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10	BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS MEETING
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- 3 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: It is 3:05. It's the 17th of
- 4 April. The Board of Police Commissioners meeting is
- 5 called to order. Do we have a chaplain online?
- 6 CHAPLAIN GOODLOW: Yes, sir, we do.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay. Thank you brother Chaplain.
- 8 Please provide the invocation for us.
- 9 CHAPLAIN GOODLOW: All hearts and minds are clear?
- 10 Let us pray. Heavenly Father, eternal, our God in heaven,
- 11 we thank you for this day. Let us live, love, laugh, and
- 12 be glad in it. We thank you for your tremendous power of
- 13 your mercy and your grace. Lord, we ask that you bless
- 14 everyone attached to this call. We ask that you bless all
- 15 the police commissioners, and its staff, the entire
- 16 Detroit Police Department, its leaders and staff. We ask
- 17 that all things be done decently and in order we ask that
- 18 blessing over the entire City of Detroit and to keep us
- 19 all safe from hurt, harm and danger.
- 20 Lord, please keep us all free of all, hurt, harm and
- 21 danger, and keep us safe and secure. We ask these
- 22 blessings and more in the mighty, magnificent and
- 23 merciful God, our Lord and Savior. Let us all say, amen.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Amen. Thank you Chaplain Kurt
- 25 Goodlow. Thank you.



- 1 CHAPLAIN GOODLOW: Yes, thank you.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: So, let's now have --- we don't
- 3 have a quorum in here yet, if we can --- I know
- 4 Commissioner Bernard was upstairs and we can contact her
- 5 to ask if she can come down to the meeting so that we can
- 6 have a quorum. That'll be appreciated. But let's get the
- 7 Chief of Police Report.
- B DC PARISH: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes.
- DR. JACKSON: That's not a staff report. You can't do
- 11 that according to the Open Meetings Act.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Excuse me. The Chief of Police
- 13 Report is not --- we are not voting on anything.
- 14 DR. JACKSON: I just advised.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: So ---
- DR. JACKSON: This has come up before, and the law
- 17 department --- this is not just my personal opinion. The
- 18 law department said the chief of police is not a staff.
- 19 The Open Meetings Act says you can have staff reports and
- 20 public comment, and you can discuss items of interest as
- 21 long as you don't make any motions. But the chief of
- 22 police report is not a staff report.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: We can get comments from the
- 24 Chief of Police, can't we?
- 25 I just advised.



- 1 COMMISSIONER BELL: Mr. Chairman, it would be
- 2 inappropriate.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: It wouldn't be inappropriate. We
- 4 did before, you know, so we've been doing it, you know,
- 5 so I guess we've been violating it. And our staff didn't
- 6 advise us otherwise. But let's go to the report from the
- 7 personnel director. Our personnel director is here.
- 8 DR. JACKSON: Does she work for the police?
- 9 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yeah, absolutely. Yes.
- 10 DIRECTOR PATILLO: Good afternoon. Through the Chair.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Thank you. Good afternoon.
- 12 DIRECTOR PATILLO: I will be briefing the Human
- 13 Resource report for the month of March. I believe you all
- 14 have the handouts. So, for the departmental staffing, and
- 15 as I said, this is for the month of March. Departmental
- 16 staffing; the department was filled at 97%. For sworn we
- 17 were filled at 99%, and we had a total of 38 vacancies at
- 18 that time. For police assistance, we were filled at 90%,
- 19 and we had 3 vacancies and for civilians; professional
- 20 staff, we were filled at 91%, and we had 77 vacancies.
- 21 For sworn recruiting. The beginning of the fiscal year,
- 22 we had a total applications of 1,873. 568 went in
- 23 processing, 2 withdrew, 557 archive. 117 members have
- 24 been hired. Temporary disqualified was 233, permanently
- 25 disqualified was 169, and awaiting MCOLES were 227. For



- 1 MCOLES testing, for the written and the physical agility
- 2 test; for schedule, we had a total of 194 for the written
- 3 266 for physical agility. For those that appeared, we had
- 4 a total of 123 for the written test, 177 for the physical
- 5 agility test. For the pass rate, out of the 123 that
- 6 appeared for the written test was 77, and failure rate
- 7 was 42. For the physical agility, 107 passed, and 70
- 8 failures for the physical agility. Rescheduled was 4 for
- 9 the written test, 3 for the physical agility test, 67, no
- 10 shows for the written tests, and 86 for the physical
- 11 agility test.
- 12 For new hires, we had a total of 45, broken out;
- 13 sworn 23 and professional staff civilians, 22. We did
- 14 have an academy class that graduated with 20. For the
- 15 Detroit residency, we had a total of --- for Detroiters,
- 16 608 and 15 police assistants for Detroit residency, and
- 17 425 for civilian professional staff. For non-Detroiters,
- 18 we had 2025, 14 police assistants, and then 321
- 19 civilians, professional staff. Of those residency
- 20 information; for the new hires, civilian Detroit
- 21 residency, we had 17 new hires, 6 for the Detroit sworn
- 22 police academy. For the attrition, we have a total of 34,
- 23 broken out, 14 sworn 20 civilians. For your leave of
- 24 absence, for the FMLA continuous, we had 17 for sworn, 1
- 25 for civilian, 121 for FMLA, intermediate for sworn, 65



- 1 civilians; for parental leave. 10 sworn, one civilian
- 2 medical leave, 1 sworn, 5 civilians.
- For restricted, we had a total 154 for sworn, 10
- 4 civilians; disabled 11, sworn 3 civilians and sick, 33
- 5 sworn, 5 civilians. For personnel suspensions, we had a
- 6 total of 14. That was 13 police officers, one sergeant.
- 7 And then for the separations for March, we had a total of
- 8 14, 12 police officers, 2 sergeants. And then for drop,
- 9 we had a total of 494. In addition to that, we have 5
- 10 academy classes currently, a total of 136 students. The
- 11 next class will graduate May 9th. Our next class will
- 12 start April 28. Orientation will be April 25th, and then
- 13 you'll have 6 classes over at the academy.
- We are planning to have Mayoral Fellows and Grow
- 15 Detroit Youth Talent. They will start in June and July.
- 16 So, we are accepting applications and reviewing resumes
- 17 for those. And then on a side note, for we always like to
- 18 say because of the contract, thanks to everyone who
- 19 contributed to that. Our separation versus hires
- 20 beginning from January 23rd to the present, we have a net
- 21 gain of a total of 350 officers. For the calendar year of
- 22 this year, we have a net gain of 12. Pending any
- 23 questions, that concludes our presentation.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Any questions, commissioners?
- 25 There being no questions. Thank you very kindly. Please



- call the roll.
- MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Woods Present. 2.
- 3 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Bernard - Present,
- District 2.
- MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Banks District 3. 5
- MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Bell Present, District 6
- 7 4.
- MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Burton Present, District 8
- 9 5.
- MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Hernandez Present. 10
- 11 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Moore is excused.
- 12 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Pressley is excused.
- 13 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Dewaelsche - Present.
- 14 MS. GARNIER: 7 present.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Thank you very kindly. We have a
- 16 quorum. I entertain a motion for the approval of the
- 17 April 17th, 2025 agenda.
- COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: So, moved. 18
- 19 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Moved by Commissioner Hernandez.
- 20 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Second.
- CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Second by Commissioner. Bernard. 21
- 22 All in favor say aye.
- 23 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.
- CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Anyone oppose? The motion is 24
- carried. I entertain a motion for the approval of the 25



- 1 minutes for April the 3rd, 2025.
- 2 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: So, move.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Motion made by Commissioner
- 4 Hernandez.
- 5 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Second.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Second by Commissioner Bernard.
- 7 Any discussion. All in favor say, aye.
- 8 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Anyone oppose? The motion is
- 10 carried. I entertain a motion for the approval of the
- 11 Closed Session minutes for April 3rd, 2025.
- 12 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: So, moved.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Moved by Commissioner Bernard.
- 14 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: No objection. I wasn't here,
- 15 but no objection.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Anyone second it?
- 17 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHE: Second.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Second by Commissioner
- 19 Dewaelsche. Any discussion? All in favor, say aye. Anyone
- 20 opposed? A motion is carried. I entertain a motion for
- 21 the approval of the minutes for April 10th, 2025.
- 22 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: So, moved.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Moved by Commissioner Bernard.
- 24 Anyone second it?
- 25 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Second.



