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10 BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS MEETING

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3 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHÉ: We have a resolution
4 honoring Police Officer Brett Letwin, who is retired. And
5 I've asked Commissioner Pressley if he could please read
6 that resolution.

7 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: Thank you. Through the Chair.

8 WHEREAS. Brett Letwin was appointed to the Detroit
9 Metropolitan Police Academy on March 21st, 1994. He
10 successfully graduated on July 19th, 1994, and was
11 assigned to the 12th Precinct; and

12 WHEREAS Police Officer Letwin diligently served the
13 residents, neighborhoods, businesses, and stakeholders in
14 the 12th Precinct for nearly a decade. On September the
15 14th, 20, excuse me, September the 14th, 2005, he was
16 assigned to the Eastern District where he served more
17 than 8 years. On January 6th, 2014, Officer Letwin was
18 assigned to the 5th Precinct where he continues to serve
19 until his retirement. In all his assignments, Police
20 Officer Letwin exhibited a strong commitment to improving
21 public safety and the quality of life for all
22 communities; and

23 WHEREAS Police Officer Letwin was the deserving
24 recipient of the following awards: a Department Citation
25 in 2004, 2005, and 2011, The Major League Baseball 2005,

1 All Star Game Award, Both Consent Judgment Awards, The
2 Rosa Parks Funeral Award, the 2014 Ford Fireworks Award
3 and the Super Bowl XL Recognition Award. He has also
4 received numerous accommodations from supervisors and
5 letters of appreciation from the public. With his
6 retirement on July 11th, 2025, Police Officer Letwin
7 continues to be known as a consummate professional in
8 public safety and law enforcement.

9 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

10 That the Detroit Board Police Commissioners,
11 speaking on behalf of the residents of Detroit, award
12 this resolution in recognition of Police Officer Brett
13 Letwin, 31 years of dedicated and diligent public
14 service. His courage, leadership, and unwavering
15 community spirit has improved the quality of life for the
16 residents of Detroit. His dedicated service merits our
17 highest regards and best wishes in his future endeavors.
18 We thank and congratulate you Police Officer Letwin.

19 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHÉ: Thank you. There's a motion
20 on the floor to honor Police Officer Brett Letwin, and it
21 has been read into the records. Is there a second?

22 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Second.

23 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHÉ: It has been moved and
24 seconded. All those in favor, please indicate by saying,
25 Aye.

1 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

2 DR. JACKSON: You have to ask if there's a debate.

3 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: I'm sorry.

4 DR. JACKSON: You have to ask if there's a debate.

5 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: If there's a debate?

6 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Question.

7 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Oh.

8 COMMISSIONER WOODS: You need to judge.

9 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Is there any discussion?

10 Hearing none, all those in favor, please indicate by
11 saying, Aye.

12 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

13 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Opposed? Abstentions? Thank
14 you. The motion carries. And I understand Officer Letwin
15 is not here, but we will enter this into the records on
16 his behalf. Thank you. And now, the Chief of Police
17 report. Chief Bettison.

18 CHIEF BETTISON: Through the Chair. And thank you.

19 I'll start out with our crime stats. CHAIRPERSON

20 DEWAELSCHE: Chief, before you start, I just want to
21 acknowledge that we've been joined by Commissioner
22 Carter. Thank you.

23 CHIEF BETTISON: Thank you. Let's start with our
24 crime stat. We're down in every category of violent
25 crime. We continue the trend as far as it's going down.

1 So homicides, we are down 21%. Nonfatal shootings, 33%.
2 Our robberies, 11%. Total part 1 violent crime, 8%.
3 Carjackings 22%. One of the things that, as I traveled
4 throughout the community, members of the community and
5 others have said, Chief, you've been quite busy. And so
6 the 4th of July Independence weekend, which is typically
7 a violent weekend across the whole United States we
8 experienced and many folks saw me on television giving
9 updates. That's something I definitely don't like to do
10 per se. You know, because it is just not one of those
11 comfortable things, especially when we have some of our
12 teens and our youngest members of our community. It just
13 takes me back to this past Saturday and I spoke at Samir
14 Grubb's funeral, and I was there for his repast as well.

15 One of the things that I was able to do when I gave
16 remarks at his homeboy celebration was the fact that we
17 caught the individuals. And so both suspects have been
18 charged by Prosecutor Worthy. And we look forward to
19 being able to deliver justice when it comes to that
20 senseless act and fine, where individuals choose to make
21 the bad decision to fire shots with a drive-by, you know,
22 where little Samir Grubbs was struck while he was playing
23 on his play scape over at Skinner Park. One of the things
24 that we're going to do, you know, from a proactive
25 standpoint as well, is with many folks that know what we

1 do, peaceniks. So I'm standing at the park. We've done
2 them before the eastern west side in the past. We're
3 going to have our Peacenik this year in August at that
4 park.

5 Just to update the community as well, that violent
6 weekend. Like I said, crime has been trending down. Our
7 homicides are nonfatal shootings. But on that weekend, we
8 saw an uptick when it comes to juvenile related type
9 crime. And by looking at the victims, and then also some
10 of the perpetrators where we experienced one of our
11 officers actually on routine patrol over in the 9th
12 Precinct, encountering some individuals that were wearing
13 ski mask and whereas the young folks would call it;
14 another popular name for them is the shiesty ski mask.
15 And so folks like, what is a shiesty? You can Google it
16 and you can find out that that's a fashion trend that our
17 young people wear with the mask over their face. I
18 definitely don't like that. But when they investigated
19 the individuals, one to two of them took off running.
20 Officers were able to quickly apprehend one.

21 He was reaching, pulled out a handgun and ended up
22 shooting our officer in the hand. And our officer fatally
23 wounded that suspect. And it turned out he was 16 years
24 old. It was after curfew. So we believe that by strictly
25 enforcing the curfew, that we'll be able to make a

1 difference. And then also asking and encouraging. And the
2 purpose of curfew was not punitive, but to get parents'
3 attention, you know, be responsible. Back in the day,
4 there used to be public service announcements at 10
5 o'clock . Do you know where your children are? Do you
6 know where your kids are? And so from a police
7 standpoint, we are going to do that. But also, it's not
8 just about punishment, it is about being able to find
9 other proactive things. And so the City of Detroit has
10 been good at that.

11 Mayor Duggan has been good at that with Grow Detroit
12 Young Talent. On July 8th, I would say we had the
13 opportunity. We kicked off the Grow Detroit Young Talent.
14 We got over 8,000 young people that have jobs, summer
15 jobs, money in their pockets and being occupied. And so
16 hopefully it has your mind occupied, off the street, so
17 that they're getting prepared for work the next day. I
18 was suggesting we'll, you know, have a conversation with
19 the administration as well as what can we do as far as
20 starting the Detroit Young Talent sooner. You know, I
21 think that the break from June until July 8th is a little
22 bit too long. So looking for proactive things as well.
23 So, you know, of course when people make bad decisions
24 and parents' not accountable for their kids. We're asking
25 for an increase. The mayor has submitted an increased

1 administration, an amendment to the current ordinance
2 where a first-time offense will go from \$75 for parental
3 responsibility to \$250. A second time offense, the
4 maximum it could go to is up to \$500. But once again,
5 having a comprehensive plan as well. We are having more
6 things for our kids to do and occupy. One of the things
7 that we've done is our community violence intervention.
8 We've seen, where in their areas, violence went down,
9 street beef went down as well. And so of course, pushing
10 for more funding via our public safety trust fund, which
11 is, it's already passed the house and that's 4260, that's
12 the house bill and 4261. We just need to get, you know,
13 that bill passed through the Senate because the house
14 aversion has sustainable funding year after year after
15 year. And it'll not only be good for the City of Detroit
16 and spread money across where you could do violence
17 intervention and hire more police officers, but it will
18 also benefit other cities that are experiencing violence
19 such as Kalamazoo, Grand Rapids, Flint, Benton Harbor. It
20 has money in their Inster. And so I've talked with those
21 Chiefs of police and others as well as CBI groups. They
22 support it, they support the sustainability aspect of it.
23 But right now we're stuck in the state Senate. So we're
24 continually pushing for that.

25 Our officers in the precincts you know, I commend

1 them. They're working extremely hard. And I could just go
2 through just stat after stat. I have a whole lot of
3 different things here. I have the 9th Precinct. They
4 conducted a search warrant, hit a location. At this one
5 particular location, they recovered 16 firearms and
6 suspected cocaine of over \$2,000. And that was the result
7 of one of our ShotSpotter alerts. And so great job to the
8 9th Precinct. And what I've done since I've been Chief,
9 is wanting to make sure that the community knows that
10 we're still enforcing drugs, you know, we're still
11 hitting dope houses and doing those types of things, and
12 holding individuals accountable. And so pushing it out on
13 social media as well. Another good thing is our DPD
14 Explorer camp. On Sunday July 6th, officers from the
15 Detroit Police Department led students of the Explorer
16 camp up to Howard, Michigan for 5 days, and they're on a
17 college campus.

18 And so we have about a hundred Detroit kids on
19 campus with our explorers. So those are proactive
20 programs as well. I'll have a conversation because we
21 already talked about Independence Day, the 4th of July
22 weekend. I think one of the things that we need to do
23 when kids get out of school, is to ramp our programs up
24 sooner. So letting everybody in the room know right now
25 that Explorer camp will be starting in June of next year.

1 We have cool with cops, we have biking with cops and
2 we've also started a community violence intervention
3 basketball league in conjunction with PAL as well. And so
4 that's going off really, really well. And the kids, and
5 I'm going to make sure I get media out and I want you all
6 to take a look at it as well. But this is something I'm
7 really excited about and that's really special because
8 the kids that are in this CVI basketball league, these
9 are kids that have never participated in a basketball
10 league before.

11 This is, as I would say, the right population. It's
12 the 1% to 2% of the population that typically feel like
13 it's nothing but them, and they'll group together.
14 They're typically involved in gangs, either victims of
15 violence or perpetrators of violence. And they normally
16 will be fighting each other, but already we are seeing
17 some great progress where they're in the same room in the
18 same space and they're forming bonds and friendships. And
19 so we believe that that's going to lead to further
20 reduction in violence as well. That is my report and I'm
21 open for any questions you may have. Ma'am.

22 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHÉ: Are there any questions for
23 the Chief? Yes. Commissioner Banks and then Commissioner
24 Bernard.

25 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Thank you. Through the Chair.

