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CITY OF DETROIT
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS MEETING
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3 COMMISSIONER BELL, PRO TEM: Good afternoon.

4 COMMISSIONERS: Good afternoon.

5 COMMISSIONER BELL: Commissioner Willie Bell from
6 District 4. I'm going to call the meeting to order at
7 this time where we have Chaplain Mike Dexter via Zoom
8 give us the open prayer.

9 CHAPLAIN DEXTER: Well, good afternoon everyone, and
10 my name is Commander Chaplain Mike Dexter. Let us have a
11 word of prayer. Well, father, we thank you so much and
12 thank you for this opportunity to commune in fellowship
13 and pray with our Board of Police Commissioners. Father,
14 we pray for the commissioners, oh God, that you just
15 bless them, not only in this meeting, but in life in
16 general. Oh, God, we pray that you would bless our Chief
17 of Police; bless his hands and his mind and his heart as
18 he makes decisions and builds programs for the police
19 officers and for the City of Detroit. We pray for the
20 police officers, oh God, that you give them the wisdom
21 they need to do their job. And thank you for their
22 commitment to doing that job, and bring them all back
23 home safely once they get off their shift. And, oh God,
24 we pray for the City of Detroit, for you to keep her
25 safely, and keep her as a city that we all love. And we

1 just pray that you will just guide the commissioners as
2 they go on with their meeting. Father, bless their agenda
3 and we pray that your will; will be done throughout this
4 day in their agenda and their decisions. We thank you so
5 much, in Jesus name, we pray. Amen.

6 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Amen.

7 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you, Chaplain.

8 CHAPLAIN DEXTER: You're welcome.

9 COMMISSIONER BELL: Due to the fact that we do not
10 have a quorum, we're going to move to public comments,
11 Ms. Underwood.

12 MS. UNDERWOOD: Thank you, commissioner. We're going
13 to start with Ms. Bernice Smith, Lieutenant Mark Young,
14 and then Ms. Williams.

15 MS. SMITH: Good afternoon, commissioners, and to
16 you, my dear. I just want to let those that don't know,
17 I'm a very happy woman today because I have a birthday
18 that's coming up, in which I will be 93 years old. And I
19 want to let you know, God is strictly, strictly good to
20 me. I still have part of my mind. I do have a little
21 forgetfulness, which is normal for people my age. But
22 anyway, what I really wanted to tell you, this past
23 Sunday --- normally after church, I go to my son's house
24 and we have family dinner there. But this Sunday we went
25 to one of the relative's houses that was located in a

1 very beautiful neighborhood. I think it's called Rosedale
2 or something. It's off of the Grand River. Beautiful
3 homes and everything. To make a long story short, I just
4 want to let you know, and the public to know you can come
5 together, and it was over 14 of us and have a beautiful
6 dinner and a good time together. No one had a gun on
7 them, no one had any dispute about anything. We all
8 discussed things at the dining table, those that were
9 sitting with me at the dining room table.

10 But I just had to come and tell you that you can go
11 together and have a family get together and not be
12 aggravating, and we had drinks too, believe it or not.
13 And nobody had the tendency to want to drink and clown
14 and go. And this is what's so disgusting to me with our
15 city. We have so much going on when you can't come and be
16 together as a family, I don't understand it. If we can do
17 it, all the rest of the Detroiters can do that. Stop
18 carrying guns and stop arguing at any kind of get
19 together that you have. And that's what I want to tell
20 everyone, not only here in the City of Detroit, wherever
21 you can hear my voice. Think before you do anything
22 that's stupid by carrying a gun. And we're having too
23 much crime going on here in our city. And I hate to even
24 look at my TV or watch my TV. My time is up, I can see it
25 myself, Jonya, you don't have to tell me. Anyway, thanks,

1 and everyone has a beautiful and safe holiday. I pray for
2 all of you. Thank you.

3 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Thank you. Next speaker.

4 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I just want to thank Mother
5 Bernice for that message of love and community support.
6 Thank you very much for reminding us all of our
7 responsibility to not be violent, to not carry guns, like
8 you do and other God-fearing people. Thank you.