- 1 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Second by Commissioner Hernandez.
- 2 Any discussion? All in favor say aye.
- 3 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Anyone opposed? The motion is
- 5 carried. Introduction of BOPC, staff, Chief of Police,
- 6 Elected Officials, and Representatives and Community
- 7 Leaders.
- 8 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the Chair.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Introduction, please.
- 10 MS. GARNIER: Present BOPC staff, Attorney Dante
- 11 Goss, Chief Investigator Jerome Warfield, Drew Fries,
- 12 Felicia Tyson, Mary Barber, Teresa Blossom, Candace
- 13 Hayes, Artemisia Joshua, Jonya Underwood. Dr. Francis
- 14 Jackson, Parliamentarian, Office of Chief Investigator
- 15 Supervising Investigator LiSonya Soan, DPD HR Director
- 16 Katrina Patillo. For the Police Chief Todd Bettison is
- 17 Deputy Chief Parish. Our interpreters today are Ms.
- 18 Yakata and Dr. Stephanie Beatty, court reporter Don
- 19 Handyside. Andre Jackson for audio visual. Charles Henry
- 20 Media Services, video. Elected Officials or
- 21 Representatives signed in at this time are Marie Overall,
- 22 for State Representative Tyrone Carter. Ms. Fredia
- 23 Butler, 2nd Precinct Community Relations President, LaDon
- 24 Davis of Council member Fred Dural III. Mark Young,
- 25 president of LSA. Ron Thomas, president of DPOA. Scotty



- 1 Bowman and former Detroit Police Commissioner William
- 2 Davis are signed in at this time.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay. Thank you very kindly.
- 4 Going to item number 2 on the agenda. This motion seeks
- 5 the board's approval to immediately hire 2 temporary
- 6 administrative special service task workers, employees
- 7 for the office of the Chief investigator. The rationale
- 8 for this request is an urgent need to address the
- 9 existing backlog of citizen complaints by providing
- 10 administrative support. Mr. Calloway and Ms. Neely will
- 11 free up the valuable time of our sworn investigators,
- 12 allowing them to focus on the critical tasks of
- 13 conducting thorough and timely investigations. This
- 14 temporary staffing solution will directly contribute to
- 15 the significant reduction in the back log, ultimately
- 16 improving the efficiency and responsiveness of the Office
- 17 of the Chief Investigator and serving the citizens of
- 18 Detroit. We made sure that all of the applications were
- 19 sent and all the relevant documents were sent to all of
- 20 the board members for review, and it was talked to
- 21 numerous board members, and seeing that this is something
- 22 that is palpable for members. So, what is the pleasure?
- 23 Commissioner Hernandez. COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: So,
- 24 moved.
- 25 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHE: Support.



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- 1 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Moved and supported by
- 2 Commissioner Dewaelsche to hire the 2 task workers. Any
- 3 discussion? All in favor say, aye.
- 4 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Anyone oppose?
- 6 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Abstain.
- 7 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Put their names in the record.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay. yes. That's what I thought
- 9 I did. Mr. Daniel Calloway and Ms. LaShonda Neely. Thank
- 10 you Madam Commissioner. All in favor, say aye.
- 11 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Thank you. Anyone oppose?
- COMMISSIONER BURTON: I'm going to abstain because I
- 14 don't totally agree with the process.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay. All right. Thank you. So,
- 16 the ayes have it and the motion is carried. So, let's go
- 17 to the next item here. I know we had some closed-door
- 18 matters. The Chief of Police report.
- DC PARISH: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Through you to
- 20 the rest of this honorable body. Beginning with crime, we
- 21 are down 10% in homicides, 33% in non-fatal shootings,
- 22 14% in robberies. Our total part one crimes are down by
- 23 9%, and we have 29% fewer carjackings compared to last
- 24 year. Moving on to the community, the department's happy
- 25 to report an update on the Detroit Castle cleanup. Over



- 1 the weekend, Chief Bettison assisted in cleaning up Mr.
- 2 Brooks's property on Detroit Seaside. In addition, a team
- 3 of community members and the chief worked to have the
- 4 legal issues related to the property resolved. The 7th
- 5 Precinct had the DEA Takeback. This involves the 7th
- 6 Precinct receiving the Golden Throne Trophy for breaking
- 7 the department's record, held since 2018 by collecting
- 8 145 pounds in prescription medication. On behalf of the
- 9 Chief of Police, I want to thank the officers from the
- 10 7th Precinct for their exceptional work in helping take
- 11 prescription drugs off the street.
- 12 Transitioning to recruiting. Today, the recruiting
- 13 team attended the Garden City High School Fair, the Wayne
- 14 State Criminal Justice Fair, and the Renaissance High
- 15 School Career Fair, hoping to get more applicants. We
- 16 also had the precinct Easter egg hunts. On Friday, April
- 17 18th, the 5th Precinct will be hosting an Easter egg hunt
- 18 at the Balduck Park. The community can join the precinct
- 19 for egg hunting, toy games and prizes. On Saturday, April
- 20 19th, the 10th Precinct will be hosting an Easter egg
- 21 hunt at the Light of the World Church. The community can
- 22 join the precinct for egg hunting, face painting, and an
- 23 opportunity to win a new bike. Transitioning to
- 24 significant incidents. First report out on a non-fatal
- 25 shooting. This happened Wednesday, April 9th, 2025. At



- 1 1:31 PM, officers were dispatched to the 4,800 block of
- 2 Lennox on a call for service for a non-fatal shooting.
- 3 Officers arrived on scene and observed the victim
- 4 lying on the ground, suffering from a gunshot wound.
- 5 Medics transported the victim to a local hospital where
- 6 the victim was listed in temporary serious condition.
- 7 Officers from the 5th Precinct secured the scene, and
- 8 detectives from the 5th Precinct, Detective Unit Shooting
- 9 team were notified and responded to the scene. Detectives
- 10 determined that the victim was accidentally dropped off
- 11 at the location by a rideshare driver. The victim got
- 12 into an argument with the suspect at the location. After
- 13 taking a picture of the suspect's house, the suspect shot
- 14 the victim, and then left the location after the
- 15 shooting. Detectives from the 5th Precinct Detective Unit
- 16 developed information on the identity of the suspect. On
- 17 April 15th, 2025, the suspect turned himself in at the
- 18 5th Precinct. The suspect was transported to the Detroit
- 19 Detention Center for processing. The detectives have
- 20 prepared a warrant for the Wayne County Prosecutor's
- 21 office for review. The warrant is currently being
- 22 reviewed.
- Regrettably, we did have a fatal shooting on Friday,
- 24 April 11th, 2025. At 12:51 PM officers were dispatched to
- 25 the 8,500 block of Piedmont on a call for service of a



- 1 fatal shooting. Officers arrived on the scene and
- 2 observed the victim suffering from a gunshot wound to the
- 3 head. Medics arrived at the scene and pronounced the
- 4 victim deceased at the scene. Officers from the 6th
- 5 Precinct held the scene and detectives from the Homicide
- 6 Unit were notified. Detectives later determined that the
- 7 victim was shot by a known suspect who left the location.
- 8 After shooting, the victim. Officers checked the area and
- 9 located the suspect, and the suspect was arrested and
- 10 transported to the Detroit Detention Center. Detectives
- 11 from the Homicide Unit, submitted a warrant to the Wayne
- 12 County Prosecutor's office for review, and that warrant
- 13 was approved. The suspect has been arraigned at the 36th
- 14 District Court on the following charges, homicide,
- 15 murder, first degree premeditated weapons, felony
- 16 firearm.
- 17 Also, we had a quintuple, non-fatal shooting, which
- 18 occurred on April 12th, 2025. At 4:04 PM officers were
- 19 dispatched to the 14,000 block of Sussex on a call for
- 20 service for a family trouble disturbance, which was
- 21 updated to a nonfatal shooting. Officers arrived at the
- 22 scene and discovered that 5 victims, all family members,
- 23 had been shot. Three of the victims were at the scene and
- 24 were transported to a local hospital suffering from
- 25 gunshot wounds by medics. Two of the victims were



- 1 privately conveyed to a local hospital for treatment. All
- 2 the victims were listed in stable or temporary serious
- 3 conditions. Detectives determined that all the victims
- 4 were related and got into a large fight at the location.
- 5 During the fight 3 of the victims fired shots striking
- 6 each other and victims 4 and 5. On April 14th, 2025,
- 7 detectives prepared and submitted warrants to the Wayne
- 8 County Prosecutor's office for review. And those warrants
- 9 are currently pending.
- We had an escape prisoner on April 17th, 2025. This
- 11 involved a 22-year-old male with a history of violence.
- 12 He is back in custody, I'm grateful to say, and now
- 13 facing additional charges after managing to briefly
- 14 escape from Detroit police custody during a transport
- 15 from a medical facility in the 4,200 block of St. Antoine
- 16 Street. His time on the run was short, thanks to the fast
- 17 action and sharp coordination of the involved officers.
- 18 The suspect who allegedly assaulted the DPD officers
- 19 during multiple parts of the arrest and transport was
- 20 quickly located and taken back into custody. Thanks to
- 21 our Detroit Police Aviation unit and coordinated efforts
- 22 by officers on the ground. He was taken into custody
- 23 without further incident. And this outcome reflects the
- 24 strength of our partnership with our community and our
- 25 effectiveness with our technology in protecting both our



- 1 officers and our neighborhoods. And that's all I have.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Thank you. Any questions? Yes,
- 3 sir. Commissioner Banks, then Commissioner Bernard.
- 4 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Thank you. Through the Chair.
- 5 Commander Parish. How did the prisoner escape?
- 6 DC PARISH: My understanding is that he assaulted the
- 7 officer and managed to get away from the officers.
- 8 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Okay.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: You good?
- 10 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Yeah.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Alright. Commissioner Bernard.
- 12 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Just quickly. Our stats are
- 13 not as good as they have been, just an increase,
- 14 obviously in crime and in gun related crime in the city.
- 15 One, what is the plan to address that? Two, can you
- 16 arrange --- not next week or whenever you want to do it,
- 17 but I know that we have a number of groups that the
- 18 Chairman is familiar with, that are engaged in being in
- 19 the community to try to stop the violence. And we have --
- 20 I've forgotten the names of some of them, but you know
- 21 them all. And that's a lot of money. We spend a lot of
- 22 money funding those initiatives. And maybe we could get a
- 23 report on what they're doing, and you might be able to
- 24 ask them what they're going to do differently or better
- 25 in the months to come because it's getting you know, sort



