you can apply for
19 another job. We have several people in this room
20 generally who are part of the DROP program, who are
21 officials with the department, as you know. And then they
22 can be rehired with the department in a new role
23 starting, like a new pension program, a new everything.
24 Is that correct? I mean, I know one or two.

25 DC BLISS: Through the Chair. No, usually a person

1 that ends the DROP program still maintains their rank and
2 their current status within the department. It is purely
3 for retirement purposes and money. It doesn't go into
4 your pension that you can take that money and it can be
5 reinvested. But you don't go and get another job. You're
6 still working with the Detroit Police Department. And it
7 just allows you to reinvest money. And I don't know ---
8 it is my understanding that the DROP program was started
9 prior to the bankruptcy.

10 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: No, it requires the approval
11 of the chief individually. You can't do it for like 10
12 people. It has to be individually. You can be in the DROP
13 program. I apply, I want to be in the DROP program, and
14 then I'm approved by the chief, for example. And then I'm
15 able to double my money, so to speak, and, you know,
16 continue to work with the department. And that's really
17 what it is. Most people are not approved.

18 DIRECTOR CARTER: No.

19 DC BLISS: No. Through the Chair. You have to be
20 approved. And it certainly ---

21 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I said most people
22 [Unclear58:58].

23 DC BLISS: Not most; all have to be approved, not
24 most, or maybe; all have to be approved.

25 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I sure you have to be ---

1 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: Point of order, speak to the
2 Chair, please.

3 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Speak to the Chair, and you all
4 can talk offline on this. Are you done, Director Patillo.
5 Go ahead, commissioner.

6 COMMISSIONER CARTER: I'm done with her, but I just
7 have one comment about Grow Detroit Young Talent.

8 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes, ma'am.

9 COMMISSIONER CARTER: And we've participated as the
10 board before in the past, so I would encourage staff to
11 look into it now, because in the summer when they start
12 to come, it'll be too late to look into it. So, it might
13 already be too late, but to work on that. It's an
14 opportunity for young people to actually work with the
15 Border of Police Commissioners, the staff as well as OCI,
16 and gain some invaluable experience. So, I would
17 encourage staff to look into that.

18 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Absolutely. I concur with that.

19 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: Again, thank you. Through the
20 Chair for Director Patillo. I'm on the slide with the HR
21 monthly suspensions, and I'm noting that there is an
22 individual who has been suspended with no pay since 2020.
23 I'm just wondering if there is any kind of cap on the
24 tenure of a length of a suspension or how long a
25 suspension can go for an officer to still be an officer,

1 but not working

2 DC BLISS: Through the Chair. There is no cap, or
3 once you're suspended, you can be suspended until either,
4 if there's a criminal case is adjudicated or the
5 administrative case is adjudicated; or in other cases, if
6 you have a criminal case and it's been extended because
7 you've had, you know, maybe another court date will go
8 until the end because that may affect the charges
9 administratively. So, you can continue to go for however
10 long. Now, it could impact your license. So, you could
11 come back, but that would now have an inactive license.
12 And now we have to look at getting you relicensed. So, it
13 does affect you.

14 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: But do you have a timeline on
15 that? The time that ---

16 DC BLISS: Each is different. Through the Chair. Each
17 case is different in regards to how long a person will be
18 off.

19 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: And I mean, is less of a
20 concern because this individual is, no pay, but is it a
21 policy within the department to ensure that those who are
22 suspended with pay, that there a certain kind of
23 timeframe that those cases are being adjudicated; so,
24 we're not paying someone for not working for a long
25 period of time.

1 DC BLISS: Through the Chair. The members are
2 suspended with pay, and suspended without pay. In both
3 cases the investigative entity is working as those are
4 the priorities because we want to get them back. We want
5 to get that resolved as quickly as possible because we
6 don't want anyone out there that, number one, we're
7 paying and they're not doing anything; or number two,
8 they may need to be paid because they don't have any
9 money coming in. So, we don't want to do that. We want to
10 make sure that we can get that resolved as quickly as
11 possible. But in some cases, we are waiting for either
12 the criminal case or other things to be adjudicated
13 before we can go forward. But in those cases that we can,
14 they are the priority.

15 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: Thank you.

16 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: And if you can do a review with
17 the chair of the citizens complaint committee on each one
18 of those individuals that are outstanding so that we can
19 know who they are and what's going on with their
20 situation, and move accordingly.

