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CITY OF DETROIT  
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
June 26, 2025 at 3:00 P.M.

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3 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: This is the 26th of June, and the  
4 time is 3: 01. The Board of Police Commissioners meeting  
5 is called to order. Do we have Chaplain Brenda Puckett  
6 online?

7 CHAPLAIN PUCKETT: Yes.

8 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Will you please do the  
9 invocation.

10 CHAPLAIN PUCKETT: Oh, gracious, and mighty God, we  
11 come before you today with grateful hearts, asking for  
12 your guidance and wisdom over this meeting. We lift up  
13 every member of this commissioner board, all our  
14 officers, and the entire community they serve. Let there  
15 be integrity, trust in our heart for the community. We  
16 pray for unity and peace. We ask you to give all the law  
17 enforcement officers protection and strength, health and  
18 wellbeing as they have fairness and truth in every call  
19 of duty. And we ask all of these things in Jesus' name,  
20 we pray. Amen.

21 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Amen.

22 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: We don't have a quorum yet. We  
23 are expecting --- we have a quorum? Okay. We do have a  
24 quorum, yeah, there are six. We do have a quorum.  
25 Alright. Let's call the roll, please.

1 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Woods - Present.

2 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Bernard - Present,  
3 District 2.

4 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Banks - Present.

5 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Bell Present, District 4.

6 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Moore - Present.

7 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Dewaelsche - Present.

8 MS. GARNIER: 6 present, sir.

9 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay. I'd like to entertain a  
10 motion for the approval of the June 26th 2025 agenda.

11 COMMISSIONER MOORE: So move.

12 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Moved by Commissioner Moore.

13 COMMISSIONER DEWAEELSCHÉ: Second.

14 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Second by Commissioner  
15 Dewaelsche. Any discussion? All in favor say aye.

16 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

17 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Anyone opposed? The motion is  
18 carried. I entertain a motion for the approval of the  
19 minutes of June 5th, 2025.

20 COMMISSIONER MOORE: So move.

21 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Moved by Commissioner Moore.

22 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Second.

23 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Second by Commissioner Bernard.  
24 Any discussion? All in favor, say aye.

25 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

1 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Anyone oppose? The motion is  
2 carried. I entertain a motion for the approval of the  
3 minutes of June 12th, 2025.

4 COMMISSIONER MOORE: So move.

5 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Second.

6 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Moved by Commissioner Moore, and  
7 second by Commissioner Bernard. Any discussion? All in  
8 favor say aye.

9 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

10 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Anyone oppose? The motion is  
11 carried. We have the introduction of the BOPC Staff,  
12 Chief of Police, and other Elected Officials.

13 MS. GARNIER: Present today is Corporation Counsel  
14 Conrad Mallett, Chief Investigator Jerome Warfield, Drew  
15 Freeze, Felicia Tyson, Jonya Underwood, Mary Barber,  
16 Teresa Blossom, Candace Hayes, Artemisia Joshua, and Dior  
17 Mathis. Supervising investigator from OCI, Elgin Murphy,  
18 and Dr. Francis Jackson, Parliamentarian. DPD HR Director  
19 Katrina Patillo is also present. Chief of Police Office,  
20 Deputy Chief Mark Bliss. Our interpreters today are Ms.  
21 Yakata and Dr. Stephanie Beatty. Court reporter today,  
22 Don Handyside, Enrique Jackson, Audio Visual and Jason  
23 Gantt for Media Services. Signed in at this time are the  
24 following: Marie Overall for State Representative Tyrone  
25 Carter's office, Fredia Butler. Yes, I do see her. Ms.

1 Fredia Butler, Second Precinct, Community Relations  
2 President, LaDon Davis, Office of Council member Fred  
3 Durhal III. Mark Young, Scotty Bowman on Zoom, I believe.  
4 And former Detroit Police Commissioner William Davis,  
5 also on Zoom. And those are the persons registered at  
6 this time, sir.

7 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay. Thank you. We're going to  
8 go into the BOPC chairman's report. Is Mrs. Johnson in  
9 the house, in the room. Can you stand on the podium? This  
10 is a resolution for her dear husband. Raphael B. Johnson.  
11 Raphael Johnson is a bulwark in the City of Detroit, as  
12 well as in the S of Michigan. I have never given out a  
13 resolution since I've been on the Board of Police  
14 Commission. And this is the only resolution that I have  
15 recommended. And it's a very, very special resolution for  
16 me because of Raphael B. Johnson. Dr. Raphael B. Johnson;  
17 a tenaciousness and his courage in the City of Detroit.  
18 He currently serves as the legislative director for  
19 Senator Santana's office. But I'm going to read this  
20 resolution. He will be here today. We have Mr. Keith  
21 Bennett here. We have Renardo Bowes in here who's  
22 standing tall for Dr. Raphael Johnson. But he had an  
23 injury that prevented him from being here. But he really  
24 wanted to be here. When I was sworn in as a police  
25 commissioner I asked him to come to my swearing in

1 ceremony, and you'll see why.

2 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Well, he brought his better  
3 half. His better half is here.

4 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Absolutely Resolution honoring  
5 Dr. Raphael B. Johnson.

6 WHEREAS Raphael B. Johnson is a leading activist  
7 against gun violence, as a founder and leader in the 180  
8 program, the Detroit 300 and other groups. In his current  
9 role as Michigan Senate Legislative Director, he plays a  
10 pivotal role in state legislation that enacts standards,  
11 funding, and reforms for police agencies in the criminal  
12 justice system; and.

13 WHEREAS he is a graduate of the Gwynedd Mercy  
14 University, Executive Doctorate in educational leadership  
15 program. He attended the University of Detroit Mercy,  
16 where he graduating summa cum laude with a Bachelor of  
17 Arts in Legal Administration and a Master's of Arts in  
18 the Liberal studies; and

19 WHEREAS Dr. Johnson research redefined self-  
20 destructive behavior, aided stakeholders and properly  
21 identified thought processes that lead to school  
22 disengagement, specified misbehaviors, and eventual adult  
23 incarceration. His 180 program provided services that  
24 offered both students and educators the opportunity to  
25 achieve better academic decision-making and life

1 outcomes.

2 In 2015, Georgia Southern University incorporated  
3 his Professional Development Series into its annual  
4 National Youth at Risk conferences. In 2016, his research  
5 topic, Self-destructive Behavior in Urban Middle Schools  
6 as a predictor of adult incarceration, won first place,  
7 in an international thesis competition, hosted by Mary  
8 Immaculate College in Limerick Ireland; and.

9 WHEREAS his many initiatives, along with his  
10 motivational session with trouble teams on the Maury  
11 Povich show, drew wide praise and accolades WMXD 92.3 FM  
12 awarded him, its 2002 Holds an Honor Award for best  
13 community leader. In 2010, mayor Dave Bean appointed him  
14 as a police commissioner. However, facing a lack of  
15 support from the Detroit City Council for confirmation,  
16 Dr. Johnson withdrew his nomination. His work continued,  
17 and he went on to earn honors as the 2011 Michiganian of  
18 the Year, the 2012 NAACP Ida B. Wells Award, and the 2019  
19 Michigan Chronicle Men of Excellence Award. He also is a  
20 multi-multiple gold medalist in Michigan, USA  
21 Powerlifting League.

22 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

23 That the Board of Police Commissioners recognizes  
24 Dr. Raphael B, Johnson for his community leadership in  
25 improving public safety, strengthening police community

1 relations, his achievements, in mentoring youth and in  
2 public safety merit, our highest regards. We thank and  
3 congratulate you, signed by the Board of Police  
4 Commissioners.

5 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Motion to adopt.

6 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Second.

7 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Motion made by Commissioner Moore  
8 and second by Commissioner Bernard. Any discussion? There  
9 being no discussion, all in favor, say aye.

10 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

11 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Anyone opposed? The motion is  
12 carried. And you may have some remarks.

13 MRS. JOHNSON: Thank you to Chairman Darryl Woods,  
14 and the great body of women in the end that make up the  
15 Board of Commissioners, thank you so much. Unfortunately,  
16 Raphael could not be here because of a training injury.  
17 But of course, he sent his better half; so he sent words,  
18 so I'll read his speech for you. 15 years ago, I was 35  
19 years old. I had been home for six years after I served  
20 time for a serious crime, committed as a juvenile. Up to  
21 this point, I had lived an exemplary life as a Muslim in  
22 the Nation of Islam. I got married, raised two children,  
23 obtained a bachelor's and master's degree, wrote and  
24 helped manage programs for returning citizens at the  
25 Goodwill Flip the Script. I was also the founder of the



1 Detroit 300, which helped the Detroit Police solve  
2 multiple crimes against women, children, and senior  
3 citizens, including catching two serial rapists.

4 I have received hundreds of awards around the  
5 country for community activism and engagement with the  
6 youth. Even Steve Harvey acknowledged me with the best  
7 community leader award, which included a brand-new  
8 vehicle. Maury Povich contracted me to do work as a  
9 daytime TV personality, helping out of control teens and  
10 controlling men, and changed their distorted thinking to  
11 reach tension reduction. My passion to serve led me to  
12 run for City Council In 2008. There were a historic 165  
13 candidates that entered the race. I won the primary  
14 election, but came up short in the general. Soon after  
15 Mayor Beame appointed me to the Detroit Police Board of  
16 Commissioners. I admittedly accepted the appointment, and  
17 I didn't know all the details of the job description. I  
18 did fathom that such a position required honesty, good  
19 character, sound, judgment, fairness, and the ability to  
20 work with others, strength and courage to vote based on  
21 my conscience and not for the whims of others.

22 These were all qualities that I had been known for  
23 as an adult. Nevertheless, based on the reaction and  
24 outbursts by some to my appointment, one would have  
25 thought I was the opposite of those traits. The

1 hypocrisy, discrimination, and unforgiveness that I  
2 experienced was a wakeup call. It reminded me that no  
3 matter how far I had come and the multiple  
4 accomplishments I achieved, some people will always  
5 remind me of the errors of my youth. The City Council at  
6 the time, stalled my confirmation vote and had leaked to  
7 the media their apprehension with me and my past. My  
8 faith, codes of honor and principles would not allow me  
9 to grovel to no one, let alone this group of individuals.  
10 So, before I allowed them to tell me no, I went to Mayor  
11 Beame, and absolved myself of the appointment I went on  
12 in the last 15 years to live my best life.

13 Under the awning of Allah's Mercy, I obtained a  
14 doctorate degree, honed my skills as a day one dad to my  
15 son and daughter; sent my son to college, and my daughter  
16 is on her way next year, operating as a successful  
17 businessman of 21 years and married a beautiful woman  
18 that I am proud to have on my arm. We have traveled the  
19 world and established strategic relationships. I proudly  
20 live as a law abiding, tax paying citizen. I've never  
21 been sued or accused of any improprieties. An irony of my  
22 experience 15 years ago, is that people who spoke out  
23 against my appointment and the loudest ended up on the  
24 short end of the stick. Several committed crimes that  
25 were sentenced to prison, and several others are no

1 longer with us, and some are suffering from ailments. I  
2 wish no harm or any misfortune on anyone.

3 I just believe as the scriptures say, the Lord will  
4 fight for you. You just need to be still. Exodus 14:14 In  
5 the end, this note is to make this disclaimer that it's  
6 based on my 21 years of being still and watching  
7 everyone. The ex-offender or justice involved individual  
8 who engages in true repentance and reform, is very least  
9 to the society needs to worry about. They are the most  
10 trustworthy people that walk the earth. It is the people  
11 who have rendered squeaky clean and have never been to  
12 jail or prison, that you have to watch closely. Thank you  
13 Chairman Woods for the honor of this resolution. I salute  
14 you and your family for representing the best of us. Much  
15 respect. Dr. Raphael B. Johnson.

