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- 3 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ, PRO TEM: Good afternoon
- everyone. Thank you for joining us in the room and 4
- 5 online. At this time, we don't have a quorum, but we will
- 6 try and proceed as best as we can. So, we'll call the
- meeting to order. No introductions at this time, but we
- will go straight into public comment. We'll allow our 8
- staff just a few moments to get us prepared for that. And
- I think they might have an update. 10
- 11 MS. UNDERWOOD: Invocation.
- 12 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ, PRO TEM: I'm so sorry. We
- 13 will first start with our invocation. Do we have that
- 14 online or in person?
- 15 MS. UNDERWOOD: Online.
- 16 CHAPLAIN WALKER: I'm online, sir.
- COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ, PRO TEM: Thank you, sir. 17
- CHAPLAIN WALKER: Yes, ma'am. I'm here. Can you hear 18
- 19 me?
- COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ, PRO TEM: Yes, sir. 20
- 21 CHAPLAIN WALKER: Okay. I'm ready. Father, gracious
- 22 Father, we thank you for your goodness, mercy and grace.
- 23 We thank you for your loving kindness and tender mercies.
- 24 Father, give us wisdom, knowledge, and understanding as
- we conduct the business of the Detroit Police Department 25



- 1 Board of Commissioners meeting. Father, we say thank you
- 2 now; we'll give you praise, honor and glory, keep us all
- 3 safe and sound. Conduct the business with wisdom,
- 4 knowledge, and understanding. We give you praise in
- 5 Jesus' name. Amen.
- 6 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ, PRO TEM: Amen. Thank you so
- 7 much. At this time, we will now go into public comments,
- 8 and if you could call out anyone who is [unclear01:10] in
- 9 the room first.
- 10 MS. UNDERWOOD: Yes, sir. We have three people in the
- 11 audience. Our first speaker will be Lieutenant Mark
- 12 Young, then Ms. Deborah McCray, and then Ms. Bernice
- 13 Smith.
- 14 LT. YOUNG: Good evening. I prayed about this for the
- 15 last few days. For two weeks, it was made that I made fun
- 16 of and laughed at somebody. That's far from the truth.
- 17 See, because I'm a leader, an officer, and a gentleman, I
- 18 would never laugh. In fact, it brought me to tears about
- 19 what was talked about that I was supposed to have laughed
- 20 about. I respect people more than you know. I have
- 21 empathy, sympathy, and compassion. But there's nothing
- 22 greater to me than my profession that people that serve
- 23 honorably, respectfully and powerful. And there's nothing
- 24 greater to stand up for than people that will risk and
- 25 give their lives for people that they won't know; to be



- 1 stereotyped and categorized; to talk about other cities
- 2 and municipalities; to not understand what the
- 3 individuals that I represent and my great department and
- 4 profession represents every day. I heard people talk
- 5 about police reform, police reform, police reform. Never
- 6 heard the same people talk about criminal justice reform.
- 7 I would never make fun of anybody. But here's what I do
- 8 expect. If you wear a cloth, be decent. I don't expect
- 9 the person of the cloth to be one sided, prejudiced and
- 10 biased. I represent some awesome people. My friends are
- 11 on that wall in Washington. I buried my friends. And
- 12 until you sit in my shoes, be careful.
- COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ, PRO TEM: So, we will allow
- 14 this additional speaker, and then we'll open up now that
- 15 we have quorum.
- MS. McCRAY: Good afternoon to each and every one of
- 17 you. It is a privilege and a blessing to be here. What I
- 18 would like to speak on a topic today is; it's about
- 19 property owners who hire people to do surveillance. The
- 20 situation that I'm dealing with at hand right now is that
- 21 surveillance is --- I'm trying to figure out how
- 22 surveillance is. Does it include having cameras in your
- 23 apartment, in your bathroom, in your vents, in your air
- 24 conditioning? Where they are watching you all through
- 25 your entire apartment? You hear clicks, tones, red light



- 1 shining through my dome in my bedroom and my bathroom.
- 2 You see a camera light through the vent by my toilet
- 3 seat. What is the protocol for surveillance and how far
- 4 do they go when they use equipment for surveillance?
- 5 Are they allowed to, not only put cameras in your
- 6 apartment, in which this is the second residency I've
- 7 moved into where they do this with the people they hire,
- 8 but also how far are they allowed to go? And then when
- 9 you're signed up for your rights, when it comes to
- 10 property owners not keeping up their property, and this
- 11 is the reason being why they hire people to stop you from
- 12 reaching out to get help to contact the right resources.
- 13 What's the limitations? Are they allowed to have cameras
- 14 everywhere? Are they allowed to watch you, like you are
- 15 under a microscope every day, day by day, 24 hours? And
- 16 when you call out, they stop your calls. And I'm like,
- 17 okay. What are the limitations to surveillance for
- 18 property owners when they hire people? Can anyone answer
- 19 me for that question or questions at hand?
- 20 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ, PRO TEM: Ma'am, do you want
- 21 to continue using the, the remainder of your time.
- MS. McCRAY: Oh, absolutely. absolutely. I had a
- 23 situation also where I had company guests and when I had
- 24 reported in and filed a complaint through the police, I
- 25 guess in retaliation, they followed some of my friends'



- 1 home, broke into their cars. For one individual, they
- 2 left a receipt in his car; for another one, they busted
- 3 all her tires. For another individual, they followed him
- 4 all the way home, and they contacted me, because I attend
- 5 faith group meetings. I attend different types of
- 6 meetings, you know, pertaining to our US representatives,
- 7 because I am a voter and I volunteer. I also attend
- 8 meetings for my church faith groups; I also attend other
- 9 organizations interventions, you know, where you give
- 10 resources to visually impaired and handicapped people, as
- 11 well as other people in need of resources.
- 12 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ, PRO TEM: Thank you so much.
- 13 Your time has expired. Deputy Chief Bliss, is there any
- 14 commentary you'd like to provide?
- 15 DC BLISS: Yes. Through the Chair. Ma'am, we have an
- 16 NPO right behind you. What I'd like to do --- the short
- 17 answer to the surveillance question, is there should not
- 18 be any. But what I'd like you to do is file a report with
- 19 one of our NPOs and we can start that investigation.
- 20 Okay?
- 21 MS. McCRAY: Thank you, sir.
- DC BLISS: You're welcome, ma'am.
- MS. McCRAY: Thank you all.
- 24 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ, PRO TEM: Thank you so much.
- 25 So, at this time, we do have a quorum and I want to



- 1 acknowledge that we haven't yet introduced commissioners.
- 2 So, if we could do that Ms. Board Secretary.
- 3 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Woods -
- 4 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Smith -
- 5 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Banks is excused.
- 6 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Bell Present, District
- 7 4.
- 8 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Bernard District 5 -
- 9 Present. Commissioner Burton, District 5 Present.
- 10 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I was talking about --- you
- 11 said 4.
- MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Carter Present.
- 13 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Dewaelsche Here.
- MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Hernandez Here.
- 15 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Moore is excused, and
- 16 Commissioner Pressley is excused.
- 17 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ, PRO TEM: Thank you. With
- 18 that we'll move over to item C, which is approval of May
- 19 1st, 2025, agenda. Is there any objection to the agenda?
- 20 Hearing none. That'll be passed.
- MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Hernandez.
- 22 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ, PRO TEM: Yes, ma'am. Kindly
- 23 declare quorum. You have 6 present.
- 24 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ, PRO TEM: I will call the
- 25 meeting to order because we have a quorum.