21 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Just one final.

22 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes, sir.

23 COMMISSIONER MOORE: The board today, has requested a
24 lot of information at different points, not only from you
25 director, but from other folks. It's important for our

1 staff, and I'm sure you already know, to follow up on
2 this because follow up is key. Everything that goes into
3 an email I sent to the chief this weekend about three
4 leaders within the department, our experts that follow up
5 on different citizen complaints. So, I just want our
6 staff to be impressed where, commissioners, all these
7 different requests we have. Just please follow up. Thank
8 you.

9 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yeah, we expect what we reported
10 on that as well. And yes, sir.

11 DC BLISS: Through the Chair. I'm requesting, since
12 there are a lot of requests, can you make a formal
13 request?

14 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Oh, it will be.

15 DC BLISS: Thank you so much.

16 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: It will be. Thank you.

17 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Transcript too.

18 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yep. Having said that, thank you
19 Director Patillo. We have one more oral communication
20 before we go to the section here. Mr. Smith, oh, you may
21 be heard. I'm sorry.

22 MR. SMITH: No problem. I just want to say this board
23 has a responsibility to hold officers accountable.
24 Everybody under the chief is responsible to this board
25 when it comes to the complaints and things of that

1 nature. Also, I want to say Deputy Chief Bliss, it was
2 very disrespectful for you to go back and forth with
3 Commissioner Bernard. She is in this capacity above you.
4 You can be suspended by her as well. You are under her
5 jurisdiction as a Board of Police Commissioners member. I
6 also want to say did --- I want to ask two simple
7 questions. Did everybody on this Board of Police
8 Commissioners watch the video on Sherman Lee Butler being
9 killed? And also, what is the process for the Board of
10 Police Commissioners to suspend an officer? As a citizen,
11 I request that the officers present when Sherman Lee
12 Butler was murdered to be suspended. I don't care what
13 the prosecutor said about charging the bailiff. The
14 officers who were on scene, did not follow their own
15 protocol in their command. I'm glad Tamara Olivia Smith
16 is in here because she had a lot to say last week. And
17 I'm here in person now, for her to disrespect people that
18 are coming to demand accountability from a board that has
19 the fundamental responsibility to hold officers
20 accountable. Also, just some of the things, some of the
21 questions that you ask are just mundane. I also want to
22 know about Lieutenant Brandon Cole. Is he still
23 suspended? Does he receive some type of settlement? Is he
24 paid? Maybe you can't explain the information, but I'm
25 going to keep asking, never going to go away. Also, if

1 you have power, I would like you guys to suspend officers
2 who are on the scene, who let a person going through a
3 mental health crisis be murdered and not wait for CIT,
4 not make the bailiff leave the room, not command the
5 situation.

6 There's no way anybody who's senior or whatever it
7 may be, needs to defend 4 armed officers who went through
8 one of the best police academies in the United States of
9 America. Am I correct? One of the best in America, all
10 right? People go to other states, or anywhere else. You
11 have a Detroit police certification; you can go anywhere.
12 Also, how do you get to walk around the streets and
13 detain people, and arrest people; give out tickets
14 without a certification and you go anywhere, okay, that
15 doesn't make any sense. The citizen's arrest is not
16 somebody being detained, taking their freedom. Security
17 guards can't do it. I couldn't take your freedom right
18 now if I wanted to. Misdemeanor, felony, whatever. That's
19 not how that works. You must have your certification. I
20 can't do any job and be paid without certification. Name
21 any job that I can be paid for without certification.

22 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Thank you. Thank you so much.

23 MR. SMITH: No problem, agent; start calling you
24 agent just to the officers.

25 MR. BROWN: Mr. Chair, currently, we have one speaker

1 on Zoom. Ms. Yvonne Jones.

2 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay. You may be heard.