16 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Thank you very much. We have  
17 another resolution honoring Captain John Whitmer. He's  
18 retiring. He's not present for the sake of, can we ---

19 COMMISSIONER MOORE: I'll take care of it, Mr.  
20 Chairman.

21 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yep.

22 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Resolution, honoring Captain  
23 John Whitmer.

24 WHEREAS John Whitmer was appointed to the Detroit  
25 Police Department on June 13th, 1994. Upon successfully

1 graduating from the Detroit Metropolitan Police Academy,  
2 he began his professional law enforcement career at the  
3 11th Precinct; and.

4 WHEREAS Officer Witmer's assignments with the  
5 Detroit Police Department also included the 6th Precinct  
6 Patrol Section, the Special Response Team Training  
7 Section, 5th Precinct, and Family Advocate and Management  
8 liaison Engagement Family. Over the years, Officer  
9 Whitmer sailed at his assignments and was well known for  
10 his commitment to excellence in public safety; and.

11 WHEREAS Officer Whitmer displayed tremendous  
12 knowledge and leadership skill: he was promoted to the  
13 rank of Sergeant in 2006. Four years later, Sergeant  
14 Whitmer earned promotion to the rank of lieutenant. From  
15 2010 through 2023, Lieutenant Whitmer held alternating  
16 assignments at the special response team and the training  
17 section; and

18 WHEREAS Lieutenant Whitmer was promoted to the rank  
19 of Captain on October 30th, 2023, and assigned to the 5th  
20 Precinct. On September 23rd, 2024, Captain Witmer's  
21 duties expanded to include the Family Unit; and.

22 WHEREAS Captain Whitmer was the deserving recipient  
23 of the following awards, The Lifesaving Citation and  
24 Medals, two Department Citations, The Major League  
25 Baseball 2005 All Star Game Award, The Chief's Unit

1 Award, Both Consent Judgment Awards, The Rosa Parks  
2 Funeral Award, The Ford Fireworks Award, and the Super  
3 Bowl XL Recognition Award, as well as commendations from  
4 supervisors and numerous letters of appreciation from  
5 citizenry. And as he retires on July 3rd, 2025, Captain  
6 Whitmer continues to be known as a consummate  
7 professional in public safety and law enforcement.

8 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

9 That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners,  
10 speaking on behalf of the citizens of Detroit, awards  
11 this resolution and recognition of Captain John Witmer's.  
12 31 years of dedicated and diligent public service, his  
13 courage, leader and unwavering community spirit, have  
14 improved the quality of life for the residents of  
15 Detroit. His dedicated service merits our highest regards  
16 and best wishes for his future endeavors. We thank and  
17 congratulate you, Captain John Whitmer. I move for  
18 adoption, Mr. Chair.

19 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHÉ: Support.

20 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Motion made by Commissioner  
21 Moore, supported by Commissioner Dewaelsche. Any  
22 discussion? Yes, sir.

23 COMMISSIONER BELL: I'm pleased that we are awarding  
24 this young man with this resolution. He was one of my  
25 rookie officers at the 11th Precinct when I was assigned

1 there, and he had an outstanding career, and it's just a  
2 blessing to witness that. Him go through the ranks. Thank  
3 you.

4 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Four scores and seven years ago.  
5 All in favor, say Aye.

6 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

7 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Anyone opposed? The motion is  
8 carried. What is the pleasure? This is to entertain a  
9 motion to open up the --- well, how would I say this?  
10 There is going to be the election of the Board of Police  
11 Commissioners officers, which is the chairperson. What is  
12 the pleasure of the ---

13 DR. JACKSON: Nominations?

14 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Yeah, just the nomination. Any  
15 nominations.

16 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Our nominate Commissioner Eva  
17 Garza Dewaelsche for chairperson.

18 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes. Do you accept that  
19 nomination?

20 COMMISSIONER DEWAEELSCHÉ: I accept.

21 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Absolutely. No more nominations.  
22 I intend to ---

23 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I nominate District 6  
24 Commissioner Lisa Carter. I think the board needs  
25 experience.

1 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: She declined, okay.

2 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Then I acknowledge Linda  
3 Bernard.

4 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: What?

5 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Do you accept the nomination?

6 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: You're nominating me?

7 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Yes.

8 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: For chairperson?

9 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Yes.

10 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Both Lisa and I?

11 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: No.

12 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: No. I'm trying to understand.

13 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: She rejected the nomination.

14 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Oh, she rejected.

15 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes. Do you accept the  
16 nomination?

17 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I'm acknowledging you.

18 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Okay, I'll accept the  
19 nomination.

20 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay. We have a roll call vote?

21 DR. JACKSON: Please announce the nomination.

22 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: The nomination for ---

23 DR. JACKSON: Ask one more time if there is any more  
24 nomination.

25 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Any more nominations. No other

1 nominations.

2 DR. JACKSON: Now you can announce that they're  
3 closed.

4 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: They're closed.

5 DR. JACKSON: Thank you, sir.

6 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Thank you, ma'am. I almost said  
7 thank you, mama. So, what do we do, a roll call vote? So  
8 for the nomination of Commissioner Dewaelsche as the  
9 chairperson. All in favor of her being the chairperson,  
10 signify by raising your hand. Okay. So that's 1, 2, 3, 4,  
11 5, 6, 7, 8. And so you have it. Congratulations. and  
12 thank you for your leadership. You have some words to  
13 say.

14 COMMISSIONER DEWAEELSCHÉ: Thank you very much. I  
15 appreciate the confidence that you all have in me, and I  
16 will do my very best to respect and listen to the  
17 community; to hold the police department accountable and  
18 also respect them and provide them with what they need to  
19 protect our communities. Thank you.

20 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: I'd like to open up for  
21 nomination for Vice Chair.

22 COMMISSIONER MOORE: I'd like to nominate  
23 Commissioner Darryl Woods for Vice Chair.

24 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yep. I accept.

25 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Through the Chair, I'd like to



1 nominate Commissioner Tamara Smith

2 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay. Any more nominations?

3 DR. JACKSON: The Parliamentarian needs to check if  
4 there's any impediment on her serving concurrent terms.

5 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay.

6 DR. JACKSON: If you could just give me a few  
7 seconds.

8 COMMISSIONER BURTON: It is not ---

9 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: It's ---

10 DR. JACKSON: I know the chair cannot, I'm not sure  
11 about the Vice Chair.

12 COMMISSIONER BELL: Vice Chair can serve.

13 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yeah, they say they could serve.  
14 So we can move on. Nominations are closed, and for  
15 Commissioner Woods to be the Vice Chair, show by raising  
16 your hands.

17 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: 1,2,3,4,5.

18 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the Chair ---

19 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: For Vice Chair --- we are in the  
20 middle of a vote. For Tamara, well, 5, you know, that's  
21 it, right?

22 COMMISSIONER MOORE: 5 on 5.

23 COMMISSIONER BANKS: And we have 10 people here,  
24 though.

25 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Alright. So, for the nomination

1 of Tamara Liberty Smith, 1,2 ---

2 COMMISSIONER BANKS: It's a tie. Wow.

3 DR. JACKSON: Please announce no election.

4 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: No election.

5 DR. JACKSON: You have to keep voting.

6 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Can we have a discussion?

7 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Is that proper Madam,  
8 Parliamentary, or ---

9 DR. JACKSON: Not in the middle of a vote, unless  
10 there's something about --- you can ask for the  
11 candidates to give a statement if either candidate wants  
12 to give a statement on why they think they would be a  
13 good person for the office. That you can do, but the time  
14 for debate was before you started voting.

15 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: You have a statement, anyone?

16 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Well, can I come and address  
17 you then?

18 DR. JACKSON: You can address the Chair.

19 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes. Through the Chair.

20 DR. JACKSON: Yeah. Burton.

21 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the Chair.

22 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes.

23 COMMISSIONER BURTON: There was some time ago that  
24 this board talked about rotation of chairperson and going  
25 from chair to vice chair and then to chair. I think this

1 board voted for that change when the new commission came  
2 in place. And so, I'd like for this board to continue  
3 down that path of having --- and not allowing the  
4 chairperson to go from vice chair to chair and vice  
5 versa. You know, we have talked about that at this table,  
6 and the board has moved in a different direction since  
7 then. I don't want us to see us go back down, down that  
8 path.

9 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes, sir.

10 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Through the Chair. Do we have a  
11 paper trail on that? Some type of documentation? I need  
12 to see some documentation.

13 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Well, pretty much the majority  
14 of us in this room can contest to it. At the time we had  
15 a different secretary than the secretary we have now, but  
16 I'm sure that they can find that. But I don't know that  
17 they would be able to find them by the time this process  
18 is over today. But let's postpone it since it's already  
19 tied.

20 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Let's postpone it again, and see  
21 if the documentation can come up. We want to do  
22 everything right though.

23 DR. JACKSON: Chairman, that's a violation of your  
24 bylaws. You're already in violation of the bylaws. You  
25 should have had the election some time ago. The motion to

1 postpone, sir, would not be in order.

2 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay. Yes, sir. Commissioner.

3 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: Through the Chair. Not  
4 knowing of any vote that was had, but I was the Chair  
5 prior to Chairman Woods, and my Vice Chair was  
6 Commissioner Jim Holley, who was the previous chair  
7 before I became chair. So it doesn't seem as if that  
8 precedent had been broken, because again, the previous  
9 Chair, prior to Darryl Woods, had been Vice Chair who  
10 also was the Chair.

11 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Mr. Chair.

12 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes, sir.

13 COMMISSIONER MOORE: My concern is just the  
14 continuation of the board. A lot of us sitting here today  
15 won't be here on January 1st. I'm not sure if  
16 Commissioner Smith even picked up petitions to run again.  
17 So it'll be a six-month appointment. I think that with an  
18 appointment of either, like we did Commissioners  
19 Dewaelsche, and Pressley would be eligible as well as  
20 yourself, just for a continuation so that we wouldn't  
21 have a break in service, so to speak. And that's what the  
22 concern is for me.

23 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes, sir.

24 COMMISSIONER BELL: Commissioner Holley was the chair  
25 and Vice Chair for six months.

1 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Through the Chair. And it was a  
2 disaster because we put you in place and then we had to  
3 remove you. So, we are not going through that again.

4 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Wow.

5 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: That's not appropriate, on the  
6 record.

7 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Any more nominations. Back again?

8 COMMISSIONER BELL: Mr. Chairman, if that's a  
9 personal attack, remarks [crosstalk].

10 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Is it true? If it's true, that  
11 means this is not about Commissioner Bell. We had to  
12 remove you from the process--

13 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Speak through the Chair, please.  
14 Speak through the Chair. Excuse me, sir. Speak through  
15 the chair. Out of order. Yeah. Open up for nominations?

16 DR. JACKSON: Mr. Chairman, in order to re-open  
17 nominations ---

18 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Oh, we keep the vote [crosstalk]  
19 as long as we --- okay.

20 DR. JACKSON: That would be two ---

21 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay. For Commissioner Woods to  
22 be the Vice Chair. Show by the raising hands.

23 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Through the Chair.

24 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: I have 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.

25 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Through the Chair.

1 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes.

2 COMMISSIONER BANKS: It is going to possibly stay 5  
3 out of 5. I don't think anybody is going to change their  
4 minds. The 5 that just voted for you, the 5 that just  
5 voted for Commissioner Carter.