9 LT. YOUNG: Good afternoon. The City of Detroit needs
10 a pride campaign. If everybody saw how far this city has
11 come based on this police department, they would look at
12 it differently. I look at my city as prayers progress and
13 praise. The city has come a long way, and the police
14 department has done a fabulous job in doing that. Not
15 always getting the praise for doing that. I'm concerned
16 about the men and women that I represent. As the summer
17 starts, the hazards, the challenges, and the sacrifices
18 they will make throughout the summer, working literally
19 seven days a week, including details. I'm concerned about
20 their health, safety, and welfare because it does take a
21 toll on them. I'm also very proud to stand before you
22 today. In 2024, we did not have a line of duty. That's
23 also a testament to the heroism, the courage and the
24 dedication and the commitment of the men and women that
25 are out there on the streets protecting each other while

1 they protect the citizens. And I salute them and take my
2 hat off to them.

3 Other cities model after us. I go to several
4 meetings, sit on several boards, and they say, I want to
5 hear what you all are doing, because we are starting to
6 do it. From the community violence intervention to our
7 community relations, to our Real Time Crime Center, to
8 everything. Detroit needs a pride campaign, because many
9 of the young people in this city don't realize how far we
10 have come. They sacrifice and risk their freedom, their
11 lives, their health. They should be protectors of the
12 city, not destroyers of it. And I take my hat off to the
13 men and women of the Detroit Police Department, not only
14 the people that I represent, but the people that
15 sacrificed that were blue and first responders.

16 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Thank you very kindly. Next
17 speaker.

18 MS. UNDERWOOD: Ms. Williams.

19 MINISTER BLOUNT: So, she's giving me her two minutes
20 and I got two.

21 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Oh Lord.

22 MINISTER BLOUNT: How much time do I have Reverend?

23 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: You got four.

24 MINISTER BLOUNT: Oh, okay.

25 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: She said she isn't giving up her

1 two. You sure?

2 MINISTER BLOUNT: Alright, good evening board and
3 everyone.

4 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Good evening.

5 MINISTER BLOUNT: I'm Minister Eric Blount from
6 Sacred Heart Catholic Church right here in Detroit.
7 Sometimes you could know when you're on to something. We
8 didn't fully develop my thoughts and concerns about what
9 I consider to be these fake law enforcement badges last
10 week. But Commissioner Woods, Chairperson Woods, please
11 recognize that Chairperson Bell is a grown man. You
12 should not have interrupted him last week when he wanted
13 to explain these, looking like law enforcement badges.
14 But no, it's easy to see I'm on to something because you
15 could have easily just let him explain whatever it is he
16 thought he could explain. But no one has ever explained
17 what real benefit there is to a commissioner having, what
18 looks like a law enforcement badge. Now, other
19 professions do, and they do have a license. You guys
20 don't have a license. You're not required to have a
21 license. Mother Bernice, the last time we were here, we
22 were in agreement in the misbehavior of Commissioner
23 Bernard. So I just want to make sure everyone knows that
24 at least once, Mother Bernice and I both agreed, I yield
25 my time.

1 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Commissioner Bell.

2 COMMISSIONER BELL: Mr. Chair.

3 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes.

4 COMMISSIONER BELL: If the good minister is asking
5 for an explanation of these badges that we carry, I've
6 been around since 1974 with the first commissioner, and
7 notwithstanding, commissioners are either appointed or
8 elected. In my case, I'm elected by the people and we all
9 take an oath of office by the City Charter. So we are
10 entitled to that. I think we learned that to completely
11 identify yourself to the citizen, also to DP personnel as
12 a commissioner. And we have oversight, as you well know,
13 which is a very meaningful role that we serve in this
14 community. Thank you.

15 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Thank you. And I'll welcome
16 anybody to come and sign up for this job, you know, to
17 come and do it, you know, get in line. Obviously, it's
18 not a line out there in the City of Detroit. And I think
19 that's disheartening when these men and women are
20 sacrificing their time and their service. And I stand by
21 my words as of last week, it speaks for itself. But go
22 ahead. I'm sorry, Ms. Williams. You're going to take his
23 30.

24 MS. WILLIAMS: Yes. You can do it like that. Hello
25 everyone through the Chair. Last week I was speaking

1 about integrity and building care, and I don't care how
2 you dress it up when you disrespect your badge,
3 disrespect the laws, and disrespect my constitutional
4 rights. So yesterday, I'm on the bus; I was in the
5 shelter for 14 months in the system. To make a long story
6 short, I don't know if he was an officer or he was
7 facilitating the officers that were going to work on the
8 Woodward bus. I got off the bus, went into the pizzeria,
9 Papa Johns. Now these two, a man and a woman got off the
10 bus before me on Woodward and Stewart. And they came into
11 the pizzeria and they asked about any extra food. The
12 woman replied and said, it's early for that.

