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- 3 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Good afternoon everyone, and
- 4 thank you for joining us for the Detroit Board of Police
- 5 Commissioner's meeting. It's July 31st. I'd like to call
- 6 to order the meeting. And we have the invocation that
- 7 will be given by Commander Chaplain Wilson James.
- 8 Commander, are you here?.
- 9 CMDR. JAMES: I'm here. Can you hear me?
- 10 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Yes, we can.
- 11 CMDR. JAMES: Alright. Let's bow heads. Father, in
- 12 the name of Jesus today, God, that we unequivocally with
- 13 undoubted accuracy, God, come to you and say, thank you
- 14 because you're good, you are awesome. Father, you know,
- 15 we don't know; you see what we don't see. And so, God,
- 16 today I pray, God, that you enlighten the ears of your
- 17 people in this meeting. We blessed the Chair today, God.
- 18 We blessed the vice chair. We pray now, God, that on
- 19 today, that wisdom will be used, integrity will be
- 20 installed today. And so, God, I thank you for every word
- 21 that's about to be said today, God. I pray to God, that
- 22 we will open our ears and our eyes to see and to hear
- 23 what you tell us. Now, bless every person that is in this
- 24 meeting, God. I pray even for their families, for their
- 25 home life, not just this meeting, but for their home



- 1 lives. I pray to God, that today, that as they go into
- 2 this meeting, that there'll be nothing missing, nothing
- 3 lacking, and definitely nothing broken in their lives and
- 4 what they're trying to do. I pray, God, that you allow
- 5 these strategic minds to come together, God, to resolve
- 6 things, God, and to be what you call them to be. Now, I
- 7 bless you because you're good. I bless you because you
- 8 are wonderful, and I thank you. It is in Jesus' name I
- 9 pray today. Amen.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Amen. Thank you, Commander
- 11 James.
- 12 CMDR. JAMES: Bless you all.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: And now Madam Secretary, the
- 14 roll call, please.
- MS. GARNIER: Chairperson Dewaelsche Present.
- MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Woods Present.
- 17 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Bernard Attorney Linda
- 18 Bernard, District 2 present.
- 19 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Banks Present.
- 20 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Bell Present, District
- 21 4.
- 22 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Burton, excused.
- MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Moore Present.
- MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Pressley Here.
- MS. GARNIER: Seven present, Madam Chair.



- 1 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you. And at this time
- 2 I'd like to request a motion to approve the July 31st
- 3 agenda.
- 4 COMMISSIONER WOODS: So moved.
- 5 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Support.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: It's been moved and
- 7 supported. Is there any discussion? All those in favor
- 8 indicate by saying, aye.
- 9 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Opposed? Thank you. The
- 11 motion carries. And now I'd like to ask for a motion to
- 12 approve the minutes of July 24th, 2025.
- 13 COMMISSIONER WOODS: So moved.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: It's been moved and
- 15 seconded. Any discussion? All those in favor indicate by
- 16 saying, aye.
- 17 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Opposed? The motion carries.
- 19 Madam Secretary, if you could introduce the BOPC staff,
- 20 chief and elected officials
- MS. GARNIER: Present as of this time, Madam Chair,
- 22 Corporate, Chief Investigator Jerome Warfield, Drew
- 23 Fries, Felicia Tyson, Mary Barber, Theresa Blossom,
- 24 Candace Hayes, Artemisa Joshua Dior, Mathis, John
- 25 Underwood, and Office of Chief Investigators who is