6 COMMISSIONER CARTER: No.

7 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: No, Tamara.

8 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Commissioner Tamara. This is  
9 going to say deadlock.

10 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: So, this is a motion. Can I  
11 make a motion to reopen nominations? You said it requires  
12 two-thirds.

13 DR. JACKSON: It is possible to make a motion to  
14 reopen nominations. It requires two-thirds to adopt it as  
15 a non-debatable motion, to reopen or don't ---

16 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: I move that we reopen  
17 nominations for Vice Chair.

18 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: A motion made by Commissioner  
19 Pressley to reopen nomination. And is there a second?  
20 There's no second.

21 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the Chair. Can we call  
22 for a five-minute recess?

23 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Is that appropriate?

24 The motion to recess is a higher-ranking motion.  
25 It's non-debatable. If the commissions want to vote for

1 that, they can.

2 COMMISSIONER BANKS: That's needed right now. We need  
3 to regroup.

4 DR. JACKSON: It's a non-debatable motion, Mr.  
5 Chairman.

6 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yeah. Okay. Motion made by  
7 Commissioner Burton, and second by Commissioner Banks.  
8 Any discussion? All in favor.

9 DR. JACKSON: It's non-debatable.

10 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: It's non-debatable. We are in  
11 recess. Five-minute recess.

12 DR. JACKSON: For some reason the election is not  
13 completed and there's no provision [crosstalk].

14 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: We have a resolution.

15 DR. JACKSON: You have a resolution?

16 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: We have a resolution, yes.

17 DR. JACKSON: Because it would just continue on the  
18 agenda to you all elect somebody.

19 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: We have a resolution.

20 DR. JACKSON: Okay. So, thank you.

21 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: What is your pleasure, Madam Vice  
22 Chair. Would you like to withdraw your nomination? Yeah,  
23 absolutely.

24 COMMISSIONER SMITH: Well, I'll see a fight live on  
25 tape.

1 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the Chair.

2 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Excuse me.

3 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: Is the meeting back in order?

4 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: The meeting's back in order. It's  
5 3:48. We have a long way to go.

6 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: And we recessed with two  
7 nominations. Point of order. I mean, that's with two  
8 nominations.

9 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yeah. And we were in the middle  
10 of a vote. Would you like to withdraw your nomination?

11 COMMISSIONER SMITH: I want to discuss what we --- on  
12 the record or ---

13 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: Mr. Chair?

14 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes.

15 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: I'm going to try this again.  
16 I move that we reopen nominations for Vice Chair.

17 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Support.

18 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Motion made by Commissioner  
19 Pressley to reopen nominations, supported by Commissioner  
20 Moore. Any discussion?

21 DR. JACKSON: Debatable motion, Mr. Chairman.

22 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay. Alright. It is reopened.

23 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: We need a two-third.

24 DR. JACKSON: You'll need to vote, sir.

25 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Roll call vote?



1 DR. JACKSON: Yes, because you need two-thirds.  
2 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay. Roll call; call the roll.  
3 MS. GARNIER: Mr. Woods - Yes.  
4 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Smith -  
5 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: Present, or not? You want to  
6 open up nominations?  
7 COMMISSIONER SMITH: Yes.  
8 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Bernard - No.  
9 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Banks - Yes.  
10 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Bell - No.  
11 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Bell - No.  
12 DR. JACKSON: He said no.  
13 MS. GARNIER: I'm sorry.  
14 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Burton - No.  
15 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Carter -  
16 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Moore - Yes.  
17 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Pressley - Yes.  
18 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Dewaelsche - Yes.  
19 MS. GARNIER: 6 yay votes; 4 no votes.  
20 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Alright. So we ---  
21 DR. JACKSON: Please state that the motion is lost.  
22 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: The motion is lost.  
23 DR. JACKSON: It's lost.  
24 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: It failed.  
25 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: It failed.

1 DR. JACKSON: All that means the same thing.

2 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Inappropriate.

3 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: Mr. Chair, can we move to a  
4 vote. Can we vote?

5 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Alright. For Commissioner Woods  
6 to be the Vice Chair, raise your hand.

7 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6. So we have it.  
8 Commissioner Woods is the Vice Chair.

9 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Wait a minute. Mr. Chairman, I  
10 want to understand this process from our parliamentarian.  
11 I don't understand. Maybe you can help me understand if  
12 this is appropriate or proper under Roberts Rules of  
13 Order.

14 DR. JACKSON: What would be the problem?

15 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Wait a minute. When you make a  
16 motion for a person to be chair or vice chair, whatever  
17 it is, and it fails, then you just keep voting until you  
18 get a --- that's what I thought.

19 DR. JACKSON: Well, no, actually, if the Chair would  
20 permit me to respond.

21 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes.

22 If the board reaches a point where it feels that an  
23 election will not occur, the board could decide to not  
24 continue. Because there's no provision for what is called  
25 an adjourned meeting in the bylaws. An adjourned meeting

1 is a meeting that you would set before your next  
2 regularly scheduled meeting. And it's a continuation of  
3 the current meeting. So, for example, if you had an  
4 adjourned meeting, you would say, I move, we adjourn in  
5 order to reconvene Tuesday at three o'clock. You would  
6 have to meet before next Thursday. You don't have a  
7 provision for an adjourned meeting. But if the board  
8 reaches the point where you think an election will not  
9 occur, then the current person would stay in office and  
10 the election would go on next week's agenda  
11 automatically. You don't need to postpone it or do  
12 anything. You would continue voting until you elected  
13 someone. Now that's in Roberts, and I can read it to you.

14 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: And I'll believe you. It was a  
15 deadlock. That's what happened. Then you just keep voting  
16 until you get a majority.

17 DR. JACKSON: Then there's no election.

18 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the Chair.

19 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes.

20 COMMISSIONER BURTON: We would all like to know  
21 something here. The Vice Chair said, that you like for me  
22 to share what you discussed? What was discussed for her  
23 to come back in here and change her vote? Most of us here  
24 support the Vice Chair. So what was discussed?

25 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: We are not going to go down that

1 rabbit hole, you know what I'm saying? Because you really  
2 don't want to go down that rabbit hole about what we  
3 discussed. Trust me. Chief of police report.

4 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Of what? Wait a minute.

5 COMMISSIONER BURTON: That's what I'd like to know.

6 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: I'm telling you; you don't want  
7 to know.

8 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: A person you don't know. What  
9 is it?

10 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: No, I wouldn't even want to put  
11 it out there like that. You know what I'm saying? Go  
12 ahead.

13 DC BLISS: Good afternoon, Deputy Chief Bliss for  
14 Chief Todd Bettison. I'm going to first start with being  
15 critically injured. There are no critically injured  
16 department members for the week of June 19th through June  
17 26th. Moving on to crime stats as of ---

18 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Through the mic please.

19 DC BLISS: As of today, June 26th, 2025, in the  
20 category of homicide, we are currently at 76. Last year  
21 we were at 100, for a change, a reduction of 24%. Non-  
22 fatal shootings. We are currently at 198; the same time  
23 last year we were at 286 for a reduction of 31%.  
24 Robberies, we are at 437. The same time last year we were  
25 at 496 for a reduction of 12%. Total part one violent

1 crime, we're at 4,886. At the same time last year we were  
2 at 5,386 for a reduction of 9%. And then carjacking. We  
3 are currently at 39. Last year we were at 46 for a  
4 reduction of 15%. Moving on to community updates. Larned  
5 in Randolph shooting. On Monday, June 23rd at  
6 approximately 10:04 PM there was a shooting at Larned in  
7 Randolph before the fireworks began. A male and female  
8 were not fatally shot. after a fight between two males.  
9 We have released photos of the persons involved in this  
10 shooting. This is an isolated incident that occurred  
11 outside of the weapons free viewing areas. We are  
12 confident in our investigation and encourage anyone with  
13 information to call 1-800 SpeakUp, or visit  
14 detroitrewards.tv to leave a tip. There is a \$1,000  
15 reward for information that moves the case forward.  
16 Cycling with the community. Earlier this month, the 3rd  
17 Precinct kicked off their cycling with the community  
18 summer event. Officers and members of the community rode  
19 bikes from the 3rd Precinct through the new center area.  
20 The community was able to meet with Commander Matthew  
21 Fulgenzi, and Captain Sean Dunning and neighborhood  
22 police officers from the 3rd Precinct. This cycling event  
23 will happen once a month until September.  
24 The Father's Day brunch. During Father's Day  
25 weekend, Chief Todd A. Bettison and members of the

1 Detroit Police Department's Homicide Family Unit, Detroit  
2 Public Safety Foundation, City of Detroit, Office of Arts  
3 Culture and Entrepreneurship hosted a brunch for fathers  
4 who have lost children to homicide. This was a great  
5 gathering of DPD members and fathers. We look forward to  
6 continuing to work together. Walk-a-Mile Wednesday. On  
7 June 25th, the walk-a-mile Wednesday, which was scheduled  
8 in the 2nd Precinct, was postponed. The next walk is  
9 scheduled for July 9th 2025. Stay tuned to the  
10 department's social media pages to know what neighborhood  
11 we'll be walking through, next. Men's Wellness Matters  
12 event. Today, June 26th, the Detroit Police Department  
13 held a Men's Wellness Matters event. This event will take  
14 place until 6:00 PM at the Riverside Park. The community  
15 is invited to enjoy free food resources and mobile health  
16 clinics.

17 Chief of Police, Todd A. Bettison, Commissioner,  
18 Darryl Woods and other community members, took part in a  
19 panel discussion about the importance of men's health.  
20 Moving on to 2025 F graduation. Tomorrow, June 27th, 30  
21 student police officers will take the oath of office and  
22 become sworn members of the Detroit Police Department.  
23 The graduation will take place at 10:30 AM at Second  
24 Ebenezer Church located at 14601 Dequindre Street  
25 Detroit, Michigan 48212. Recruiting. Police recruiting

1 updates. Recently, the recruiting team has been active at  
2 several events. They were at Motor City Pride earlier  
3 this month. They visited the fourth Precinct Family Fund  
4 Day and attended the 2025 e class graduation. Tomorrow,  
5 June 27th, the recruiting team will attend the 2025 F  
6 class graduation. That concludes my report.

7 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Any questions? Yes, sir.

8 Chief, what is an FTO

9 DC BLISS: Through the Chair? An FTO is a field  
10 training officer that is an officer that has received  
11 training in regards to training a newly graduated  
12 probationary police officer.

13 COMMISSIONER: Because I noticed that we're 18 downs.  
14 Is that impacting new officers coming on, getting drained

15 DC BLISS: Through the Chair. So there's certain ways  
16 that we can, if we don't have enough, a supervisor can  
17 ride with a probationary police officer and do their  
18 observations in order to get them through the program. So  
19 the 18 down isn't really significant

20 DC BLISS: Through the Chair. It's better to have  
21 more, but we do have other ways to, if we are low, to  
22 continue that training. Thank you.

23 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the Chair?

24 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes, sir.

25 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Question to the Chief. The

1 arrest that was made at Randolph and Larned, that was the  
2 only arrest that was made during the fireworks in the  
3 downtown area?

4 DC BLISS: Through the Chair. From my understanding,  
5 there has not been an arrest yet for that shooting.

6 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Okay.

7 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Any more questions? Alright,  
8 thank you very kindly. We are going to oral  
9 communications.

10 MS. UNDERWOOD: Thank you, Mr. Chair. We have seven  
11 speakers inside the room today. Eight, excuse me. We have  
12 eight speakers today.

13 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay. All right. First speaker.