13 So, I'm a human. I have empathy for that. I asked
14 them, are you hungry? They said, yes. I said I'm going to
15 purchase you a pizza. So, it turned out that the officers
16 that I purchased a pizza for are Detroit police officers.
17 And I have an issue with that. When they get paid for
18 being a police officer, that \$3,000 sign up bonus, and
19 they get paid for being in the academy. So at the end of
20 the day, what I'm saying, character integrity and
21 honesty. You can dress it up any type of way you want to,
22 but if you are violating laws and not compliant to them
23 and disrespecting your badge, there are consequences and
24 continuing to violate my constitutional rights. So with
25 that being said, I see it every day. And I only got 15

1 minutes. I mean, 15 seconds left.

2 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: You get his 30 seconds.

3 MS. WILLIAMS: Okay. So, I've been talking to here
4 complaining about officers living in these shelters,
5 taking up bed spaces for over a year. And if I had your
6 job, Woods, with president, seat chair, however you want
7 me to label it.

8 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: However you want to call it.

9 Okay. So, I say to myself, okay, Ms. Williams has
10 been speaking about this for quite some time. So, the way
11 you guys comply, internal or external, facilitate the
12 person's legal team or internal affairs, if they can't
13 handle it, another agency outside of the Detroit Police
14 Department because from Michelle Hall, LaShonda Houston
15 Rogers, Jennifer, Jody, Jake Kennedy what's her name?
16 Kenny. I could go down the list. Even the six five trans
17 called Cleo I could identify all these people. Show me
18 these pictures. They are on the Detroit website
19 graduating, and getting badges. I'm not talking about the
20 old schools. I'm talking about the ones that they
21 recruited inside of these shelters. So I could not make
22 this up if I wanted.

23 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Are we looking on time?

24 MS. WILLIAMS: Thank you.

25 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Alright, thank you. Next speaker.

1 MS. UNDERWOOD: That's the last ---

2 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: That's the last speaker?

3 MS. UNDERWOOD: In the room. We can go to Zoom. First
4 speaker will be Peggy Goodwin. After Ms. Goodwin we'll go
5 to Lucius Conway.

6 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: You may be heard.

7 MS. GOODWIN: Good afternoon. This is Peggy Goodwin.
8 I represent the Detroit Towing Association. I'm also a
9 member of the Tow Rate Commission, and I wanted to
10 commend the Board of Police Commissioners for an
11 excellent tow workshop, tow committee meeting last night.
12 It was very informative and a lot of that information
13 really needs to get out to the broader community. I want
14 to commend Commissioner Banks and Commissioner Liberty
15 Smith and Captain Adams and the BOPC staff for doing an
16 excellent job. I do believe the Detroit police do
17 excellent work. However, I think there is a system error,
18 if you will. At your last meeting, I noticed that one of
19 the commissioners rightfully asked, you know, why are
20 your expenses so much higher than your revenue when they
21 presented their budget and the CFO replied, because
22 Detroit Police are not a revenue generating organization,
23 which was the correct answer. I totally agree with that
24 and was glad to hear that.

25 However, if you look at what they're doing with

1 towing, it does look as if they are trying to generate
2 revenue. They are hiring tow truck drivers when you have
3 professionally trained police authorized towers in the
4 city and on contract, they are spending a lot of money
5 trying to improve the Grennell and Grand River impound
6 lots when you have acres of zoning compliant impound lots
7 in the city. So, I don't criticize the police for doing
8 that. I know they're part of a larger system, but I do
9 say I think that's the wrong use of their expertise,
10 especially when you have the talent, the ethical towers
11 that you have on contract. So, I would just take a look
12 at that. I think we can talk about that further as we go
13 along.

14 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Hold on one second.

15 MS. GOODWIN: I want to thank you. Good luck healing
16 with your eye surgery. Commissioner Bernard.

17 MS. UNDERWOOD: Please hold on for a second.

18 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Keep her on line.

19 MS. UNDERWOOD: Do not hang up.

20 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Keep her on line. Can you hear me
21 now?