1 Chief Bettison, we have a young lady here today. Her name
2 is Miss Angela. Her son was run over by a young lady and
3 the detectives that were on the scene, Detective Hutch
4 and Detective Rossini who were on the scene. The accident
5 was on June 10th, and it is now July 17th, and she has
6 not had a callback from these detectives or anything.
7 This is almost 40 days. Three more days will be 40 days.
8 And to top it off, every bone in her son's body is
9 broken. And she has not spoken to the Detroit Police
10 Department at all, no call back. These officers,
11 Detective Hutch, Detective Rossini, are making the
12 Detroit Police Department look bad and she's hurting. I
13 talked to this lady twice a week. She's in pain. She's
14 hurting, she's right here. So can we get someone from the
15 Detroit Police Department to call her up and update her
16 on this case that took place at the 2nd Precinct.

17 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Regularly.

18 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Huh?

19 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Call and update her regularly.

20 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Exactly. At least in the next 3
21 days. But she already doesn't wait. 37.

22 CHIEF BETTISON: She'll get an update today, and ---

23 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Okay, good.

24 CHIEF BETTISON: And I ---

25 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Hold on hold, hold on one

1 second, Chief. Can you stand up Miss Angela, because she
2 is here. Here she is, right here. Okay, Chief, go ahead.

3 CHIEF BETTISON: So sorry, Miss. I definitely want to
4 apologize to you for that right there. I can't even
5 imagine why, you know, I'm hearing this and why this has
6 occurred. But I have First AC Fitzgerald and so all the
7 patrol and all the detectives report to him. He's
8 standing in the back. He'll have a conversation with you
9 and I'll update the board as to what occurred. I don't
10 know why, but we'll get you an update today and we'll get
11 the board and everybody else an update as to what has
12 occurred. And we'll update you.

13 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Wonderful. And also, one more
14 thing, Chief.

15 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: You have another question?

16 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Yes, I do. Through the Chair.

17 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Go ahead.

18 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Through the Chair.

19 CHIEF BETTISON: AC Fitzgerald, wave your hand so she
20 can see.

21 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Through the chair.

22 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Go ahead.

23 COMMISSIONER BANKS: And one more thing, not just
24 calling her up today or tomorrow or something. Can we
25 give her regular updates? Because we know that they may

1 not find everything out today or tomorrow about the case.
2 We know it's a process; it takes time. But can we at
3 least give her some regular updates, some regular
4 communications with the Detroit Police Department that
5 will bring her some type of comfort. This lady is in
6 pain, but praises Jesus though that her son is breathing
7 on his own. Today, he was taking off the respirator. So
8 that's good news all in itself. He was taking off the
9 respirator, the breathing machine. So he is making
10 progress. The Lord is progressing it.

11 CHIEF BETTISON: Commissioner, absolutely. That's
12 what I would expect. And so we will look all throughout
13 it and figure out exactly what occurred and then be able
14 to update this body. And the rest of the community,
15 you'll get updated as well.

16 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you, Chief.

17 COMMISSIONER BANKS: I have one more. Through the
18 Chair.

19 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Okay.

20 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Through the Chair. Now Chief
21 Bettison, he had a situation that happened over here,
22 located on Florence and Trinity Streets. There was a
23 young teenager shot; the officer shot through a crowd of
24 people. There was a crowd of people, and the officer shot
25 the young teenager and everything. I'm requesting the

1 video camera of that shooting; not challenging the
2 Detroit Police Department's integrity, but I am
3 requesting a video cam of that to make sure at least
4 standard procedure took place during that shooting. First
5 of all, he was wrong for shooting in a crowd. I'm sure
6 the police department trained him not to shoot in crowds.
7 So that's an error right there. I mean, what's taking
8 place with this officer? Is there going to be any
9 retraining or what's going on here? Some type of
10 retraining, some type of restructuring with this officer,
11 because that's just horrible for that officer. So we are
12 talking about a crowd of people. So, for him to do
13 something like that, it's totally out of order.

14 CHIEF BETTISON: I believe that happened last year at
15 some point. I believe it's a female police officer.

16 COMMISSIONER BANKS: That only happened in June of
17 this year, I believe.

18 CHIEF BETTISON: Okay. So let me look into that. And
19 I would love to meet with you about it. And so I need to
20 make sure we're talking about the exact same one, but I'm
21 all about transparency. And what we do is, we ensure that
22 we release the video at its critical incident debriefings
23 in. So you will definitely have access to the video, sir.

24 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Thank you.

25 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHÉ: Thank you.

1 CHIEF BETTISON: And let me say this too, through the
2 Chair, that when it comes to policy standards and
3 procedures the Detroit Police Department, my officers,
4 the majority of the time get it done the right way. I
5 mean, they're out there doing a phenomenal job. However,
6 they're human, they're not perfect. Mistakes happen. And
7 we have Internal Affairs; we have Force investigations.
8 We meticulously go through it. And when it comes to
9 policy amendments, if it comes to our officers not
10 getting it the right way, they're held accountable and
11 the board gets a chance to see it, because I'm going to
12 bring it right here to the board. So I just wanted to say
13 that for the community, but also just remind folks that
14 the Detroit Police Department, our officers are out there
15 working their butts off doing a tremendous job.

16 COMMISSIONER BANKS: And you know, through the Chair
17 once again, I just want to say this. Chief Bettison, yes,
18 you have some good officers. I already mentioned that
19 too. You do have some good officers and you are going to
20 change the culture. I mean, as the bishop, you know, the
21 ability with the foresight God has given, you are going
22 to change the culture of the Detroit Police Department. I
23 give you that and you have some good officers. But my job
24 is to point out misconduct by the Detroit Police
25 Department. I would be a weak commissioner if I didn't do

1 that. I'm all set.

2 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHÉ: Thank you. Commissioner
3 Bernard.

4 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Just quickly. Chief, it's good
5 to see you. I'm glad that you were able to make the
6 meeting today. I want to tell you that I had an
7 incredible police experience on Saturday, about 9 o'clock
8 at your Greenfield and Finkle. It was huge, there had to
9 be a couple thousand people partying at the club on the
10 north side of Finkle and big tents, everything you could
11 imagine, music; there was tremendous traffic congestion.
12 I think everybody in town has those three, those wheel
13 things with their boom boxes. It was really cool, I mean,
14 it was cool like that. But what was amazing about my
15 mother and my father, there were a 3D length of police
16 officers, not just the ones in cars, right? I had to go
17 around every time you wanted to get over towards that
18 area.

19 But anyway, standing in 3D, at least 10, 20, 30,
20 just standing, watching, I mean, not doing anything, not
21 bothering anybody, not harassing anybody, not telling
22 them to do anything, just standing there. And then there
23 were about 20 police cars just circling with their lights
24 on. No paddy wagons or any of that kind of stuff, just
25 officers on the scene, just there. And it was amazing. I

1 have lived my whole life in Detroit, and I was raised in
2 Finkle and Lawton, so, you know, I know Finkle well. It
3 was a peaceful police presence like that at 10 o'clock at
4 night. So I know everybody was working overtime. I don't
5 know how many people, I had to be at least 30 standing
6 there. And I looked out, I waved to them and stuff, and
7 they didn't move.

8 They were just peaceful, just standing there, just
9 in case, I guess, just to let people know that there was
10 going to be no foolishness. You didn't bother people
11 about the noise or about the speakers. There was no
12 harassment that I noticed of anybody for any reason. You
13 didn't even bother the traffic. I mean, the traffic was
14 difficult to get through. You guys use your blue lights
15 to get through, but everybody else had to just go slow.
16 So I just want to congratulate you on what you did; what
17 you said you were going to do. You said that you were
18 going to emphasize; and this was not a street or a block.
19 This was a nightclub party that was everywhere for a
20 whole block. And you just did it. You did what you said.
21 You did what you promised. Promises made and promises
22 kept. And I just want you to know that no one was
23 offended, no one was cursing at the police or acting
24 crazy or doing anything. They just respected your
25 presence like they're supposed to. So I just want to

1 congratulate you on that. I knew it was something you had
2 done. It was too big. It was too big of a presence, not
3 to have been ordered by you. So thank you

4 CHIEF BETTISON: Through the Chair. Thank you ---

5 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: So, the Caribbean restaurant
6 that I go to every Saturday night, they were happy to see
7 you too. They're across the street.

8 CHIEF BETTISON: Through the Chair. Thank you,
9 Commissioner Bernard. And I'll just give it back to the
10 men and women of the DPD. They are professionals working
11 in the Mobile Field Force. And our block party detail is
12 just stepping it up. The mayor has authorized additional
13 overtime after the 4th of July weekend. And I can tell
14 you that since we've been doing increased curfew
15 enforcement and since we've increased the hours of our
16 Mobile Field Force and put more officers out there, as a
17 result, we've had a pretty quiet week, knock on wood. So
18 I haven't had any pause.

19 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Amazing.

20 CHIEF BETTISON: Thank you.

21 COMMISSIONER BETTISON: I've never seen it before.

22 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHÉ: Thank you, commissioner. Are
23 there any other questions or comments?

24 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the Chair. Question for
25 the Chief.

1 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHÉ: I'm sorry, wait a minute.

2 Commissioner Pressley had his hand up, and then

3 Commissioner Burton. I'm sorry, go ahead.

4 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: Thank you. Through the Chair.

5 Two questions. First, I know at the beginning of your

6 tenure, there were some conversations about increasing

7 the efforts around traffic enforcement. And while I know

8 it's not a part of the part one violent crimes, I'm

9 wondering what changes, assistance that you're seeing as
10 a result of that increased enforcement.

11 CHIEF BETTISON: We have, and as a matter of fact,

12 that's an ongoing conversation. And so one of the things

13 that you may have noticed or may not have noticed, but

14 our Detroit police officers are even doing some traffic

15 enforcement on the freeways. And so that's been one of

16 the things that I've been drilling down on, ensuring that

17 our traffic enforcement is stepped up. My watch --- just

18 that somebody's talking to me, people watching. And so

19 you're going to continuously see more of that. I've had a

20 conversation also with Colonel Grady of the Michigan

21 State Police and said, hey, we need more assistance, and

22 support. So we are working together and there's going to

23 be more and more traffic enforcement, and I'll do TSAs to

24 let the community know. And another thing that we're

25 going to be doing as well, is individuals who are out

1 there reckless driving and no license and continuously
2 violating the law. It's going to increase in Portsmouth.
3 And so it won't just be tickets. We'll be impounding
4 their cars as well. And we'll continue on with that.