14 MS. UNDERWOOD: Our first speaker will be Ms.  
15 Williams after Ms. Williams, Ms. Camille and Ms. Jody  
16 Givens.

17 MS. WILLIAMS: You want me? I don't even like to be  
18 the first one. Let me clear my throat. Excuse. Hello.  
19 Through the Chair. I was bitter at one time because I was  
20 in the system for 14 months. But I'm glad that I had a  
21 chance to experience the illegal corruption first  
22 handedly, because these facilities are for the homeless  
23 people, not the means for officers to be recruited and  
24 become a police officer and then receive housing  
25 vouchers. 30% off on what they get paid. So every time I



1 come here, I always talk about how people in these  
2 positions do not respect your job. Like you just seat  
3 warmers. And it's very unfortunate because at the end of  
4 the day, your job is to do your job correctly, comply  
5 with the rules in the constitution. But that's not the  
6 case. I stayed at 628 Delaware. Now I'm very fortunate  
7 that I'm in that apartment, but it seems like they put me  
8 in this apartment like I'm an animal. Illegal cameras,  
9 listening devices, all kinds of stuff. Regardless of what  
10 you do, you cannot stop me in my constitutional rights  
11 because you are sitting up here like none of this is  
12 going on. And it's very sad. This is happening, and it's  
13 like, who really cares what's really going on with the  
14 homeless people? And it's always some type of excuse. And  
15 at the end of the day, God really knows how to get  
16 people's attention. And whatever you've been lying about  
17 is going to be revealed eventually, some type of form of  
18 fashion. So thank you very much and enjoy the rest of  
19 your day.

20 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Thank you. Next speaker.

21 MS. CAMILLE: Good evening, board.

22 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Good evening.

23 MS. CAMILLE: My name is Victoria Camille out of  
24 District 7. And I just want to remind the board that the  
25 City Charter states that the police forces are, in all

1 cases, and at all times in strict subordination to civil  
2 power. And to stand here in support of the board adopting  
3 the resolution that's on your agenda today that  
4 reinforces the Detroit sovereignty over their police  
5 forces and pushes back on federal troops invading our  
6 streets here in Detroit. Thank you.

7 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Thank you very kindly. Next  
8 speaker.

9 MS. UNDERWOOD: Mr. Gibbons, are you still here?

10 MR. GIVENS: Good evening everyone.

11 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Good evening.

12 MR. GIVENS: My name is Jody Givens. I'm a little  
13 nervous about all this because I'm just starting. I've  
14 gotten chosen from God to come out here and put the word  
15 out. You know, I'm concerned about our neighborhoods,  
16 communities as far as these party stores and gas  
17 stations. And it's enough, you know, there is so much  
18 crime and things going on, people getting killed, our  
19 family getting hurt. But I'm an advisor. I'm a leader.  
20 I'm an advisor for God first. And my question to you is,  
21 I'm a little behind on what is going on as far as these  
22 licensing and everything with these party stores and gas  
23 stations. These people are coming here. We have too many  
24 stores, too many party stores in the neighborhood that  
25 don't even belong there. And they're just a poison to our

1 community. And I don't like that. And I just want to know  
2 who's got answers for me so I can give it to my God and  
3 my father, because I have a whole list of things I have  
4 to take care of. I don't even have time to really be  
5 here. I was supposed to have been in Africa a few weeks  
6 ago.

7 So if anybody can answer me, who's in charge,  
8 because I was going to get a hold of the mayor or  
9 something so I could ---

10 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yeah. We're not in charge of  
11 that.

12 MR. GIVENS: I know that, but I know. But you are the  
13 police commissioner, you know about the neighborhoods,  
14 right? You work with the neighborhoods. Right?

15 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: We don't work in that area.

16 MR. GIVENS: Were the police ---

17 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Would you contact the City of  
18 Detroit, and you could probably find out who does the  
19 license ---

20 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: No, we can answer his  
21 question, I think.

22 MR. GIVENS: Right? I just need some answers.

23 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Just quickly, sir. All  
24 businesses are licensed in the City of Detroit. Our  
25 corporation counsel is here right now. He can tell you

1 that in order to be licensed, you apply for a license.  
2 They have to do an income tax clearance and a lot of  
3 other things. Now, I don't know specifically, and maybe  
4 our corporation counsel does, what the requirements are  
5 for a liquor store. But I am very well aware of the fact  
6 that throughout the City of Detroit, there are signs that  
7 constantly say, beer, wine, lotto. Beer, wine, lotto.

8 MR. GIVENS: Absolutely.

9 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I mean, it's unbelievable, and  
10 you don't see it anywhere other than in Detroit. And  
11 that's the problem. [Crosstalk]

12 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Key thing she said is that she  
13 doesn't know [crosstalk].

14 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Corporation counsel knows.

15 I'm just trying to get some lead here. I need  
16 someone with some power that I can talk to, because God  
17 is about power. [Crosstalk]. Just hold on. I'm just  
18 speaking for God. I'm a representative for him. Now I'm  
19 [crosstalk] is that, you know, all I need is to get  
20 someone to stand up and give me some kind of, you know,  
21 help as far as the ---

22 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Can you get somebody to help him  
23 out. Yes.

24 DC BLISS: Through the Chair.

25 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Can you have somebody to help him

1 out, get the information to him? Do you have someone here  
2 to represent?

3 DC BLISS: Through the Chair, I can give him the  
4 department that handles licensing through the City of  
5 Detroit. I think that'd be a great first start.

6 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yeah. Can you have your officer  
7 walk in and give him that information?

8 DC BLISS: Absolutely.

9 MS. UNDERWOOD: Our next speakers will be Minister  
10 Eric Blount, Ms. Bernice Smith, and Mr. Joe Lewis.

11 MINISTER BLOUNT: Good afternoon board.

12 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Good afternoon.

13 MINISTER BLOUNT: For Commissioner Eve Dewaelsche,  
14 congratulations.

15 COMMISSIONER DEWAEELSCHÉ: Thank you, sir.

16 MINISTER BLOUNT: It's going to be a difficult task  
17 because, let's not make any mistakes about this. You're  
18 going to be a captain of a sinking ship. Let's just be  
19 honest about it, alright? One of the candidates for mayor  
20 did the research, and in the debate revealed the fact  
21 that \$63 million has been approved by City Council  
22 related to police officer misconduct. If that isn't a  
23 measurement of unsuccessfulness, I don't know what is. So  
24 there's a lot of work to be done. So there's never been  
25 much talk about a system that used to exist called risk

1 management. It has the ability to predict when an officer  
2 might be headed toward misconduct and therefore needs  
3 training, counseling, whatever it is. But that went away.  
4 But commissioner and future chairperson Dewaelsche, it  
5 will be under your watch that the new union contract will  
6 be negotiated, 2027. And if you remember the disaster we  
7 had in the 2022 contract that disallowed a police  
8 officer's disciplinary history to be a part of their  
9 promotion decision. I don't know what other profession  
10 has that type of leniency for anybody's good character or  
11 lack thereof. That's all I have. Thank you.

12 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Thank you very kindly. Next  
13 speaker.

14 MS. SMITH: Good afternoon.

15 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Good afternoon.

16 MS. SMITH: I am definitely happy to be here to tell  
17 you commissioners, sorry, I didn't ID you. As most of you  
18 know, I happen to be 93. May 31st. I got a surprise last  
19 week from your Commissioner Bernard. She calls me up and  
20 she tells me, I'm going to take you out tomorrow, so be  
21 ready. So I was hesitant about it. I was like, where in  
22 the world is she going to take me? Anyway, to make a long  
23 story short, I was quite surprised that she picked me up,  
24 and we went down to Greektown to the harbor house? And  
25 when we got out, I was looking around to see where the

1 rest of the people were. We went inside, and then I saw  
2 one of the police come in and grin at me and spoke to me.  
3 And I spoke to him, and she told me, that was my  
4 security. I said, you need security. Anyway, to make a  
5 long story short, I am very delighted, happy, as any  
6 senior citizen can be, because in walked, my police  
7 chief, his staff; you guys don't know what a feeling it  
8 is for you to be honored, not only by your citizens here  
9 in the City of Detroit, and to know that not all bad. In  
10 other words, I know I'm not the best woman. I know I've  
11 done things. I admit that. Conrad, can tell you also, I  
12 have fussed with him; and not going to mention the other  
13 one that I fussed with. But I just want to let you know  
14 today, I am very happy to be a member of the Detroit  
15 Citizenry here in our city. I love my police. I tell them  
16 that all the time. Be careful out here because you have  
17 to take care of the city. And that's what your job is to  
18 do. But the fact is, you just don't know because of the  
19 fact that you are loved by some people. And also, I want  
20 to tell you, I went to Chicago this past weekend, and I  
21 want to tell you over there those policemen, they are  
22 something else. It was a huge funeral that I went to. And  
23 I'm telling you; the police were just excellent.

24 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: It's time.

25 MS. SMITH: I know. Time up.

1 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Thank you.

2 MS. SMITH: But thank you. Thank you. Thank you,  
3 Bernard. You'll never know how much I appreciate it.

4 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: You're more than welcome.

5 MS. SMITH: And I love all you guys, more than  
6 worthy.

7 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Thank you.

8 MS. SMITH: Especially you, Conrad.

9 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Next speaker.

10 MR. LEWIS: Hello everyone.

11 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Hello.

12 MR. LEWIS: Thank you for taking the time to listen  
13 to me. My name is Joe Lewis. On 4/27/24, I was going to  
14 work in downtown Detroit. I caught the bus. I ran into  
15 your officers during this, what you call it, the draft.  
16 As I got off the bus, I walked down the street. I went  
17 into the sandwich shop. At that point, I was looking at  
18 the board to buy a sandwich. Someone twisted my hand so  
19 bad, he twisted my hand and I pleaded with him to stop.  
20 He wouldn't. He said, you're being detained. It was the  
21 police. While he was twisting my hand, about six more  
22 officers came in and I was pleading for him to stop doing  
23 that. And then they started doing the same thing. They  
24 dumped all my personal possessions out, like they were  
25 garbage. My gun fell out, my license; they wanted to



1 know, did I have a license. I told them, I did. They went  
2 into my bag; they got the license. They came back. They  
3 said the license was good, but we are still taking it. I  
4 said, listen, I work around the corner at London  
5 Chophouse. I'm a dishwasher. It didn't make any  
6 difference. They didn't believe me. So they put me in the  
7 squad car, and took it. I'm the only black person in the  
8 sandwich shop. They put me in the car. I sat in the car  
9 for a whole hour in handcuffs. The handcuffs were  
10 grinding my bone to my hands. I don't bother nobody, but  
11 I pleaded with the officer ---

12 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: I'm giving you a little grace.  
13 Can you expedite it a little bit more? And let me ask you  
14 this. Did you file a citizen complaint?

15 MR. LEWIS: Yes, I did.

16 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay. And with the Office of the  
17 Chief Investigator?

18 MR. LEWIS: I filed a complaint with him.

19 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay.

20 But, like I said, I just wanted to break it down.  
21 But you know, like I said, I've been through a lot with  
22 this. You know, I just didn't understand how you can do  
23 this to somebody. And I did not do anything. I mean, you  
24 take all my possessions. I mean, just nothing, man. I  
25 mean, I've been calling the police department for 14

1 months, trying to get my possessions back. But they said  
2 they're going to help me.

3 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: So they still have your  
4 possession?

5 MR. LEWIS: Yeah, they still have my phone. They took  
6 my phone, my gun, my gun license.

7 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Deputy Chief, can you have your  
8 staff work with him to see if there's something, you  
9 know, I don't know the particulars of this; we don't know  
10 it. But if he's supposed to have his property back, can  
11 you make sure he gets it back? I don't know. You know.  
12 But can you have them work with him and check into that.