22 MS. UNDERWOOD: I'll allow her to talk. Just a
23 second, sir.

24 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay.

25 MS. UNDERWOOD: Oh, shoot.

1 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: If we can reach out to her, we
2 are going to make sure she gets her time. But I want to
3 have her to talk to.

4 MS. UNDERWOOD: She's still here.

5 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Are you still there, ma'am?

6 MS. UNDERWOOD: Ms. Goodwin?

7 MS. GOODWIN: I'm here.

8 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay. Can you hear me?

9 MS. GOODWIN: I certainly can, yes.

10 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay. Alright. Thank you for
11 attending that meeting. It was very important for us to
12 be able to get that done. And I want to work with you and
13 the chair of the tow committee so that we can have you
14 come do a presentation and have some of your people come
15 do a presentation before the full board. Because I think
16 it's vitally important that the citizens of the City of
17 Detroit understand and hear your concerns and whatever we
18 can do to try to mediate any type of situations that's
19 within our powers, we would do anything and everything to
20 be able to make that happen. So I think you had a few
21 more seconds left. Give her 30, 40 more seconds so that
22 she could finish her comments before I interrupt her.
23 Okay. Can you hear me, Ms. Goodwin?

24 MS. GOODWIN: Can you hear me?

25 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes, we can hear you now.

1 MS. GOODWIN: Thank you, Chairperson Woods. I
2 appreciate that. And we would love to make a
3 presentation. And I just want to add, you know I know a
4 lot of the confusion in the community is why private
5 towers charge what they do, because there's no law to say
6 they can't, so they can charge what they, you know,
7 private towers. I'm not talking about police authorized
8 towers. One of the things I suggested, I don't even know
9 if it can be done, but maybe one of the committees or the
10 city as a whole can kind of put out there what the police
11 authorized tow rates are as a way to educate other towers
12 on maybe what they should be charging. Because we, as a
13 tow rate commission with the auditor general; Captain
14 Adams was on that commission as well, and others, did a
15 lot of research nationally and locally to come up with
16 those rights. So, it wasn't a haphazard decision by any
17 stretch. We had several meetings like you as volunteers,
18 and so we did a lot of work to come up with those rates.
19 So, I just wanted to mention that

20 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay. We look forward to working
21 with you so that we can educate the community and so that
22 we can make sure that citizens of the City of Detroit are
23 not being gouged and look forward to having you present
24 or members of your team to present before the full board
25 and for the community. Alright.

1 MS. GOODWIN: Thank you, Chairperson Woods. Thank
2 you.

3 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Thank you.

4 MS. UNDERWOOD: Our next speaker is Lucius Conway.

5 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Are you there, Mr. Conway?

6 MS. UNDERWOOD: It's me, sir. Just a second.

7 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay.

8 MR. CONWAY: Can you hear me?

9 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes, we can hear you, sir.

10 MR. CONWAY: Good afternoon, commissioners and
11 Detroit. I'm Lucius Conway, a longtime SSD advocate and
12 your right hand candidate for district 22, for the
13 November 4th election. I come before you as a neighbor, a
14 pastor, and someone who believes deeply in the power of
15 community to reshape policing in our city. On May 23rd,
16 you received two groundbreaking blueprints, the Detroit
17 Mobile Community Empowerment Workshop Proposal, and the
18 Office of the Chief Investigators written Investigative
19 Protocol Manual. These aren't dusty reports gathering
20 cobwebs. They're living guides to transparency,
21 accountability, and true partnership between Detroiters
22 and those sworn to protect us. But right now, our system
23 is straining under its own delays. The citizen complaints
24 dataset shows hundreds of open investigations, some
25 stretching years with no public status updates. The

1 Detroiters often wait months just for basic
2 acknowledgement of their complaints. Despite drafting an
3 OCI manual, there is still no published timeline or
4 dashboard showing how and how quickly cases move from
5 intake to resolution without clear protocols, trust
6 erodes. Requests for dash cam video and incident reports
7 routinely receive repeated 30 to 60 day extensions,
8 beyond the 10 business day statutory deadline, having
9 families in the dark and threatening due process
10 violations. As we edge closer to November, we've got to
11 remember that your legacy, commissioners, isn't measured
12 in reelection or titles, but in the groundwork you laid
13 now. Will you leave behind an office hollowed by
14 indecision or a platform brimming with clear community
15 driven policies, published timelines and accountability
16 metrics? It is time to get to work.