- 1 advising investigator Tiffany Stewart, DPD HR Director
- 2 Katrina Patillo via Zoom. For the Office of Chief of
- 3 Police is Assistant Chief Eric Ewing. Our interpreters
- 4 today are Ms. Yakata and Dr. Beaty. The court reporter is
- 5 Don Handyside. Enrique Jackson for audio visual. Jason
- 6 Gantt for Media Services today. The elected officials or
- 7 representatives registered at this time are as follows,
- 8 Marie Overall via Zoom for State Representative Tyrone
- 9 Carter, and as Vice President of the Fourth Police
- 10 Precinct, Ms. Fredia Butler, 2nd Precinct community
- 11 relations President, Ms. LaDon Davis for the Office of
- 12 Counsel Member Fred Durhal III via Zoom. Mark Young,
- 13 president of the Lieutenants and Sergeants Association.
- 14 We also have Scotty Bowman via Zoom and former Detroit
- 15 Police Commissioner William Davis via Zoom. And those are
- 16 the persons we have registered at this moment.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you, Madam Secretary.
- 18 For the Chair's report we are going to have a resolution.
- 19 One of our commissioners, QuanTez Pressley. This is going
- 20 to be his last meeting. He has resigned from the board.
- 21 And we're going to be very, very sad to lose him. He has
- 22 a very good reason. He's working on his doctorate and
- 23 he's going to be starting very soon. And maybe you might
- 24 want to just indicate a little bit about that.
- 25 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: Sure.



- 1 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Please go ahead.
- 2 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: Yeah. So, I am grateful for
- 3 the opportunity to have served on the Detroit Board of
- 4 Police Commissioners. I remember getting a text message
- 5 on January 28th, 2022, saying the mayor might call you.
- 6 And I had no clue at the time of what I would be getting
- 7 myself into, but I do kind of that honor to have served
- 8 the board. I would be remiss if I didn't take this
- 9 opportunity to mention the name of Martin Jones. Because
- 10 I'm here because of him. His untimely passing is what led
- 11 to my appointment. And I've kept him in mind and in
- 12 spirit as I've served on this board, a true community
- 13 activist, an advocate; someone who was a spokesperson and
- 14 leader for the Detroit 300. Someone who has been
- 15 commended from numbers of community organizations for his
- 16 tireless service.
- 17 And so I do say his name and honor his legacy even
- 18 in this time. But as you all know my full-time job is
- 19 that I'm the lead pastor of an amazing church here in the
- 20 City of Detroit. And I've always felt it was needed to
- 21 have thoughtful and deliberative faith leaders. And so in
- 22 doing so, I am grateful that I'll be embarking upon
- 23 getting my doctorate in ministry from the Union
- 24 Theological Seminary and the Program of Spirituality
- 25 Leadership and Justice which begins next month. And so my



- 1 classes are on Thursdays which will prevent me from being
- 2 active and present for the commission meetings. And so,
- 3 noting the necessary work that is being done here at the
- 4 table, I just think it is appropriate to have a
- 5 commissioner who can be fully present and attentive to
- 6 the needs of the citizens of Detroit as we engage in
- 7 police oversight.
- 8 And so I have submitted my letter of resignation,
- 9 which I'm sure the board will accept shortly. That will
- 10 be effective as of tomorrow. So that I might complete any
- 11 of my business today. But let me again, express my
- 12 gratitude and thanks to Mayor Mike Duggan for providing
- 13 me this honor to serve on the board. To my colleagues who
- 14 I thank both personally and professionally for what they
- 15 have contributed to my growth and development as a
- 16 person, as well as a leader. To the entire staff, those
- 17 who are present and those who have retired or
- 18 transitioned to other roles. I'm grateful for the work
- 19 that you all do because as a pastor, I'm clear that it is
- 20 oftentimes the people behind the scenes who make the
- 21 people in front of the cameras look like they know what
- 22 they're doing.
- 23 And so I'm very grateful for our staff. And so, as I
- 24 reflect on my tenure, there are just a few things that I
- 25 walk away with holding near and dear to my heart. One,



- 1 having had the privilege of working with two police
- 2 chiefs both who are amazing men who have led our
- 3 department with great leadership and integrity. But then
- 4 also to have had the opportunity to serve as the chair of
- 5 this board, which indeed was a labor of love. But during
- 6 that tenure, we saw our budget being increased because
- 7 the City Council had greater confidence in the work that
- 8 we're doing. We saw new staff members in both our OCI
- 9 director as well as our board secretary be brought on
- 10 board. We were able to be fully staffed for the first
- 11 time in a while.
- 12 I'm grateful we were able to secure a case
- 13 management system that has aided the effectiveness of our
- 14 investigators; a dashboard which provides our citizens
- 15 the opportunity to see cases in real time. And the number
- 16 of collaborations that we've been able to engage with the
- 17 department, particularly around our CTI crisis
- 18 Intervention officers in seeing that flourish. And so,
- 19 again while there is so much work to be done, and I know
- 20 that oftentimes in moments like these, we stress the
- 21 highlights and don't necessarily speak about the things
- 22 that are left undone. And so I do leave feeling a bit
- 23 burdened that the backlog is still as significant as it
- 24 is. But I'm encouraged because again, in my tenure, we
- 25 were able to pass the standard operating procedures,