5 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: So, to follow up to with
6 that, through Chair; and I know it might be hard to
7 measure good behavior, but is there any kind of way you
8 can set metrics so that we see, I don't know, how many
9 accidents are occurring, how many tickets are being
10 provided? So we see that the increased enforcement is
11 actually having a tangible impact on better driving
12 behavior?

13 CHIEF BETTISON: We'll do a presentation before the
14 board where you can see where we track and look at where
15 the accidents are occurring, time of day, where the
16 accidents are occurring, so that we can make sure that we
17 place our enforcement efforts at the time and location
18 where the accidents are occurring. So we'll make sure
19 that I, you know, bring a presentation to the board and
20 we can have an ongoing conversation to be able to track,
21 to see, you know, is it really deterred, especially in
22 those hot spots.

23 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: Thank you for that. And then
24 secondly kind of, to that point, but on a different issue
25 in a sense. When you know that there are areas where

1 there are high traffics or higher infractions of traffic
2 violations, you commit resources to those areas. And as
3 we talk about the kind of challenges we're seeing with
4 juveniles, particularly during the summer I know you
5 mentioned summer employment programs but I'm wondering if
6 there's any targeted focus on at-risk children. I mean,
7 because obviously I'm aware that often people who need
8 the services don't apply themselves to the services. And
9 I'm sure that there is a small slither of young people
10 who may be adding to the challenges that we're seeing in
11 our community. So as you're talking to the city around
12 starting the program earlier, seeing if there's any
13 opportunity to delegate a particular portion of those
14 jobs to children who have either been in the juvenile
15 system, who has had encounters with law enforcement, so
16 that they are having the opportunity to have their
17 behaviors redirected during these several months.

18 CHIEF BETTISON: That's an excellent question. And
19 anytime I use the word CVI, Community Violence
20 Intervention, you can almost be assured that I'm talking
21 about that population. And so with even the basketball
22 game that I talked about, and with PAL being very, very
23 intentional so that the kids that are most at risk for
24 either being the victim or the perpetrator of that type
25 of violence or involved in gangs, et cetera, abuse those

1 individuals are the ones that we want to reach that we
2 typically have not reached. So, absolutely.

3 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: Thank you. Thank you.

4 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you. Commissioner
5 Burton.

6 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Thank you, Madam Chair.
7 Question for the Chief. Has there been an update
8 regarding the Martin Luther King shooting?

9 CHIEF BETTISON: It is interesting. So the person
10 that was calling me on my watch that had just popped
11 through, was Commander Jamon Johnson, and so I've been
12 tracking that very, very closely. As of right now, I
13 don't have any information that I can give you regarding
14 the Martin Luther King shooting. But we are continuing to
15 investigate that one. But at this particular point, I
16 don't have anything that I can report out publicly as far
17 as where we are with that one, but we are working on it.
18 We do have some leads but I can't disclose it at this
19 particular moment.

20 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Can you brief me on that at a
21 later time, perhaps this week?

22 CHIEF BETTISON: I sure will, sir.

23 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Thank you.

24 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you. Any other
25 questions, commissioners?

1 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Yeah, right here. I have one
2 more. Through the Chair. I want to say this to you,
3 Chief. You know, I have a great amount of respect for
4 you. I love you and you know, my character. I just
5 wouldn't say, this person is good, this person's great,
6 but you are a man of integrity, and your heart's right?
7 And that's what's going to trickle down to the Detroit
8 Police Department. So that's how you are going to change
9 the culture over the next four years. The culture is
10 going to change. I prophesied to you, I've known you for
11 15 years. I prophesied to you, things are going to pass,
12 right?

13 Commissioner, we are tracking. I'm right there with
14 you. But the only thing that I want to say and just
15 really emphasize is every police department, regardless
16 of what police department it is, everyone you go to, they
17 all have an Internal Affairs section. They all do. They
18 all have some type of disciplinary unit. I don't care if
19 the department is that big or this big. So it is always
20 going to be, whether it's for general --- wherever it is,
21 it's always going to be something. But all I'm saying is,
22 I want to keep it in perspective, where the majority of
23 men and women of the DPD, they're getting it right. But
24 if I have a few out there that's getting it wrong, and
25 they get it wrong, bad, it's an issue. And I'll just

1 bring this up, you know and I talk to my officers at roll
2 call, I'm out there. This badge right here, when somebody
3 tarnishes the badge, it weighs down on all of us, and it
4 is very, very public, unlike other professions. When we
5 had the officer with shoes, you know, who took shoes out
6 of the precinct, you know, I really heard a whole lot
7 about that. And then just recently, we had officers over
8 at the 6th Precinct, I believe that made the very bad
9 decision to steal some money on a body-worn camera. And
10 guess what? I did what I needed to do, and we all did
11 what we needed to do. We don't stand for that. And that
12 officer was arrested, and, you know, he'll go through his
13 process, but he still gets due process. I just really
14 want to emphasize that. But the majority of these men and
15 women out there, I just don't want it to get lost that
16 they're doing it the right way.

17 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Right. But through the Chair,
18 one more time, and I'm through. But Chief, I just want to
19 make sure you know, we are on the same page where I
20 respect your integrity and your heart's, right? Like I
21 said, your heart's right and integrity. And that's what's
22 going trickle down. See, the spirits trickle down; you
23 are the head. It's going to trickle down to the men and
24 women in blue. So I just want to make sure that, you
25 know, no love lost, no enemies here, you know that. Hey,

1 I can exalt you too, just as well as, you know.

2 CHIEF BETTISON: I'm going to come over there, and
3 give you a big old hug after this. It's okay. We 're
4 good. Thank you, sir. I appreciate you, Bishop.

5 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you, Chief.

6 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Love you, man.

7 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Commissioner Burton.

8 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Yes. I want to just make this
9 really quick. Chief, you know, our community, we love
10 what you're doing, and we see you out in the community
11 and you are in every District and you're talking with the
12 residents. And the walk-a-mile Wednesdays with the chief
13 is definitely something that's actually working in our
14 community, allowing the community to feel connected with
15 the department. And tips are coming in a lot of times.
16 And so I hope that we can continue to see more of that.
17 And I know that in the fall and the winter months it is
18 going to be different, you know or whatever. But I don't
19 know if you will continue to take your walks indoors or
20 whatever, because our community loves walking with you.
21 So we want to just share that. Everywhere I go, people
22 say you have to walk with the Chief, walk-a-mile
23 Wednesday with the Chief. So it's just great to see our
24 Chief out there with his sleeves rolled up and talking
25 with families and helping.

1 CHIEF BETTISON: Thank you. And maybe it's something,
2 I mean, maybe in the winter it'll be fireside chat with
3 the Chief at somebody's house. But thank you for that.
4 And we definitely will keep on connecting.

5 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you. Chief.

6 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Chair. I have one more.

7 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Go ahead.

8 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Chief, are people getting in
9 shape?

10 CHIEF BETTISON: Yes, sir.

11 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Okay, good.

12 CHIEF BETTISON: Me too.

13 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Okay, good. That's what it's all
14 about.

15 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Any other comments or
16 questions for the Chief? Alright. Hearing none, then the
17 next item on the agenda, commissioners, you received
18 packages on recommendations for promotions that the Chief
19 has and wants us to consider today. And for those
20 promotions we're looking at the rank of Commander, 1; to
21 the rank of Captain, 1; and to the rank of Sergeant 12.
22 So the first motion is, I mean, the first promotion
23 recommended is Captain William Sims to be promoted to the
24 rank of Commander.

25 COMMISSIONER WOODS: You need to have him present.

1 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Is he present?

2 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Tell him to come to the podium.

3 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: He could come to the podium.

4 Okay. Is there a motion to approve?

5 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Madam, Chair, I'll make a motion
6 to promote Captain William Sims to the rank of Commander.

7 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Is there a second?

8 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Second.

9 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Okay. It's been moved and
10 seconded. Is there any discussion? All in favor indicate
11 by saying, Aye.

12 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

13 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Opposed? Abstentions.

14 DR. JACKSON: Don't ask for abstentions, Madam Chair.

15 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: I'm sorry.

16 DR. JACKSON: Do not ask for abstentions.

17 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Okay. Congratulations. The
18 motion carries. You want to say something?

19 CMDR SIMMS: Through the Chair. Yes, ma'am. First I
20 want to thank Chief Bettison, of course, the board. Thank
21 you so much. I also want to thank First AC Fitzgerald, AC
22 Ewing, AC Hayes, Deputy Chief Stewart, Deputy Chief
23 Bliss, and the rest of the executive and command team.
24 Thank you so much. I also want to thank the hosts of
25 mentors, colleagues, friends and family that assisted me

1 through this point in my career. I'm so excited to begin
2 this next chapter of my career, and I look forward to
3 continuing my service to the citizens of the City of
4 Detroit. Thank you so much.

5 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you. The next
6 consideration is for Lieutenant Shelly Eggers. Could she
7 come to the podium? Thank you. And her recommendation is
8 to be promoted to the rank of Captain. Is there a motion
9 to be ---

10 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: So moved.

11 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Second.

12 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: It's been moved and
13 seconded. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, all in
14 favor, indicate by saying, Aye.

15 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

16 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Opposed? Motion carries.
17 Congratulations. Madam Parliamentarian, was I supposed to
18 say something other than ---

19 DR. JACKSON: You Have to ask for those opposed,
20 Madam Chair.

21 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: I'm sorry.

22 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Anyone opposed?

23 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Okay. Oh, didn't I ask that?

24 DR. JACKSON: No, you asked for those who are in
25 favor, but you have to also ask for those opposed.

1 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Opposed? I thought I did.

2 COMMISSIONER WOODS: I thought you did too.

3 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Alright.

4 COMMISSIONER WOODS: I thought she said it.

5 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: All right. So do I have to
6 do that over?

7 DR. JACKSON: No, ma'am.

8 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Okay. Thank you. Would you
9 like to say something Captain?

10 CAPTAIN EGGERS: Yes, ma'am, I would. Thank you. I
11 just wanted to say thank you. I am so immensely humbled
12 and honored and blessed to be standing in front of you
13 today. I just want to thank you for this opportunity. I
14 want to thank the Board of Police Commissioners, Chief
15 Bettison, all the Assistant Chiefs, First Assistant
16 Fitzgerald, and the executive team for this opportunity
17 for them believing in me and allowing me to be present
18 here with you today. I'm just so humbled right now that
19 they believe in my ability to lead the hardworking men
20 and women of this police department and to serve the
21 community. I have always been honored to serve under the
22 badge. It's extremely important to me. I don't take the
23 badge lightly; I take it very seriously. I've been in
24 this job 30 years, and I still value it and I love it,
25 and I bring my A game every day.