- l of disturbing, not just for me, but certainly for people
- 2 who come into the city.
- 3 DC PARISH: Absolutely, we can certainly get a report
- 4 of that nature to the board. But if I could just
- 5 reiterate that presently today we're down 10% in
- 6 homicides, down 33% in non-fatal shootings, down 14% in
- 7 robberies, and down 9% in total part one crimes. And
- 8 we're down 29% in carjackings. And that's compared to the
- 9 historical crime reductions we had last year. So, we're
- 10 still on a downward trajectory. One is too many.
- 11 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I'm sorry. It is just that
- 12 you've spoiled us because we were really down like 30% in
- 13 every category or more. And so, now we're looking for,
- 14 you know, those sort of stats that show things are going
- 15 down like they have been all year so far. I mean, so
- 16 that's why I'm interested to see what we can do.
- 17 DC PARISH: Absolutely.
- 18 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: What you think the causes are;
- 19 how we can interdict it or whatever.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yeah. I'm happy to invite CVI
- 21 groups to come present before the board, you know, to ---
- 22 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: We can nip it in the bud while
- 23 it's still down.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yeah. Like you said that the
- 25 numbers are still going down, thank God; and we want to



- 1 get it down more. So, I think that's a good thing. And
- 2 some of these cases have been like families, you know,
- 3 you have 5 families shooting at each other at one time,
- 4 so it's been group --- domestic type situations and
- 5 stuff. So, Commissioner Banks.
- 6 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Yes. I just got briefed. I'm
- 7 sorry about lowering your title. You are a deputy chief.
- 8 I remember when you were a commander though, so I'm still
- 9 thinking back in time. So, congratulations on your
- 10 promotion. You worked hard to get that promotion, so we
- 11 want to make sure you get that type of respect, deputy
- 12 chief. But I want to revisit that situation where a
- 13 prisoner escaped. I needed time to think of something
- 14 else. When a prisoner is being transported, what are they
- 15 in, handcuffs and shackles? How can you run and stuff
- 16 like that?
- DC PARISH: Well, well, first of all, being
- 18 handcuffed does not render a person immobilized. And I've
- 19 seen people run very fast in handcuffs, but if I'm not
- 20 mistaken, I believe Sergeant Sal may have additional
- 21 information. My understanding is that he was able to get
- 22 the handcuffs from ---
- 23 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Is he here?
- 24 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: He is coming up.
- 25 DC PARISH: The prisoner was able to get the



- 1 handcuffs from the back to the front, which makes you
- 2 more mobile and more dangerous.
- 3 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Let's hear it.
- 4 SERGEANT SAL: Through the Chair, Sergeant SAL, Media
- 5 Relations.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes, sir.
- 7 SERGEANT SAL: Good afternoon, everyone. So, what we
- 8 had this morning, early morning today in the 4,200 block
- 9 of St. Antoine, there was an individual that was arrested
- 10 for weapon offenses. He made it to the Detroit Detention
- 11 Center, and they took him to the hospital for a medical
- 12 clearance. And during that transport back when they put
- 13 him into the vehicle he was able to evade the officers.
- 14 And unfortunately, he escaped briefly and they were able
- 15 to apprehend him a short distance later. But the
- 16 investigation for how he escaped is still under
- 17 investigation. But we hope to have more for the board
- 18 once we have a better update.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Thank you very kindly. If there's
- 20 nothing further, we can go to the Chief of Police report.
- 21 You have a question? Yes, sir.
- 22 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I have a statement that I want
- 23 to say briefly. I just want to thank the Detroit Police
- 24 Department, the men and women in blue, for the
- 25 outstanding work that they do year out, year-round. You



- 1 know, we talk about community, we talk about community
- 2 policing. The Detroit Police Department definitely has
- 3 one of the best models across the country where other
- 4 departments are definitely looking at and trying to
- 5 adopt. I can't speak when it comes to other little
- 6 community groups and things of that nature, but I can say
- 7 that the Detroit Police Department, along with Crime
- 8 Stoppers has been making a difference here in the City of
- 9 Detroit and across Southeast of Michigan. That's it for
- 10 me for today.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Thank you, Commissioner. Let's go
- 12 to oral communications.
- MS. UNDERWOOD: Thank you, Mr. Chair. We have 6
- 14 speakers in the audience. Our first speaker will be
- 15 Lieutenant Mark Young, Ms. Williams, Minister Eric
- 16 Blount.
- 17 LT. YOUNG: Good evening.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Good evening.
- 19 LT. YOUNG: Thanks to those officers, whatever
- 20 incident that happened today, it's amazing that they
- 21 offered compassion to a person to claim he was injured or
- 22 sick or ill who had alternative motives. That happens all
- 23 the time. People get arrested, lie about their injuries
- 24 or illness with ulterior motives. I hope that the
- 25 officers are okay. I never heard anybody ask about the



- 1 officers, because that had to be a violent encounter,
- 2 heroes. I have never ceased to be amazed about the valor,
- 3 the honor, the integrity of the men and women on the
- 4 street. When you talk about a crime reduction, that's off
- 5 of every year, back-to-back that 9%, that's huge.
- 6 That's huge. I see them out there. I live in this
- 7 community. My hats off to them. They're facing a lot. The
- 8 warm weather coming is intermittent now. School
- 9 shootings, financial uncertainty, political overload,
- 10 that affects them too. They're doing a great job driving
- 11 those crime stats down. They're doing their best, all the
- 12 while displaying empathy, dedication, commitment,
- 13 courage, sacrifice, understanding; understanding,
- 14 patience. It should be a public service announcement for
- 15 these fools who are out here with this recklessness,
- 16 foolishness, lawlessness and carelessness that's taking
- 17 resources away from victims that really need it. We're so
- 18 grateful for last year, 2024. I saw DPD not only do
- 19 awesome things like they've always done, but we didn't
- 20 lose a man or woman in the line of duty. So, this police
- 21 week, we won't have to honor somebody that actually died
- 22 or got killed in the line of duty. That's a testament to
- 23 our department too.
- We might be honoring somebody that was previously
- 25 not recognized. Let's not forget, just because we didn't



- 1 have somebody falling last year to not honor them all.
- 2 Many have not been recognized because they succumbed to
- 3 injuries long after retirement, but were clearly duty
- 4 related. See, they never got the military funerals, the
- 5 21-gun salute; they never got that. So, let's not forget
- 6 them. Never diminished the sacrifice, never diminished
- 7 what they do. My hat is off to what they face every day
- 8 because it is violent out here. All of us have had
- 9 prisoners that tried to escape. And we also had
- 10 complaints when they tried to escape and we didn't let
- 11 them escape. Let's not forget that part.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Holmes is done constitutionally
- 13 and done in a humane way. There are no complaints
- 14 whatsoever. Excuse me, excuse me. Point of order, point
- 15 of order. You know, because we believe in constitutional
- 16 policing. Point of order, point of order. We believe in
- 17 constitutional policing in the City of Detroit. And we
- 18 believe that people, everybody should be treated with
- 19 dignity and respect. This is not an open season on
- 20 anyone, not on police officers. It's not an open season
- 21 on people that they take in custody. As long as it's done
- 22 with dignity and respect and constitutionally then
- 23 there's no problems. And every citizen has a right to
- 24 complain anytime they want to.
- 25 COMMISSIONER BURTON: To the Chair.



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- 1 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes sir.
- 2 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the Chair. I just find
- 3 it to be very highly disrespectful for a chairperson to
- 4 try and shut down the union president for finishing up a
- 5 statement that he was making. For the past decade that
- 6 I've been here, I have never witnessed, you know, this
- 7 type of behavior where a union president is being shut
- 8 down at the board of police commissioner's meeting. Even
- 9 if he's, you know, have another 30 seconds or finishing
- 10 the statement, we should hear from the union president,
- 11 especially for the fact that he takes time to come to
- 12 these meetings every week.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: And he's always treated ---
- 14 COMMISSIONER BURTON: He should be on the agenda.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: He's always treated with dignity
- 16 and respect. We do not make political statements.
- 17 COMMISSIONER BURTON: But it's disrespectful.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: We need not [crosstalk]. We are
- 19 moving on. Let's go. They're watching you, you know.
- 20 Thank you.
- 21 MS. WILLIAMS: Through the Chair. They are watching
- 22 everybody.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Thank you.
- 24 MS. WILLIAMS: Let's make this very clear. Because
- 25 last time I checked, Wendell, when they were a chief, he



- 1 had like 10 minutes. So, make it make sense. Let's keep
- 2 it 100 in here, okay? I like to talk about a couple weeks
- 3 ago when they were recruiting, and Linda Bernard asked,
- 4 concerning what in the churches. And you asked this
- 5 question about what they are going to be doing to help
- 6 the churches? But they were using their facilities to
- 7 recruit at 3381. And I'm at that shelter at 3426, and the
- 8 people that I am complaining about went across the street
- 9 and they were recruiting. And shortly when I made the
- 10 statement last week at OCI, they removed these people
- 11 that were doing the recruiting.
- Not all of them, but a few of them. Okay? Let's talk
- 13 about a new identity, like 21 Gem Street. You all have
- 14 officers that are on these forces that've been locked up
- 15 in prison. You are recruiting them through the shelters,
- 16 and it's very unfortunate. You have a new identity and
- 17 you can become a Detroit police officer. You did time in
- 18 prison. That's not acceptable. And people who do not have
- 19 US citizenship, that's not acceptable either. So, they
- 20 create a new identity and they can become a Detroit
- 21 police officer. Make that make sense, through the Chair.
- 22 And concerning officers that are in these shelters, Linda
- 23 Bernard asked, are you guys doing any psych evaluation?
- 24 There's a whole lot of mental illness going on in these
- 25 shelters, but your numbers are excellent, but how are