- 1 which I think will greatly enhance being able to reduce
- 2 that backlog over the next year.
- And so again, I thank my colleagues, the staff, the
- 4 citizens of the City of Detroit. And let me say this in
- 5 closing that you know, there's real work to be done. And
- 6 now that I'm leaving, I can say this. You know,
- 7 oftentimes residents come to the meeting and they call us
- 8 out as commissioners for what we are or are not doing.
- 9 But I want to challenge the citizens as well. I think
- 10 that the effectiveness that you see on this board depends
- 11 on the engagement that you have with this board. And I
- 12 think that there's a great mass of our community that is
- 13 not tapped in when it comes to the work that this board
- 14 is doing. And we see that with the vacancies that are
- 15 coming up in the election cycle.
- And I just think it's of the utmost importance that
- 17 if we're going to truly have effective oversight the
- 18 community needs to be involved to a greater degree. Now,
- 19 I know you know, that sounds kind of out of place for the
- 20 commissioner to be challenging the community, but I truly
- 21 do believe in people power, and it comes with your
- 22 engagement. And so the best that we can do, I know I'm
- 23 speaking to the choir for those who are here, but to
- 24 widen the tent and the community of care so that there's
- 25 greater engagement with this board, I think will enhance



- 1 the effectiveness that you see in the work that we're
- 2 doing. So, again, thank you, Chair for this honor and
- 3 opportunity and I look forward to continuing to work
- 4 along this board on the outside, no longer as a
- 5 commissioner.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you so much. That's a
- 7 great message to all of us. I would like to also ask oh,
- 8 I want to acknowledge that Commissioner Smith has joined
- 9 us. And I want to ask Commissioner Woods, if he would
- 10 read a resolution that we have honoring our commissioner
- 11 who is retiring
- 12 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Absolutely. It would be my
- 13 pleasure. Resolution honoring Police Commissioner QuanTez
- 14 Pressley.
- 15 WHEREAS QuanTez Pressley has etched a lasting mark
- 16 on the City of Detroit, its residents, its institutions
- 17 doing many years of civic leadership and community
- 18 service, including recently as a member of the Board of
- 19 Police Commissioners; and.
- 20 WHEREAS Police Commissioner Pressley joined the
- 21 board in March, 2022, following his appointment to a
- 22 five-year term by Mayor Mike Duggan, and confirmation by
- 23 the City Council during a critical time. He helped steer
- 24 the board, the police department, and the city through
- 25 the Twin Global challenges remaining from the COVID-19



- 1 pandemic and a new era in police reform after the murder
- 2 of George Floyd by a Minneapolis, Minnesota Police
- 3 Officer; and.
- 4 WHEREAS along with his powerful commitments to
- 5 community involvement and public service, Commissioner
- 6 Pressley contributed greatly to the Board of Police
- 7 Commissioners through his remarkable experience on boards
- 8 starting as the first youth representative on the board
- 9 for the Detroit Public Schools.
- 10 Most notably, Commissioner Pressley served as vice
- 11 chair and extended to chair during a crisis through which
- 12 he stirred the board, the police department community. He
- 13 also made numerous contributions in his roles as
- 14 committee chair, having a tremendous impact on core
- 15 mandates for handling non-criminal complaints against
- 16 police officers in the entire department, transmitting
- 17 the annual department budget to the mayor, and selecting
- 18 finalists for police chief of one of the nation's top law
- 19 enforcement agencies, and.
- 20 WHEREAS Commissioner Pressley continues to be a
- 21 forceful leader for uplifting and improving the community
- 22 in his many other leadership roles in local and state
- 23 organizations, including as lead pastor of Third New Hope
- 24 Baptist Church,. He resigns his service as a police
- 25 commissioner this month. The board and the community will