3 MS. JONES: Good evening. This is Yvonne Jones and I
4 am a member of the Coalition for Police Transparency and
5 Accountability. And I wanted to just follow up also to
6 our last presentation trying to inquire about the Sherman
7 Lee Butler's case. What happened and with the police
8 officers and the response that we received from the
9 commissioner saying that that had been resolved by the
10 prosecutor's office. And that was not the question. The
11 question was not about who did the shooting, it was about
12 the behavior of the police, the misconduct, and that was
13 not addressed. And it needs to be investigated and
14 addressed and dealt with appropriately. I also want to
15 say that in these meetings where the public can only get
16 two minutes, and we spent so much time going over
17 administrative reports from the police, it seems the
18 meetings need to be restructured and pay more attention
19 to public concerns and citizens' complaints. Because we
20 have also requested information about citizen complaints
21 that we couldn't get from the Board of Commissioners. And
22 we keep getting sidewalled when we ask for information,
23 saying you can't do it for whatever reasons and feel like
24 that you're not exercising your authority because the
25 Board of Police Commissioner is the oversight body. And

1 you do have the authority if you would exercise it to
2 work with us to make sure we have police transparency and
3 accountability. Thank you.

4 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Thank you. Unfinished business.
5 Yes, sir.

6 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Through the Chair. I'll move
7 to postpone it for a week. Is that not the right motion?
8 Oh, we are doing it outside.

9 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yeah.

10 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: So, we are moving until
11 after the 22nd. Now? I stand corrected. Unfinished
12 business.

13 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: You were right.

14 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: After the 22nd ?

15 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: We'll wait until after the
16 criminal proceedings.

17 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Is that what was stated and what
18 is going on?

19 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: You just made a motion to ---

20 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: I'll make the motion to go
21 into closed session.

22 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: And I think we should be
23 mindful of what we share.

24 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Right. Absolutely.

25 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Both. Through the Chair,

1 I'll make a motion to go into closed section pursuant to
2 Section 8(a) of the Open Meetings Act. MCL 15.26(8a).
3 Department's request for the board to consider
4 administrative leave without pay but with medical
5 benefits for Police Officer Donovan Donehue, Badge 693,
6 assigned to the Twelfth Precinct.

7 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Support.

8 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Motion made by Commissioner
9 Hernandez to go into closed session and supported by
10 Commissioner Moore. Any discussion? All in favor say,
11 aye.

12 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

13 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Anyone opposed? The motion is
14 carried. This is a three-minute recess.

15 (Whereupon the Board Entered into Closed Session)

16 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Today is January the 16th. The
17 time is 4:52. The meeting is called back to order. Please
18 call the roll.

19 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Woods - Here.

20 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Smith is excused.

21 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Bernard - Present.

22 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Banks - Present.

23 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Bell - Present?

24 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Burton -

25 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Carter - Here.

1 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Moore - Present.

2 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Hernandez - Present.

3 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Pressley - Here.

4 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Dewaelsche - Present.

5 MS. GARNIER: 9 present, sir?

6 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: There is a quorum. Everyone
7 introduced themselves just in the room, or do we need to
8 do that? We don't need to do that. Thank you. What is
9 your pleasure?

10 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Thank you. Through the
11 Chair, I'll make a motion to postpone the closed session
12 item. Do I have to read the entire motion, ma'am? I have
13 to read the entire, or can I say the item? Item A under.

14 DR. JACKSON: Item.

15 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Okay. So, I'll make a motion
16 to postpone until the next regularly scheduled meeting
17 item A under unfinished business.

18 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Support.

19 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Motion made by Commissioner
20 Hernandez to postpone the item and supported by
21 Commissioner Moore. Any discussion? All in favor say aye.

22 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

23 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Anyone opposed? The motion is
24 carried. Let's go to the new business. Commissioner
25 Hernandez.

1 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Thank you. As part of new
2 business, through the Chair, Personnel and Training
3 Committee held a series of different interview dates. We
4 obviously filled the senior investigator position
5 already. There were interviews that took place on, I
6 believe it was December 10th. And we had a few
7 commissioners present from Personnel and Training. They
8 interviewed a series of candidates for the position of
9 investigator. As a refresher, there were two different
10 positions that were open. And as such, there's going to
11 be two separate motions that I end up making on behalf of
12 the Personnel and Training Committee. Just as a very
13 quick overview, not only were there interview questions
14 of these candidates; there was also a two-minute video
15 that was asked along with the written sample that each
16 candidate had to complete. So, that's the only update
17 that we have regarding this position. And I'll go into
18 making the first of two motions. So, by the direction of
19 the Personnel and Training Committee. I move that Toya
20 Lawrence proceed to the next stage of the interview
21 process for the position of an investigator in the Office
22 of the Chief Investigator

23 COMMISSIONER DEWAELESCHE: Support.

24 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Motion made by Commissioner
25 Hernandez.