- 1 MS. GARNIER: Thank you.
- 2 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ, PRO TEM: So, there's no
- 3 opposition to the agenda. It'll move as is. Is there any
- 4 opposition or edits to the approval of the minutes for
- 5 April 24th, 2025? Hearing none. Those will be approved as
- 6 stated. We'll move over to item E, introduction of BOPC
- 7 staff, Chief of Police, Elected Officials and Community
- 8 Leaders.
- 9 MS. GARNIER: Persons registered as of today are as
- 10 follows: Board of Police Commissioner staff, Attorney
- 11 Dante Goss, Felicia Tyson, Mary Barber, Teresa Blossom,
- 12 Candice Hayes, Artemisia Joshua, Jonya Underwood, Dr.
- 13 Francis Jackson, our Parliamentarian is via Zoom today.
- 14 From the Office of the Chief Investigator is Elgin
- 15 Murphy. Also, DPD HR Director Katrina Patillo is on Zoom.
- 16 For Chief of Police Todd Bettison is Deputy Chief Mark
- 17 Bliss. Our interpreters today are Ms. Yakata and Dr.
- 18 Stephanie Beatty. Court reporter Don Handyside, Henry
- 19 Jackson for Audio Visual and Charles Henry, Media
- 20 Services Video. Marie Overall for State Representative
- 21 Tyrone Carter's office. Fredia Butler, 2nd Precinct,
- 22 Community Relations President, LaDon Davis, Office of
- 23 Council member Fred Durhal. Mark Young, president of the
- 24 Lieutenants and Sergeants Association. Ron Thomas,
- 25 president of Detroit Police Officers of America. Scotty



- 1 Boman, as well as former Detroit Police Commissioner
- 2 William Davis. And I know we have one other, which is
- 3 Stephen Grady Muhammad, all present today.
- 4 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ, PRO TEM: Thank you. Is there
- 5 anyone from staff additionally that we want to recognize?
- 6 I think everyone's here.
- 7 MS. GARNIER: I didn't see Ms. Lasonya Sloan from the
- 8 Chief Investigator's Office. I think that is it.
- 9 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ, PRO TEM: Thank you so much.
- 10 We'll move over to item 2. Be able to see the Officer
- 11 Chair report. I don't believe there's a report, so we'll
- 12 move on from that one. Three we'll go over to the Chief
- 13 of Police report, which we have sitting in for Chief
- 14 Bettison, Deputy Chief Bliss.
- 15 DC BLISS: Good afternoon. I will start with the
- 16 crime stats as of today. For homicides, we are down 13%.
- 17 In 2024, we had 52, today we have 45. Non-fatal
- 18 shootings, we are down 30%. 2024 year-to-date, we were
- 19 160. Currently we're at 111. For robberies, we are down
- 20 13%. Last year, year-to-date was 312. Today, we have 270.
- 21 Total part one violent crime, we are down 8%. Last year
- 22 we were at 3,331. Today we are at 3,048. And then for
- 23 carjackings, we are down 34%. In 2024, we were at 32, and
- 24 today we're at 21. Moving on to community updates. Last
- 25 weekend the Chief joined MSP Colonel Grady and Sheriff



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- 1 Washington at the Parkman Branch Library to discuss
- 2 prevention strategies to ensure every Detroit family has
- 3 a safe and enjoyable summer. That was a top cops and docs
- 4 community discussion on safe gun storage, violence
- 5 prevention strategies; 9th Precinct Procedural Justice
- 6 and Police Legitimacy. On Tuesday, the Chief spoke at the
- 7 9th Precincts Restorative Practice Community Meeting at
- 8 St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center. The meeting was an
- 9 opportunity for the community to learn about procedures,
- 10 police use to accomplish their duties, while also voicing
- 11 their concerns. Citywide Day of Community Prayer. This
- 12 morning, the Detroit Police Department held our Citywide
- 13 Day of Community Prayers at the Detroit Public Safety
- 14 Headquarters, and all of our precincts. All walks of
- 15 faith, were welcome to join us as we prayed for the City
- 16 of Detroit. Coffee with the commander. Yesterday,
- 17 Commander Matthew Fulgenzi and other officers at the 3rd
- 18 Precinct met with community members at Sepia Coffee.
- 19 Residents were able to meet with the precinct's commander
- 20 and other officers to ask questions, voice concerns, and
- 21 engage with the community. Sting Gentlemen's Club shut
- 22 down. Yesterday, the Chief, along with our officers and
- 23 partners at BC shutdown the Sting Gentlemen's Club for
- 24 allowing underage individuals into their establishment.
- 25 Traffic enforcement at; the 4th Precinct. Also,



- 1 yesterday, the Chief spoke with Channel 7, on our traffic
- 2 enforcement efforts in the 4th Precinct, after a drunk
- 3 driver crashed into fences in the area of Toledo and
- 4 Clarkdale last week. The driver was arrested. Over the
- 5 last few days, officers in the area made more than 70
- 6 traffic stops and issued over 100 tickets.
- We continued to focus on traffic enforcement to make
- 8 our roads and neighborhoods safe. Detroit Police, 52nd
- 9 Annual Interfaith Memorial service. Tomorrow the Detroit
- 10 Police Department will hold their annual service to
- 11 commemorate and honor fallen members of our department at
- 12 Old St. Mary's Church. Recruiting efforts. This weekend,
- 13 our recruiting unit talked to community members at the
- 14 Child Abuse Awareness at Heilman Recreational Center, and
- 15 at the Parkman Branch Library discussion on gun safe
- 16 storage violence prevention strategies. Women in Blue. We
- 17 have started to share the stories of the 19 nominees for
- 18 the Woman in Blue Officer of the Year on our Facebook
- 19 page. The public is invited to attend Woman in Blue on
- 20 Thursday, May 22nd. Tickets are available
- 21 @detroitpublicsafety.org. And then finally, an update on
- 22 the cutting incident at the Renaissance Center. On
- 23 Wednesday at 400 Renaissance Center, at approximately
- 24 6:00 PM there was an argument between two women. The
- 25 suspect pulled out a sharp object and cut the victim and