- 1 long remember his contributions and impact.
- THEREFORE BE T RESOLVED.
- 3 That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners
- 4 awards this resolution and recognition of dedicated and
- 5 diligent service by Police Commissioner QuanTez Pressley,
- 6 whose dedication and commitment to civilian oversight to
- 7 the City of Detroit and local residents merit our highest
- 8 regards. We salute you, Commissioner QuanTez Pressley for
- 9 a job well done, and wish you continued success in the
- 10 future. Signed by all police commissioners.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you so much. And is
- 12 there a motion to approve?
- 13 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: So moved.
- 14 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Support.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: It has moved and supported.
- 16 All those in favor indicate by saying, aye.
- 17 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Discussion first.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Okay. I was going to have a
- 19 discussion after the motion, but that's fine. Before we
- 20 vote on the motion, is there a discussion?
- 21 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I want to say something.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Go ahead.
- COMMISSIONER BERNARD: QuanTez, you're a very
- 24 valuable member of our community and of this board. I
- 25 think two things that weren't mentioned in the resolution



- 1 though, that I know that are very important to you, is
- 2 the fact that you are a Morehouse man like Reverend Dr.
- 3 Martin Luther King. And as I understand it, you are a Que
- 4 Omega Psi Phi, which is obviously both Reverend Jesse
- 5 Jackson's fraternity, as well as the honorable Elijah
- 6 Muhammad. You are what Jesse would say "With tall
- 7 cotton." So I just want to say it's been a pleasure
- 8 working with you. It's obviously a pleasure knowing you
- 9 and that we'll continue. You're very effective and very
- 10 kind and very good to people, and also to your
- 11 congregation. You're an exceptional leader. I wish you
- 12 the best. God bless you. And if there's anything I can do
- 13 for you privately or publicly, just holler as Mayor Kwame
- 14 Kilpatrick used to say, oh, he's a reverend now, too. So,
- 15 thank you.
- 16 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: Thank you.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you commissioner.
- 18 Anybody else wish to comment?
- 19 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Well, I'll comment. I want to
- 20 thank you wholeheartedly for your compassion and your
- 21 love and support for the citizens of the City of Detroit
- 22 and your dedicated service. Thank you for being a great
- 23 inspiration to me personally and professionally. You have
- 24 inspired me in so many ways. And your dedicated service
- 25 to the community is excellent, par excellent. And I know



- 1 that you would be deeply missed in terms of your
- 2 knowledge and your skills and your abilities that you
- 3 apply to this board. And being able to lead during some
- 4 trying times in the City of Detroit is just remarkable.
- 5 And I know that you're already a doctor, but you're just
- 6 about to sell it at one of the greatest institutions in
- 7 the country. And so we don't take that lightly where
- 8 you're going to get your doctorate from. It's not a
- 9 bootleg institution. It's a very powerful institution.
- 10 And we really, really appreciate the sacrifices that you
- 11 have made for the citizens of Detroit. And also being a
- 12 great mentor to me coming into this space, because I came
- 13 in having to learn a whole lot, and you taught me a whole
- 14 lot. And I appreciate that.
- 15 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: Thank you.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you, commissioner.
- 17 Anybody else?
- 18 COMMISSIONER BANKS: I'll go last.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Go ahead. Go ahead.
- 20 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Anybody else? Okay. Well, first
- 21 of all, me and Commissioner Pressley, we started
- 22 together. I sit right here; you sit right there. We
- 23 started together and I saw him rise on this board, the
- 24 chairman, and he's been a great inspiration to me. I just
- 25 love the way he flows to get up here and speak and just