1 DR. JACKSON: Made by the committee.

2 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Made by the committee, by
3 direction of the Personnel and Training Committee, we are
4 going to add and support it by ---

5 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: It's not necessary.

6 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: No, it isn't necessary.

7 DR. JACKSON: The motion by committee, no second is
8 required.

9 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Absolutely. And so, all in favor
10 say aye.

11 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

12 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Any discussion?

13 DR. JACKSON: Thank you, sir.

14 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: All in favor say,

15 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

16 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Anyone opposed? The motion is
17 carried.

18 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Thank you.

19 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes, sir.

20 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: The second motion that I'll
21 move by direction of the Personnel and Training Committee
22 is that Jereika Johnson be reappointed as an investigator
23 in the Office of the Chief Investigator.

24 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Any discussion?

25 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Yes, sir.

1 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes, sir.

2 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Just as a point of clarity,
3 this was the second opening that was available, and we
4 were able to tap into an already or a previously
5 experienced candidate who was willing to come back, and
6 wanted to work and is excited to come back to work. We've
7 edited this through HR, and went through all the proper
8 channels to make sure that we could reappoint. And so,
9 we're in full compliance.

10 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yep. All in favor say aye.

11 COMMISSIONERS: Anyone opposed? The motion is
12 carried. Would you like to update about the search?

13 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Before we go to that?

14 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yeah. Okay. Excuse me.

15 COMMISSIONER CARTER Through the Chair?

16 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes.

17 COMMISSIONER CARTER: There was an alternate
18 candidate.

19 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Oh, yeah, absolutely.

20 COMMISSIONER CARTER: So that we don't, in case ---

21 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Talk into the mic.

22 COMMISSIONER CARTER: And if the first candidate does
23 not accept the position, instead of going back through
24 everything, we recommend the second candidate be
25 considered for the investigator position.

1 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yeah. Any discussion on that?

2 Yes, sir.

3 COMMISSIONER BELL: Okay. Investigator certified with
4 a work performance that was previously employed, is going
5 to be reappointed.

6 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yeah. Oh, absolutely.

7 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you.

8 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: So, does HR.

9 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yep.

10 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yep.

11 COMMISSIONER BELL: Chief Investigator, not the HR.
12 I'll come out, Chief Investigator.

13 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Yeah, both.

14 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Thank you, sir.

15 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yep. Any discussion as to the
16 motion Commissioner Carter made about the alternative?

17 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: Point of order. Again, if
18 it's coming out of committee, I
19 think that ---

20 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: By the direction of the Personnel
21 and Training Committee.

22 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: And I don't know if the
23 motion was actually read because we don't know the name
24 of the individual of which we're speaking about.

25 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: I don't know the name.

1 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: It's in your report.

2 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Is it on the report? It is in
3 there.

4 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: I see.

5 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: It's not on the ---

6 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: It is, I'm thinking of the
7 motion in my head.

8 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay.

9 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Do you mind, through the
10 Chair, if I ask a clarifying question?

11 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes.

12 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Ms. Parliamentarian, through
13 the Chair. Would it be easier to amend the motion that we
14 already adopted, the first motion since we're pursuing a
15 candidate, and this would be the alternative for that
16 same exact position?

17 DR. JACKSON: Amending a previously adopted motion is
18 more complicated. If there is agreement on what it is you
19 want to do, it would be easier if the Chair asked for
20 unanimous consent to allow it to be amended. If there's
21 no objection, that would be the fastest way to handle
22 that.

23 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: I'm asking for unanimous consent
24 to amend the motion

25 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: And add as an alternate, Mr.

1 Derek Cox.

2 DR. JACKSON: And ask, is there any objection to
3 amending the motion?

4 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Is there any objection to
5 amending the motion?

6 DR. JACKSON: There being no objection, the motion is
7 now, before you to add David Cox.

8 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: There being no objection, the
9 motion now before you, are to add David Cox.

10 DR. JACKSON: Is there any debate?

11 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Is there any debate? Derek Cox.
12 All right. No debate. No discussion. All in favor say,
13 aye.

14 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

15 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Anyone opposed? The motion is
16 carried. All right.