- 1 they excellent? Because you are recruiting people? I have
- 2 to deal with a whole lot of marijuana smoking every night
- 3 with officers with guns and badges. That's not acceptable
- 4 either. And we need not to do any urine tests because
- 5 they can cheat. What about hair samples? Thank you, Mr.
- 6 Chair.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Thank you. Next speaker.
- 8 MINISTER BLOUNT: Good afternoon, board.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Good afternoon.
- 10 MINISTER BLOUNT: You know, you can't help but
- 11 appreciate people who are frustrated with this board. I
- 12 mean, the majority of your time and effort is spent on
- 13 diversion. Coleman Young did not create this commission
- 14 because crime was up or down, or there were people that
- 15 were lost. He created it because bad cops were beating
- 16 the hell and sometimes killing the majority of black
- 17 people in this city. But why can't you concentrate on
- 18 that? It's just so obviously corrupt. This week, after 3
- 19 years, the cop that killed Patrick Loyola is going on
- 20 trial. Body-worn camera footage could have prevented so
- 21 much of this. And why do I say that? The cop that stopped
- 22 him was going in the opposite direction, but yet he
- 23 stopped him on his license plates. Does that make sense?
- 24 And I noticed something called pretextual stops. But we
- 25 need to be clear about how many times that's used in a



- 1 profiling sense. And you talk about constitutional
- 2 policing. Correct me if I'm wrong. It is constitutionally
- 3 able for police officers to lie to citizens during a
- 4 traffic stop. Correct me if I'm wrong, they cannot lie
- 5 under oath in a court of law. But that just shows you how
- 6 corrupt this is. Lastly, about pursuits, whether or not
- 7 DPD does pursuits, because let's face it, legal and
- 8 illegal immigrants are going to run.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Alright, thank you. Our next
- 10 speaker.
- MS. UNDERWOOD: Our next 3 speakers will be Ms.
- 12 Bernice Smith, Ms. Fredia Butler, and Ms. Tenay Hawkins.
- 13 Hankins, pardon me.
- MS. SMITH: Sorry. I couldn't get up. Thank you.
- 15 MALE SPEAKER: You alright?
- MS. SMITH: Yes. Good afternoon to everyone.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Good afternoon.
- 18 MS. SMITH: To my dear Bernard. Nothing wrong,
- 19 nothing wrong, but the young man --- I was at the Harper
- 20 Hospital the other day and I spoke to the young man, you
- 21 know, to speak to him. He's the security guard there. He
- 22 knew me from the previous time and he spoke with me in
- 23 regards to being on the police force. And he gave me some
- 24 information and so forth. So, I said, well, I know
- 25 everybody who is on the board. So, I'll deliver that



- 1 message to Ms. Bernard for you. So, in the meantime I saw
- 2 him again. He wished the best for you. And you'll be in
- 3 touch with him, baby for me. Okay? Now, I have heard so
- 4 much today, and I watched it on TV at 11 o'clock in the
- 5 morning, I watched the news on Channel 2. I am so upset
- 6 because of the fact there's so much crime that's running
- 7 rampant in our city, and we got a darn good city here.
- 8 I came from Chicago over 60 years ago, visited, and
- 9 then I loved it because of the way that we were living
- 10 here. But now, it looks like everything is going amuck,
- 11 as far as you look at the news every day, somebody is
- 12 shooting, somebody is killing. And then above all, you
- 13 have these men that's mistreating the women. I think I
- 14 spoke about it last week and I was quite upset about it,
- 15 and I cried that day. But the fact is, I want the women
- 16 to realize they're human beings. They're not puppets and
- 17 they're not to be used. I've raised three daughters and
- 18 I'm so proud of them. I don't know what to do. One's a
- 19 postmaster, another one is a banker executive, and then
- 20 the other one's been with Ford for 35 years. I can't get
- 21 her to retire. But anyway, I wish I could find a husband
- 22 for it though. Get me a policeman. But anyway, seriously
- 23 speaking, I wish that the women would listen and not be
- 24 abused by the men that are taking advantage of them. I
- 25 know it's zero. Thank you. You're getting ready to say



- $1\,$ it. But take care everyone, and be safe out here. And I
- 2 love my police department. I respect them.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Thank you. Next speaker.
- 4 MS. HANKINS: Good afternoon. And I was told good
- 5 afternoon. I was told to ask, I have a handout that I
- 6 should have emailed, but I didn't for the board and
- 7 police officers representing the chief.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Can you speak into the
- 9 microphone? Thank you.
- 10 MS. HANKINS: I'm sorry.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: And restart the time for her, you
- 12 know. You said you have some documents that you want to
- 13 leave?
- 14 MS. HANKINS: No, I wanted to pass it out for the
- 15 commissioners and the representative from the chief's
- 16 office because I've neglected to email it. And I was told
- 17 to ask to do that first.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay, you go ahead. The staff
- 19 will get it. Alright. Thank you.
- 20 MS. HANKINS: Okay. I just want to, in a nutshell,
- 21 say the only reason why I'm in front of you all, is
- 22 because you can get the gist of it.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Can you talk into the mic some
- 24 more?
- MS. HANKINS: The only reason why I'm in front of you



- 1 all, and I would appreciate an extra 15 seconds for the
- 2 clock to reset, is because there's a noticeable absence
- 3 of humanity here in my situation. You all might remember,
- 4 I've spoken in front of you a couple weeks ago and seeing
- 5 a report on TV 2, about how I'm being abused and misused
- 6 by DPD by them choosing and boldly saying that they will
- 7 not do anything to prosecute the person that assaulted me
- 8 because I subsequently filed a complaint against the
- 9 officer that befriended that person. Now, the person that
- 10 has assaulted me and needs to be prosecuted she's at it
- 11 again. I'm still staying in my house.
- 12 I still don't feel safe. And that is the bottom
- 13 line. 90% --- well, let me rephrase it. The vast majority
- 14 of the discussions that I had post talking to you and to
- 15 officers was about the officers. I had to interrupt. But
- 16 can we get to the prosecution? Hence this letter.
- 17 Somebody has to make DPD do their jobs, okay? Before
- 18 somebody gets killed. This woman, you have a recording,
- 19 says she was going to kill me. What proof do you have for
- 20 me? And 9 months, almost 10 months later, DPD is
- 21 investigating, okay? Which I think is a euphemism for, we
- 22 are going to do whatever we are going to do until
- 23 something happens, and it will be out there when somebody
- 24 gets shot. And I don't appreciate it. You do not have a
- 25 right to not make my life the only thing that matters.



- 1 This is a body dedicated to policing, serving, getting
- 2 rid of criminals, but you're going to side with a
- 3 criminal and help that criminal because one of your
- 4 officers, well, two of your officers, Parker and Deputy
- 5 Chief Hope have decided that their police officers should
- 6 not be held accountable. I want somebody to save my life
- 7 and to prosecute this person. CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay.
- 8 Thank you.
- 9 MS. HANKINS: Thank you.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Next speaker.
- MS. UNDERWOOD: Ms. Denise Taylor, and then we'll go
- 12 into Zoom.
- 13 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I think we have to help her.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Deputy Chief, Commissioner
- 15 Bernard would like you to respond to that.
- 16 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: And also, Miss, you should go
- 17 and see if you've made a police report, you can get a
- 18 PPO, a personal protection order.
- 19 MS. HANKINS: You know, I've been there, done that.
- 20 And the judge said that it was a domestic dispute. So,
- 21 you know, the police reports; all of that.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Let it be clear that this is the
- 23 board of police commission and we don't prosecute cases.
- 24 And that's not under our purview or any of our powers.
- 25 And so, we don't have anything to do with any criminal



- 1 prosecutions in no shape, form, or fashion. But thank
- 2 you, ma'am, you can be seated ---
- 3 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Or provide legal opinions.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Or provide any legal opinions in
- 5 no shape, form, or fashion because that's not in our
- 6 purview and we don't have the capacity to do anything
- 7 like that. Yes. Well, deputy chief, again; but it seems
- 8 as if she's leaving. Okay, so, no, no, no, no, you're
- 9 not. You're good. No. So, the Deputy Chief was going to
- 10 respond to it. DC PARISH: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
- 11 Lieutenant, could you get Ms. Hankins information? But
- 12 for the board's understanding, I do believe that this
- 13 matter has been the subject of several complaints to
- 14 various offices of the city. I believe this is the one
- 15 I'm.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes, certainly.
- 17 DC PARISH: And her matter was looked into, but out
- 18 of an abundance of caution, I'll have a lieutenant review
- 19 everything one more time, if, for anything to reassure
- 20 this board that this is the case that I'm thinking of,
- 21 and that we've done everything that we can for.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay. Thank you very kindly. Next
- 23 speaker.
- MS. TAYLOR: Yes, my name is Denise Taylor. I'm here
- 25 in regards to two of my nephews. My sister; her son was