- 1 flow so effortlessly; just a beautiful flow. I told you
- 2 that many times behind the scenes. I just love your flow,
- 3 man. It's just so effortless. But at the same time, I
- 4 never called you Commissioner Pressley. I never called
- 5 you Reverend Pressley. I never called you Pastor
- 6 Pressley. I always called you what?
- 7 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: Doctor.
- 8 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Doctor. As a prophet. I always
- 9 saw a doctor. I didn't know when it was coming, but I
- 10 always called you Dr. Pressley. I'm though.
- 11 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY Thank you.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you, commissioner. So,
- 13 just very quickly, I want to say I've only been on the
- 14 board for less than a year this term, and in that short
- 15 period, I have seen such professionalism, and such
- 16 expertise and knowledge on how to be a board member and
- 17 to provide us guidance. And not only that, to keep us on
- 18 track, because you are very knowledgeable about Robert's
- 19 Rules of order and all of that. So, thank you for that. I
- 20 appreciate your leadership, and we're going to miss you
- 21 terribly. So, thank you, Reverend.
- 22 COMMISSIONER BANKS: I have one more thing, Chair.
- 23 It's just time for him to go. The Lord is opening up new
- 24 doors now, so he can rise to new levels. Whenever God
- 25 closes a door, he opens a door. Your time is up here.



- 1 It's time for you to move on and go to new heights and
- 2 new levels. The time you spent here, you did incredible.
- 3 But it's time for you to move on now. And you know, I'm
- 4 going to miss you.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you commissioners for
- 6 those nice comments. I do want to say --- did you want to
- 7 say --- I'm sorry. Yes, we have a vote coming. He's
- 8 keeping us on track. We were in the middle of a vote. So
- 9 all those in favor, indicate by saying, aye.
- 10 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Opposed? Motion carries.
- 12 Thank you all. And I want to acknowledge ---
- 13 COMMISSIONER BANKS: What was that?
- 14 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: The motion to adopt the
- 15 resolution.
- 16 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Oh, okay.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: We were right in the middle.
- 18 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Right. I'm sorry. I'm sorry.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Okay. I just want to
- 20 acknowledge that Commissioner Carter joined us, and we're
- 21 going to take some pictures.
- 22 COMMISSIONER BANKS: As a whole board involved in
- 23 these pictures.
- 24 COMMISSIONER BERNARD You can be in the picture.
- 25 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Hey, I didn't know. I just



- 1 thought it was just the bigwigs.
- 2 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: No, no, no.
- 3 COMMISSIONER BANKS: I didn't know.
- 4 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I guess we're not balanced,
- 5 right? You got it now?
- 6 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Madam Chair, if I may?
- 7 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: If I could just make one
- 8 quick announcement. So right after the meeting, we are
- 9 going to have refreshments in honor of Commissioner
- 10 Pressley's retirement. So please stay for a few minutes
- 11 and we'll celebrate his leaving and how we're going to
- 12 miss him. Thank you. Go ahead.
- 13 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Madam Chair, thank you for
- 14 allowing me to make this statement. Before I came down, I
- 15 was watching the news report on the officer that was
- 16 killed in New York City. It's raining torrentially there
- 17 now. Every officer was standing there in their uniform. I
- 18 mean, water dripping from their hat, from their face all
- 19 over the place. It's a very, very sad thing that
- 20 happened. He's part of our organization because he's an
- 21 officer in blue. He serves his community or served his
- 22 community in New York City.
- 23 And having said that, Madam Chair, when I walked in
- 24 today, there was a man sitting right there in that blue
- 25 shirt. He's here from New York City and ---



- 1 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Welcome.
- 2 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: He came to, and his plane is
- 3 leaving today at 5 o'clock. But he came to this meeting
- 4 both I think, to honor both his fallen; a DPD officer. He
- 5 lives just two blocks from where the gunman obviously
- 6 assassinated four or five people. And he's committed,
- 7 obviously to men and women in blue. So he came to our
- 8 meeting today during the time of the funeral, and he also
- 9 met as you can see, sitting there right in front, a
- 10 leader of ours here in the department, Lieutenant Young,
- 11 who's head of the Lieutenants and Sergeants Association.
- 12 So it's a cathartic experience, at least for me, and I
- 13 think for all of us, because we're all saddened by what
- 14 happened. And it's nice to have a supporter of the police
- 15 department for the City of New York, and obviously for
- 16 DPD. And also Lieutenant Young gave him a pin to remind
- 17 him of the Detroit Police Department. So if we could just
- 18 take maybe a moment, moment of silence.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Yes. Absolutely.
- 20 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Thank you.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you everyone. And I'd
- 22 like to invite you up to see if you wanted to just say a
- 23 few words if you're willing to say a few words. Okay.
- 24 We're happy to have you. Thank you.
- 25 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Thank you, Madam Chair.