- 1 left the scene. This was an isolated incident and the
- 2 victim and the perpetrator knew each other. We used our
- 3 camera assets and got a picture of the suspect that we
- 4 shared with the media. We are confident we'll take the
- 5 suspect into custody soon. If she's watching or
- 6 listening, we ask that she turns herself in. That
- 7 concludes my report.
- 8 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ, PRO TEM: Thank you so much.
- 9 I'll actually open up with some of my own questions. I
- 10 appreciate that you covered very briefly and very lightly
- 11 the incident or just the case at the Sting nightclub in
- 12 Detroit or Southwest Detroit, I should say. I definitely
- 13 need you to elaborate significantly more. And I
- 14 understand that it's an ongoing investigation. We're
- 15 still talking about our kids though, and the allegation
- 16 or allegations are quite severe. So, is there anything
- 17 else that you can provide in terms of what you're
- 18 planning on doing, even outside of that single
- 19 establishment, but any establishment in the City of
- 20 Detroit.
- DC BLISS: Through the Chair. Well, first and
- 22 foremost, our vice unit does inspections. So, we are
- 23 constantly doing inspections at all types of
- 24 establishments, especially the license establishments. In
- 25 this case, basically we had a call for service that there



- 1 was possibly underage drinking. Since then, of course,
- 2 our officers responded and they took the appropriate
- 3 action. Since then, we have done a search warrant. We
- 4 have taken some DVD players; it's my understanding and
- 5 the investigation is ongoing. You know, this is one of
- 6 those messages that we want to send to all business
- 7 owners that this will not be tolerated. This is not
- 8 something that we will tolerate, and, you know, we're
- 9 talking about our youth and things of that nature. So,
- 10 I'm looking forward to getting this, getting more
- 11 information on this investigation. But I can assure you
- 12 and the board that this is something that Chief Bettison
- 13 takes very seriously. And that our organized crime and
- 14 our vice, they're out there, they're doing these
- 15 inspections. So, if there is anything going wrong, any
- 16 impropriety, we're going to put a stop to it and it's
- 17 just going to be another sting where we shut it down.
- 18 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ, PRO TEM: A follow up to
- 19 that, I think it's a good transition into just a pretty
- 20 large-scale series of activations happening again in
- 21 Southwest Detroit for the Cinco de Mayo celebration. Can
- 22 you just expand a little bit? And I understand you're not
- 23 going to share strategy, and otherwise, but can you just
- 24 give us some talking points, especially for the public,
- 25 around what DPD is intending to do particularly the 4th



- 1 Precinct. And just a reminder of obviously having the
- 2 right permits, if you're going to do any kind of indoor
- 3 or outdoor activities. I know that was an issue last
- 4 year.
- 5 DC BLISS: Yes. Through the Chair. As always, we'll
- 6 be doing inspections. We'll be looking at that before the
- 7 event. We do have a plan in place for that. There will be
- 8 a strong officer presence for Cinco de Mayo, this coming
- 9 weekend. Again, I don't want to go into the specifics due
- 10 to, you know, just public safety. But we always prepare
- 11 for this. We're always ready for this. But for those
- 12 businesses, please understand that we will hold you
- 13 accountable for how you run your business. And if that's
- 14 underage drinking, if that's allowing underage
- 15 individuals in it, if that's not having the proper
- 16 licensing, we will take the appropriate action. And I
- 17 think we were very clear last year and will be even more
- 18 so this year.
- 19 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ, PRO TEM: Thank you. And I'll
- 20 just add this, because I know this to be true personally.
- 21 There have been ongoing conversations and meetings
- 22 between the 4th Precinct, the broader DPD team, community
- 23 leaders and organizations in the area, business owners
- 24 and otherwise, residents that are in the footprint of
- 25 where the parade is going to be. So, there has been a lot



- 1 of collaboration, which we definitely appreciate. I'll
- 2 open up to questions starting to my right with
- 3 Commissioner Burton, if you have any.
- 4 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Not at this time, but maybe
- 5 later. Thank you.
- 6 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ, PRO TEM: Thank you. Ma'am.
- 7 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Through the Chair. Deputy Chief
- 8 Bliss, this is in regards to the young lady from Inkster
- 9 that was found in Southfield, London Thomas. I've been
- 10 hearing in the news that DPD was involved. Do you know
- 11 anything about that?
- DC BLISS: Through the Chair, we were involved. But I
- 13 believe that that case was taken over by MSP and that
- 14 they are currently on that. And I do also understand
- 15 that, I believe that there were two arrests in that case.
- 16 But the person was found in Southfield. It's my
- 17 understanding that it was an Inkster resident. So, there
- 18 are other jurisdictions involved, but we did definitely
- 19 assist.
- 20 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Okay. Thank you.
- 21 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ, PRO TEM: Thank you.
- 22 Commissioner Bernard.
- COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Just quickly, because I got a
- 24 call about this and you would know better than me or most
- 25 people. It was her understanding, the young woman who



- 1 call me that you could have a minor in a place, if you
- 2 will, that serves alcohol or a club, whatever it is, as
- 3 long as they are with their parents and not sitting at
- 4 the bar. Is that true? I've known about it for a long
- 5 time, but then when I got the actual call, I said, let me
- 6 check and see.
- 7 DC BLISS: Through the Chairs. I also understand
- 8 that, and I want to make sure that I don't give incorrect
- 9 information. So, what I'm going to do is, I will talk to
- 10 our vice enforcement to make sure that I give you the
- 11 right; but regardless, if you are allowed or not ---
- 12 sometimes there are places that those little kids
- 13 shouldn't be at. And I'll leave it at that. I know that
- 14 there may be certain laws that allow them to do it, but I
- 15 just think every parent needs to consider their child and
- 16 the venue where they are.
- 17 But in this case, I'll get back to you with the
- 18 correct answer.
- 19 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: The young woman who asked me
- 20 is a dancer and has a child, I mean about 10 years old, I
- 21 guess, or something like that. And apparently has always
- 22 taken her child to work, but she can't leave the child
- 23 alone. Then she'd really be in trouble, obviously,
- 24 because it's against the loft to leave a 10-year-old. And
- 25 so, she would take her child, and other women have taken