13 DC BLISS: Through the Chair? Yes. In conclusion, I  
14 will speak with him, and get his information.

15 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay. Thank you.

16 MR. LEWIS: We can go ahead.

17 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: You address what he just said.

18 MR. LEWIS: Through the Chair.

19 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: No.

20 MALE SPEAKER: That's it. He doesn't want to..

21 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Go ahead. Excuse me. All right,  
22 sir.

23 MALE SPEAKER: That's it.

24 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: They're going to talk to you  
25 afterwards.

1 MR. LEWIS: Okay. yeah, go ahead.

2 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Well, she was going to speak.

3 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Go ahead.

4 CI WARFIELD: Through the Chair. I'm sorry, the mic's  
5 not working.

6 MR. LEWIS: Excuse me, sir, hear a response from the  
7 Chief.

8 CI WARFIELD: Through the Chair. Mr. Lewis did file a  
9 complaint with our office. I believe it was yesterday or  
10 today. Myself and Supervising Investigator Murphy did  
11 talk to Mr. Lewis today just outside of the meeting. And  
12 we're going to follow up on this. Okay. Thank you.

13 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Mr. Chairman, I do have a  
14 question.

15 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes.

16 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Warfield, have you seen an  
17 increase over the last couple weeks as it relates to that  
18 type of complaint being filed? Because I did do a PSA as  
19 it relates to police officers rushing people, and it's  
20 called the Detroit Police Department's gas station. Bum  
21 rush. So, have you seen the increase in complaints  
22 regarding this? Because we've talked about it several  
23 times.

24 CI WARFIELD: Through the Chair. Commissioner Moore,  
25 I'll have to go back and, and look up those specific

1 complaints, but we can query it and I will certainly get  
2 back with you on that.

3 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Okay. Thank you sir.

4 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Can just send a report to the  
5 board on his inquiry.

6 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: Point of clarification.  
7 Commissioner Moore, are you saying that's what it's known  
8 as, or is that an actual policy?

9 COMMISSIONER MOORE: It's not a policy, but, I guess  
10 you could say it's unwritten behavior that's taking place  
11 on the streets.

12 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: Thank you.

13 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: And at gas stations too; young  
14 black men standing there, they'll just, you know, start,  
15 I know you got a gun. I know you got a gun and then you  
16 know, that kind of thing, harassment.

17 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Through the Chair. The gentleman  
18 never said why the Detroit Police Department detained  
19 him, put him in cuffs. He never said the reason why.  
20 Whether he did something or not. He never gave an  
21 explanation, so, can he ---

22 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Well, we don't want to litigate  
23 that here. That's between him and the police and the  
24 courts. If he goes through the courts and if [crosstalk].

25 CI WARFIELD: If he has a complaint that we can deal

1 with that complaint accordingly.

2 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Right. Got it.

3 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Alright. Next speaker.

4 MS. UNDERWOOD: Our next three speakers will be Mr.  
5 Graham Barton, Lieutenant Mark Young, and Ms. Angela  
6 Smith. Then we'll go into Zoom.

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

8 MR. BARDEN: Hello, my name is Graham Barden. I am  
9 here to speak in our unfinished business resolution A.

10 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Can you speak up.

11 MR. BARDEN: Resolution; a strengthening and  
12 unleashing local control of law enforcement to pursue  
13 accountability and protect constitutional rights. And  
14 standing in opposition to executive order number 14288.  
15 It is the responsibility of the Board of Police  
16 Commissioners to provide civilian appointed oversight on  
17 the actions of the Detroit PD and its officers. The  
18 presence of federal troops and ICE agents in Detroit is  
19 in direct opposition to the welfare of the citizens of  
20 Detroit to our communities, it is terror. DPD involvement  
21 with ICE activities facilitates the harm done to our  
22 communities.

23 Now, I've been up since four in the morning today,  
24 putting in a full day's work outside in the hot sun. And  
25 the first place I went to immediately after work was to

1 go to an immigration office because one of the hardest  
2 working, strongest loving women that I know was terrified  
3 to even go in and sign a basic form. This is a legal  
4 green card holder who has never done anything, no illegal  
5 crime. She's terrified to even go to sign a basic form.  
6 That's the first place I went to right after that. And  
7 then I came right here because this --- apologies. The  
8 DPD needs to stand with the citizens of Detroit to  
9 protect and serve the communities in Detroit. I would  
10 like to see Detroit follow in the footsteps of cities  
11 like Bell, California, where when ICE went on several  
12 raids, the community showed up. The community stood  
13 there, and the firefighters and police departments stood  
14 with the community and not with the federal agents. And I  
15 don't think anyone in this room needs to be reminded of  
16 the ramifications of racist policies in this country, the  
17 generational trauma that it causes to communities. And we  
18 are witnessing it right now. And this board has an  
19 opportunity ---

20 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Closing remarks.

21 MR. BARDEN: This board has an opportunity to  
22 represent the people, represent their needs, and  
23 represent the welfare of the communities that you are  
24 supposed to be representing. Thank you.

25 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Thank you. Next speaker.

1 LT. YOUNG: The department will be suffering a great  
2 loss. Captain John Whitmer, his efforts, which are  
3 critical and fallen officers, what he has done. There has  
4 been tremendous work. And his efforts will be missed. Not  
5 only his leadership, his braveness, his courage, his  
6 integrity, his honor, and his dollar. His efforts in this  
7 department have been tremendous. And it will be a great  
8 loss. And I wanted to salute him and thank him on the  
9 behalf of all the men and women. Just like I'm sure the  
10 executives do. I also want to give a shout out to the men  
11 and women of the Detroit Police Department. And I'm going  
12 to hit home. Your efforts are unmatched. Damn what you  
13 hear. You step up, you show up, you suit up, and you step  
14 out there. You're battling the heat. You stood out there  
15 for the fireworks detail. It is not your fault.

16 I prayed on this when I heard the news of the  
17 incident at the fireworks. And the Lord spoke; tens of  
18 thousands of individuals were out there having a great  
19 time. A handful of knuckleheads is what controlled the  
20 narrative. Wow. It is the men and women of this  
21 department to step up every day through challenging  
22 times. Often the story is not truly told. If you ever pay  
23 attention to any investigation, it's only as good as an  
24 investigator because it's the last house. When you do the  
25 canvas that tells the whole story, sometimes the

1 narrative is in the middle. They face what you fear. They  
2 step up when you call. And many of those encounters are  
3 not because they want to, it's because they have to. I  
4 salute them, and I thank them, and a damn good job.

5 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yeah, absolutely. I would say  
6 that, you know, I do want to applaud the DPD for the  
7 great work that they did during the fireworks.  
8 Everywhere, they were very accommodating to so many  
9 people. And I guarantee you, I won't speak on, you know,  
10 what happened because I don't want to give that no  
11 energy, you know? But we had great fireworks and  
12 appreciate DPD for helping to keep us safe in that  
13 regard. And just continue to pray for them. I know that a  
14 couple officers got injured. One citizen got shot, you  
15 know, then you had a couple officers who did get injured  
16 trying to be able to protect the citizens of the city.  
17 So, you know, I tell you all the time that we're not a  
18 police hate board. We are an oversight board, and we have  
19 to come together in a unified way to continue to bring  
20 healing in our city. So kudos to them and to all of the  
21 community groups that were out there. You had Detroit  
22 300, a lot of CVI groups out in the community working to  
23 help protect the community as well. So there were  
24 community organizations out there; boots on the ground.  
25 So hats off to everyone. Next speaker. Yes, sir.



1 COMMISSIONER BANKS: This is the first time I heard  
2 of these Detroit police officers bum rushing citizens at  
3 the gas station. Now this bum rushing, which the Detroit  
4 Police Department is doing, is it justified or  
5 unjustified? This first time I'm hearing about this; give  
6 me a little bit, you know, because this ---

7 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Let's speak on it.

8 COMMISSIONER BANKS: It could be good or could be  
9 bad.

10 COMMISSIONER MOORE: I'll share some information with  
11 you offline, commissioner. Because ultimately, we've been  
12 talking about this at the board meeting for the last few  
13 years.

14 COMMISSIONER BANKS: So you'll call me, you'll call  
15 me.

16 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Speak through the Chair.

17 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Commissioner Bernard wants me to  
18 speak to it, so I'll speak to it. So what's happening is  
19 a person could be going in or out of a gas station,  
20 sitting at a bus stop, attending their own business and  
21 two or three police officers run up to him, say, where's  
22 the gun? Where's the gun? Ask where the gun is? And they  
23 may have a gun; they may not have a gun. It's primarily a  
24 weapon. And if they find a weapon, then they articulate a  
25 reasonable suspicion at that point. But it sometimes

1 conflicts with the body-worn camera, and those officers  
2 sometimes don't show up to court and they throw out those  
3 cases. So it's a bigger thing. We just haven't really  
4 gone into details about it. Again, we've discussed this  
5 here at this table for some time now. First incident I  
6 heard about was in 2021.

7 One of my elementary school friends told me it  
8 happened to him. And I thought it was really an isolated  
9 incident. But I was at a meeting a couple weeks ago with  
10 former Commissioner William Davis, and the young lady  
11 said she observed it herself. So, it's going on all over  
12 the City of Detroit. To me, it's an unwritten policy. The  
13 department has said that they can't lay hands on it  
14 because it's not enough complaints to really do anything  
15 about it. So it's like an unwritten situation where  
16 people are being victimized and they're not saying  
17 anything about it.

18 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Wow. Okay.

19 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay. Next speaker. How are you  
20 doing?

21 MS. SMITH: Hanging in there. Good evening,  
22 commissioners.

23 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Good evening.

24 MS. SMITH: My name is Angela Smith. I have been a  
25 paramedic for the City of Detroit for 26 years. I have

1 worked hand in hand with DPD. I still do to this very  
2 day. A lot of times the City of Detroit needs me. But I  
3 am here today because I need you all, and I need you.  
4 I've experienced a very tragic situation. And I am not  
5 okay with the way things are being handled in the city as  
6 a mother. My heart is breaking, really bad right now. And  
7 I think it's just getting a little too common that we are  
8 going through things and the police feel like they can  
9 just type up a report and give it to us and think we  
10 could just walk away.

11 My son is 27. He's a construction worker for the  
12 City of Detroit. He works with his father. He's put a lot  
13 of roofs on a lot of churches and did a lot of great  
14 things in the city. He was out with some friends last  
15 weekend, and I was told that my son got into an  
16 altercation with a driver, which is his best friend. She  
17 made a mistake and hit the gas, and she dragged him. When  
18 I arrived at the hospital, the police told me that all  
19 the young people had alcohol on them. They smelled  
20 alcohol. I couldn't understand how no one was arrested.  
21 The car wasn't impounded. My son had a cat scan, an MRI.  
22 He has bleeding of the brain, fluid on the brain, a  
23 broken mandible, a broken spine, broken hips, a broken  
24 pelvis, a spinal fracture on the inside of his pelvis,  
25 and a broken leg.

1 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Oh God.

2 MS. SMITH: A shattered ankle. He has had eight  
3 surgeries in the last eight days. His kidneys are  
4 shutting down. He's not producing any urine. He's on  
5 dialysis. He has a bleeding ulcer. He went down for  
6 surgery yesterday. My son coded once, and what I am  
7 asking, is for, I did go to the ---

8 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Thank you, Minister Paul.