- 1 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you, commissioner.
- 2 Okay. At this point we have the Chief's report and
- 3 Assistant Chief Ewing will be providing that. Thank you.
- 4 AC EWING: Good afternoon.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Good afternoon.
- 6 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: I'm not sure the microphone
- 7 is working for you. And turn it on.
- 8 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: It never works. You give him
- 9 that one, please.
- 10 AC EWING: Alright. Can you hear me now?
- 11 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: Yes.
- 12 AC EWING: Let's try that again. Alright. As you
- 13 know, in the past weeks in the Chief's report, we
- 14 continually show a decrease in violent crime in the City
- 15 of Detroit. We're still down in all categories.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: I'm sorry. I think we're
- 17 still having a hard time. Could you try the other one?
- 18 Yes.
- 19 AC EWING: Okay. Better?
- 20 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: That's much better.
- 21 AC EWING: We're still down in all categories in
- 22 terms of Part one, crimes, homicide is down 16%. Non-
- 23 Fatal shootings down 31%, robberies down 12 with total
- 24 part one crime down 7%. An amazing thing is carjackings
- 25 are down 30 in the City of Detroit. So, just an amazing



- 1 job that the women and men of the Detroit Police
- 2 Department are doing. Unfortunately, we're going to talk
- 3 about some things that may probably make some of us here
- 4 a little uncomfortable. I have to report, sadly, that in
- 5 the past week or so, we've had three children shot in
- 6 notable incidents. One happened on July 27th, 2025. At
- 7 approximately 8:56 PM, the officers were dispatched to
- 8 the 17,000 block of Angling in the 11th Precinct. A 6-
- 9 year-old boy was shot and struck by a stray bullet, and
- 10 unfortunately succumbed to his injuries. This appears to
- 11 be an incident where two vehicles were shooting at one
- 12 another.
- 13 And a bullet, as you all know, does not have an
- 14 address, traveled down the street and unfortunately
- 15 killed this young kid. In addition to that, this morning,
- 16 about 6:20 AM in the same precinct, a 1000 block of
- 17 Arcola, we had two children, eight and seven. One girl,
- 18 one boy were asleep upstairs in their home. They were
- 19 both shot. One was hit, I believe, in the arm, and the
- 20 other one was in the foot. The individuals who
- 21 perpetrated this were in two black pickup trucks. The
- 22 information is being given that the passenger in these
- 23 particular pickup trucks got out, fired at the house, and
- 24 ended up shooting these children. I'm happy to report
- 25 that they are non-life-threatening injuries. They will



- 1 recover, but they will not be able to gauge what type of
- 2 mental capacity these children are going to have for the
- 3 future in terms of, you know, dealing with this traumatic
- 4 injury that had taken place today.
- 5 We're just asking for the help from the public. You
- 6 know, if anyone has any information on either one of
- 7 these shootings that I just talked about, you call the
- 8 11th Precinct 596-1140, Crime Stoppers at 1800-SPEAK UP.
- 9 And also, you could submit tips to detroitrewards.tv. We
- 10 had a quadruple shooting that occurred on July 28th at
- 11 approximately 4:00 AM at the 3300 block of Puritan. Two
- 12 individuals lost their lives in this shooting. Two were
- 13 injured, but are still alive. This resulted in an
- 14 incident where the victim and the perpetrator got into an
- 15 argument. The perpetrator fired shots, and of course, two
- 16 of the individuals succumbed to their injuries. I'm happy
- 17 to report that that particular individual was identified
- 18 and he was arrested. He is currently awaiting charges
- 19 with the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office. On Tuesday,
- 20 July 29th, the Detroit City Council voted to increase the
- 21 fines for parents of youth who violate curfew. The first
- 22 offense would be \$250. Second offense will be
- 23 approximately \$500. There will be a mandatory court
- 24 approval program to go along with this. So, what we are
- 25 essentially saying is there's going to be different