- 1 in; and I don't know about men, but anyway, taken their
- 2 children as well. They sort of stay in the dressing room,
- 3 or they could sit at a table and drink water, Coca-Cola
- 4 or whatever. But anyway, if you would check into it, I
- 5 would appreciate it.
- 6 DC BLISS: Absolutely. Thank you.
- 7 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ, PRO TEM: Thank you.
- 8 Commissioner Dewaelsche? No. Commissioner Bell. Mr. Goss,
- 9 I am joking. Alright. At this time --- sir, did you have
- 10 any?
- 11 COMMISSIONER BURTON: No, sir. Thank you, Mr. Chair.
- 12 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ, PRO TEM: Thank you so much.
- 13 At this time, we'll move back into oral communications
- 14 and we'll pick up exactly where we left off.
- MS. UNDERWAY: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Our next speaker
- 16 will be Ms. Bernice Smith. And then after Ms. Smith,
- 17 it'll be Minister Eric Blount.
- MS. SMITH: Good afternoon. Linda Bernard, how in the
- 19 world can anybody possess their conversation to come to
- 20 you and talk about their children coming to a bar? But
- 21 that's something. I like to see that mother. Anyway, I am
- 22 very upset. I look at my news every morning at 11
- 23 o'clock. So, I'm just about up. And I was so delighted to
- 24 see my Chief who was upfront in this newscast in regards
- 25 to this strip joint. I'm very, very happy. And the fact



- 1 that we have the police interested in what's going on in
- 2 the City of Detroit, besides some of us. Anyway, that
- 3 took me back. You really took me back talking about the
- 4 mama. I am so happy that we are on guard about what's
- 5 going on in our city, because we have too much hijacking,
- 6 shooting, and anything else that these youngsters feel
- 7 like they're capable of doing and thinking they're going
- 8 to get away with it.
- 9 I am sick, as old as I am, 92 years old, I could
- 10 still feel as though we got a chance in our city to do
- 11 the right thing. And we do have some people that are
- 12 still available to help run this city. Right? And I want
- 13 everybody under the voice of my voice to know things have
- 14 to change. We can't continue to do the things that we're
- 15 doing here in this city. I love my city. I love my police
- 16 department, and I will always support them until they do
- 17 anything that I feel as though that they do wrong. Now,
- 18 to my Chief, I was so happy. I was at my family reunion,
- 19 not reunion, but dinner Sunday we go every Sunday. We
- 20 have about seven, eight of us. We all eat dinner
- 21 together. I got a, a, what is it on my phone or whatever,
- 22 you know what I'm talking about.
- 23 And I looked at it. I said, who in the world? My
- 24 phone rang and I looked, and it was the Chief giving me
- 25 kudos in regards to Easter Sunday. I was so happy to



- 1 thank that here, a man that's in charge of a city as
- 2 large as ours got enough to send me a message of Happy
- 3 Easter to me and my family. Also, I got a message the day
- 4 before yesterday. Well, the day when this incident
- 5 happened.
- 6 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ, PRO TEM: Thank you so much
- 7 that that concludes your time will give you a couple
- 8 seconds.
- 9 MS. SMITH: Well, anyway, I love my police
- 10 department. You keep up the good work and don't you let
- 11 nobody stop you. And we don't need no, whatever those
- 12 things are in our city. We have a decent city.
- COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ, PRO TEM: Thank you. Next
- 14 speaker, ma'am, could you call out?
- 15 MINISTER BLOUNT: Good afternoon. I'm Minister Eric
- 16 Blount from Sacred Heart Catholic Church, right here in
- 17 Detroit. Mother Bernice, for once we agree. How in the
- 18 world can a commissioner talk about having a child at a
- 19 strip joint? Just say no; that's all it is. But no, you
- 20 have to continuously sell things. Your services are so
- 21 that you just want to know what you can do to provide
- 22 resources for you and maybe your business and your
- 23 personal --- I don't know what it is, but it's on
- 24 display. I've been saying it for years. Now, if Mother
- 25 Bernice says it, and we agree, Lord, you know that's a



- 1 three way; that's the Holy Trinity.
- 2 But Commissioner Hernandez, I see you're in charge
- 3 of this meeting today. Not a word, not a question, not a
- 4 discussion on police officer misconduct. Why not? That's
- 5 why we are here. This is not a crime summit. This is not
- 6 some kind of crime press conference. But that's what you
- 7 let the police get away with. They say nothing. There's
- 8 always something to be said about police officer
- 9 misconduct. At least say how many police officers are
- 10 still on suspension? What for? How? Did they serve that
- 11 term? Did they get back pay? There are so many things you
- 12 could talk about, but you continuously show the
- 13 corruption. And what I say in private, I don't mind
- 14 repeating in public. Last week, Chief Bettison, and I had
- 15 a private conversation, but I'll make it public. It was
- 16 about facial recognition technology. I said, how in the
- 17 world can this group of people approve a system in law
- 18 enforcement that discriminates against people of color?
- 19 How can you be that oppressive? Those were my exact words
- 20 to Chief Benison. Thank you.
- 21 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ, PRO TEM: Thank you. Next
- 22 speaker.
- COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Mr. Blount, let me respond to
- 24 your comment. As a police commissioner, I answer people's
- 25 questions. I don't prejudice it with whatever I may



- 1 think. I asked the Chief a question, which apparently you
- 2 didn't like. But that's unfortunate because your
- 3 obsession with me is just unbelievable. I don't
- 4 understand. I don't even know you. And every week, Linda,
- 5 Bernard, Linda Bernard. Obviously, you admire me because
- 6 otherwise you wouldn't be calling me..
- 7 MINISTER BLOUNT: That'd be on the record.
- 8 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: You disrupt the meeting every
- 9 week about me.
- 10 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ, PRO TEM: Thank you,
- 11 Commissioner. Thank you so much. So, if we can move over
- 12 to the next speaker.
- MS. UNDERWOOD: Next speaker is Martin Gonzalez, and
- 14 then we'll go into Zoom.
- 15 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ, PRO TEM: I'll remind the
- 16 public that we have a two-minute limit for comments and
- 17 to be mindful of inappropriate language, especially
- 18 directed at commissioners. Go ahead, sir.
- MR. GONZALES: I've been under attack for three years
- 20 by a new comer ---
- 21 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Microphone, please. Thank you.
- MR. GONZALES: Pardon me. I've been under attack for
- 23 3 years by a newcomer to the city. I've been a lifelong
- 24 resident of the City of Detroit. I've lived on the exact
- 25 same block for 60 years. In the last 3 years, 3 of my