9 MS. SMITH: Over there where Chandler is, to do the,  
10 you know, put in an open investigation. They're telling  
11 me that when my son comes, that he's able to press  
12 charges. But when I first got to the hospital, I couldn't  
13 see my son for six hours because he was in police  
14 custody. And you're on a ventilator. You're fighting for  
15 your life. Why is it two officers standing over my son  
16 and I can't stand over my son? What if that was his last  
17 moment? I don't think you all look at, you know, some of  
18 the things, and some of the ways you go about things. I  
19 mean, you're not focusing on our pain, you know? And I  
20 just want to know why is this young lady walking free?  
21 Why did this car, why did you shovel up a man off the  
22 ground? How can you get a man off the ground who can't  
23 speak for himself, and you take two people's statements  
24 and a vehicle and that's it. They just get to walk away.  
25 Nobody accounts for my baby. My good man, my man that,

1 you know, my little man, my daughter is almost finished  
2 with nursing school. Like I said, my son is with his  
3 father every day. And this happened. All I say is, I know  
4 that it's in God's hands right now, but I'm asking the  
5 City of Detroit to do for me what I do for you all. I  
6 work at the GM Towers. I'm 56 years old. I can't do the  
7 ER any more. I work at the GM building at the  
8 Renaissance. So I'm still hand to hand with DPD. I love  
9 my police officers, you know, the homeless; it's a  
10 warming center. I take care of my homeless people. If you  
11 come in, to Andiamo's, or the Marriott, Joe Muer, as you  
12 pass out, I'm there within four minutes. I'm asking you  
13 all, somebody to help me. My son is laying in Grace Sinai  
14 fighting for his life. And I can't, as a mom, not fight  
15 for him when he can't fight for himself. I'm just asking  
16 you all.

17 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes, ma'am.

18 MS. SMITH: This is my city of Detroit family.

19 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Deputy Chief, can you get this  
20 mother some answers that she need? I know you don't  
21 understand everything, but to look into this matter and  
22 give her some good answers, in terms of, if this is an  
23 investigation that's going on, or if this needs to be  
24 investigated, whatever needs to be done to get her a  
25 clear answer.

1 DC BLISS: Yes. Lieutenant Avil, please get the  
2 information so we can get something for her.

3 MINISTER BLOUNT: But ma'am, what would you like to  
4 see happen?

5 MS. SMITH: First of all, when things like this  
6 happen, they'll type us up a report and give it to us and  
7 think we, okay, we're walking away, look deeper, you  
8 know, and

9 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: You want it to be investigated.  
10 Yeah, you deserve an investigation and the situation as  
11 to what happened, why it happened, and how it happened.  
12 And if someone is criminally responsible, then they  
13 should be held criminally responsible. If that's the  
14 case, you know, I don't know. But the lieutenant will get  
15 your information and I assure you; Mr. Murphy make sure  
16 that you connect with her and get her information as  
17 well. If she wants to make it --- okay. Go ahead, Chief.

18 CI WARFIELD: Through the Chair, our supervising  
19 investigator Sloan spoke with Ms. Smith, and we do have a  
20 complaint that is filed. We're going to follow through  
21 with it as well. And so I'm just asking the department to  
22 look at this every which way but loose and just give her  
23 an honest answer as to what's going on. And I'm so sorry.  
24 We are praying for your son, and wish [internet]. Yeah.  
25 And God bless you.

1 MALE SPEAKER: What'd that do?

2 MINISTER BLOUNT: But we need immediate action here.  
3 Her son is still in the hospital.

4 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Excuse me, sir, you are out of  
5 order.

6 MINISTER BLOUNT: Here, arrest me.

7 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: I can't do that.

8 MS. SMITH: What is hurting and upsetting is that  
9 when the officers came out, they just typed up whatever,  
10 because, you know, they assumed that it was a domestic  
11 dispute, but instead of investigating, they just saw a  
12 guy and a girl. But you know, she is gay, so they were  
13 just strictly friends, but they just automatically  
14 assumed that it was a domestic situation, and it wasn't.  
15 And she was drinking, she was driving, and it wasn't a  
16 mistake. The girl hit the gas, and just kept going. So  
17 that's how it was multiple internal injuries. But she was  
18 not arrested. There was any investigation. She got to  
19 drive home, while he was just scooped up off the street  
20 and went to the hospital.

21 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: So were ---

22 MS. SMITH: They put cuffs on him on the bed. The  
23 officers ---

24 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: What we are asking the department  
25 to do is to do a full and thorough investigation into

1 this matter.

2 MS. SMITH: I definitely appreciate it. Thank you.

3 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: You know and give a report back  
4 to us as to what are their findings. People deserve due  
5 processes. It's not you know, you can't just throw  
6 charges on folks. You have to have evidence and all of  
7 that stuff. And so are we asking for a full investigation  
8 to take place and for us to get an answer back. And so  
9 the lieutenants are back there to be able to work with  
10 you.

11 MS. SMITH: Thank you so much.

12 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Alright. Thank you.

13 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Mr. Chair.

14 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: You want to say something to her?

15 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Yeah. Ma'am. Excuse me, ma'am.

16 Excuse me, ma'am. Yeah. Ms. Smith? Yep.

17 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Yes. Ma'am, ma'am, I'm also a  
18 pastor. I pastor a church, and I would like to get with  
19 you possibly after the meeting. I would love for me and  
20 some of my prayer warriors to pray with you and also go  
21 to the hospital to pray with your son, because this  
22 situation is not over. He's still breathing, right? I  
23 mean, it is a tight situation, but he's still breathing.  
24 It isn't over. So we would like to get with you and pray  
25 with you and speak some life to you, and your son, okay?



1 So if you can hold on a minute until this meeting is  
2 over. Yeah, exactly. I have a powerful prayer team too,  
3 anointed.

4 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Alright. Thank you.

5 COMMISSIONER BANKS: And appointed.

6 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Alright. God bless you. Next  
7 speaker.

8 MS. UNDERWOOD: Mr. Chair, we're going to Zoom. We  
9 have four speakers in Zoom, and that would be the end of  
10 oral communications. Our first speaker is Monkey  
11 Wrench/Mr. Roo. Our next speaker will be Ms. Howell. The  
12 next speaker will be the phone number with 124. And then  
13 former Commissioner William Davis will be last.

14 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes.

15 MR. ROO: Hello, everybody out there listening. Now,  
16 Darryl Woods circumvented the board's directive to  
17 subpoena the MSP report from the board. He went in and  
18 told the acting secretary to not issue a subpoena to the  
19 Detroit Police Department. Instead, sent an official  
20 letter to the Michigan State Police, which they  
21 subsequently responded to by sending back a redacted  
22 report. And then there was a vote held for the unredacted  
23 report, and he stood in the way of that too. Daryl Woods  
24 needs to be removed. One of the commissioners made a  
25 motion to remove Darryl Woods from the Board of Police

1 Commissioners. I'm going to take the necessary steps to  
2 have this man removed because he's been circumventing the  
3 board's authority and the oversight of the citizens; the  
4 Detroit Police Department, but the citizens of Detroit  
5 are being hoodwinked. Now what we have are two now,  
6 because he just was elected Vice Chairperson, two mayoral  
7 appointees on the board; the chair and the Vice Chair,  
8 which is not conducive to the citizens of Detroit  
9 receiving a fair share, and fair cut of police oversight.  
10 Janice M. Winfrey has been cheating in elections for  
11 years. The whole City Council, the mayor, the board of  
12 police commissioners, and the school board and every  
13 elected official in 2021 was cheating. I say that because  
14 I had the proof and the evidence, and I need you, Mr.  
15 Warfield, to look into this matter and open up an  
16 investigation into Daryl Woods

17 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Next speaker.

18 MS. HOWELL: Hello? Can you hear me?

19 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes, ma'am. Hello. You can be  
20 heard.

21 MS. UNDERWOOD: Ms. Howell, what happened? Are you  
22 still there?

23 MS. HOWELL: -- really incurs a resolution that  
24 opposes the executive order that would militarize our  
25 city. It seems to me that just in today's meeting, we've

1 all been reminded of how very important it is for the  
2 Board of Police Commissioners to provide civilian  
3 oversight to how our police behave. And I think every one  
4 of us knows that in this current environment, we are  
5 witnessing federal actions that contradict the values  
6 that this city has stood for since its inception. We  
7 represent a city that has helped forge the idea that  
8 human rights are valuable. And I encourage you to follow  
9 through by adopting the resolution opposing the executive  
10 order that would allow for the militarization of our  
11 police force. We need you to stand up and provide  
12 leadership, not only to our own department, but I think  
13 to the entire country to show what it means to really  
14 understand the power that police have and the importance  
15 of the power of citizens to direct how they behave. Thank  
16 you.

17 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Thank you. Next speaker? Yes,  
18 ma'am.

19 MS. WARWICK: Yes. Good afternoon. May I be heard?

20 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes.

21 MS. WARWICK: This is Joanne Warwick. I kind of gave  
22 up on calling for a while. I called many, many, geez,  
23 even years ago, asking for you to investigate the abuse  
24 that happened to me at the detention center. But I guess  
25 nobody cares. And I know that the detention center is

1 running a joint operating agreement with the MDOC, thanks  
2 to the emergency manager, maybe that's not still in place  
3 anymore. And the MDOC got sued in a class action lawsuit  
4 because there were some guards who were systematically  
5 raping, groping and boring female inmates. I got put into  
6 a solitary cell after being bullied, slammed to the  
7 ground and falsely arrested. I was injured, I was  
8 properly screened by a competent medical health  
9 professional at the DMC, but somehow at the detention  
10 center, they said I was a threat to myself and others;  
11 and they forcibly stripped me to put me in a bam, bam  
12 suit.

13 And I have reason to believe they were passed around  
14 the strip video because of what EPU Officer Dixon said to  
15 me, but nobody seems to care. I spoke with someone else  
16 who assisted women who escaped sex trafficking and that  
17 kind of stuff. She said, Joanne, I believe you. I've  
18 heard similar stories. So where is the concern for what's  
19 going on at that detention center? What are people doing,  
20 making little strip videos to, you know, please  
21 themselves with or what is going on over there? And why  
22 has there been no action? And I did call the OCI. So when  
23 are you going to care about what's going on over there,  
24 please? May I get a response, please?

25 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Do you have anything else to say?

1 MS. WARWICK: Just that. Well, Commissioner Burton, I  
2 would really like you to make sure that we get a response  
3 about that. I also reached out to Stephanie Chang's  
4 office. They didn't take it very seriously either. So  
5 it's hard to have confidence in the police when people  
6 ask for investigation and then they get ignored.

7 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Thank you.

8 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: Mr. Chair.

9 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yeah.

10 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: Through the Chair, to the  
11 Chief Investigator. Are there any open citizen complaints  
12 regarding this grievance?

13 CI WARFIELD: Through the Chair, commissioner, we do  
14 have several complaints from Ms. Warwick. And one of them  
15 is concerning this. But they're open and they're  
16 currently being investigated.

17 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: Thank you.

18 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: All right. Thank you. Next  
19 speaker. Okay. Thank you. You may be heard.

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

21 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes, sir.

22 MR. DAVIS: Okay. I'd like to start off by  
23 congratulating Ms. Dewaelsche for becoming the next  
24 chair. I think that we need to make sure that we continue  
25 to act in a professional manner, and also that we support

1 the community more so than what some people think. I  
2 think we need to make sure that everybody has rights,  
3 especially some of our people that may have been  
4 traumatized by ICE and other federal agencies. Also, as  
5 my commissioner, Commissioner Moore was just indicating  
6 earlier, I have heard, you know, that there's been a  
7 number of times when young people, especially young black  
8 males, are being harassed at gas stations, party stores,  
9 at the park or what have you, you know, by being  
10 basically bum rushed and being patted down. You know,  
11 like say you know, some of the stuff that they were doing  
12 in New York that some officials were getting away with.