- 1 avenues with regard to the fines themselves. This is not
- 2 a punitive type thing, we are just trying to change
- 3 behavior. And hopefully with these fines being increased,
- 4 we will get more parents to take responsibility for their
- 5 children.
- 6 On Saturday, July 26th, we had the Community
- 7 Violence Intervention Youth Basketball League game. Those
- 8 of you that came through, thank you for doing that. We
- 9 had the CVI basketball game that took place at Coleman
- 10 Young Rec Center. We had youth from 11 to 17. Just a
- 11 perfect, just great event. We had a number of teams come
- 12 out, played basketball against each other. Good
- 13 competition. We had mentorship there. We have peers
- 14 there, healthy environment, safe environment. And it went
- 15 off without a hitch. And I tell you; I was very impressed
- 16 to see it. I think we need more of that in our city. Just
- 17 a little teaser, I know that the PAL is going to be
- 18 opening up their gym shortly, and we're committed to
- 19 making sure that this program continues to happen in the
- 20 City of Detroit. In addition to that, you all know that
- 21 every year, we have the National Night out. That's
- 22 closely approaching, August 5th, this coming Tuesday,
- 23 Detroit Police Department.
- 24 Each precinct will be hosting their National Night
- 25 Out event. There'll be opportunities for the community



- 1 members to engage with law enforcement. It'll be free
- 2 food, entertainment and more. You can check the local
- 3 listings. We will have postings on our Detroit Police
- 4 Department Facebook page, as well as the individual
- 5 precinct Facebook pages. Next Wednesday, August 6th will
- 6 be the next iteration of the Walk Mile Wednesday with the
- 7 chief. This will be in the Brightmoore Council Rouge
- 8 areas in the Sixth Precinct. We'll assemble at 5:30 at
- 9 the God Land Unity Church, located at 22450 Schoolcraft.
- 10 The walk will begin at 6:00 PM So all of you get your
- 11 shoes together, come on out there and let's get our walk
- 12 on. And yesterday, I'm proud to report we had a promo
- 13 actually for a graduation ceremony for reservists.
- We had nine reservists who graduated from the
- 15 academy yesterday, well attended. Great service family
- 16 members came out, really had a chance to enjoy and
- 17 celebrate their loved ones joining the reserve program.
- 18 We even had one young lady who actually works within, as
- 19 a part of our professional staff. She became a reservist,
- 20 but we found out her son is actually on the job and he
- 21 actually had an opportunity to pin his mom to badge on.
- 22 So, just a great event yesterday. That concludes the
- 23 Chief's report. If there's any questions, I'll take them.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Are there any questions for
- 25 the Chief? Any questions?



- 1 COMMISSIONER MOORE: I have a question.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Yes.
- 3 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Chief, what's the process that a
- 4 report goes through until it gets to the prosecutor's
- 5 office for acceptance or denial? Because I know you were
- 6 a past investigator years ago.
- 7 AC EWING: So, we have the job of gathering the
- 8 evidence and we type up the investigative report. We
- 9 submitted it to the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office who
- 10 will make the determination on the charges themselves.
- 11 The charges do not come from the Detroit Police
- 12 Department. We only gather the evidence and send it forth
- 13 to the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office.
- 14 COMMISSIONER MOORE: And is there a check and balance
- 15 for the investigator to send a report? Like do they have
- 16 to talk to the Pit Sergeant or ---
- 17 AC EWING: Each warrant is reviewed by either the
- 18 administrative sergeant or the lieutenant in charge of
- 19 the PDU and make sure that it has all the information
- 20 that it needs to go forward.
- 21 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Alright. Thank you, sir.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Any other questions?
- 23 Commissioner Banks and then Commissioner Bernard.
- 24 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Through the Chair, I just want
- 25 to ask you, when is Commissioner Hernandez going to be



- 1 replaced? It's been three months now. And we thank God
- 2 for his serving too. He was loyal to his duties, but when
- 3 is he going to be replaced so we can get back to a full
- 4 staff on the board of 11 members?
- 5 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: I can give you an update.
- 6 Yesterday at City Council, Robert Jones was approved by
- 7 City Council to join the police commission board. And so
- 8 he's going through the process now, going before the city
- 9 clerk to be sworn in, and then he will come hopefully
- 10 soon after that. So within I would say, a few weeks.
- 11 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Through the Chair. I would say
- 12 by next week he should be sworn in. The clerk swears him
- 13 in and then he will be onboarded and stuff, but he should
- 14 be able to have the ability to sit at the table by next
- 15 week.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Okay. And then we'll have
- 17 Commissioner Pressley's position that will be vacant. So
- 18 we'll be looking for someone to replace his position as
- 19 well. So that's where we're at. Anything further?
- 20 COMMISSIONER BANKS: I'm all set. Thanks.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you. Commissioner
- 22 Bernard.
- 23 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Just quickly; you've mentioned
- 24 a number of tragedies that have occurred actually this
- 25 week, in the last three weeks. Can your office perhaps