1 But it's important for me to stress that I didn't
2 get here because I was on my own. I got here because of
3 people who took the time out of their day to mentor me,
4 to have courageous conversations with me and get me where
5 I am today. Therefore, I believe that in the leadership
6 role that I will be in now, it is my duty and it's my
7 honor and my privilege to continue to pay that forward to
8 other people that come on this job. I want to continue to
9 mentor the hardworking men and women of this job and be
10 there for the community that we serve. When the Chief
11 talks about juveniles, that's important to me. I raised
12 two boys and they're men, and they're doing well in life,
13 and I want to pay that forward to other young men and
14 women in this world that we live in. So, anything that I
15 can do. I also believe that leadership mentoring is the
16 highest calling of leadership. So I will continue to do
17 that. Again, I thank you for this opportunity and God
18 bless everyone.

19 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Congratulations, captain.

20 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: What precinct are you in?

21 CAPTAIN EGGERS: I worked over the years at
22 Precincts, I worked at the 2nd Precinct where your
23 favorite restaurant is.

24 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Yep.

25 CAPTAIN EGGERS: But now I work at DPSH.

1 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Okay.

2 CAPTAIN EGGERS: Yes, ma'am.

3 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHÉ: Thank you. Any other
4 questions or comments before we go onto the next rank,
5 which is promotions to the rank of sergeant. And we have
6 12. So unfortunately, we can't have everyone speak, but
7 we would like to ask you to come up and stand in front of
8 the podium so we can all see you. And I'll call those
9 names out. This is for promotions to the rank of
10 Sergeant: Police Officer Christopher Yocum, Police
11 Officer Brian Gibbons; Police Officer Joseph Lennis-
12 Saunders, Detective Lindsey Rogan, Police Officer Brian
13 Borowski, NPO, Aaron Kraszewski , Detective Danielle
14 Noyse. No, I'm not sure if I'm pronouncing that right.
15 Police Officer Matthew Spehar. Police Officer Joshua
16 Houston. Police Officer Aaron Jones. Detective Kelly
17 Patillo. Police Officer Michael Harrington. Okay. Is
18 there a motion to approve these promotions to the rank of
19 Sergeant?

20 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: So moved.

21 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Second.

22 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHÉ: Okay. It's been moved and
23 seconded. Is there any discussion?

24 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Only that it'd be great if we
25 could take a picture of this class of sergeants. I don't

1 think we've ever had this large a class before.

2 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Is there someone that could
3 please take a picture for us? We have a photographer
4 right here. Thank you.

5 COMMISSIONER WOODS: She's with the press that is
6 with us.

7 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Okay.

8 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: You guys have to squeeze a
9 little bit. Act like you love each other.

10 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: I think you're going to be
11 working together.

12 COMMISSIONER WOODS: They all took showers this
13 morning. Yeah. Praise the Lord. COMMISSIONER BERNARD:
14 It's a big class.

15 MALE SPEAKER: Well, it's hard.

16 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Amazing.

17 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Okay. Pictures have been
18 taken. Any further discussion? If not, all in favor
19 indicate by saying, Aye.

20 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

21 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Opposed? Congratulations.

22 COMMISSIONER WOODS: The motion is carried.

23 DR. JACKSON: Motion carried, madam.

24 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: The motion is carried.

25 DR. JACKSON: Thank you.

1 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHÉ: Thank you. Thank you all
2 very much. Chief, is there something you'd like to say
3 about all of these promotions?

4 CHIEF BETTISON: I just want to thank the board.
5 These are some very, very special promotions to me.
6 Everybody we promoted today will be in charge of and
7 their command. They know their command. The command is
8 the Detroit Detention Center. And so we all know that. We
9 are on August the first transitioning, building 500 over
10 to the control of the City of Detroit Police Department.
11 And so they'll be there. That's the supervisory staff.
12 The majority of the staff that work in building 500, our
13 professional staff, they're civilians. But with any
14 operation, you have to have the leadership. And so these
15 individuals right here who you just promoted will be
16 assisting and in charge of that operation, helping out
17 along with the commander and also the captain. And
18 they're excellent for the job. And just really everybody
19 who's worked to make this happen from Deputy Chief Bliss,
20 Commander Russell. And I want to thank Mark Young with
21 the LSA, Rodney Sizemore and his whole executive
22 leadership team because when it comes to doing these
23 types of promotions and ensuring that we got the right
24 folks doing it, I couldn't have done it without Mark
25 Young. So I want to thank you publicly, Mark Young.

1 Let me respect your name. That's Lieutenant Mark
2 Young. Well, thanks Mark.

3 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you. Thank you, Chief.
4 Commissioner Woods.

5 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Through the Chair. I want to
6 congratulate you all and thank the Chief for his
7 leadership in this regard. Understanding the severity of
8 this situation and understanding the complexity of this
9 situation as it relates to the Detroit Police Department
10 going back into the detention business. You know, and
11 that's something vitally important, and we want to be
12 praying for you guys. You know, it's a complex job. We
13 know that it was part of the reason why we went into a
14 consent judgment as well, you know, but we want to be
15 very, very conscientious and very, very sensitive and
16 make sure that we are ensuring humane treatment over in
17 that facility. And we know that you guys will do that,
18 and we strongly encourage you that if anything that we
19 can do to be of any assistance chief, so that we can
20 continue on in spirit of excellence. Please don't
21 hesitate to let us know.

22 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you, Commissioner
23 Woods. Any other comments?

24 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the Chair.

25 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Commissioner Burton.

1 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Thank you. I just want to say
2 Chief, these are great selections of candidates for
3 promotions, and this is a good look for the department
4 and a good look for our community. And I love how diverse
5 these promotions are today. I could tell they were well
6 selected for their roles, and I know that they're well
7 trained and well prepared and ready to go. And so I want
8 to say thank you, Chief Bettison, for these selections
9 today.

10 CHIEF BETTISON: Thank you.

11 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHÉ: Thank you, commissioner. Any
12 other comments or questions? I just want to take a moment
13 to thank the BOPC secretary, and the BOPC staff from her
14 office, and Chief Warfield, and his staff for providing
15 all of the documentation, the histories, the CRCs,
16 everything on all of the officers so that we could vet
17 them before we approve this recommendation from the
18 Chief. Thank you all for your hard work. They did it in a
19 few days and the board also reviewed them with short
20 notice, but also conducted a thorough review of all of
21 the records. So thank you so much.

22 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Give them a hand.

23 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHÉ: Yes. And now we're going to
24 go back to oral communications, public comments.

25 MS. UNDERWOOD: Thank you, Madam Chair. We're going

1 to go back to Lieutenant Mark Young. I don't know if Ms.
2 Angela Smith came back in and Minister Eric Blount

3 LT. YOUNG: Today, I come as respectfully as I
4 possibly can. There's a difference between an accusation
5 and an inquiry. You should be careful when you make a
6 statement that you say is urgent, but you address it in a
7 public forum without the response. A lot of citizens
8 don't have the privilege, the power that you have to be
9 able to call an executive or someone to be able to make
10 that inquiry. But when you do that publicly, the
11 narrative is awful because people don't understand the
12 full story. Because behind everything, there's an answer,
13 there's a response, there are consequences, and there are
14 repercussions. What bothered me and what compelled me to
15 speak today, is what happened a week ago in Warren.

16 I never really speak about other departments, but
17 the domestic violence situation that those cops relied
18 on. There was a statement that was made that those cops
19 were, an individual, that when they did the investigation
20 and they showed you publicly, the narrative was far
21 different than what was put out there immediately. You
22 don't get to play and get to accuse the police department
23 without giving a chance to understand. My mother used to
24 say behind everything, that's half of the truth. And you
25 think that most police officers today, they just race

1 into a situation that puts themselves in harm's way. I
2 can tell you, after every situation that happens, there
3 are consequences, no matter. A terrorist could come in
4 that door right now; I can take him out. And I got to
5 deal with whether I was intoxicated, had marijuana,
6 whether anything, my whole public get to be put on
7 display, because of an act of heroism. Be careful what
8 our narrative is. Be careful what we say. There is a
9 difference in making an inquiry, there is a difference in
10 putting something out there to say, hey, let me talk to
11 you, if it's so urgent, that phone call. And so here, he
12 gets a response and says, hey, listen, it's not true.
13 This is what's happening. A couple of situations that
14 happened, and I'll stop right here. I knew the answer to
15 them. DR. JACKSON: Madam Chair.

16 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Yes, Madam.

17 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the Chair.

18 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Your time is up. Yes,
19 Commissioner Burton.

20 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Yes. Madam Chair. Can we take a
21 vote to allow the President of Sergeant, Lieutenant Union
22 to, to finish his sentence. I think he took maybe
23 additional 30 seconds or so?

24 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Yes. I will give that
25 additional 32 seconds.

1 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Thank you.

2 LT. YOUNG: I want to say that respectfully. I want
3 the baddest police department, and we are. We're good,
4 and we are great. I'm getting ready to adjust to a
5 national forum in a couple days, and I'm going to talk
6 about the Warren issue and some of the other issues that
7 we face on a national level for some of the members of
8 our United States legislature. And I'm going to talk
9 about some of the issues that we face. When we put things
10 out there, we have to be careful. Give them a chance to
11 be able to have the answers at the meeting, not have it
12 out there in the atmosphere. Like, we're bad guys and
13 criminals. But when we're wrong, trust me, hold us
14 accountable and we deal with it. I know, I have lawyers.
15 I deal with your stress, the whole bit. All I'm saying is
16 just give us a chance. Be careful with our narratives,
17 because what we say, we can speak the wrong things into
18 existence. We can empower the same people that we are
19 battling with every day. That's all.

20 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you.

21 COMMISSIONER BELL: Madam, Chair.

22 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Yes, commissioner.

23 COMMISSIONER BELL: I agree 100% with President Mark
24 Young in terms of what he expressed to this board and to
25 the public. I think we need to adhere to that process to

1 be more cautious at this table, making these types of
2 comments. Thank you.

3 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHÉ: Thank you, commissioner. Any
4 other comments? Next speaker. Next speaker.