13 But, you know, we need to make sure that officers  
14 have true probable cause, if they're going to, just two  
15 or three of them going to boom rush, you know, a black  
16 person or any person, you know, black or brown or  
17 whoever, and, you know, pat them down, that they have  
18 reason to do this. You know, sometimes it looks like some  
19 officers may just get thrills out, just flexing on people  
20 that they think that they can get away with. So I think  
21 that the board needs to more closely look at this and  
22 monitor this. We do not need this to become a national  
23 story. And I could assure you it can become a national  
24 story. I have had help in the past making things,  
25 national stories. And also officers that are witnessing

1 this with other officers doing it, they need to have a  
2 duty to tell the other officers that's doing this  
3 horrible thing. Thank you.

4 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Thank you very much.

5 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Excuse me.

6 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes.

7 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Let me start, quickly. The  
8 board has adopted a policy that requires officers who  
9 observe another officer acting in an inappropriate manner  
10 to intervene. You know, that was one of the  
11 recommendations from your state meeting, but before the  
12 state even got involved we had already passed that  
13 policy.

14 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Absolutely.

15 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Intervene.

16 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Don't ignore that. 10-minutes on  
17 your paper. You think that, right. Three and a half.

18 DIRECTOR PATILLO: I might be able to make that. Good  
19 afternoon. Through the Chair. I'm Director Patillo, and  
20 I'll be presenting the Human Resources Bureau report for  
21 the month of June. So the department was currently filled  
22 at a 97% rating. For the sworn, they were filled at 98%.  
23 This is for the month of May. They had 44 vacancies,  
24 sworn vacancies at the time, with a 2% vacancy rate for  
25 civilians. They were filled at 92% and they had a total

1 of 8% vacancies. And then for police assistance breakout,  
2 it was 93% filled, 7% vacancies. The net gain from  
3 January 23rd to the end of May of this current year, with  
4 a total of 350 sworn officers. And then for the calendar  
5 year, it was a net gain of the 12. For total applicants,  
6 we had a total of 2,520. This is the time period of July  
7 1st, 2024 to 5/31 2025.

8 In processing was 961, 2 withdrawals, [Poor Audio -  
9 and speaker was talking too fast) was 653. Heard 149 for  
10 [unclear01:31:45], during that time, [unclear01:31:47]  
11 disqualified was 299, disqualified [unclear01:31:50] was  
12 190. And with MCOLES testing was 266. Down to the MCOLES  
13 testing for the month of May. For the written exam  
14 scheduled, we had 129, 80, appeared, 61 passed, 19  
15 failed. We had 1 reschedule, 1 withdrew, and 90 and 47 no  
16 shows. For the physical agility for the month of May, we  
17 had a total of 158, 110 appeared. 62 passed, 48 failed at  
18 a no-show rate of 48 personnel. For the academy class, we  
19 did a graduating class. We had a total of 39. For hiring  
20 for the month of May, we had 14 civilians. For Detroit  
21 residency information, for Detroit a total of 602 sworn,  
22 15 police assistants, 136 for Detroit residents. For non-  
23 Detroit residents, a total of 2027 sworn, 328 civilians.  
24 11 police assistance for the new hire rate of 6 of the  
25 civilians were Detroit residents. For two interns, I'll



1 get that later. For attrition rate, we had a total of 26.  
2 17 police officers, 8 civilians and 1 police assistant.  
3 For leave absences restricted duty category; for sworn,  
4 we had a total of 9 FMLA continuous, 6 civilians. For  
5 FMLA intermittently, we had a total of 137 sworn, 79  
6 civilians. For paid parental leave, we had a total of 20  
7 sworn, 2 civilians. Medical leave, we had a total of 3  
8 civilians. For military leave, we had 12 sworn. For  
9 restricted personnel, we had 131 sworn, 12 for civilians;  
10 disabled, 19 sworn 3 civilians. And for the sick  
11 category, 15 sworn, 6 civilians. For suspensions, we had  
12 a total of 12. That was 11 police officers, 1 sergeant.  
13 And then with separations, we had a total of 17, 16  
14 police officers, and then 1 --- this was separation, we  
15 had a total of 17; 16 police officers, 1 captain.

16 And the break out of that is for retirements, 6; 5  
17 police officers, 1 captain. We had 10 resignations of all  
18 police officers, and then one resignation under charges,  
19 which was 1 police officer. For the deferred retirement  
20 officer, and plan with a total of 485 members. Currently,  
21 we have 4 academy practices, 95 students at the police  
22 academy. As DC Bliss said, we have classes graduating  
23 tomorrow. We'll also have a class that will be starting  
24 new hires tomorrow. Next DPD career fair, we were able to  
25 hire and process for police officers and apply on the

1 spot for civilian applications. It's going to be  
2 Saturday, July 19th at the DPD training center, 6050  
3 Glenwood, 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM. And advertising is  
4 forthcoming. Our interns, we have a total of 8 mayoral  
5 fellows, and we have a total of 66 non-Detroit young  
6 talent intern students. 14 will be within DPD  
7 headquarters, and our big sinks and some other bureaus.  
8 The other personnel will be over at the Detroit Public  
9 Safety Academy with our DNL members. And we will come  
10 together and do great events. Pending any questions that  
11 concludes the HRB presentation.

12 COMMISSIONER DEWAEELSCHÉ: Mr. Chair. Thank you.

13 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes, ma'am.

14 COMMISSIONER DEWAEELSCHÉ: Yes. I have a couple of  
15 questions just really quickly. The total of vacancies for  
16 this May report, has that number increased or has it  
17 remained static? We have 46 sworn office positions that  
18 are vacant.

19 DIRECTOR PATILLO: For the month of May, yes.

20 COMMISSIONER DEWAEELSCHÉ: Has that increased?

21 DIRECTOR PATILLO: That is actually going to be  
22 decreased come tomorrow because we're putting a class in.

23 COMMISSIONER DEWAEELSCHÉ: Okay. you. And then the  
24 second question I have relates to the physical agility  
25 test. You have 48 people who failed the test. And I think

1 I've asked this before; they get to take it again.

2 DIRECTOR PATILLO: Correct.

3 COMMISSIONER DEWAEELSCHÉ: Okay. How many times?

4 DIRECTOR PATILLO: It doesn't matter. They also have  
5 a physical condition. What we do is when they fail the  
6 test we give them an opportunity. Some are able, they're  
7 just off a few points. They can take it the same day. If  
8 they want to sign up for our Fit camp, they can do that.  
9 And our instructors will frequently work out with them.  
10 They have times set aside during the week, and then they  
11 will put them into the next time they take a test. If  
12 they're ready, they'll take the test again, and that's  
13 free of charge.

14 COMMISSIONER DEWAEELSCHÉ: Okay. And then just a very  
15 short question with regards to the test itself. What  
16 areas are they not passing on the physical? Is there a  
17 certain area like the running or ---

18 DIRECTOR PATILLO: It could be a combination of all  
19 of it, or it could just be one, you have to pass all of  
20 it. So they would have to pass the running. They would  
21 have to pass the jump up. They would have to pass the  
22 stand-up and the pushups. So if they fail one area of it,  
23 they fail the whole test.

24 COMMISSIONER DEWAEELSCHÉ: And do they get a sample or  
25 at least a list of what they're going to be tested on?

1           DIRECTOR PATILLO: Yes, they do. So we actually have  
2 it advertised on our website. They actually tell them  
3 before they take the test, they do the demonstrations  
4 with them. And then if they join our fit camp, they go  
5 over all of that information to prepare them. We have  
6 seen great success from our fit camp.

7           COMMISSIONER DEWAELESCHE: Thank you so much. Thank  
8 you.

9           CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Thank you so much. Any other  
10 questions? No other questions. We go to, I believe, this  
11 is the secretary's report, yeah.

12           MS. GARNIER: Today, under, excuse me, tab 6, there's  
13 incoming communication. The reports from the committees  
14 as listed on the agenda, as well as the reports from the  
15 16th and the 23rd, facial recognition and ShotSpotter  
16 weekly reports. Also, I've just received incoming  
17 communication from Commissioner Burton, who would like to  
18 postpone the items of resolutions and certificates until  
19 next week. The announcements for the next board meetings  
20 are as follows. Next Thursday, July 3rd, 3:00 PM, here at  
21 Public Safety Headquarters. The community meeting for  
22 July will be held in the 6th Precinct at New Providence  
23 Baptist Church. 18211 Plymouth Road in Detroit. That will  
24 be Thursday, July 10th at 6:30 PM. Committee meetings;  
25 upcoming Policy Committee, Tuesday, July 8th. Budget

1 Committee, Tuesday, July 22nd. Also, Policy Committee on  
2 Tuesday, July 22nd, 4:00 PM and then 5:00 PM. The Towing  
3 Committee will also be held during July, Wednesday, July  
4 30th at 4:00 PM here at headquarters. And that will  
5 conclude the announcements for today.

6 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Thank you very kindly. Let's go  
7 to the unfinished business.

8 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Thank you, Mr. Chair.  
9 Resolution, strengthening and unleashing local control of  
10 law enforcement to pursue accountability and protect  
11 constitutional rights. And standing in opposition to  
12 executive order number 14288.

13 WHEREAS we are living in a time when human dignity  
14 and human rights are under siege. Executive order number  
15 14288, which authorizes federal police and military  
16 deployment to local communities, conflicts squarely with  
17 established policies and procedures of the Detroit Police  
18 Department, as well as federal law; and.

19 WHEREAS actions by the local, as you were, actioned  
20 by the federal government, disregarding constitutional  
21 protections of free speech due process and access to  
22 legal counsel are occurring with increasing breadth and  
23 frequency; and.

24 WHEREAS federal law enforcement officials are  
25 violating minimum standards of conduct expected of every

1 Detroit Police Department officer, including probable  
2 cause to interfere with the actions of a person, clear  
3 identification of officers during interactions, active  
4 body-worn cameras, and respectful treatment of people  
5 placed in custody.

6 WHEREAS for more than 6 decades, Detroit has  
7 developed the principle of civilian oversight over the  
8 Detroit Police Department. In 1974, in the aftermath of  
9 the Detroit Rebellion and the dismantling of the infamous  
10 Stress Unit, Detroit residents voted for a City Charter  
11 amendment that gave broad oversight authority over the  
12 police when elected and created the civilian Detroit  
13 Board of Police Commissioners. Detroit Board of Police  
14 Commissioners is invested with the responsibilities for  
15 oversight on policies and procedures, citizen complaints  
16 of abusive behavior, promotions, discipline, and  
17 budgetary matters; and.

18 WHEREAS civilian control over the police have been  
19 reaffirmed in all City Charters since 1974 and is  
20 explicitly affirmed in the City Charter of 2012, which  
21 was approved by a vote of the people and accepted by the  
22 state legislature. The Charter establishes the city's  
23 power forces are in all cases and at all times in strict  
24 subordination to civil power.

25 WHEREAS the establishment of civilian authority over

1 police is the result of effective collaboration among and  
2 between all branches of government, citizens, and the  
3 police; and.

4 WHEREAS the current practices by federal executive  
5 branch of government, including the Justice Department,  
6 contradicts the most basic rights of dignity of people  
7 and violate standard procedures and practices, which  
8 currently by the Detroit Police Department, which were  
9 approved by the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners,  
10 and which are consistently reaffirmed by the courts,  
11 including the right to due process, the right to habeas  
12 corpus, the requirement of reasonable suspicion and or  
13 probable cause to stop, search or impede the freedom of  
14 travel right to counsel the right to be handled with  
15 dignity and respect, the right to fair and speedy  
16 process; and.