- 1 killed in May, I mean, December 8th, 2021. Nothing has
- 2 been done. Every time she's trying to get in touch with
- 3 someone, she can't get in touch with them. As soon as she
- 4 gets in touch with someone, someone else has the case.
- 5 Now, last year, her oldest son was killed. And we just
- 6 need some closure. We need these police officers to act
- 7 like it's somebody in their family, because it just seems
- 8 like they don't care. I know there are some good officers
- 9 out there. I know there are, but the bad ones overrule
- 10 the good ones it seems like, and we just need some
- 11 justice. We are tired of getting the runaround. The first
- 12 lady that was in charge of my nephew's case in 2021, God
- 13 rest her soul, she passed away.
- 14 Then she recently got another officer that was in
- 15 charge. He seemed like he was a good officer. He ended up
- 16 retiring. My sister didn't know until she called. And
- 17 then she got the runaround, then she finally got somebody
- 18 else. I know there are a lot of killings out there, but
- 19 my nephews are not just a number. We want you all to
- 20 treat my nephews like they were your own. We just want
- 21 some justice. And this doesn't make any sense.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: So, are you saying you haven't
- 23 received any responses, and if you haven't received any
- 24 responses, you will get a response. And I know that DPD
- 25 has been working to be able to have a Family Unit. And



- 1 I'm so sorry for your loss and your family's loss. But
- 2 rest assured that you will get a response. The response
- 3 that you get, the investigation part, we have no purview
- 4 over that. But rest assured that you would get an
- 5 expeditious response from Homicide and give your family
- 6 an update on the case. Deputy Chief?
- 7 DC PARISH: Yes. Could one of the officers get her
- 8 information? And to your point, Mr. Chairman, we do have
- 9 a Family Unit. Their primary responsibility is to make
- 10 sure that things like this do not happen. That everybody
- 11 gets the updates that they need. So, I'm disappointed to
- 12 hear this report. We do have a unit whose job it is to
- 13 make sure that you are contacted. I'm not sure what went
- 14 wrong, but we'll correct it. We'll get your information;
- 15 we'll make sure you get an update.
- 16 MS TAYLOR: Thank you. I appreciate it.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yeah. Have a blessed one. We are
- 18 praying for you and your family. Yes sir.
- 19 COMMISSIONER BANKS: I want to ask the young lady ---
- 20 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Excuse me, ma'am, one of the
- 21 commissioners ---
- 22 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Ms. Taylor? Who killed your
- 23 nephew? Was it the Detroit police?
- 24 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: We're not doing that. We can't do
- 25 that. We cannot do that openly. Sorry.



- 1 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Sorry. I'll never do it again.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: We'll talk off the line.
- 3 MS. TAYLOR: Thank you.
- 4 MS. UNDERWOOD: Mr. Chair, we'll go into Zoom. Our
- 5 first speaker will be Scotty Bowman. CAC Scotty Bowman.
- 6 And then after Mr. Bowman, it'll be Ms. Taura Brown.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes, sir. Mr. Scotty Bowman.
- 8 MR. BOWMAN: Yeah, I just had to tap unmute. First of
- 9 all, what I just heard disturbs me, the fact that a
- 10 person can't even answer a simple question as far as who
- 11 she believed killed a family member. It seems rather
- 12 absurd. Moving forward though, in the last meeting, it
- 13 was confirmed that we have uninvestigated complaints
- 14 going back as far as 2022. We're talking about 3 years
- 15 behind on a complaint investigation. And I assume there
- 16 are many more recent ones that did get investigated
- 17 because they were priority complaints. But the fact that
- 18 we do not have this process caught up is disturbing. Now,
- 19 it is budget season, and I'm not sure if it's too late or
- 20 if the board acted in the manner I'm going to suggest
- 21 here when it was timely. But you need to prioritize
- 22 staffing that office sufficiently.
- 23 And if you have the maximum number of investigators
- 24 filled, and you're still behind, what it means is you
- 25 need more investigators. The other thing is, in addition



- 1 to more investigators, often organizing information
- 2 coming in from a large number of complaints, maybe it has
- 3 an IT component. And if there's any information
- 4 technology you need in order to help organize the
- 5 complaints to investigate them, for instance, to be able
- 6 to look people up and contact involved individuals then
- 7 that would be important too. But there needs to be a
- 8 number one priority on getting the investigation of these
- 9 complaints caught up. It's a core function of this board.
- 10 And that's really where I want to hear, you know, in
- 11 listening to the meetings. I don't hear other than when
- 12 someone like myself brings it up, that being an issue
- 13 that is being discussed in how to make things better.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Thank you very kindly. We are
- 15 pursuing all of the above that you're saying. Thank you
- 16 very kindly for the input. Next speaker.
- 17 MR. DAVIS: Hello. Can I be heard?
- 18 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes, sir.
- MR. DAVIS: I'd like to start off by saying, I think
- 20 it would be helpful for the board to do a couple of
- 21 things. As you know, I'm a City of Detroit retiree. In
- 22 fact, I'm president of the City of Detroit retiree group.
- 23 I think it should be a greater effort to bring down the
- 24 number of lawsuits filed against the Detroit Police
- 25 Department and the fact that there's a whole lot that



- 1 comes out every year because of questionable practice by
- 2 some officers. Most officers are doing a good job, but I
- 3 think it should be a greater effort to reduce the number
- 4 of lawsuits. I think it should be a greater effort to
- 5 make sure that officers are honest and don't falsify
- 6 official documentation. I worked for the water department
- 7 for 34 years. It was regular. You know, like say if you
- 8 worked for the water department, you knew that if you
- 9 falsified official documentation that you could be fired.
- 10 There should be some rules in effect that officers know
- 11 there are certain things you cannot do and that there are
- 12 consequences if they do it. One of them perhaps should be
- 13 that the city should not pay to represent people that
- 14 falsify official documents and lie under oath.
- 15 Also, I think a greater effort should be made to
- 16 make sure that we have more actual Detroiters in the
- 17 Detroit Police Department. I think the numbers we have
- 18 are horrible and Coleman Young would be turning over in
- 19 this grave to know that the vast majority of the command
- 20 officers and rank and file officers live outside the city
- 21 today. Thank you for this consideration and hopefully
- 22 some actions will be made to help to improve the Detroit
- 23 Police Department. Thank you.
- 24 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the Chair.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes, sir.



- 1 COMMISSIONER BURTON: That was former commissioner
- 2 Bill Davis.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes.
- 4 COMMISSIONER BURTON: It's always great to hear him
- 5 share his concerns with the full board. Also, it was
- 6 great serving with him for 4 years on this board. But I
- 7 also want to just share with Commissioner Bill Davis and
- 8 also with members of the community. We have more police
- 9 officers moving and relocating back to the City of
- 10 Detroit every day. And that's a good thing. We have
- 11 officers that are moving back, not just every day, but I
- 12 would say every year, you have more and more officers
- 13 moving back to the city because they love the city. They
- 14 work in the city. They love our community, and it is
- 15 great to see. But more to what he was trying to say, you
- 16 know, that was a state issue that allowed the residency
- 17 to be what it is now where you don't have to work here to
- 18 live here and whatever. But we have more officers moving
- 19 back into the city that live in the city now than we
- 20 probably had in the past 10 years. And so, we are
- 21 starting to see more of that now. Officers moving back to
- 22 the City of Detroit. This is a great department to work
- 23 for as I talked to many officers over the years, and we
- 24 even have officers that left the department and are
- 25 coming back to become officers with the same department



- 1 that they started from, right here in the City of
- 2 Detroit, the Detroit Police Department. Just wanted to
- 3 put that on the record.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Thank you very kindly.
- 5 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Through the Chair.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes, sir.
- 7 COMMISSIONER BANKS: I want to say something really
- 8 quickly. That was very, very encouraging news
- 9 Commissioner Burton that you put out on the floor that
- 10 more officers from the suburbs are moving back to
- 11 Detroit. Good stuff you put out there on the floor. But I
- 12 wanted to say this, I need to put this out on the floor
- 13 and I'm hoping it is out on the floor that you have some
- 14 great Detroit police officers out there, great police
- 15 officers out there who have lived a career on the force
- 16 and walked with integrity for many, many years. And I
- 17 stand by that because I know some; so, you have some good
- 18 strong police officers out there that have lived with
- 19 integrity. And I will speak that any day, anytime. And I
- 20 just wanted to put that out there on the floor. You have
- 21 some good ones out there.
- 22 And one of our own right here, stuck up on the mic
- 23 every week, I am going to commend him. Lieutenant Mark
- 24 Young. I want to commend you for your dedication, your
- 25 heart, your drive. And brother, I respect you as a



- 1 champion, as a police officer. My wife will tell you; I
- 2 don't respect any man as a champion. But I'm respecting
- 3 the loyalty and the dedication that you have. Your heart
- 4 has touched my heart. I appreciate it.
- 5 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the Chair. I want to
- 6 add one last thing?
- 7 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes, sir.
- 8 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I want to also just say that
- 9 you know, Chairperson, I mean, past Chairperson in the
- 10 past; Commissioner Willie Bell, you know, served 30 plus
- 11 years with the Detroit Police Department. You know, he
- 12 had a great stellar career. You know, he could live
- 13 anywhere he wants in the world, but he chooses to remain
- 14 right here in the City of Detroit. He served honorably
- 15 this past decade on the board. He served honorably with
- 16 the Detroit Police Department as he was going through the
- 17 ranks. But more importantly, he also served honorably
- 18 when he was over in OCI. And so, he understands. You
- 19 know, we have good talent here. You know, we got people
- 20 that retire, come back, serve, and keep serving. But I do
- 21 like to make a motion at this time. Mr. Chairman for line
- 22 item 7.
- MS. BROWN: Burton, we're still in public comment.
- 24 Move this along.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Thank you. Thank you. Yeah, we