5 MINISTER BLOUNT: I wasn't sure I was next. Good
6 afternoon board. I'm Minister Eric Blount from Sacred
7 Heart Catholic Church right here in Detroit. What Mark
8 Young just said, gives great credence and validity to the
9 body-worn camera footage. If you want it all, just show
10 us. But the fact that you don't show us, and there's been
11 a history of police officer misconduct, lying and
12 cheating and stealing, that's where we go first. So, show
13 us the cameras and we'll be just fine. Good. For the
14 officers that were just promoted, congratulations. For
15 the record, they all, including Chief, have left this
16 meeting. Just another indication of how insignificant
17 this board really is. I mean, you have no other option
18 but to do what the Chief tells you to do. The union
19 contract says that an officer's disciplinary history
20 cannot be used in determining their promotion. And we
21 know just recently an officer with 88 citizen complaints,
22 almost all of them black men were still promoted.

23 So you still do what you do. I mean, it's a rubber
24 stamp. Let's just be honest with you. And I wish one of
25 you commissioners would stand up and say that; just to

1 say, look, our owners have died. There's nothing we can
2 do. Never seen a promotion rejected. I've seen a few
3 objections, but it's always outvoted and you just keep
4 on. So the fact that the current union contract says all
5 of these things that protects even officers, has made
6 this body effectively obsolete. You just are here.
7 There's no real power or anything that you can really do
8 or say. When it comes to a resolution by the board, no
9 one here even asked the Chief were the stipulations of
10 the BOPC.

11 MS. UNDERWOOD: Thank you, Minister Blount. Thank
12 you, sir.

13 MINISTER BLOUNT: Can I get a vote for more time?

14 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHÉ: Go ahead. You can have a
15 few.

16 DR. JACKSON: I didn't say anything the first time.
17 You as the Chair cannot grant that request. It is a rule
18 of the board, and the board would have to vote to suspend
19 the rules in order to extend the time. That's a non-
20 debatable motion. It requires two-thirds. If the board
21 wants to vote to suspend the rule on public comment, then
22 you need a motion to suspend the rules. It's non-
23 debatable. It requires two-thirds to adopt, but you as
24 the Chair really cannot give that authority. It is a
25 board rule and only the board can do it.

1 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the Chair.

2 DR. JACKSON: I was going to address it later, but if
3 it's going to continue then I have to address it ---

4 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the Chair.

5 MINISTER BLOUNT: It just happened to me. That's
6 okay.

7 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Commissioner.

8 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Can we allow Minister Blount
9 and whoever else for public comments to have a few
10 additional seconds, just to show fairness, time and
11 fairness?

12 DR. JACKSON: The correct motion is to suspend the
13 rule.

14 COMMISSIONER BURTON: To suspend the rules for today.

15 DR. JACKSON: And it's non-debatable. It requires
16 two-third.

17 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Just for today.

18 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: So there's a motion?

19 DR. JACKSON: Is there a second?

20 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Yes.

21 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Second.

22 DR. JACKSON: Non-debatable. So just act.

23 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: No discussion. Okay.

24 DR. JACKSON: No discussion.

25 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: All in favor indicate by

1 saying, Aye.

2 DR. JACKSON: Two-third votes. So you either need a
3 roll call or you need a show of hands.

4 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Doesn't it get a roll call
5 vote.

6 DR. JACKSON: Yes.

7 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Commissioner Woods - No.

8 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Commissioner Bernard - Yes.

9 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Commissioner Banks - Yes.

10 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Commissioner Bell - No.

11 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Commissioner Burton - Yes.

12 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Commissioner Carter.

13 Commissioner Carter - No. Sorry.

14 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Commissioner Pressley - No.

15 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Commissioner Smith - Yes.

16 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Commissioner Dewaelsche -

17 Yes. 1, 2 3, 4.

18 COMMISSIONER WOODS: All right. You got it.

19 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Yes. Four in all. So ---

20 DR. JACKSON: Motion law.

21 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Yeah. So it is denied.

22 Failed. Thank you. Next speaker.

23 MS. UNDERWOOD: Our next speaker will be Ms.

24 Williams, and then Ms. Bernice Smith. Mr. Smith and Steve

25 Walker. Then we'll go into Zoom.

1 CHAIRPERSON DEWAEELSCHÉ: Thank you.

2 MS. WILLIAMS: Father, you said it first. I thought
3 you got it. Hello. Through the Chair. Like he said, it's
4 unfortunate the Chief left, but last week I was speaking
5 about officers living in shelters like, I've been talking
6 about. Okay, so this is something when I stay at 628
7 Delaware. They broke into my RV, pulled off the cushion
8 and oh, this gravel and mess with my magazines out of my
9 car. This is not acceptable. These officers, and if you
10 follow the paper, the money trail, where they came from.
11 They came from the shelter since that's the only way they
12 can receive any type of housing vouchers because they
13 were in shelters. So if you guys had done your job
14 correctly. But as the minister said, you all just sitting
15 up here warming up these seats. Have you contacted the
16 FBI to inform them about this illegal corruption about
17 officers taking up bed spaces, and then spending
18 hundreds, hundreds of millions of dollars to come from
19 Washington, which is fraud.

20 We talk about police officers. How can we trust
21 anything they say when they are stealing from the
22 homeless? That system has failed the homeless people
23 because they are unable to get into these shelters. So if
24 you had done your job over a year ago, maybe a whole lot
25 of stuff, stuff would be different. But all you have to

1 do is see who's getting any type of house vouchers, and
2 that would show you who was in the shelters, and taking
3 up bed spaces from the homeless. And if you cannot do
4 your job, you shouldn't be sitting up here. You should be
5 able to contact the FBI because apparently internally you
6 all are not doing your jobs like you should. And I really
7 believe it's time for approval around this city because
8 everybody got excuses and made up excuses. And all this
9 illegal corruption. It's consequences. Like she said,
10 decisions of police officers that take up bed spaces and
11 take advantage of the system. Thank you.

12 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHÉ: Thank you. Commissioner
13 Bernard and then Commissioner Banks.

14 COMMISSIONER BANKS: You can go ahead.

15 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I just want to say that anyone
16 can be homeless at any given time. A spouse can put out a
17 spouse, a parent can put out a child. We can't judge
18 whether or not a person is homeless based on their job or
19 based on what we perceive as their income. They could
20 have no, no ---

21 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: Point of order. Point of
22 order.

23 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHÉ: Point of order.

24 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: You don't know what a person's
25 circumstances are. Okay? I'm sure the shelter does its

1 screening.

2 CHAIRPERSON DEWAEELSCHÉ: Madam, please. Commissioner
3 Banks.

4 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Yes. Through the Chair. And once
5 again, I just want to mention, you have good officers out
6 there. You have corrupted officers out there, just like
7 the officer last week, who stole \$600 out of the lady's
8 purse. It's just flat out wrong. You can't justify that
9 in no kind of way. It's just flat out wrong. You can't
10 justify it. So that's all I have to say.

11 CHAIRPERSON DEWAEELSCHÉ: Thank you. Next speaker.

12 MS. SMITH: Good afternoon, commissioners.

13 CHAIRPERSON DEWAEELSCHÉ: Good afternoon.

14 MS. SMITH: It is a pleasure to be here today. I
15 wouldn't miss it for anything.

16 Let me read something to you that I wrote about a
17 month ago. We are living in a state of destruction.
18 Racial injustice is the black man's burden. We must pray
19 for love and peace. We must be coworkers in our city.
20 Enough is enough. We must stop the shooting and killings
21 of each other. There should be love and peace not
22 destroying each other. Parents, check who your children
23 associate with and their whereabouts if they're living at
24 home. You have the power. Use it. Now, what I want to say
25 is, we are living in a situation where crime seems like

1 it's just overrunning our city. I look at the news every
2 morning, 11 o'clock, and I'm ashamed of the fact that
3 these youngsters, and I call them youngsters, are under
4 20, some of them are 16. They're out here doing things
5 that I definitely wouldn't approve of.

6 And the rest of you wouldn't either. By running over
7 people, bracing and going on in their cars and doing
8 things and holding up and shooting and going on. This is
9 not a city. We have a good city. I came from Chicago
10 where it was hell all over there over 70 years ago. This
11 is a darn good city. I love my city. I love my police
12 department. And I tell them every time I see them, you be
13 careful out there because when they put their uniform on,
14 you are taking care of me and everybody else who are in
15 this city. And we must really pay attention to these
16 youngsters. Have to do it with your friends. Talk to your
17 friends about the children, not children, but the young
18 adults about what's going on? This is not necessarily
19 what we are going through nowadays. And I just want to
20 embed it in all of our minds. Let's look out for each
21 other and tell these youngsters to behave themselves and
22 stop all this hijacking and running around, shooting
23 that's going on.

24 MS. UNDERWOOD: Thank you.

25 MS. SMITH: Alright. I'm through.

1 CHAIRPERSON DEWAEELSCHÉ: Thank you. Next speaker.

2 Mr. SMITH: Good afternoon. I just want to say, I did
3 call you Commissioner Woods. I didn't receive an answer
4 to that call. You told me to call you at the last
5 meeting. I did that. I want to say, I have a lady who is
6 in need of a PPO and she was denied a PPO at the 5th
7 Precinct. I would like any commissioner who is available
8 to go with her tomorrow to get that PPO file, because she
9 was denied. Somebody threatened to kill her. I can't go
10 into too many details, but I can be reached if anybody
11 would be able to assist. I also

12 I want to say July 19th, The Church of the Messiah,
13 231 East Cran Boulevard from 12 to 1:00 PM, there is a
14 youth summit. It's called State of the Hood Youth
15 Edition. It's going to be about gun violence. It's a
16 press conference. Anybody who's welcome to come to that.
17 I have one more thing to say. I forgot what I had to say.
18 I'm going to give the rest of my time to Minister Eric
19 Blount.

20 CHAIRPERSON DEWAEELSCHÉ: Okay.

21 MINISTER BLOUNT: Thank you.

22 DR. JACKSON: That is not allowed.

23 CHAIRPERSON DEWAEELSCHÉ: That is not. I'm sorry.

24 MR. SMITH: We just say also ---

25 MALE SPEAKER: We were doing that, back in the day.

1 MR. SMITH: It used to be, to give it out.

2 MALE SPEAKER: Was there a motion made that no, that
3 can't go down any more?

4 MR. SMITH: That's fine.

5 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELESCHE: Madam, Parliamentarian.

6 DR. JACKSON: I'm sorry, what's the question?

7 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELESCHE: That it was allowed in the
8 past and ---

9 DR. JACKSON: Not since I've been your
10 parliamentarian.

11 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Yes.