17 WHEREAS the use of federal troops to enforce  
18 civilian law in local communities is expressly forbidden  
19 except in the most extreme circumstances; and.

20 WHEREAS the City Charter establishes that the people  
21 have a right to expect aggressive action by the city's  
22 officers in seeking to advance, conserve, maintain, and  
23 protect the integrity of the human, physical, and natural  
24 resources of this city from encroachment or  
25 dismantlement.

1           THEREFORE BEIT RESOLVED

2           That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners  
3 affirm this Charter mandated responsibilities to provide  
4 for the public peace, health, and safety of persons  
5 within the city. And the Detroit Board of Police  
6 Commissioners affirms these responsibilities to protect  
7 the constitutional rights of all persons. We come into  
8 contact with Detroit law enforcement to guarantee due  
9 process of law. And the Detroit Board of Police  
10 Commissioners rejects all federal interference with local  
11 police practices within our city, except insofar as there  
12 is a determination that the local police agency is  
13 engaged in practices that violate the constitutional  
14 civil rights of its residents. And the Detroit Board of  
15 Police Commissioners opposes the use of federal troops in  
16 the City of Detroit and directs all officials to oppose  
17 such actions and take all measures necessary to ensure  
18 the city maintains local control to address local issues.

19           And the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners  
20 rejects the conflation of local law enforcement's  
21 responsibilities with those of federal agencies such as  
22 the FBI, ICE, and Detroit, as you were in the Department  
23 of Homeland Security. And the Detroit Board of Police  
24 Commissioners shall not participate in or cooperate with  
25 federal actions that encroach on the authority or



1 jurisdiction of local law enforcement, whether by the  
2 FBI, ICE, the Department of Homeland Security, or the  
3 Department of Defense where standards of conduct and  
4 actions contradict the protections afforded our community  
5 by the sovereign power of the people as expressed in the  
6 City Charter of 2012. And the Detroit Board of Police  
7 Commissioners directs the Chief of Police to ensure the  
8 basic standards of policing, including the assurance that  
9 First Amendment, fourth Amendment, and 14th Amendment due  
10 process rights are enforced. And on behalf of the Detroit  
11 Board of Police Commissioners, the Chief of Police will  
12 meet with his counterparts and fellow law enforcement to  
13 ensure the basic standards of behavior required by all  
14 law enforcement in our city are followed.

15       These include, but are not limited to the protection  
16 of constitutional rights, respect for human dignity, and  
17 protection of persons and property from harm. And the  
18 Detroit Board of Police Commissions will create a special  
19 task force to monitor the actions of federal agencies  
20 within the city. Any violation of basic constitutional  
21 rights shall be treated as a criminal offense. The DPD  
22 has an affirmative responsibility to interrupt such  
23 actions and to protect the freedom, wellbeing, and  
24 integrity of residents. And the Detroit Board of Police  
25 Commissioner shall demand that corporation counsel be

1 directed to explore legal challenges to revoke or limit  
2 executive order number 14288, dated April 28th, entitled,  
3 Strengthening and Unleashing local law enforcement to  
4 pursue criminals and protect innocent citizens. Move to  
5 adopt Mr. Chair.

6 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHÉ: Support.

7 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Motion to adopt by Commissioner  
8 Moore, supported by Commissioner Dewaelsche. Any  
9 discussion?

10 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Yes, Mr. Chairman. I think  
11 this far exceeds our authority. I understand the  
12 sentiment and everything behind it, and I understand the  
13 reasons why, but the bulk of our budget comes from the  
14 federal government, as you know, both for the police  
15 department and obviously for the City of Detroit. And I  
16 don't think that we are authorized to, if you will,  
17 contradict the federal rules and so forth concerning  
18 this. It's way broad and it involves the corporation,  
19 counsel's office, the commission and everything. And I  
20 just think this sends the wrong message and could put us  
21 on a collision course, one with our funders, and  
22 obviously two, with federal law enforcement, which  
23 supersedes under the supremacy clause in the United  
24 States Constitution, supersedes local government. And  
25 that's been cleared at least from the more recent rulings

1 by the United States Supreme Court. I'm sympathetic to  
2 the sentiment, but it is not legal, at least in my  
3 opinion, or appropriate for the board to take a position  
4 on federal issues in this manner.

5 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Any other further discussion? No  
6 further discussion. All in favor, say, aye.

7 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

8 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Anyone oppose?

9 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Me.

10 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: The motion is carried. The next  
11 thing with the commissioner, as all these other things,  
12 what's next, madam secretary. Okay. Commissioner Bernard.

13 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: The Policy Committee has  
14 several recommendations. We had recommended these options  
15 by the board at the previous meeting, but we didn't have  
16 a quorum, so we couldn't, obviously, follow through. You  
17 have received the policy committee memorandum, which  
18 includes the key updates from our committee meeting,  
19 which was held on Tuesday, June the 11th. The action item  
20 from the committee is: by the direction of the Policy  
21 Committee, I move to direct, to adopt, pardon me, the  
22 following directives as policy. Item 7d, Directive 102.8,  
23 Department Internet Usage Webpage, Social Networking.  
24 Item 7, I'm sorry. I don't have my glasses on. 7e,  
25 Directive 204.8. Environmental Ordinances and direct. And

1 item number 7af. Directive 304.1, firearms.

2 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay. By the direction of the  
3 Policy Committee they move to adopt 102.8, Directive  
4 204.8, 304.1. Any discussion?

5 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Just very briefly, Mr. Chairman.  
6 I've requested a number of documents. This board has, not  
7 me specifically, that you're aware of. And I'm just  
8 curious to the chair of the Policy Committee, how can we  
9 make good policy when we don't have all the documentation  
10 to review?

11 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Well, first of all, we have an  
12 elaborate process regarding policies and the creation of  
13 policies. We have focus groups in the community. We work  
14 with associates of the chair at the University of  
15 Michigan and associates of mine and the chairs at Wayne  
16 State University Law School. And we do an elaborate, and  
17 they're posted for public comment. Our Policy Committee  
18 meetings are open and televised, and people do call in  
19 and or come into the meeting. So that's how we develop  
20 the policies.

21 COMMISSIONER MOORE: And you're not concerned, not  
22 personally, but just professionally, that you're not  
23 getting all the information from the department, or is it  
24 coming? I'm not saying that they're holding it.

25 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: If there is specific

1 information that you've requested, I'm sure that both.

2 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Is requested.

3 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Okay. And the Chair, we'll  
4 both address that. Not a problem. If you have a list or  
5 anything like that, or if there's something, what would  
6 you like me to do?

7 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Well, I'm asking, are you  
8 comfortable with approving policies without having all  
9 the information? Sure.

10 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I'm comfortable with the  
11 policies; with approving these three policies involving  
12 environmental ordinances, firearms, which of course, we  
13 don't really control anyway. And department, internet  
14 usage, webpages, and social networking.

15 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Okay. Thank you.

16 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: If there's no objection, all in  
17 favor? Can I go all in favor?

18 DR. JACKSON: Okay. One more time. Is there further  
19 debate?

20 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Is there further debate? No  
21 further debate. All in favor say aye.

22 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Aye.

23 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Anyone oppose? The motion is  
24 carried.

25 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: One more thing, Mr. Chairman.

1 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes.

2 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: A number of directives were  
3 expiring. Members of the board, members of the public,  
4 and so we have, they're in your binder and they're listed  
5 under tabs 7g, which we are moving. My motion is to  
6 extend and grant those directives for 90 days until  
7 Thursday, September 25th, 2025, so that the DPD can  
8 finish their review of those special directives. We can  
9 finish our review of those special directives just during  
10 that period, because it would be inappropriate for the  
11 directives, pardon me, to expire prior to such time as  
12 we've addressed the issue systemically and prepared our  
13 comments in the new directives. So we want the department  
14 to continue to have ---

15 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: So, motion made by Commissioner  
16 Bernard to expand the special orders for the expiration  
17 date of June 27th, 2025 until June, 25th, 2025.

18 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: September.

19 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: September, excuse me. Thank you.  
20 Motion made by Commissioner Bernard. Anyone second.

21 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: You don't need a second.

22 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: It wasn't by direction. This went  
23 by direction.

24 COMMISSIONER DEWAEELSCHÉ: Second.

25 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay. Second by Commissioner

1 Dewaelsche. Any discussion? All in favor say aye.

2 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

3 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Anyone opposed? Motion is  
4 carried. New business. I just want to briefly ---

5 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Wait a minute. I just want to  
6 say thank you to the members of the board for supporting  
7 the recommendations of the committee.

8 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yeah, absolutely. I just want to  
9 briefly state, I appreciate the confidence that the board  
10 had in me for serving as Chair of the Board of Police  
11 Commission. I would like to say that we have been able to  
12 do some wonderful work together. We have a dashboard. We  
13 have so many things that we have accomplished. We have  
14 gotten staff, we have technology and OCI and so much. And  
15 we continue to hold folks accountable, and we continue to  
16 uplift the good work. And so I appreciate your work and  
17 your encouragement. And for those who oppose me, I  
18 appreciate you too. You know, for those who wrote bad for  
19 me. I appreciate you too. So thank you everyone for your  
20 love and support, and I pray for everybody and we are  
21 going to keep on getting the work done. God bless you.

22 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Congratulations.

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

25 CORP. COUNSEL MALLET: Mr. Chairman, if I might, a

1 point of privilege, I just want to say to the incoming  
2 chairperson Dewaelsche, that some of the observations  
3 made by Commissioner Bernard actually were quite  
4 appropriate. And I want to work closely with you as we  
5 figure out a way forward on the resolution. I understand  
6 the sentiment but some of the directives contained  
7 therein; the resolutions, they are not legal directives.  
8 And so they're reflective of a feeling. We want to make  
9 sure that this body and the public is aware that we're  
10 going to implement this thing within the confines of the  
11 rules. You know, I'm a supporter of yours. We're going to  
12 do the best that we can. But we are also not, for  
13 instance, going to direct the police department to break  
14 the law. So, we'll find a way forward. But I did want to  
15 state, Mr. Chairman, that the resolution is a statement  
16 of intent. It is where the board is spiritually. We  
17 respect that; operationally there are likely to be some  
18 limitations.

19 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Absolutely. And we appreciate  
20 your sentiments there. Again, congratulations to you  
21 chairwoman.

22 COMMISSIONER DEWAEELSCHÉ: Thank you.

23 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: You are a phenomenal force. And I  
24 want to get Vice Chairwoman, if she has anything to say  
25 in this last meeting as Vice Chair?



1 VICE CHAIR SMITH: It's my micro on? Oh, it's  
2 working.

3 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: It's working all along.

4 VICE CHAIR SMITH: I would like to thank this board  
5 for allowing me to be the Vice Chair for two terms. I  
6 enjoyed serving with you all. I look forward to  
7 continuing to serve in a different capacity, but still  
8 being a board member. I love you all. Thank you very  
9 much.

10 COMMISSIONER DEWAELESCHE: Thank you.

11 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: I love peace and hair grease.  
12 What is the pleasure?

13 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Motion to adjourn.

14 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Motion made by Commissioner Moore  
15 to adjourn.

16 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Second.

17 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Second by Commissioner Banks. Any  
18 discussion? All in favor, say aye.

19 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

20 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Anyone oppose?. The meeting is  
21 adjourned.

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23 (Meeting Adjourned at 5:12pm)

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