- 1 properties have been burnt; 6 properties on the block,
- 2 not all mine, have been shot. There's a ShotSpotter in
- 3 front of this individual's house, and I have 30 caliber
- 4 slugs that were taken from three-quarters of the way
- 5 through my home. A dozen of my pets, not my pets, local
- 6 cats were destroyed. They were my friends. My houses were
- 7 fire bound while there were still people in them, while
- 8 sleeping, and getting shot at. This guy used an air
- 9 powered gun, not a normal fire gun, not a pellet gun. He
- 10 pepper sprayed me. He has shot at me; he has run into my
- 11 vehicle; he has smashed my vehicle. And out of nearly 20
- 12 police reports and the PPO, I've gotten a check for \$900.
- 13 Who do I go to get a PPO enforced? I've got ongoing
- 14 harassment. I think my two minutes are up.
- 15 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ, PRO TEM: You actually have
- 16 34 seconds.
- MR. GONZALES: Six properties, four of my properties,
- 18 three of which have been burnt. A dozen mutilated animals
- 19 and dead animals. I've had a PPO. I've been incarcerated
- 20 twice for no reason, no legitimate reason. Charges
- 21 against me have always been dropped. I've been defending
- 22 myself. I shouldn't have to defend myself at 62 years of
- 23 age from a 30-year-old man who wants to burn me out
- 24 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ, PRO TEM: DC Bliss. Is there
- 25 anything that you'd like to add?



- 1 DC BLISS: Through the Chair, in regards to the PPO.
- 2 Sir, have you had that PPO served?
- 3 MR. GONZALES: Yeah.
- 4 DC BLISS: Has it been served by the court, by Wayne
- 5 County or --- because if you have a PPO, and it has not
- 6 been served yet, then if officers are called to the scene
- 7 and the person is there, we have to give them an
- 8 opportunity to leave. We cannot arrest them. But if it's
- 9 served, it's in the system, then we can arrest that
- 10 individual right there at the scene.
- MR. GONZALES: Well, not if they don't answer the
- 12 door.
- COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ, PRO TEM: So, might this be a
- 14 conversation that we can take offline to get additional
- 15 detail?
- MR. GONZALES: He hides inside his house while the
- 17 houses next to him are burning, flipping off the police
- 18 and the firemen. They can't go in there without a
- 19 warrant. I was told that the PPO was the warrant. When he
- 20 violated that they could grab him.
- DC BLISS: Sir, there's more to it. But I'll have our
- 22 NPO behind you to get your information. I've been waiting
- 23 at my house for 4 days for an NPO.
- 24 DC BLISS: Okay, well there are two right behind you,
- 25 sir. And one can take your information, and we can start



- the investigation.
- 2. COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ, PRO TEM: Thank you so much.
- Next speaker. 3
- COMMISSIONER BERNARD: And can they report back to 4
- 5 you on that? Because we tell people that ---
- COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ, PRO TEM: Can you please go 6
- through the Chair?
- 8 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Oh, sorry. Mr. Chair.
- 9 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ, PRO TEM: You've been
- 10 recognized now.
- COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Through the Chair. People, we 11
- 12 say that all the time and then I've gotten letters and
- 13 stuff back from people that say nothing happened. Can you
- let us know when you take, when the Chief's office takes 14
- 15 the complaint, what happens with that complaint?
- 16 DC BLISS: Well, a lot of times what happens is that
- we get the information on the individual. We know where 17
- it is, and we reach out to those commands and we find out 18
- what's going on with the command. Has the command reached 19
- 20 out to the individual? What action have they taken? If
- not, begin to take action and then follow up with us 21
- right after. So, usually by that point, that individual 22
- that comes and has some concerns, it's being addressed 23
- already. 24
- 25 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: They're saying they're not



- 1 being addressed.
- DC BLISS: Well, in this case, we'll make sure that
- 3 we have a follow up,
- 4 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: The citizens, and, you know,
- 5 they matter.
- 6 DC BLISS: Understood.
- 7 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ, PRO TEM: We'll make sure we
- 8 get a follow up. Ma'am.
- 9 MS. UNDERWOOD: Thank you, Mr. Chair. We're going to
- 10 go into Zoom. Our first speaker will be Mr. Roo. After
- 11 Mr. Roo, it will be Ms. Taura Brown and CAC Scotty Boman.
- MR. ROO: Can you hear me clearly?
- 13 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ, PRO TEM: Yes, we can.
- 14 MR. ROO: Okay. Lisa Carter and Linda Bernard, listen
- 15 up. Linda Bernard, we know what happens when you get
- 16 involved with a situation to ask questions, nothing. And
- 17 then you act like you don't know what's going on when you
- 18 know the full story, Kaneisha Coleman. But I want to talk
- 19 about something else. Today is day one of, "No Murder
- 20 May." I said, "No Murder May," campaign that I started
- 21 and Deputy M. Bliss, I want you to get word to the Chief,
- 22 Todd Bettison; Mr. Todd Bettison, that the campaign has
- 23 started, the one I initiated in 2024. It has started
- 24 again. Today is day one, and my 3:00 PM call to the
- 25 Homicide Unit; we have zero reported homicides here in



- 1 the City of Detroit. No cost of service. So, we are off
- 2 to a great start. Now, none of you commissioners, and
- 3 very few of you police officers even know about the, "No
- 4 Murder May, "campaign.
- 5 Neither does the Detroit City Council or the school
- 6 board, but it's out there in the streets. I know because
- 7 I'm the one who initiated it. Now, what we need is a full
- 8 blast from the mayor, the Council president, the rest of
- 9 the Council, the Detroit Police Department, the Board of
- 10 Police Commissioners, and every citizen within earshot.
- 11 Pass the word around, "No Murder May." We don't have any
- 12 homicides reported in the City of Detroit on May 1st.
- 13 Let's keep it going all the way to the end of the month.
- 14 And my name is Mr. Roo.
- 15 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ, PRO TEM: Thank you. Next
- 16 speaker.
- MS. BROWN: Good evening commissioners. My name is
- 18 Taura Brown. I just wanted to echo the sentiments of
- 19 Minister Blount and Mrs. Smith. Yeah, there would be no
- 20 reason for a 10-year-old to be inside of a strip club.
- 21 And as a person who has worked in one, I never, the
- 22 entire time I was there, saw anybody bring their child to
- 23 that job. And unfortunately, yes, jobs are sometimes in
- 24 short supply depending on what your skill is. However,
- 25 maybe you need to pick up another one that you would be