12 MR. SMITH: It has been since you've been our
13 parliamentarian.

14 DR. JACKSON: Let me say this. If I was present and
15 someone wanted to quote, "Give their time to someone
16 else." And I didn't say something then I apologize to
17 this board. But there's nothing in the rules that allows
18 someone to give their time to someone else. Now, if the
19 board wants to allow that, the board knows what the
20 process is. It's your rule. If you want to do something
21 about it, you certainly can.

22 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Does it differ? Excuse me.
23 Through the Chair. Does it disallow it?

24 DR. JACKSON: Let me put it this way. What the rules
25 do is tell you what you can do. There are no rules that

1 can provide for everything you cannot do. There's no way
2 to account for everything you cannot do. What it is
3 supposed to do is tell you what you can do.

4 MR. SMITH: I'll just finish my time. I appreciate
5 the explanation.

6 CHAIRPERSON DEWAEELSCHÉ: Thanks.

7 MR. SMITH: Sorry about that. I want to say also,
8 Commissioner Burton, I reached out to you. I would like
9 you to help connect me to Commander Johnson at the 7th
10 Precinct. Just the community relationship between me and
11 the 7th Precinct is not very good. Even though I have
12 those issues under Commander Svec, I'd like to reach out
13 to Commander Johnson because as I was scolded last week
14 and telling them about reaching out and working with the
15 department, I want to go right to the top.

16 Because I wanted to reach out to the family of a 2-
17 year-old who was shot in my neighborhood. I feel like
18 those types of tragedies need to be supported from the
19 community aspect, not just from the police aspect. I also
20 want to say I will be given Lieutenant Brandon Cole a
21 chance. I'll give him a chance to see if he's a decent
22 human being, because to this point, he has not shown me
23 that. So I'll give him a chance to see. I don't know.
24 From my experience, he's not the best human being. I also
25 want to say, Commissioner Bell, I just don't understand

1 your premise. I understand you are a former officer, but
2 sometimes your premise comes off like you're just in la
3 la land, sometimes, like, you don't read the room. You
4 are tone deaf very, very much. So I also want to give a
5 shout out to Corporation Counsel Mallett. Thank you for
6 the conversation that we had. I don't think you realized
7 how radical I am, but I appreciate that conversation. You
8 taught me a little bit, but a lot in that 30 minutes.
9 Thank you.

10 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Through the Chair.

11 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Yes, commissioner.

12 COMMISSIONER WOODS: He said something about someone
13 who may be experiencing some threat or anything of that
14 nature. Can you have an officer be able to work with him
15 to see what that situation is and stuff to see if the
16 person is in harm's way.

17 DC: Through the Chair? I sure will.

18 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Alright. Thank you.

19 DC: I'll have Sergeant Walker go out there and have
20 a conversation with him.

21 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Okay.

22 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Okay. Thank you.

23 COMMISSIONER BANKS: And through the Chair.

24 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Wait a minute. We have two
25 people who want to speak, commissioner.

1 COMMISSIONER BANKS: I am going to be quick.

2 CHAIRPERSON DEWAEELSCHÉ: Okay.

3 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Through the Chair. Do we have a
4 commissioner going with Jahdante tomorrow to the 7th
5 Precinct? Is it the 7th Precinct, Jahdante? He needs a
6 commissioner. Do we have a commissioner that wants to
7 volunteer and support the --- I mean, I'm sorry, the 5th
8 Precinct. Do we have a commissioner? This man has been
9 faithful to this board, for at least a couple years to my
10 knowledge. Do we have a commissioner willing to support
11 him?

12 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Well, we ask the sergeant to
13 work with him on that.

14 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Chair Woods, he's asking for a
15 commissioner though.

16 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: Point of order. Through the
17 Chair.

18 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Yes. Through the Chair.

19 CHAIRPERSON DEWAEELSCHÉ: Yes, please.

20 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Yeah. Through the Chair. Let's
21 see what the sergeant can do with it and stuff. We are
22 not the police, you know. We are not crime fighters or
23 anything, but we can support him and help him in any way.
24 Most definitely, you know. But let's see, through the
25 Chair, see if the sergeant can help him get that person

1 who is in distress some help. If they need some help,
2 they need some help.

3 MR. SMITH: I just want to add two things. So she has
4 a murdered son, and she was denied a PPO from the suspect
5 in the murder. And I want to bring a commissioner because
6 the officers denied the PPO. So I want to throw a little
7 bit of my weight around and bring in a commissioner,
8 whoever may volunteer to come.

9 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Jahdante, I can't come
10 tomorrow. I'm on an airplane in the morning at 9 o'clock.
11 I would go with you if I could.

12 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Okay. Anybody else? Alright,
13 let's have him speak with the officer and see if that can
14 help.

15 COMMISSIONER BANKS: That's good.

16 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Alright.

17 MS. UNDERWOOD: Speaker Walker, then after Mr.
18 Walker, Ms. Victoria. Camille.

19 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: Before we move ---

20 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Commissioner Pressley, go
21 ahead.

22 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: This
23 Question, serving a second, this question for the
24 Chief. Does DPD deny PPOs?

25 DC: Through the Chair? No. DPD does not deny PPOs,

1 nor do we approve PPOs. The magistrate does that. They
2 can go into the precinct and make an appointment with a
3 social worker who can have a conversation with them and
4 perhaps assist them with filling out paperwork. But it
5 certainly is up to a magistrate to approve or ultimately
6 deny a PPO. It's not a law enforcement matter at all.

7 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: So, it may be a circumstance
8 where they were denied a meeting with the social worker,
9 then.

10 DC: They could have been the social worker. I'm not
11 sure, and I don't want to speak on it. Social workers
12 don't make their scheduling through the law enforcement
13 officers.

14 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: Thank you.

15 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you.

16 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: If I may?

17 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Commissioner Bernard.

18 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Just quickly. To get a PPO,
19 you fill out a form and you go to court and you speak for
20 yourself, generally. You can have a lawyer present or
21 something like that. But generally, it's, "I was at the
22 party last night and he snatched me by my neck. And this
23 is what happened." I mean, this is what you do. You filed
24 a police report as a result, for example, of the assault.
25 And you bring in a copy of the police report, and it's

1 just you and the judge, and that's how it's handled. And
2 the defendant though can be present, obviously. And he
3 goes, "I didn't snatch you by the neck. I was yada,
4 yada," whatever it was. And the judge makes a
5 determination about who he or she believes.

6 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHÉ: Any other comments? If not,
7 next speaker, then. Mr. Walker.

8 MR. WALKER: Hello. My name is Steve Walker. I'm a
9 resident of City Council District 6, and I'm active in
10 the police community relations committee for the 4th
11 Precinct. I've served as nominating committee chair and
12 this sort of thing. I rise today, to go back to this
13 issue that arose several weeks ago where the Detroit
14 police went out to protect ICE when they were trying to
15 snatch somebody out of their house. I remember when Ken
16 Cockrel originally proposed this issue before the City
17 Council. The issue is no cooperation with ICE. I don't
18 recollect any exceptions to that policy. I think when the
19 Detroit Police went out to protect ICE they were
20 violating the policy, and this board should reaffirm that
21 policy. The fact of the matter is that ICE and Trump are
22 worse than the Gestapo in Germany.

23 Even the Gestapo didn't cover their faces. Detroit
24 has plain closed police officers. They don't cover their
25 faces. So, it doesn't bother me that they're people

1 standing in the streets complaining about ICE. They're an
2 outrageous group. They won't identify themselves. I'm
3 sure if I go up to a plain clothes police officer,
4 they'll show me their badge. These people won't identify
5 themselves. They won't wear any insignia. So, of course,
6 people are mad at them. And I don't think the Detroit
7 police officers should be cooperating with them. I think
8 that's the wrong approach. The fact of the matter is that
9 there are a lot of people in our community, even legal
10 people who feel very intimidated by what's going on. And
11 I don't think we want the Detroit Police to encourage
12 this kind of behavior.

13 CHAIRPERSON DEWAEELSCHÉ: Thank you, Mr. Walker. If
14 you would just stay there for a second. I do want to
15 follow up on that because a couple of meetings ago there
16 was a person here who also spoke on that same issue. And
17 I think there was an explanation given in terms of the
18 fact that the police officers were not involved in the
19 activity that ICE was doing. They were called because of
20 crowd control. I wonder if you could clarify that and
21 maybe clarify just what the policy is and how police will
22 interact with ICE.

23 MR. WALKER: So, let me make two comments.

24 CHAIRPERSON DEWAEELSCHÉ: Your time is up, Mr.
25 Walker. I'm sorry. We're going to try to respond just to

1 what you've already asked. Sorry.

2 DC: So, just as a matter of clarity, ICE is a
3 federal agency. The Detroit Police Department is a local
4 agency. And we are there for peacekeeping measures. If we
5 get a 911 call to respond to a location, we will do that.
6 We are not in cooperation with ICE at all. ICE conducts
7 their own individual investigations and raids and
8 anything along those lines that they do. It is not part
9 and parcel with the Detroit Police Department at all.
10 Again, our only goal, our only focus literally, is to
11 stand there and keep the peace. And from what I
12 understand, that was a chaotic scene that day. So I
13 certainly was not here a couple weeks ago. I don't know
14 what the chief officer said sitting here at the table.
15 But our goal is to keep the peace.

16 MR. WALKER: Again, I don't think the policy allows
17 you to do that. Let me also ask, were any of the police
18 who showed up as a scene shown you the supposed warrant
19 that the ICE ---

20 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHÉ: Mr. Walker, that was what I
21 was going to say, but I think she's already responded.
22 That's kind of what the response was the last time that
23 they just went for crowd control, they were called. We
24 need to take a look at the policy and maybe at a later
25 meeting or offline, I could speak with you about that,

1 Mr. Walker, about the policy. Thank you. Thank you for
2 bringing it up. Next speaker.

3 MS. CAMILLE: Good afternoon, commissioners.

4 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Good afternoon.

5 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Good afternoon.

6 MS. CAMILLE: I wanted to congratulate those that
7 were promoted today. Of course, they're not here, but
8 congratulations to them anyway. And kind of just
9 reiterate the gravity of DPD taking control of the
10 detention center again. And I look forward to the board
11 sitting down with the community to take a look at the
12 policies that govern the detention center to make sure
13 that the community is comfortable with the policies. And
14 then DPD being held accountable to those policies. I'd
15 also like to remind the board that we are looking to hear
16 updates on the actions that you committed to in the
17 resolution several weeks ago, including establishing a
18 task force to monitor ICE's activities.