17 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: All right. Last item through
18 the Chair again. So as the public knows, and as we've
19 been reporting out pretty much weekly, the search for the
20 next Chief of Police has been underway for a few months
21 at this point. The most recent update is January 10th,
22 which was last Friday. The posting formally closed. Our
23 search firm has been very diligent about interviewing a
24 series of candidates. They're north of 20 different
25 candidate interviews that have taken place. They are

1 going to provide ---

2 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Say it, I didn't hear you.

3 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: It's north of 20, and I'm
4 going to get a final number of interviewed individuals.
5 That doesn't mean it's the whole pool. But we're going to
6 get a series of data points, including how many
7 candidates were in the pool, publicly available
8 information that we can release, not necessarily
9 demographically, but potentially based on location we
10 might be able to source, given that this is a national
11 search.

12 So, we'll have an update on those kinds of criteria.
13 And, in terms of next steps, we're anticipating getting
14 that full report along, with a list of five recommended
15 candidates from the search firm by mid next week; mid to
16 end of next week. At that point we'll have a special
17 search committee meeting to review all of the candidates
18 that were in the pool to feel comfortable with the five.
19 We will then make a motion to submit to the full body
20 that we interview all five of those candidates in person
21 during one of these 3:00 PM meetings. And the goal
22 ultimately is that we end up providing our charter
23 mandated obligation of providing three names to the mayor
24 by the first week of February. So, we're coming up on
25 pretty tight timelines. Those who are members of that

1 special search committee, you'll get a notification as to
2 the meeting. But that information will continue to be
3 publicly available or I would say, available to every
4 commissioner. And please check your inbox because you
5 have been receiving updates from the search firm.

6 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yeah. Thank you. Yes, ma'am.

7 COMMISSIONER DEWAELESCHE: Just a clarification. So,
8 we only have about two weeks before our Thursday meeting,
9 which I don't think is February 3rd. It'll be the 4th or
10 the 5th. No, maybe the 5th. But my question is, so you're
11 saying that by the next two meetings, we're going to have
12 the top three candidates to refer to the mayor?

13 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: So, our tentative meeting
14 date, we have not yet confirmed this, nor the location.
15 We want to make sure that it's at a neutral site. Four
16 interviews of the five candidates would be in two weeks
17 from now, which is the 30th of January. And we feel
18 entirely comfortable with that timeline. And then after
19 that, based on the vote that occurs at that meeting by
20 this body, we would then submit to the mayor the first
21 week of February, which is the week of February 3rd.

22 COMMISSIONER DEWAELESCHE: Thank you.

23 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yep. What is the pleasure of this
24 board?

25 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Vote for adjournment.

1 COMMISSIONER DEWAELESCHE: Mr. Chair, on another
2 topic, if I may.

3 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes, ma'am.

4 COMMISSIONER DEWAELESCHE: Before we adjourn the
5 meeting. We have a new administration that's coming into
6 office in less than a week, I believe. Is it a week or so
7 many days?

8 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Monday.

9 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Monday, yeah.

10 COMMISSIONER DEWAELESCHE: Well, I didn't say that,
11 but because I don't want it to be on Monday, but it is,
12 unfortunately. But what is the department doing as far
13 as, are they planning how this new administration may
14 impact, you know, some of the, you know, I'm concerned
15 about mass deportation, but there are other areas of the
16 department that may be impacted. Like, will the federal
17 law enforcement agency, or will they have some guidelines
18 or force us to do some things as it relates to protests,
19 you know, that occur you know, what they consider illegal
20 activity. Are we planning to address those in advance, or
21 are we just waiting to see what's going to happen? I
22 guess, you know, I would expect that the leadership of
23 the department would have a committee that would be, you
24 know, investigating or at least researching what the new
25 administration may force our state departments or city

1 departments to do, and be planning for it. That's just my
2 concern, and I would like to know.

3 DC BLISS: Through the Chair. So, we have had
4 discussions. A lot of the things that may happen after
5 January 20th because there are rumors all over. There are
6 a hundred executive orders, there's this, there's that. A
7 lot of it is waiting until we see what actually is put
8 out, how it impacts the states and what our response
9 would be. But we are like everyone else. Of course, we're
10 discussing it. Next steps, could this impact us? We don't
11 want to move on rumors and we want to wait, but at the
12 same time, we are actively discussing it. We are keeping
13 our ears to the ground, so to speak, to make sure that it
14 will never be a surprise to us.