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- 1 able to work while your child goes to school and you
- 2 could be home with them at night as opposed to taking
- 3 them into a strip club. This is not a family bar. This is
- 4 not the local bar around the corner. This is an actual
- 5 strip club where people are dancing naked. And I hope the
- 6 person that told Commissioner Bernard was seeking legal
- 7 advice because she's being prosecuted.
- 8 Speaking of prosecutions, those parents who didn't
- 9 know their 14- and 15-year-olds were in the strip club
- 10 may need to be prosecuted also, because there are 101
- 11 excuses going around about why those kids were in the
- 12 bar. Oh, we thought they were somewhere else. Well, your
- 13 14 and 15-year-old, when they're going out and visiting
- 14 their friends at the friend's houses, you should be
- 15 dropping them off. You should be making contact with an
- 16 adult. There is absolutely no reason for kids to be
- 17 running out of the strip club. That's my first issue. The
- 18 second one, some of you all don't live where you're
- 19 supposed to be living. I would hope you would correct
- 20 these addresses and I would hope that you are living in
- 21 the districts that you are representing. And I'm going to
- 22 leave it right there. And those of you who I'm talking to
- 23 know who I'm talking to. Also, just please be respectful
- 24 to your support staff. They are there to support you from
- 25 the board secretary to the parliamentarian, to the staff



- 1 that we don't see. Treat them with kindness and respect,
- 2 because they are just like everybody else. And they are
- 3 just like you. You all don't like being berated when we
- 4 come in here fussing and complaining about what you don't
- 5 do. So yeah, don't publicly come in here and fuss at them
- 6 about what they don't do, because they're not public
- 7 officials and nobody voted for them. Thank you.
- 8 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ, PRO TEM: Thank you so much.
- 9 Next speaker.
- 10 MR. BOMAN: Can you hear me?
- 11 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ, PRO TEM: You may be heard.
- MR. BOMAN: Okay, great. Yeah. First of all, happy
- 13 May Day Beltane, International Workers Day, whatever you
- 14 want to call it. Yeah, everyone. And also, one thing I
- 15 want to bring up here. Oh yeah, what is the Board of
- 16 Police Commissioners for? Well, the biggest thing you're
- 17 for is investigating those complaints and seeing that
- 18 there are consequences for bad actors within the ranks of
- 19 the DPD. And of course, those who are good and doing
- 20 their job as most of them do you know, are then freed
- 21 from any shade of suspicion of having done anything
- 22 wrong. So, that's the idea. Right now, though,
- 23 everything's in limbo. We don't know, you know, going
- 24 back three or so years. We don't know who's been doing
- 25 right, who's been doing wrong. We don't know if some of



- 1 these officers are a threat to the public. We don't know
- 2 if others are having this hanging over their head while
- 3 they're doing excellent work and serving the community as
- 4 well as they should. It's just left in the dark and we
- 5 need to hire more commissioners. I understand we have
- 6 more officers. We need to have more --- I mean, not more
- 7 commissioners, more investigators to investigate these
- 8 complaints. And if there's no money to hire more
- 9 investigators, maybe we need to take another look at
- 10 where there is money being spent. I'm done.
- 11 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ, PRO TEM: Thank you so much.
- 12 Next speaker.
- MS. UNDERWOOD: Mr. Chair, the next speaker will be
- 14 our last speaker on Zoom, former Commissioner William
- 15 Davis.
- MR. DAVIS: Good afternoon. Can I be heard?
- 17 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ, PRO TEM: Yes, you may.
- 18 MR. DAVIS: Okay. I'd like to start off by also
- 19 saying Happy May Day. That's the day that's important to
- 20 labor and it represents the importance of labor. Because
- 21 far too often, as things have been going lately in this
- 22 country, there has been an attack on labor. Of course,
- 23 I'm retired, but I was a former UAW official, and a
- 24 number of things. But you know, I'm a City of Detroit
- 25 retiree, and we need to be more appreciative of labor in



- 1 this city and unions and what it takes to get jobs done.
- 2 Also, I was very dismayed to hear about what happened at
- 3 that strip club. How you could have, you know, teenagers
- 4 hanging out, drinking and doing things that teenagers
- 5 shouldn't be doing. Hopefully there's a greater effort to
- 6 make sure that that's not happening anywhere else. I'm
- 7 sure it is happening someplace else. But we wanted to
- 8 make sure that there are severe consequences for the
- 9 owners and operators and managers of clubs like that. You
- 10 know, they should not only lose their license, but they
- 11 should lose their building and those buildings should be
- 12 turned over and maybe become community centers or
- 13 something. But we cannot allow our young people to be
- 14 poisoned, and that is poisoning them. They should not be
- 15 there. They should not be witnessing what's going on in
- 16 these places. And that's all I have to say for today. You
- 17 all have a great day. Happy May Day.
- 18 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ, PRO TEM: Thanks, you as
- 19 well. That'll conclude public comment. We'll move over to
- 20 presentations to the board, which there are none. We'll
- 21 move over to item 6 before I hand over the reins. And
- 22 that would be the report from the board secretary,
- 23 including the announcements.
- 24 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Just quickly may I?
- 25 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ, PRO TEM: Yes.



- 1 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I just want to piggyback on
- 2 what he said. It is not only May Day, it's Law Day
- 3 throughout the whole United States of America, May 1st is
- 4 Law Day. It's a recognition of lawyers, laws, police,
- 5 everybody involved in law enforcement. So, I want to say
- 6 Happy Law Day to everyone.
- 7 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ, PRO TEM: Thank you for that.
- 8 We'll move to the report, board secretary, including
- 9 announcements
- 10 MS. GARNIER: Through the Chair. The report today
- 11 includes the two weekly reports, facial recognition and
- 12 ShotSpotter. There's also the memorandum from the
- 13 Personnel and Training Committee that was held this week.
- 14 Also, I asked commissioners to pay special attention to
- 15 the invitations on the FYI included in your binders, the
- 16 May 9th and the May 12th dates for the recruit class
- 17 graduation, as well as the ceremony for appointments and
- 18 promotions. Also, the announcements for the upcoming
- 19 meetings of the Board of Police Commissioners are as
- 20 follows: Thursday, May 8th, 6:30 PM, which is next week,
- 21 will be held in the 8th Precinct Crowell Recreation
- 22 Center, which is located on Lahser Road and Detroit. Our
- 23 June community meeting will be held in the 7th Precinct.
- 24 Sacred Heart Activities Building on Rivard Street in
- 25 Detroit. That's on Thursday, June 12th at 6:30 PM. The