- 1 are in public comment.
- 2 COMMISSIONER BURTON: My apologies.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes. [Crosstalk] Power to the
- 4 people.
- 5 MS. BROWN: Yes. This is Taura Brown and I wasn't
- 6 going to say anything this week, but I don't know what's
- 7 going on between Woods and Burton. I can probably guess
- 8 from that ethics committee meeting, but y'all need to
- 9 take that outside, beat each other up and go have a beer
- 10 and be done with it. We are tired of coming here every
- 11 Thursday to listen to Burton gush over the police and cut
- 12 each other off. Woods and Burton cut each other off. I
- 13 don't know what this is about, but another time I was
- 14 here, Burton made a comment because Woods made a comment
- 15 and made a joke at the expense of Bell. Instead of moving
- 16 it on we had to listen to that point be belabored. Not on
- 17 my watch. You are not going to make that joke on my
- 18 watch. Where was your watch when you were expected to be
- 19 here on time?
- 20 Again, you are an oversight committee. If you think
- 21 Bell is doing such a great job, which I don't doubt that
- 22 he is, send him an email. Tell him when you walk past him
- 23 on your way to your offices. That's not what this is for.
- 24 Do police business, get it over with. I'm sorry. Do the
- 25 business of the board, get it over with and get us up out



- 1 of here Again, we need answers. What happened to the
- 2 gentleman that came in here and said the neighbor was
- 3 harassing him? Did anybody follow up with him? The lady
- 4 in the audience. We've heard her being tormented about
- 5 her neighbor. Has anybody followed up with that? And how
- 6 come we can't get any information about what's going on
- 7 with that on the record? Also, Mr. Burton, please,
- 8 Commissioner, I'm sorry Burton, can you please provide us
- 9 with the number of officers that are moving back into the
- 10 community?
- 11 Because it sounds like you have information we are
- 12 not getting, because this is the first time I'm hearing
- 13 this. So, please, next week have that information. How
- 14 many of them have moved back in 2023/2024. And how many
- 15 have moved back in the first 4 months of 2025? I'd like
- 16 that information because again, I'm not seeing it. And I
- 17 do agree with Mr. Davis, former Commissioner Davis. There
- 18 are too many people or too many police officers or the
- 19 city employees in general, let's just call it all, living
- 20 outside of the City of Detroit. And I totally agree,
- 21 Coleman Young would not like this. Thank you.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Thank you very kindly. Next
- 23 speaker. Thank you.
- 24 MS. UNDERWOOD: Speaker is Mr. Jahdante Smith?
- MR. SMITH: May I be heard?



- 1 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes, you may be heard, sir.
- 2 MR. SMITH: I'd like to echo some of those sentiments
- 3 I just heard, wasting so much time. I'm so sad I couldn't
- 4 be there in person. I had to pick my son up from school.
- 5 But just to listen to that dialogue was very interesting.
- 6 It was not complaint related. Also, the comment that you
- 7 made last week, Chair Woods, is very disgruntling to hear
- 8 that you say that the commission and the board meets ---
- 9 well not the commission, but the board meets just to meet
- 10 every week. And to hear what you just said to that lady
- 11 who is a relative of murder victims; she has relatives
- 12 that have been murdered. It was very callous for you to
- 13 say, oh, our thoughts and prayers are with you. So, if we
- 14 didn't meet every week, she wouldn't have never been able
- 15 to make her comment and come and give her grievances.
- 16 My thing is, I worked with a group called Mothers
- 17 Keeping Boosting the Ground. And they represent lots of
- 18 families who have the same sentiment. That family love
- 19 unit is not working, it is not doing what it needs to be
- 20 doing. One of the cases from the mothers I worked with
- 21 was solved. But there are hundreds and thousands of cases
- 22 that are still open, that have not been solved. People
- 23 are not getting calls, and if they didn't work so hard,
- 24 they didn't fight the way that they did, the family love
- 25 unit would not even exist. So, my thing is to even say



- 1 things as far as, oh, well the board should meet every
- 2 week. It should meet every week, but it should actually
- 3 do some work. It should ask some questions; it should
- 4 have some oversight. It should use some of the authority
- 5 it does have.
- 6 Even if you can't adjudicate cases, you can't do
- 7 things. And then the fact that you are always trying to
- 8 stop Commissioner Banks. Commissioner Banks is one of the
- 9 only ones up there that fights and everything he does is
- 10 in opposition to what you guys are doing because he's
- 11 trying to do the right thing for the most part. He is
- 12 trying to get answers. He's trying to be transparent.
- 13 He's trying to help families. He is working with several
- 14 different families on several different issues. And I
- 15 commend that man for fighting and I commend that
- 16 commissioner for trying. And it's crazy how he's elected.
- 17 And there are people who are appointees and have all this
- 18 power and are not doing anything. My thing is I love to
- 19 see people actually fighting and trying to help the
- 20 people. So, sad to see so many people throwing their face
- 21 on and trying to act like they really care when they
- 22 really don't. Most people would rather be somewhere else.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: That was the last speaker. Let's
- 24 go to the presentation to the board. The technology
- 25 utilization and accuracy and body-worn cameras and dash



- 1 cam.
- 2 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Mr. Chair, can I make a motion
- 3 at this time?
- 4 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: We're following the agenda. You
- 5 can do that under new business. Yes. If it's a new
- 6 business or unfinished business.
- 7 DR. MARTIN: Through the Chair.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes.
- 9 DR. MARTIN: Good afternoon.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Good afternoon.
- DR. MARTIN: Honorable Chair, and honorable board
- 12 members. I'm Dr. Martin, former Compliance Manager over
- 13 the Civil Rights Division. The Civil Rights Division is
- 14 responsible for use of force audits, body-worn camera
- 15 review audits, various audits, compliance and compliance
- 16 audits throughout the department. We also covered the
- 17 Management Awareness System (MAS) and the performance
- 18 evaluation enhancement review. Today's presentation is
- 19 going to be on the one camera process. Oh, you guys don't
- 20 have a ---
- 21 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: We have the hand out. Are we
- 22 following on here?
- DR. MARTIN: So, today I'm going to be going over ---
- 24 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Do we have an overhead for them
- 25 to follow us? Yeah, we have the hand out, but right



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- 1 there.
- DR. MARTIN: This is it? 2.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Alright, go ahead, sir.
- DR. MARTIN: All right. Today, I'm going to: members 4
- 5 required to wear body-worn cameras. The next one will be,
- when is the body-worn camera activated? It'll be a CRD 6
- daily review of body-worn camera videos. Then total
- events captured for 2024 and 2025. It'll be a question. 8
- Alright, the first slide is on members required to wear 9
- body-worn cameras. DPD policy indicates that members 10
- shall activate their body-worn cameras to record all 11
- 12 significant contact with citizens. This requires all DPD
- 13 members that work patrol, detectives. This includes
- 14 detectives turning on their body-worn camera on scene
- 15 when they're interviewing witnesses and interrogation,
- 16 sorry. And then all specialized units. This includes a
- special response team, narcotics and vice. Let's go to 17
- the next slide. 18
- 19 Start off with the policy. Policy indicates that the
- body-worn camera shall remain on until the event is 20
- completed in order to ensure the integrity of the 21
- recording. This includes calls for service, vehicle stops 22
- and citizen stops, execution of search warrants or arrest 23
- 24 warrants, and then any citizen or encounters, which
- 25 requires police involvement. Before we go to the next



- 1 slide, I wanted to discuss at the beginning of every
- 2 shift officers are required to, before they go on patrol
- 3 to sync their body-worn cameras to the Incar dashboard.
- 4 This is monitored by the supervisor to ensure that the
- 5 body-worn cameras are synced with the camera. This is
- 6 really important. If it's not synced, then it won't
- 7 activate. And then once it's synced, they can activate it
- 8 from the Incar inside the vehicle, through the Incar
- 9 dashboard monitor. So, that's why this is important. The
- 10 next slide please.
- 11 CRD daily reviews, body worn, body-worn camera
- 12 review. So, at CRD we review all commands, specialized
- 13 commands. So, we go through a process. When we select
- 14 videos, we get it through CAD events. We go through all
- 15 CAD events and we randomize it and get a sample. And then
- 16 we get a sample of about 250. With this sample we give it
- 17 to the body one camera team. They review; if they find
- 18 anything during the review, the supervisor reviews it to
- 19 confirm that there was a policy violation. What we're
- 20 looking for when we do these reviews, what the body-worn
- 21 camera team is looking for is events not captured,
- 22 partial events not captured code of conduct that's
- 23 considered with some profanity demeanor or
- 24 professionalism; search and seizure violations and any
- 25 other policy violations that we find during the review.