17 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Well, Chief Investigator, I beg
18 you to respond to that because that is totally off base,
19 and I would say absolutely wrong information. And so
20 speak to that chief investigator.

21 CI WARFIELD: Sure. Through the Chair, certainly to
22 Mr. Conway. We've reported, at least for the last three
23 or four weeks, where we are as it relates to closing
24 cases in the Office of the Chief Investigator. For the
25 first four months of this year, we've closed over 910

1 cases, which almost equals to everything that we did last
2 year. For the first time this year, we have a fully
3 investigative staff, which is allowing us to close as
4 many cases. Just today alone, we brought 60 cases to the
5 Board of Police Commissioners for them to be signed off
6 on that our investigators have completed. Our process is
7 projected by the end of the year.

8 We'll be completely done with all backlog cases as
9 it relates to prior cases that were filed with our
10 office. This honorable board voted last week to allow us
11 to expedite our investigations through the SOP process.
12 We've stringently followed the SOP, the standard
13 operating procedures of the office of the chief
14 investigator. We dare not get in front of the horse. But
15 with the changes that were just made, although again, we
16 just completed 910 cases up through April, we are
17 projecting an additional 1600 cases to be closed by the
18 end of November of this year. Taking us again out of the
19 backlog. So, our staff, the investigators and the admin
20 staff are working diligently. We are also bringing on two
21 additional task workers that will start Monday to help
22 eliminate those backlog cases. And we may bring on a
23 couple other staff members as well to work as task
24 workers for that. And this honorable board through the
25 Detroit City Council allowed us to bring on two

1 additional men to help process these cases because it is
2 a tremendous work on behalf of administrative staff, but
3 the office of the chief investigator is working very
4 diligently and within the confines of the SOP to make
5 sure these cases are resolved.

6 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes. Commissioner Bernard.

7 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Can you be kind enough to
8 share the SOP with the board secretary so that it can be
9 posted on our website so that Mr. Conley, I believe it
10 was, and others can see what the process is for
11 investigating complaints.

12 CI WARFIELD: Sure. I sent out an email yesterday in
13 response to a request to the SOP. The board secretary has
14 the SOP. I emailed another copy to the secretary's office
15 yesterday. So they absolutely have it. However, I would
16 hope that the SOP will not be published at this point.
17 Here's why. The SOP was written back in 2013. It was
18 updated, I think back in 2022, maybe '21, '22. There are
19 some significant punctuation errors. There are some
20 significant grammatical errors. There are some outlining
21 errors on the SOP. And there are some things that were
22 valid at the time the SOP was originally written back in
23 2011 through 2013, when it was initially approved by the
24 federal consent decree that we don't do anymore because
25 it just doesn't apply anymore. Those things need to be

1 adjusted. I would not want to post a document that is
2 less than perfect to represent this board and represent
3 what we do.

4 We do have a plan in doing that; in revising that
5 plan and being able to ship it over to them. Right now,
6 all of our efforts, and I mean all of our efforts are
7 focused on 100% eliminating the backlog. And I promise
8 you, if you'll give us an opportunity to eliminate the
9 backlog, the SOP, which we follow will be the new SOP,
10 the revised SOP, that your policy committee and the board
11 will have to approve whatever changes we make, obviously,
12 then it could be posted in a correct manner where all
13 mistakes will be taken out of that, of that document.

14 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Well, you can have someone
15 proofread the document and certainly correct mistakes,
16 but I think that the urgency that the community feels,
17 and that obviously the board feels on this issue, is
18 important that that SOP be published. So it needs to be a
19 priority for someone of your 30 people over there, to sit
20 down and get it together so that it can be posted.

21 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: I would say we get it posted as
22 soon as we possibly can, in the spirit of excellence.

23 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: That's not the first request
24 we've gotten. We've gotten requests in writing for it to
25 be posted as well, because we are changing as you know.

1 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: We get a ton of requests in
2 writing, you know, I don't mean that we respond every
3 request ---

4 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I'm saying to the policy
5 committee because we have changed the citizen complaint
6 policy and it's going to be a big deal, this meeting that
7 we're having next Tuesday. And of course so much of the
8 old policy has been cut out, as you know, about eight
9 pages of it have been cut out. And we refer to this
10 standard operating procedure. So the SOP now is the
11 backup to the policy. And that's the other reason that we
12 need to publish it.