15 COMMISSIONER DEWAELESCHE: And then another, just
16 follow up.

17 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes, ma'am.

18 COMMISSIONER DEWAELESCHE: We do have four years of
19 experience already, so we could at least look at some of
20 those activities that severely impacted many of our
21 communities. So, thank you. I just wanted to make sure
22 you were in discussion.

23 DC BLISS: Through the Chair. Absolutely. And like
24 you said, we've had four years. We've addressed a lot of
25 issues then. So, we come in with an advantage, but again,

1 it's the wait and see approach, but definitely the
2 discussion. Definitely the planning. But there's a lot of
3 other things that kind of have to fall out at the same
4 time. So, like every other law enforcement department, we
5 are patiently waiting to see what happens after the 20th.

6 COMMISSIONER DEWAELESCHE: And then just as a final,
7 you know, are we anticipating some cuts from the federal
8 department as far as our department funding.

9 DC BLISS: Through the Chair. It's possible. We've
10 had a lot of grants as you know, we've had ARPA and so
11 far that has not impacted us. So, as we wait until the
12 20th, and see what rolls out after that we'll see. I know
13 that there's a lot of pro policing things that are out
14 there. So, it could swing either way, but we have that
15 every four years. You just never know what's going to
16 happen. So, it is very fruitful for us to have those
17 conversations, and to, what if it; what's next? So, we
18 will, we will be ready for whatever comes at us.

19 COMMISSIONER DEWAELESCHE: Thank you.

20 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Thank you.

21 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I just want to comment. I
22 understand your position and certainly sympathize with
23 it, but as we all know, and many of us who were here
24 during the sixties, seventies, et cetera, federal law
25 preempts city and state law, irrespective of what they're

1 saying in California. And the proof of that is what
2 happened in Georgia and what happened in Arkansas when it
3 came to school desegregation. When the president used
4 Army, National Guard, and Federal, I mean, officers
5 acting federal capacity to integrate schools, to
6 integrate communities. There is no wiggle room on that.
7 And the precedent was, was established, as you and I both
8 know, it caused tremendous ranker within those
9 communities where officers for the army, where the
10 military was brought in to desegregate schools. So,
11 following federal law, they absolutely have the power to
12 do it. What I know of, in terms of your question
13 regarding cuts. And it was addressed in part on WJR the
14 other day with Chantelle Jenkins, which most people in
15 this room know who, I guess now is running for mayor. And
16 her statement was that no, I'm not making --- I was
17 surprised. Her statement was that she was here during the
18 bankruptcy, she understood what had happened with all
19 that. And she specifically stated to the reporter ---

20 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: You tethering ---

21 COMMISSIONER MOORE: That sound like a political ---

22 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: You are tethering. Be careful,
23 commissioner.

24 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Wait a minute. I'm responding
25 to my colleague that there would be approximately, she

1 thought, a billion dollars in cuts to the city because
2 the whole community, the whole country's been flushed
3 with money. That's why we've got all this, you know, this
4 36 trillion in debt. But a lot of that is going to change
5 and be redirected. So, there are going to be cuts. And I
6 agree with my colleague that we need to look to see,
7 particularly with respect to the police department, how
8 those particular cuts or what cuts could happen. I mean,
9 we know how much federal money we get.

10 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yeah. Well ---

11 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: That's the point.

12 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: I'm very, very appreciative of
13 Commissioner Dewaelsche, and the phenomenal job you have
14 been doing in terms of DPD budget. You have been doing a
15 stellar job. And we welcome the public to come out and
16 look what's been posted on, as far as our networks. But
17 you are doing a yeoman's job and scrutinizing our budget,
18 and we appreciate all the commissioners who have chimed
19 in on it. And so the only thing we could do is deal with
20 the budget that is before us at this time, and be very,
21 very prayerful that we don't experience anything major in
22 that regard. But, you know, I like to look at the glass
23 half full and not half empty. At this particular point,
24 you're doing a great job in saying what their budget is
25 and scrutinizing their budget. And let's continue the

1 job. And so, having said that, I'm done.

2 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: I move for adjournment.

3 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Support.

4 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Motion made by Commissioner
5 Pressley, supported by Commissioner Hernandez. Any
6 discussion? All in favor say aye.

7 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

8 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: The motion is carried.

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11 (Meeting Adjourned at 5:09PM

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