- 1 Okay. Next slide. So, the total events captured for 2024
- 2 and 2025. In 2024 the body-worn camera team reviewed
- 3 3,633 body-worn camera footage videos. Total compliance
- 4 rate for the department was 99% for 2025. First quarter
- 5 they reviewed 1051 video body-worn cameras at 99%
- 6 compliance rate. Thel% we wrote body corrective action
- 7 notices were sent out to commands to address the events
- 8 that were not captured. I want to say I made a note. So,
- 9 since we've been using body-worn camera, I just show ---
- 10 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Let me ask you, what do that 1%
- 11 represent? How many numbers is that? 1%?
- DR. MARTIN: How many numbers?
- 13 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yeah. like, you have 3000. Say it
- 14 one more time. It's about 33; 36.
- DR. MARTIN: Exactly. It's 36.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay. That guy's good. There you
- 17 are. Are you done?
- 18 DR. MARTIN: Yes.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay.
- DR. MARTIN: To state one more thing though. Since
- 21 we've been using body-worn cameras, it's been found that
- 22 actually for the first quarter use of force is down,
- 23 allegations of force and citizen complaints. And then
- 24 also, through the assistance of the command staff, they
- 25 have been conducting their own off-body-worn camera



- 1 audits. That's actually helped bring down the percentage
- 2 of events captured.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yeah. I want you to hear from my
- 4 chief investigator in a minute, but Commissioner
- 5 Dewaelsche.
- 6 COMMISSIONER DEWALSCHE: Yes, thank you Chair. With
- 7 regards to the numbers, what percentage does that
- 8 represent of the events? So, you said you reviewed 3,633
- 9 of what number?
- 10 DR. MARTIN: Events captured? This is actual, when
- 11 officers turn on their cameras. When they are on patrol
- 12 going go ahead, I'm sorry.
- DC PARISH: Dr. Martin, I believe what she's asking
- 14 is, in a given year, how many total events are captured?
- 15 You've reported out on what your team has reviewed, but
- 16 how many total events are captured in a given year? And
- 17 if you don't have the information, that's okay. It's
- 18 something that we can provide at a later date.
- DR. MARTIN: Yeah. We can provide it. I don't have
- 20 that at this moment.
- DC PARISH: Okay. And we will provide them.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Commissioner.
- 23 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: I was going to say, a
- 24 certain number --
- DR. MARTIN: Yeah, that is number, it's ---



- 1 DC PARISH: That's the number of events that his team
- 2 reviewed.
- 3 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHE: It's a sample, right?.
- 4 DR. MARTIN: No, that's not the sample. I'm sorry.
- 5 That's actually the total amount of videos that were
- 6 reviewed by the body-worn camera team.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: That's all of those?
- B DR. MARTIN: That's all of them. I'm sorry.
- 9 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHE: So, you review a hundred
- 10 percent of all of them.
- DC PARISH: No, no. I'm ---
- 12 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHE: That's what I meant.
- DC PARISH: No, no. If I may? That is the number. The
- 14 Civil Rights Division does not have the capacity to
- 15 review all recorded events in the Detroit Police. There
- 16 are tens of thousands, hundreds of thousand events that
- 17 are captured in any given year. What he's reporting out
- 18 on is the number of events that through randomization and
- 19 auditing, that they have actually reviewed of that total
- 20 number. And it sounds like Dr. Martin, at a later date,
- 21 will be able to provide the total number of events so the
- 22 board understands what percentage of the total number is
- 23 we're actually laying eyes on. Is that correct, Dr.
- 24 Martin?
- Dr. MARTIN: Yes, sir. I actually do have a number.



- 1 It's like 33,000 and we randomized that.
- 2 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHE: So, it's like 10% is what
- 3 you're reviewing?
- 4 DR. MARTIN: Yes, ma'am.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay. Thank you.
- 6 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHE: That's what I wanted to
- 7 know. Thank you.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Commissioner.
- 9 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: I have a few questions. The
- 10 slide, when is the body-worn camera activated? I'm just
- 11 curious. I know someone mentioned it a couple months ago,
- 12 but what's the retention period of that footage? The 90
- 13 days, 60, is it on that?
- 14 DR. MARTIN: No, it's for a lifetime. So, that was
- 15 the old camera.
- 16 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: The old camera. You updated
- 17 to a new one, so now it's indefinite.
- 18 DR. MARTIN: Yes.
- 19 DC PARISH: If I can expand on that. A couple of
- 20 years ago, the State of Michigan changed the law to
- 21 require video footage be preserved, whether it's related
- 22 to civil or criminal matters to be preserved until those
- 23 cases are fully adjudicated even through appeals. Because
- 24 of the way our system is set up, we really have no way of
- 25 compartmentalizing our video in such a way to where we



- 1 can ensure that only cases that have been fully
- 2 adjudicated, video connected to or related to those cases
- 3 drops off. So, for that reason, the rule is indefinite
- 4 retention of all video until we come up with a better way
- 5 of compartmentalizing video. We're just not there yet,
- 6 and it is a challenge.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay. So, excuse me. I'm sorry,
- 8 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: But second question, but
- 9 it's not related to ---
- 10 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: No, you go ahead.
- 11 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Okay. The second question on
- 12 the daily review. I know you said that you take samples
- 13 of 250 at a time. I'm curious ---
- 14 DR. MARTIN: The randomization.
- 15 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: After randomization.
- DR> MARTIN: Just after that. Yes, sir. So, we get
- 17 250. That's the number we're trying to get is 250. Out of
- 18 that 250, we randomized through all the commands, and
- 19 then it's divided through the body-worn camera team.
- 20 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Is any of this automated?
- 21 DR. MARTIN: What do you mean automated? As far as --
- 22 -
- 23 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: I mean, the randomization
- 24 I'm sure is to a certain extent, but, I guess where I'm
- 25 trying to go is, just the element of human error. So, if



- 1 you're reviewing 250 footages, if you will, and it's down
- 2 to interpretation of humans interpreting this policy,
- 3 there's guaranteed to be human error, which can cause
- 4 gaps.
- DR. MARTIN: Well, that's why we have the
- 6 supervisor's review to confirm ---
- 7 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: We are human at the end of
- 8 the day.
- 9 DR. MARTIN: That's true. That's true.
- 10 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: So, that's why I'm asking,
- 11 is it automated? If it is automated?
- 12 DR. MARTIN: Automated.
- COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Automated by keyword? Like
- 14 what do you pick up? There are so many policies and so
- 15 much language in these policies. That's really where I'm
- 16 going with this question.
- DR. MARTIN: So, we go by the events. We have
- 18 different categories. Precincts, we do, what is it,
- 19 interrogations. And we have different categories of what
- 20 we are looking for; specialized units. So, each one has a
- 21 certain percentage. Like right now we're doing 75%
- 22 platoon 4, and then 25% platoons 1, 2 and 3. And then a
- 23 breakdown of each command percentage is what we're going
- 24 to look at.
- 25 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Does your sample include any



- 1 kind of correlation with OCI and complaints? Because
- 2 again, I feel like there might be a correlation ---
- 3 DR. MARTIN: I would have to talk with him to see if
- 4 that is a correlation. We can get together and see if it
- 5 is.
- 6 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: No, currently?
- 7 DR. MARTIN: We don't; he and I have not connected.
- 8 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: I feel like that's a natural
- 9 fit.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Right. Absolutely. That was going
- 11 to be my question.
- 12 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Again, if it's a keyword
- 13 search for the audit or however you want to explain it,
- 14 the automation, it would kind of make natural sense that
- 15 OCI would be involved at some level of, whether it be use
- 16 of force, violate, all these things to be able to review
- 17 those.
- 18 DC PARISH: Commissioner, if I may. One of the issues
- 19 and that is a great idea and we can connect with chief
- 20 investigators, to see if there's a way to make it work.
- 21 But the system that they are pulling data from is not the
- 22 same system that OCI enters data into.
- 23 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Yeah, they don't --
- DC PARISH: Yeah. The CAD system, which is where all
- 25 of our events are recorded, is where they get their



- 1 sampling from. And that when a citizen complaint comes
- 2 in, that's not entered into CAD, that's entered in the
- 3 MAS. So, there are two different systems, but it is
- 4 certainly a discussion we need to have and we will have
- 5 very soon.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yeah. I think it's vitally
- 7 important because, 36, I think we get way more than 36
- 8 body-worn camera violations in a year. Is that correct?
- 9 CI WARFIELD: Through the Chair. I would want to ---
- 10 yes, we get a lot more, considerably a lot more. And one
- 11 of the things that would help us is what metrics are
- 12 being measured here to determine that there is a 99%
- 13 compliance rate? Is that metric just turning the camera
- 14 on to make sure it's functioning; or is that metric
- 15 actually looking at the events that happen at the scene?
- 16 Because our data does not match this. And in addition to
- 17 that, there is a comment that citizen complaints have
- 18 reduced. They have not reduced, since I've been here
- 19 since May of 2023, they're continuing to rise. Now, I
- 20 will say this, citizens typically do not complain about
- 21 the camera being on. That's something that our
- 22 investigators end up determining once they do their
- 23 investigation. So, I would love to work with the
- 24 department in an effort to make sure that we can match
- 25 this up to what we are seeing and what you're seeing as