- 1 next committee meetings are as follows: On Monday, May
- 2 5th at 4:00 PM, here in headquarters in the Woodward
- 3 conference room is the Personnel in Training Committee
- 4 meeting. On Tuesday, May 13th at 3:00 PM Citizen
- 5 Complaints Committee, 4:00 PM on the 13th is the budget
- 6 committee. And on that same day, Tuesday, May 13th, 5:00
- 7 PM is the Policy Committee. All 3 committee meetings will
- 8 be held in the Woodward conference room here in
- 9 headquarters. That concludes the report for today.
- 10 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ, PRO TEM: Great. Thank you so
- 11 much. We'll move over to unfinished business, and I will
- 12 gladly pass it over to our Chairperson, Darryl Woods.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: You were doing a great job. So,
- 14 all right. Thank you very kindly. Let's deal with the
- 15 unfinished business and good afternoon everyone. I
- 16 apologize for my tardiness. I was going through two
- 17 accidents and stuff, so, please excuse my tardiness. What
- 18 is the pleasure as it relates to the unfinished business
- 19 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Through the Chair, I'll make
- 20 a motion to approve the recommendation of the Chief of
- 21 Police, Todd Bettison, to promote to the rank of
- 22 Lieutenant, Sergeant Christopher. Is it Rabier, Rabior,
- 23 Raber? Before I finish the motion, I guess, do we want to
- 24 do it together or separate?
- MS. GARNIER: The Parliamentarian is on Zoom, but her



- 1 instructions for last week as well as today are separate.
- 2 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Separate?
- 3 MS. GARNIER: Yes.
- 4 MS. GARNIER Lieutenant and then the project.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Thank you. Okay. Has anyone
- 6 second it or...?
- 7 COMMISSIONER BELL: Second. Motion made by
- 8 Commissioner Hernandez to promote Sergeant Christopher
- 9 Rayber to from sergeant to lieutenant and second by
- 10 Commissioner Bell. Any discussion? All in favor say, aye.
- 11 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Anyone oppose? The motion is
- 13 carried. What is the pleasure?
- 14 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: I'll make a motion to
- 15 approve the recommendation of Chief Todd Bettison to
- 16 promote to the rank of lieutenant, Sergeant William
- 17 Morrison.
- 18 COMMISSIONER BELL: Second.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Motion made by Commissioner
- 20 Hernandez and second by Commissioner Bell. Any
- 21 discussion? All in favor say, aye.
- 22 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Anyone oppose? The motion is
- 24 carried. What is the pleasure?
- 25 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: I'll move, through the



- 1 Chair, to approve the recommendation of Chief of Police,
- 2 Todd Bettison to promote to the rank of sergeant, and
- 3 that would be Police Officer Brian Creech.
- 4 COMMISSIONER BELL: Second.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Motion made to promote Police
- 6 Officer Brian Creech from Officer to sergeant. Motion
- 7 made by Commissioner Hernandez and second by Commissioner
- 8 Bell. Any discussion? All in favor --- yes, sir. Yes,
- 9 ma'am. I'm sorry.
- 10 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: His complaint history is very
- 11 disturbing. There've been a number of complaints that
- 12 were sustained for criminal misconduct. It's troubling to
- 13 me.
- 14 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHE: [Crosstalk45:42].
- 15 Commissioner Bell has his email bouncing back. So, what
- 16 do we need to do to make sure his system is working for
- 17 his email to not bounce back?
- MALE SPEAKER45:54] This is his laptop?
- 19 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHE: Yeah. This is his laptop.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Get yourself up here. Yeah.
- 21 Alright.
- 22 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I just have unreadiness with
- 23 respect to this but generally, as do most the people on
- 24 our board, of course, support the recommendations of the
- 25 Chief. And I'm a firm believer in the fact that a leader



- 1 should be able to pick their own subordinates, to pick
- 2 their team, so to speak. And I rarely object to anyone or
- 3 anything that the leader, our leader here, Chief Bettison
- 4 wants to do, because I think that's inappropriate. He has
- 5 to have flexibility. He knows these people. We don't know
- 6 these people. We're just reading paper. But it's just
- 7 very, very disturbing.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: I think under the discussion tab
- 9 later or during discussion, a commissioner may state to
- 10 pull a name, individual, individuals. If so, the name
- 11 will be pulled. And after the motion is voted on, the
- 12 pulled names may be voted upon.
- DR. JACKSON: Mr. Chairman.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes.
- DR. JACKSON: Yeah, this is the parliamentarian. I
- 16 apologize. I had cataract surgery today. That's why I'm
- 17 not at the meeting. At this point, the name has been
- 18 pulled.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay.
- DR. JACKSON: So, that has already occurred. And so,
- 21 the motion to accept the Chief's recommendation was made
- 22 by Commissioner Hernandez. And what I said in my email is
- 23 that if you wanted to debate that, you had to have a
- 24 motion to accept the commissioner's recommendation. So,
- 25 Commissioner Bernard, I believe is speaking in opposition



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- or maybe making an observation about the motion to
- support the Chief's recommendation, but the name has

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- already been pulled. So, now you're at the point of 3
- making a decision. Thank you, sir. 4
- 5 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes.
- 6 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: To the board. Take the vote.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: You want to take the vote? Should
- we call the roll on this? 8
- COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Oh, absolutely. 9
- CHAIRPERSON WOODS: All right. So, the motion was 10
- made and there was a discussion had; and by Commissioner 11
- 12 Hernandez and second by Commissioner Bell. All in favor
- 13 say, aye.
- 14 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Anyone opposed? Say no.
- 16 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Opposed.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: And I oppose it as well. So,
- Commissioner Bernard, as well as myself, are in 18
- 19 opposition. And so, the yays have it. What is the
- pleasure? 20
- 21 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: As a final, through the
- 22 Chair, I'll make a motion to approve the recommendation
- of Chief of Police, Todd Bettison, to promote to the rank 23
- of sergeant, Corporal Willie Robinson. 24
- 25 COMMISSIONER BELL: Second.