13 CI WARFIELD: We certainly can post it as is.

14 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I'm sorry.

15 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: No, we are not going to post it
16 as. We'll vote for that. What the board's pleasure is. We
17 want it done in the spirit of excellence and we want it
18 done correctly. You know, so can have a vote on it when
19 we have a quorum on how we need to proceed on that. But I
20 would say we need to act expeditiously to be able to get
21 it done to the commissioner's point. And so whatever we
22 need to do to overhaul it, I know that the main thing has
23 been these citizen complaints and things of that nature.
24 And we have plans in place and we need to pull it out.
25 Let's work with the policy. I mean the policy chair, to

1 bring over to the policy committee, what needs to be
2 whacked, needs to be corrected and stuff like that. Get
3 it corrected. Get it done. Yes.

4 COMMISSIONER BELL: Mr. Chairman. Could we indicate
5 how many complaints we have received so far this year?

6 CI WARFIELD: This year we have received, and I'm
7 going to give you a ballpark figure, through the Chair.
8 This year I know we've received over 500 complaints. So
9 we are not just dealing with the old complaints, but
10 we're also dealing with the new ones as well.

11 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yeah. And if you have more
12 administrative staff on board in July, we will be hiring
13 two more full-time workers over there. The administrative
14 staff over there is burnt out to the umpteenth team
15 power, you know, and that's why we had to fight hard with
16 the City Council and the mayor's office to bring in the
17 two additional people. If you get in line, sign up and do
18 the job, you know, you want to work for us, we put it out
19 there, we post it and stuff. You think you can get the
20 job done, sign up for the job, but we will work
21 expeditiously to get this stuff done. Yes.

22 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Mr. Chairman, proofreading is
23 something I can do, and most of the people in this room
24 can do effectively. I mean, and if there's things that
25 the department wants to add, that's great too. That can

1 also be proofread. But kicking the can down the road is
2 creating too many problems in the community. It really,
3 really is.

4 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: What problems is it creating in
5 the community?

6 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: What this gentleman just
7 stated and others. I mean, we don't look like we're ---
8 our most important thing, of course, is citizen
9 complaints, and dealing with police officers. And those
10 complaints are against officers. And we have to address
11 this situation as if it's a priority to keep kicking it
12 down the road.

13 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Well, those are two different
14 issues though, madam.

15 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: They aren't. The complaints
16 are against officers. And most of them, of course, we are
17 able to resolve. But that's not the point. The point is
18 that the complaints need to be handled as timely. I mean
19 this three months, six months, nine months, a year,
20 whatever it is, it makes no sense. It makes us look like
21 we're totally incompetent.

22 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: These folders come to me,
23 Commissioner Bell, and just a few of us on this board
24 that handle these folders and we worked tirelessly to
25 respond to the staff over there to get this stuff done.

1 If every last one of the commissioners took these folders
2 and stuff like that, I'm sure that'd be very, very
3 helpful, you know and get them turned in, in a timely
4 manner. But that doesn't negate the investigations that's
5 going on over there. They are pushing them out in record
6 numbers and we expect that they will continue to do that;
7 with some of the decisions we just made, it is going to
8 expedite it even more. We look to get out of this backlog
9 by the end of the year, which is miraculous, and it's
10 powerful.

11 CI WARFIELD: And, and through the Chair, to madam
12 chairperson of the policy committee. We emailed the
13 current SOP to the policy staff at the BOPC office. So
14 it's there and we will certainly weigh in on it and we
15 will see if we can get some supervisors to look over the
16 SOP and suggest changes that we can also email over to
17 the policy director. But, we have sent that information
18 over.

19 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Thank you.

20 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: That's good. And you're doing a
21 record job as it relates to DPD policies. They say they
22 haven't received this many upgrades to the policies in
23 years and years. And so that is vitally important for the
24 citizens of the City of Detroit that the police
25 department is operating on the policies that are updated

1 and are current and morally sound. So it will get done,
2 madam commissioner.

3 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I'll tell you what a woman who
4 served many people in this room may know about her. Her
5 name was Nelly Colaire. She started an organization
6 called the National Association of People who are Black
7 and Asian. She was 93 or four I think when she died. She
8 started the association and she would tell me, when I say
9 I'm going to do something, she'd say, Linda, gonna never
10 do anything, so don't take gonna.