- 1 you all are reviewing the cases and signing the cases.
- 2 I'm more in line.
- 3 DR. MARTIN: Through the Chair. So, we're not just
- 4 looking at events not captured. We are looking for things
- 5 like search and seizure. We're looking for any policy
- 6 violations. If we just happen to be reviewing that video
- 7 and we can't find it, that's just the event not captured.
- 8 But once we review the video, the officers have a list of
- 9 things that we're looking for and then beyond that.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Alright. So, it seems that there
- 11 needs to be some synergy here because the number, when
- 12 you say it's a 99%, you know, you read that and say it's
- 13 a 99% compliance rate; I don't believe that to be true,
- 14 based upon what we review. It's not a 99% rate on what we
- 15 review. You know, because we review; we have these
- 16 folders right here. These are citizen complaints. And I
- 17 try to lift these folders up every single week as often
- 18 as we can. Because this is the bread and butter and what
- 19 commissioners do in terms of reviewing cases. And we
- 20 don't see that in what we are reviewing here in terms of
- 21 body-worn compliance.
- 22 DR. MARTIN: Through the Chair. One more thing. So,
- 23 when you speak of citizen complaints, that's where the
- 24 code of conduct comes in. Violations, profanity,
- 25 demeanor. So, those things are associated with the



- 1 citizen complaints. Officer's behavior, you know,
- 2 swearing at the citizens. So, that's one of the main
- 3 things we're looking for.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay. All right. Yes, sir.
- 5 COMMISSIONER BELL: I'm glad that Dr. Martin brought
- 6 that up. What is the impact in terms, if not deterrence
- 7 about officers engaging in inappropriate behavior,
- 8 profanity, I mean, we can go on and on. I just read these
- 9 cases and it is cited over and over. So, it's not
- 10 deterring in terms of being on camera, maybe I need to
- 11 perform a little bit more, unfortunately. So, perhaps the
- 12 deputy chief can respond. We have raised that issue over
- 13 the years. Demeanor is like number one, and I don't
- 14 understand that. I served 32 years. I just can't fathom
- 15 it. In the old days, you know, perhaps we could not prove
- 16 it, but today we can cite you because we have it on
- 17 camera. But I don't know, the response of the department
- 18 in terms of dealing with this situation. I don't know if
- 19 we have repeat offenders or not. Okay. So, that means we
- 20 have repeat offenders that we need to address. Somewhere
- 21 along the line, it's an issue.
- 22 DC PARISH: Yeah. Through the Chair. Absolutely. One
- 23 of the things that the body-worn camera has done, it has
- 24 removed doubt from many of the investigations, like you
- 25 said. There was a time when it was very difficult to



- 1 prove cases. We're now able to establish with certainty
- 2 or relatively more certainty what occurred. And that is
- 3 certainly one of the benefits. I do believe that the
- 4 body-worn cameras do serve deterrence. However, our
- 5 employees are human, they do err. Sometimes they err
- 6 egregiously. No one thought that the implementation of
- 7 body-worn cameras would eliminate misconduct. The goal
- 8 was that it would help us adjudicate misconduct. And I
- 9 think it has accomplished that stellarly. But this
- 10 conversation certainly has raised the need for myself,
- 11 Dr. Martin and the chief investigator and his team sit
- 12 down, compare our numbers, and analyze each other's
- 13 processes. One of the things that we've noticed is that
- 14 when we sit down together and we look at the work that
- 15 each other has done, the other side can usually offer
- 16 some insight that is very valuable. And we welcome that
- 17 from the chief investigator and his team. So, we will
- 18 schedule that meeting very soon.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Thank you very kindly. Okay.
- 20 Thank you.
- 21 DR. MARTIN: Thank you.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Thank you. Great. presentation.
- DR. MARTIN: Thank you, sir.
- DR. JACKSON: Mr. Chairman.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes.



- 1 DR. JACKSON: Do you wish to update the attendance?
- 2 We have several commissioners presen.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yeah. Thank you. Let the record
- 4 reflect that Commissioner Carter is present, Commissioner
- 5 Smith and that Commissioner Burton's back in the room.
- 6 And Commissioner Hernandez is here. Thank you,
- 7 parliamentarian. Let's go to the secretary's report.
- 8 MS. GARNIER: Through the Chair, the report today
- 9 contains those things under your tab 6 that are listed on
- 10 the agenda. The ShotSpotter. I believe there's facial
- 11 recognition, as well as there is the citizen complaints
- 12 memorandum from the last citizens complaint committee
- 13 meeting. The announcements for the week are as follows:
- 14 The next board meeting is next Thursday, April 24th, 3:00
- 15 PM here at Detroit Public Safety Headquarters. The May
- 16 community meeting will be held Thursday, May 8th, in the
- 17 8th Precinct at 6:30 PM The location is at the Crowell
- 18 Recreation Center, which is 16630 Lahser Road in Detroit.
- 19 The next committee meeting of the board is the Policy
- 20 Committee, which will be meeting Tuesday, April 29th at
- 21 5:00 PM and that will be here at Public Safety
- 22 Headquarters in the Woodward Conference Room. And that is
- 23 the report today.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Thank you very kindly. Let's go
- 25 to unfinished Business. Commissioner Bernard.



- 1 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I'd like to give a report on
- 2 the Policy Committee. Item 7(a) is by the direction of
- 3 the Policy Committee; I move to adopt Directive 102.12.
- 4 Duty to Intervene. I don't have to have a motion, do I?
- 5 DR. JACKSON: You have to have a motion. You don't
- 6 have a second because is's ---
- 7 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: So, moved.
- 8 DR. JACKSON: --coming from a committee, so there's
- 9 no second required with this committee motion. But you do
- 10 have to make the motion, but it's not your personal
- 11 motion. It's the committee's motion.
- 12 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Okay. The committee moves that
- 13 by the direction of the Policy Committee. I move to adopt
- 14 Directive 102.12. Duty to Intervene.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: By direction of the Policy
- 16 Committee and supported by Commissioner Dewaelsche. Help
- 17 us out here, they write this stuff out for us every week.
- 18 DR. JACKSON: That Directive is moved by direction of
- 19 the Policy Committee.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay. By direction of the Policy
- 21 Committee.
- DR. JACKSON: To adopt ---
- COMMISSIONER BERNARD: To adopt Directive 102.12. The
- 24 duty of police officers to intervene.
- DR. JACKSON: Mr. Chairman needs to state that motion



- 1 so, that it is ---
- 2 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: So, by direction of the Policy
- 3 Committee the Duty to Intervene Policy. The request is to
- 4 adopt a Duty to Intervene Policy at 102.12. Any
- 5 discussion? All in favor say, aye.
- 6 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Anyone oppose? Motion is carried.
- 8 There you go. We got it.
- 9 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: The next one. By the direction
- 10 of the Policy Committee, we move to adopt Directive
- 11 number 201.2. Patrol Related Reports.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay. By direction of the Policy
- 13 Committee, the D 201.2. Patrol Related Reports. Any
- 14 discussion? All in favor say, aye.
- 15 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Anyone oppose? The motion is
- 17 carried. Thank you.
- 18 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: By the direction of the Policy
- 19 Committee, we move to adopt Directive 401.1. Performance
- 20 Evaluation Ratings.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: It is moved by the direction of
- 22 the Policy Committee to approve Directive 401.1.
- 23 Performance Evaluation Rating. Any discussion? All in
- 24 favor say, aye.
- 25 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.



- 1 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Anyone oppose? The motion is
- 2 carried. I just want to thank the Policy Committee and
- 3 deputy director. I mean Deputy Chief for the great work
- 4 they are doing there, as well as our Policy Director,
- 5 Felicia Tyson. I know it's been robust and Commissioner
- 6 Dewaelsche. The whole committee is doing a yeoman's job
- 7 to work hard in getting these policies done; and looking
- 8 forward to more great things to occur out of the Policy
- 9 Committee. And encourage all citizens to pay attention to
- 10 our website and attend those meetings, because they are
- 11 very, very powerful and robust. So, this Closed Session;
- 12 what is the pleasure?
- 13 COMMISSIONER BANKS: I move to go into Closed
- 14 Session.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Motion made by Commissioner
- 16 Banks.
- 17 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Second.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Second by Commissioner Hernandez.
- 19 COMMISSIONER BANKS: I move that we go into closed
- 20 session, section 8(f) of the Open Meetings Act, MCL
- 21 15268(f) that we disqualify applicant Sean Martin for the
- 22 appeal of DPD hiring process.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Motion made. We stated the
- 24 motion. Motion by Commissioner Banks to go to Closed
- 25 Session. Second by Commissioner Hernandez. Any



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- 1 discussion? All in favor say, aye.
- 2 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Anyone oppose? The motion is
- 4 carried. This is a 3-minute recess.
- 5 (Whereupon the Board Entered into Closed Session)
- 6 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Moore is excused.
- 7 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Hernandez No.
- 8 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Pressley is excused.
- 9 MS. GARNIER: And Commissioner Dewaelsche Yes.
- 10 MS. GARNIER: 7 Yay votes; 2 nay votes.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: You didn't ask me.
- 12 MS. GARNIER: Chairman Woods Yes.
- MS. GARNIER: I am so sorry.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: The yays have it. What's the
- 15 pleasure of the board?
- 16 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Move to adjourn.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Motion made by Commissioner
- 18 Bernard to adjourn.
- DR. JACKSON: Will you announce that the motion is
- 20 adopted?
- 21 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Oh, the motion is adopted. Thank
- 22 you.
- 23 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Second.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Second by Commissioner Hernandez
- 25 for adjournment. Discussion? All the favor, say, aye.



1	COMMISSIONERS: Aye.		
2	COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I want to say to everybody. I		
3	want to wish everyone in the room and everyone that was		
4	here even earlier, a very happy Easter. May God bless you		
5	all. And may you have a wonderful holiday weekend with		
6	your family and friends.		
7	CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yeah. Anyone oppose? The motion		
8	is carried. We are adjourned.		
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