- 1 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Motion made by Commissioner
- 2 Hernandez to promote Corporal Willie Robinson to
- 3 sergeant, and it's second by Commissioner Bell. Any
- 4 discussion? All in favor say, aye.
- 5 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Anyone oppose? The motion is
- 7 carried. All right. And so, I think that's ---
- 8 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: New business.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay.
- 10 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I simply would like to speak
- 11 to the Chief that it would be helpful if he has the
- 12 resources to do it. Obviously, we don't. If he would
- 13 carefully monitor the performance of these persons, their
- 14 file is troubling, very troubling, but based on the
- 15 respect that I have for the Chief and everything. I'm
- 16 going along with his recommendations. But the candidate I
- 17 spoke about, and this candidate both have thick files
- 18 that are very disturbing about their conduct as officers.
- 19 So, I'd like him to personally be engaged in terms of
- 20 what they're doing in their new leadership positions.
- 21 Maybe they've changed.
- DC BLISS: Through the Chair. Yes, sir.
- 23 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Thank you.
- DC BLISS: Yes, ma'am. Sorry.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay. And so, let's go to new



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- business.
- 2. COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Through the Chair.
- CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes, sir. What is the pleasure? 3
- COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: I believe there may need to 4
- 5 be an adjustment to new business, because these three
- items were --- and maybe we should ask our board 6
- parliamentarian, but these three items were moved forward
- out of Personnel and Training as a recommendation from --8
- so I don't think that requires a second. And I don't
- know if we should batch those together or separate. 10
- DR. JACKSON: They should be under committee reports. 11
- 12 There should be a category called committee reports, and
- 13 that would precede new business. So, you would have ---
- 14 it's not unfinished business committee reports. And even
- 15 if the committees want to submit them, all three, it is
- 16 the pleasure of the board to divide if they want to. So,
- you can present all three, but if any commissioner wants 17
- to vote on one separately, they can just ask for 18
- 19 division.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay. Report.
- COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: I do. Can I ask if there's a 21
- motion needed to move these three items to committee 22
- reports from new business? 23
- 24 DR. JACKSON: Well, because the agenda has already
- 25 been approved and it was approved with those listed. I'm



- 1 sorry, I didn't print out the agenda because I just got
- 2 home from the hospital before the meeting started. So,
- 3 you have the agenda that you've already approved. So,
- 4 it's more complicated to change it, and it really isn't
- 5 necessary at this point. My advice as parliamentarian is
- 6 just to go ahead and it's the committee's wish --- the
- 7 committee can in fact present them separately. You don't
- 8 have to present them all together. You can present them
- 9 one by one.
- 10 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Let us move all three people.
- 11 It's just internal --
- 12 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Thank you. And if I could,
- 13 through the Chair --- you have me talking way too much
- 14 today. I just really want to appreciate our board
- 15 parliamentarian for still being on with us today under
- 16 the given circumstance. And we hope that your recovery is
- 17 speedy, and all the things that you want them to be.
- 18 COMMISSIONER BELL: Mr. Chairman?
- 19 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes, sir.
- 20 COMMISSIONER BELL: My concern is, what is ---
- 21 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Microphone.
- 22 COMMISSIONER BELL: What is HO'S Professional
- 23 Development Team Alignment? What is that? We have a copy
- 24 of something that ---
- 25 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: I can explain.



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- 1 COMMISSIONER BELL: Okay.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes.
- 3 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Through the Chair. So, this
- 4 is the copy that OCI Chief Warfield has provided for the
- 5 past several weeks. I think it's been 6 weeks back. It's
- 6 been included in our packet. I know the terminology can
- 7 be confusing. This essentially creates a separate team
- 8 that is going to be rotation based, which is going to
- 9 allow supervising investigators or senior investigators
- 10 rather the opportunity to go on a development assignment
- 11 for 6 months as an acting, essentially supervising
- 12 investigator. So, it's been cleared by HR. It was highly
- 13 supported and recommended by them. It's been in our
- 14 packet. I don't know if it's in our packet today, but it
- 15 has been in our packet for several weeks.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yeah. Okay. Good? Alright. Go
- 17 ahead sir.
- 18 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: So, then I'll move this
- 19 again, as a committee report. There's a memorandum in
- 20 your binder regarding the meeting that took place this
- 21 past Monday, April 28th, Chair by myself, as part of the
- 22 quorum, we had. Chairperson Woods, along with
- 23 Commissioner Lisa Carter, who were present. We also had
- 24 as a guest in VIP, Commissioner Linda Bernard, who was in
- 25 the audience, along with staff. We covered a series of



- 1 items. I think there were, at minimum, 10 items that we
- 2 covered varying from obviously the promotions and the
- 3 proposals that you're seeing in front of you. But also
- 4 handling needed business when it comes to the 2 vacant
- 5 positions that we have as part of BOPC staff that we
- 6 actually intend to fill before the close of this month.
- 7 So, we set out a timeline and to make sure that we do our
- 8 due diligence, and that's why we're meeting next Monday,
- 9 May 5th, to ensure that we continue that process as
- 10 effectively as we can.
- 11 And we hope that the public will join us, or if
- 12 you're not able to join us, that you at least watch these
- 13 meetings; the recordings of these meetings, because they
- 14 are available online, because I feel that it's really
- 15 important for the public to be a part of that as well.
- 16 However, there were 3 recommendations that came out of
- 17 this agenda. The first was, and I'll batch these together
- 18 unless there's any sentiment otherwise. But the
- 19 recommendation is to include a promotion for Senior
- 20 Investigator Tiffany Stewart, to supervising
- 21 investigator. Separately, a motion to approve the
- 22 assignment of senior investigator Hajnal Hiller as
- 23 professional development team leader. And then separate
- 24 to that, to adopt the proposed professional development
- 25 team alignment. So, I'll move those forward out of



- 1 committee as a recommendation to this full body. And it
- 2 doesn't require a second.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: By recommendation of the
- 4 Personnel and Training Committee to promote Senior
- 5 Investigator Tiffany Stewart to supervise investigator
- 6 and to approve the assignment of Senior Investigator
- 7 Hajnal Hiller as professional development team leader, as
- 8 well as to adopt proposed professional development team
- 9 alignment. Is there any discussion? All in favor say,
- 10 aye.
- 11 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Anyone oppose? The motion is
- 13 carried. And I believe that Tiffany Stewart is here. And
- 14 congratulations to you. Let's give her a hand for her
- 15 work and dedication. And we are instructing the secretary
- 16 to prepare a letter so that we can be able to get that to
- 17 HR. Thank you. What is the pleasure?
- 18 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Motion to adjourn.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Motion made by Commissioner
- 20 Hernandez to adjourn.
- 21 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHE: Second.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Second by Commissioner
- 23 Dewaelsche. Any discussion? All in favor say, aye.
- 24 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Anyone oppose? The motion is



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