11 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: So, you can get it done. They
12 have been to your office. You know what I'm saying? So we
13 are looking for the recommendations, up until next week,
14 you know what I'm saying? I'll be ready to vote on them.
15 So, you have and so we are looking for the
16 recommendations.

17 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: The city's changing.

18 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Any more speakers?

19 MS. UNDERWOOD: We have two more.

20 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Oh, okay. I'm sorry. I thought we
21 were done. I was trying to kill some time for us, you
22 know, that's why I was talking.. You said the Reverend
23 said, but the minister said no. Alright, go ahead.

24 MS. UNDERWOOD: Next two speakers are CAC Scotty
25 Boman, and former Commissioner William Davis.

1 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Alright. You may be heard. CAC?

2 MR. BOMAN: Yeah. Hi. I would just like to say that
3 there's been some interesting developments in the past
4 week. I understand there's a bill in Lansing now that is
5 going to, potentially, if it passes, would serve to ban
6 chokeholds. It would --- I am trying to --- oh, it would
7 define that as a use of deadly force. It would limit no-
8 knock raids and I think it would also have some
9 additional training regarding alternative ways of de-
10 escalating conflicts. And I think this is a positive
11 development. I thank my Senator Stephanie Chang for
12 taking the lead on this. There is apparently is a
13 bipartisan group though of lawmakers involved. So, I
14 think we're getting some progress at the state level and
15 hopefully some of that will also be you know, part of our
16 policy at the local level.

17 And to some extent it is, but hopefully we can do
18 better. So, I just wanted to share that. And also comment
19 on the fact that it's kind of unfortunate when you don't
20 have a quorum that you don't get to carry out the rest of
21 your business. And I plan on helping you keep a quorum
22 and attending meetings in the next year. So, I'm hoping
23 to see a full group of commissioners at those meetings in
24 2026. It'd be nice if people could conclude this year
25 with improved attendance as well. Thank you.

1 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Thank you very much. Let the
2 record reflect that all of those bills that were in
3 Senator Chang's package, which I'm on her committee for
4 the bills and the Chief Todd Bettison, did testify on
5 behalf of those bills. The Detroit Police department
6 already has implemented those bills. Yeah, two years ago.
7 So, next speaker.

8 MS. UNDERWOOD: Former commissioner William Davis.

9 MR. DAVIS: Hello. Can I be heard?

10 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: You may be heard, good, sir.

11 Mr. DAVIS: Okay. I'd like to echo the fact that I'm
12 pleased that we have made progress on those bills,
13 because I'm part of the Metro Detroit ALPAC, and we have
14 been advocating and pushing for that for some time. Also,
15 I think that SOPs should be published, but also I think
16 that it should be making sure that they are done in a
17 professional manner. We do not want people to look badly
18 upon the City of Detroit. Also, I think it probably
19 should be more people that should be running to be police
20 commissioner that should be wanting to do that because
21 I've had hundreds of people asking me to run again. Of
22 course, I'm not interested in running again. I've never
23 missed a meeting. Before I got elected, throughout the
24 time I served and afterwards. But to me personally, you
25 know, I think that if you are going to be on a board that

1 meets every week, you probably should get more of a
2 stipend than what you do get.

3 Also, I hope that there's a greater effort to do
4 something about; we have a lot of people that are running
5 red lights. We have a lot of people that are coming up to
6 the light, stopping and then might be going around some
7 of the people who are waiting for the red light to
8 change. I think the board should be advocating for a
9 stronger language and stronger penalties for people to
10 keep running red lights. Because I see it all the time
11 over here in District 7, and I hear about it from all
12 over the city. Because I have people that I represent in
13 various capacities all over the city who are complaining
14 about that. So, you all have a good day.

15 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Thank you very kindly.

16 MS. UNDERWOOD: That was the last speaker, Mr. Chair.

17 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay.

18 COMMISSIONER BELL: Mr. Chairman.

19 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes, sir.

20 COMMISSIONER BELL: We did not anticipate a quorum
21 this evening, so I'll move for adjournment.

22 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Second.

23 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Boom Shakalaka.

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25 (Meeting Adjourned at 3:40pm)

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