19 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Monitor what activity. I
20 didn't understand

21 MS. CAMILLE: Federal law enforcement activities in
22 the city.

23 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I see.

24 MS. CAMILLE: Which was as a part of the resolution
25 that the board adopted several weeks ago. The last thing

1 I wanted to bring up, there was an article in the Free
2 Press a few days ago that indicated that the judge was
3 appalled at some DPD activity that they saw during DPD
4 addressing a drag racing incident, which we heard about
5 in 2023. I recall the incident as well. And everyone was
6 rightfully very concerned about the officer that was
7 injured at that time. However, there was some information
8 that was coming to light at this time that was not
9 included or even alluded to in the narrative at that
10 time. And the judge used language like when he saw the
11 video. It was crazy and unreal. And the officers were
12 acting like cowboys, trying to figure out a reason to
13 pull their guns. And I just want to make sure that we get
14 an update to the community in regards to that because
15 just like the civilian, it's going through the illegal
16 process to address their misconduct, and in the
17 community, we need to make sure that if officers do not
18 adhere to what they're supposed to do and cause undue
19 harm, as they are supposed to still uphold policy even in
20 difficult situations, that that is also brought to light
21 and addressed in a public and accountable and transparent
22 way. Thank you.

23 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you.

24 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Through the Chair.

25 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Yes, commissioner.

1 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Can we ask the board secretary
2 to make sure that we get a copy of that article so that
3 we can take a look at that and if there is something we
4 need to look at?

5 CHAIRPERSON DEWAEELSCHÉ: Thank you.

6 MS. GARNIER: Yes, Madam Chair. I have noted and I'll
7 get that immediately.

8 CHAIRPERSON DEWAEELSCHÉ: Thank you. Any other
9 speakers?

10 MS. UNDERWOOD: Yes. We're going into Zoom. We have 6
11 speakers in Zoom. Our first speaker will be Ms. Taura
12 Brown, after Ms. Brown, former Commissioner William
13 Davis.

14 MS. BROWN: Good evening, commissioners. This is
15 Taura Brown. I don't know if you all have had a chance to
16 see Detroit, it's a different podcast that featured the
17 interview with Victoria Camille. I am a little late
18 getting here because I've had other things that have
19 conflict with this meeting. But I want you all to take
20 the time to read that OCI report. It was everything that
21 I asked questions about. It was everything that I said it
22 was. Sam's a mental health person at McDonald's eating
23 chicken nuggets. You all continued to sit here. And the
24 only thing you all ever mentioned was Mr. Butler had a
25 weapon. Sherman had a weapon. Sherman had a weapon. Yes,

1 maybe Sherman did have a weapon, because now I don't know
2 what to believe. Because after reading that report, this
3 body continued to perpetuate the lie of the Detroit
4 police. Then the prosecutor came down and perpetuated the
5 lie of the Detroit police. And then the OCI investigator
6 found everything that we thought it was. The public
7 doesn't like to be lied to. The public doesn't like to be
8 lied to. They don't like to see the police out there,
9 when ICE is slamming people to the ground and essentially
10 kidnapping them if they don't have warrants and badges.
11 Again, I don't think anybody wants to have a combative
12 relationship with the Detroit police, but sometimes I
13 think people need to look at the optics, including this
14 board.

15 You can't come in here and say that you are a friend
16 to us and then turn around and be complicit in bs. The
17 other thing I wanted to mention is I do appreciate the
18 Detroit police enforcing the curfew and holding parents
19 accountable. It has cut down significantly on the fights
20 and the screaming on the riverfront. I don't know why my
21 neighbor, Mr. Burton doesn't bring it up, because
22 apparently he is a neighbor, living across the parking
23 lot from me. I would like somebody to come down here and
24 address these fights and all the things that go on the
25 riverfront after 10:00 PM, when the riverfront is

1 supposedly closing at dusk. There are just as many people
2 down there.

3 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you. Next speaker.

4 MR. DAVIS: Good afternoon. Can I be heard?

5 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Yes, you may.

6 MR. DAVIS: Okay. I think that the board needs to
7 make sure they have special attention given to the
8 detention center. Since we are acquiring, you know, we're
9 going to start back operating it and controlling it.
10 Also, the board should let the public know if they're
11 going to get any savings from Detroit doing that. Because
12 I know there might have been some extra expense
13 associated with the state doing it, and we are paying the
14 state. So I wondered, is the cost going to be the same?
15 Is the cost going to change? Also, hopefully there's some
16 truly civilian oversight of the detention center. As the
17 vice chair indicated earlier, that was one of the main
18 reasons why we were up under federal supervision. Also, I
19 think the board should look into actually doing some
20 public service announcements. I mentioned this probably
21 for quite some time.

22 Also, I think the board should update some of its
23 bylaws. You know, I think if a member is not going to be
24 there, they should have a duty to inform them that they
25 are not coming. I worked for the City of Detroit for 34

1 years in the Water Department. You know, we used to have
2 a policy that no call, no show, no pay. We need to make
3 sure that the public's time is not wasted, you know, so
4 if somebody's not going to come, they're not going to
5 come, but they should at least notify the board secretary
6 or somebody in the office. I think some of these meetings
7 are a little bit too long, and I think we need to be more
8 concerned about what's going on in the city and what the
9 board can do to help make people feel safer calling the
10 police. Thank you.

11 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHÉ: Thank you, Mr. Davis. Next
12 speaker.

13 MS. UNDERWOOD: Our next speaker will be Mr. Demeeko
14 Williams. After him, Mr. Overwith. The next person will
15 be Public Citizen. And then the last person will be Mr.
16 Roo.

17 MR. WILLIAMS: Yes. Hi. Good afternoon,
18 commissioners. Demeeko Williams, private citizen taxpayer
19 stakeholder, legacy, Detroit. After viewing this
20 meeting today, I'm very disgusted with this body of
21 leadership. I wish federal oversight would happen and it
22 would happen right now. I can trust that because I can't
23 trust you all. You will put our lives in danger. You
24 engage in cop propaganda. You listen to lies versus the
25 public and the truth that it shares. You are also

1 endorsing organized crime in southwest Detroit among ICE,
2 Homeland Security, Border Patrol and DPD. It may not be
3 some of you, but it's some of them that are a 55% white
4 police force that is racist against its black and brown
5 citizens. I do not agree with the curfew, because you're
6 punishing innocent citizens, you're punishing others. You
7 are shutting off downtown exits. You are shutting off all
8 of the amenities that we pay for as taxpayers.

9 You all have done a failure of a job to reach out to
10 our kids and to give them recreation. When you close the
11 recreation centers, when you close the schools; school is
12 out. But also when you close down the parks and things
13 that we can't gather, then of course they're going to
14 gather at a corner to be with their friends and to be
15 with their loved ones. How dare you break that.
16 Especially Cooley. Cooley did nothing wrong. Enough
17 people know each other over there. So I don't know, why
18 is it that you all still don't understand that better?
19 Policing means reaching out and having rapport with the
20 community. The Detroit snitches and informants have
21 failed and they should not be paid any more money and
22 shame on this body for continuing to be against
23 Detroiters instead of working with us, the ones that pay
24 your salary.

25 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHÉ: Thank you. Next speaker.

1 MS. UNDERWOOD: Mr. Overwith?

2 MR. OVERWITH: Yeah. Can everybody in that room hear
3 me?

4 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Yes.

5 MR. OVERWITH: Now, Darryl Woods, you circumvented
6 the board's vote. They voted to subpoena the Michigan
7 State Police Report from the Detroit Police Department.
8 You went into the office the next morning and instructed,
9 instructed the acting secretary to not start the subpoena
10 process and instead sent a letter over to the Michigan
11 State Police. An official letter requesting a report,
12 which says subsequently turned over a redacted version.
13 Now, Conrad Mallett, you are sitting right there. Did you
14 hear what I just said? Clearly. Now that man circumvented
15 the board's authority, the vote.

16 He has to go. And Conrad, you were sitting right
17 next to Janice Winfrey on April 25th, 2024, when she told
18 that lie about sending the findings on the allegations of
19 voter fraud by anonymous citizen report to every member
20 of council, the mayor and the law department and our no,
21 no, no. Because I called on May the 20th to every member
22 of council, the mayor's office and the law department.
23 And the law department said they did not have sugar,
24 honey, or iced tea. They didn't know anything about any
25 report, nor did the mayor's office. That's your boy, the

1 one you were at DMC with. Now, Conrad, you got in the way
2 of what Nene wants. You did the wrong thing this time,
3 joker. I am who I am and you and Mike can smoke Dick.

4 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Oh, okay. Your time is up.
5 Thank you. Next speaker. Next speaker.

6 MS. UNDERWOOD: The next speaker will be Public
7 Citizen.

8 PUBLIC CITIZEN: It is unfortunate that the Chief is
9 not present so that the citizens can address him as well.
10 But I would like to bring to all of the members of the
11 board attention a video surfacing on the internet on
12 YouTube from a channel called Accountability for all,
13 where the title is Detroit Cops Tried to Arrest Me. And
14 this is an incident that occurred in the Boston Edison
15 District several days ago, where an officer failed to
16 identify himself to a member of the public. And that
17 officer also decided to degrade a female and a male
18 telling them to try Ozempic. Not quite sure what that
19 officer had in mind when he said that, but that is not
20 how members of the Detroit Police Department should speak
21 to members of the public. And I would, again, urge every
22 commissioner to look at that video in its entirety. The
23 title of it is Detroit Cops Tried to Arrest Me, and the
24 channel is Accountability for all.

25 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you. Next speaker.

1 MS. UNDERWOOD: That was your last speaker, Madam
2 Chair.

3 CHAIRPERSON DEWAEELSCHÉ: Okay. Thank you. And now we
4 have the HR Director, Katrina Petillo, who will be
5 providing our HR report.

6 DIRECTOR PATILLO: Good afternoon. Through the Chair.
7 I'll be presenting an HR report for the month of June.
8 And I apologize for you all getting your information
9 late. But I'm going to go through the report. So the
10 department was currently filled, and this is for June and
11 a 97% field rate. For sworn, we were at 99% field rate
12 with 32 vacancies, and the vacancy rate was 1%. For
13 professional staff civilians, we were filled at 93%. We
14 had 60 vacancies, 7% vacancy. And for police assistance,
15 we were at 93%, 7% vacancies. There were two vacancies
16 for police assistance for former recruits. From July 1st,
17 2024 to June 30th, we had a total of 2,661 applicants.
18 1089 was in processing. 2 withdrew, 761 archived. We
19 hired 175 personnel. Temporary disqualification was 284.
20 Disqualified was 205 and awaiting MCOLES was 145. When we
21 looked at the testing for written and physical agility
22 for the written test, we had a total of 122 scheduled.
23 And this is for June. 59 appeared, 37 passed. That was a
24 63% passing rate as your big line appeared. 37, past 63%
25 passing rate. Failed were 22. That was 37% failure rate,

1 63 no-shows, but the physical agility we scheduled 133,
2 70 appeared, 42 passed. It had a 60% passing rate. 28
3 failed, 40% failure rate with 63 no-shows, and 2
4 rescheduled. For Academy graduates, we had 2 classes that
5 graduated in the month of June, totaling 51 new officers.
6 For sworn new hires, we had a total of 26, 34 civilians
7 for a total of 60. These Detroiters residency
8 information. For Detroiters, for total sworn, we had 609
9 and 15 police assistance, 437 sworn and 30 civilians.
10 Non-Detroiters, we had 2032 sworn, 337 civilians and 11
11 police assistants. Of those numbers of the new hires,
12 civilian staff, new hires, 20 Detroit residents, and for
13 sworn new hires, 11 Detroit residents. For our student
14 intern program, we have a total of 417. Those numbers are
15 8 Mayoral fellows. And then we have 409 Grow Detroit
16 Youth Talent interns across various agencies within the
17 department. Both of those programs will --- the final day
18 will be August 8th, and there will be a final ceremony
19 for them.

20 For the attrition, for June, we had 10 officers that
21 separated, 8 civilian professional staff and 1 police
22 assistant for a total of 19. For the leave of absences
23 for FMLA continuous, for sworn, we had 12 professional
24 staff, civilians, 4; the FMLA intermediate 58 sworn, 24
25 civilians, 8 parental leave, 21 sworn, 1 civilian

1 professional staff. On medical leave, we had 5. For the
2 civilian professional staff. Military, we had 11 for
3 sworn, restricted, 113 for sworn. 14 civilian
4 professional staff, disabled 36 sworn, 1 for civilian
5 professional staff and sick, 22 sworn; 6 civilian
6 professional staff. For suspensions, we had a total of
7 11, 10 police officers and 1 sergeant. For separations of
8 a total of 10. That was 3 police officers that retired. 6
9 that resigned for a total of 9. 1 sergeant that resigned
10 for a total of 1. And then for the total columns, retired
11 was a total of 3 resignations, a total of 7 for a total
12 of 10.

13 And then for the drop deferred option plan, we have
14 a total of 470 members that are in that plan. We
15 currently have 4 classes at the academy. 81 students. The
16 next class will graduate on August 15th. The next class
17 to start will be July 31st. This coming Saturday, we do
18 have a DPD career fair where you complete most of the
19 process for anyone who's interested in becoming a police
20 officer. So they will go through free medical screening,
21 3MCOLES written tests, agility tests, same day interview,
22 and they can meet the background investigators as well.
23 And then on Monday, July the 21st, partnering with the
24 city, we will have all of the city mayoral or fellow
25 candidates. And also our Grow Detroit Youth Interns will

1 be conducting a DPD career day. So we have blocked off
2 the parking lot. We will have all the metro access. They
3 will get a tour of DPD from Intel Communications. They
4 will go through the homicide floor for what they can see.
5 And then for those that are interested in going to the
6 academy, they will be going to the academy after that.
7 Pending any questions, that concludes my presentation.

8 CHAIRPERSON DEWAEELSCHÉ: Thank you. Yes, I do. Are
9 there any questions, Commissioners? Go ahead. Yes,
10 Commissioner Woods.

11 COMMISSIONERS WOODS: I see on your HR monthly
12 suspension report, effective June 30th, 2025, that you
13 had 3 termination terminated. It says pending/attrition.
14 Can you tell me what that means?

15 DIRECTOR PATILLO: So it says terminated, pending
16 arbitration, so I don't want to get into a dispute.

17 COMMISSIONER WOODS: I got you. Okay. I got you. I
18 got you. And those happening in June.

19 DIRECTOR PATILLO: Those would be the status updates
20 for June. So this is the entire month. So if they could
21 have been suspended previously and still be on it until
22 all the adjudication is done. they would stay on the
23 report.

24 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Okay. Thank you, kindly.

25 CHAIRPERSON DEWAEELSCHÉ: Any other question,

1 comments? Commissioner Pressley.

2 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: This is a little bit separate
3 from this report, but it's a carry-over from the MCOLES
4 conversation that was held several months ago. Do we know
5 if that investigation completed and if systems have been
6 put in place to ensure that it doesn't happen again?

7 DIRECTOR PATILLO: Systems have been put in place. I
8 can't speak on the investigation. I'm sure it is enroute
9 somewhere. I will have to follow up with the leadership
10 regarding that because I know you do want a copy of it.
11 The board does want a copy, but systems have been put in
12 place for that. We are conducting quarterly audits. We
13 are working on the second audit for the quarter of this
14 year. And then we have procedures in place for when
15 licensing does come down where they are routed to, who
16 signs for them, and how they get carried out. So we have
17 been working hand in hand with police personnel, HR, our
18 leadership, and MCOLES. But yes, systems have been put in
19 place.

20 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: Okay. Thank you. And between
21 the Chair and the Chief, do we know when that
22 investigation might be concluded?

23 DIRECTOR PATILLO: I do not have that information,
24 but I can get that information to the Chief of Police and
25 through my leadership. And then over to you.

1 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: Thank you.

2 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you. Any other
3 comments?

4 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Through the Chair? We have been
5 communicating with Chief Bettison you know like last
6 month about that. And they said they're wrapping up that
7 investigation, so they're getting close to us. So don't,
8 you know, but I think a follow up with the Chief should
9 suffice as well, another follow-up. Thank you.

10 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you, commissioners.
11 Any other questions? I do have a couple as it relates to
12 the career fairs you mentioned. They're going to be here
13 at headquarters then?

14 DIRECTOR PATILLO: No, ma'am. It will be at the
15 Detroit Police Training Center. That's 6050 Linwood. 7:00
16 AM to 5:00 PM

17 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you. Any other
18 questions or comments? Thank you. I appreciate the
19 report.

20 DIRECTOR PATILLO: Thank you.

21 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: The report from the board
22 Secretary, Madam Secretary,

23 MS. GARNIER: Madam Chair. The report today includes
24 the incoming communications that you have listed, the
25 weekly reports. Also recommendation for administrative

1 leave without pay, retaining medical benefits of the name
2 police officer, the Policy Committee, memorandum and
3 announcement of the upcoming meetings. Our next board
4 meeting is next Thursday, 3:00 PM here at Public Safety
5 Headquarters. The community meeting for August, Thursday,
6 August 14th, 6:30 PM. 5th Precinct is our location at the
7 Community Center at AB Ford Park. It's located at 100
8 Lenox Street in Detroit. Committee meetings upcoming.
9 Next Wednesday, July 23rd, 2025, 4:00 PM, Personnel and
10 Training Committee. And on Wednesday, July 30th, 4:00 PM
11 Towing Committee, both committee meetings will be held in
12 the Woodward Room here at Police headquarters. And that's
13 the report for today, ma'am.

14 CHAIRPERSON DEWAEELSCHÉ: Thank you, secretary. Now,
15 unfinished business is on the agenda. Unfinished
16 business. Commissioner Bernard. There's a motion to adopt
17 a policy.

18 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Yes, Madam Chair. I have to
19 see if I can see. Everyone has received the Policy
20 Committee's memorandum and our recommendations which
21 included that, as a result of the meeting that the Policy
22 Committee held on Tuesday, July 8th. By direction of the
23 Policy Committee, I moved to adopt the following
24 directive as policy. Item number 7A, a directive number
25 306.1: Evidence property.

1 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: There's a motion made. We
2 don't need a second, right?

3 DR. JACKSON: No second. It is required when the
4 motion comes from a committee composed of more than one
5 person.

6 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you. Motion has been
7 made. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, all those in
8 favor indicate by saying, Aye.

9 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

10 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Opposed? Motion carries.

11 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Thank you, Madam.

12 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you. And now under new
13 business?

14 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Yes. I would like to make a
15 motion to post the filing of vacant positions within the
16 approval of fiscal year 2025, 2026, budget to be posted
17 for applications. Two administrative assistant positions
18 for the Office of Chief Investigator and one
19 administrative assistant. Two positions for the BOPC
20 office administration.

21 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: A motion has been made. Is
22 there a second?

23 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: Second.

24 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: It has been made and
25 seconded. Is there any discussion?

1 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I don't understand the motion.
2 Maybe you could clarify a little.

3 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Yes. These are vacant positions.
4 We got approved in the budget to bring in two new
5 administrative assistants in OCI. And then we hired two
6 for here, BOPC and one vacated the position. So we have
7 to interview them. So we have to have it posted, so that
8 we could do interviews through the Personnel and Training
9 Committee.

10 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Okay. So just for the
11 community's benefits. So that will mean how many
12 employees do we have at OCI then?

13 COMMISSIONER WOODS: I can't give you that number off
14 the top of my head.

15 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I think about 34, isn't it, or
16 close to that? I'm not sure. And then how many for the
17 administration for BOPC? Well, you could let us know at
18 the next meeting.

19 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Yes.

20 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Fine. Thank you.

21 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: These positions were
22 approved in the budget, correct?

23 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Yes.

24 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I understand.

25 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Alright. All those in

1 favor, indicate by saying, Aye.

2 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

3 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHÉ: Opposed? Motion carries.

4 Thank you. I'll entertain a motion for an adjournment.

5 COMMISSIONER WOODS: So moved.

6 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Second.

7 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHÉ: It was moved and seconded.

8 Any discussion? All those in favor indicate by saying,

9 Aye.

10 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

11 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHÉ: Opposed? Thank you. The

12 meeting's adjourned. Thank you for coming.

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17 (Meeting Adjourned at 4:45 p.m.)

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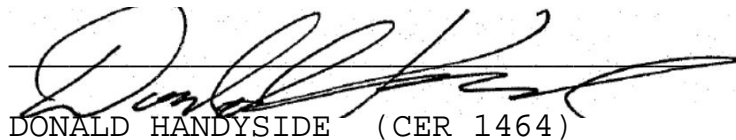
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