- 1 advise our board secretary of any of the funeral
- 2 arrangements for people who have been hurt, as well as,
- 3 if people who are in our community are in the house. I'd
- 4 just like to know how --- I can send it through you. I
- 5 know they may not want anything going to their house
- 6 personally or something like that. But I just need to
- 7 know when, what and where. That's all I'm asking for, if
- 8 you don't mind.
- 9 AC EWING: Yes, ma'am. We'll get you a copy of the
- 10 funeral arrangements.
- 11 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I would appreciate that.
- 12 AC EWING: Absolutely.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you.
- 14 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Because I want to communicate
- 15 with them.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Yes. Thank you.
- 17 Commissioner. Any other questions for the Assistant
- 18 Chief? I have just one question. With regard to the
- 19 fines, you did indicate that the highest fine would be
- 20 500, I think that's for a second offense.
- 21 AC EWING: Yes.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Second offense. But along
- 23 with that, there's an alternative. Did you mention that?
- 24 That there's some training or something that the parents
- 25 can take if they can't afford to pay the 500?



- 1 AC EWING: So, all that is going to be outlined. It's
- 2 currently being written out right now; outlined. We'll
- 3 get that out, but there will be opportunities for that to
- 4 happen.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you. Commissioner
- 6 Woods.
- 7 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Yes, and I think the key aspect
- 8 of this ordinance, which is something that is very, very
- 9 powerful, is that it has decriminalized the ordinance.
- 10 The ordinance that carried jail time and significant jail
- 11 time. You know if you violate a couple of times, you
- 12 could face up to 90 days in jail. So they decriminalize
- 13 the ordinance. There's no criminal penalty where you
- 14 could do any jail time; and has connected with so many
- 15 services to be able to bless the community and the
- 16 families, and the children. It's unprecedented that
- 17 something like this has happened in a sense that you took
- 18 the criminal penalties out and gave them services and
- 19 opportunity. Had we not seen a change in that ordinance
- 20 yesterday, you would still have a criminal penalty there
- 21 and you still were going to get a fine without any type
- 22 of services and opportunities. So this was an opportunity
- 23 to wrap arms around the community to help them in a way
- 24 that they need some help. Again, they decriminalized it.
- 25 So those who want to keep those jail penalties on there,



- 1 you know, then you keep that ordinance that you had
- 2 before. But if you didn't want to see the jail time taken
- 3 away and give people the opportunity to get some
- 4 services, then that was it right there.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you, commissioner.
- 6 Commissioner Bernard.
- 7 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Just quickly. I agree with
- 8 what Commissioner Woods just said. It was a misdemeanor
- 9 to not know where your kid is. Now, it's no longer a
- 10 misdemeanor. But my only concern about it, well, I think
- 11 it's similar to yours, Madam Chair, in that the \$250 is a
- 12 lot of money. I said to Counsel, the only people who can
- 13 afford to just usually write that check today out of the
- 14 people in this room. Meaning the people in the City
- 15 Council chamber and certainly \$500. And my concern was
- 16 that if in fact you missed your appointment, I don't know
- 17 how this is going to be structured and so forth, if it
- 18 really will accommodate. Most people in Detroit are
- 19 single parents, and many of them, as you and I both know,
- 20 work two jobs.
- 21 So if it's going to truly accommodate those sort of
- 22 scheduling concerns. But more importantly than that, if I
- 23 miss the appointment or I get a second offense, my kid
- 24 is, you know, just a heathen, as my grandma would say,
- 25 and Mono Bay and I get these offenses, those are



- 1 significant penalties, Madam Chair and those penalties.
- 2 The city of Detroit has a debt collection agency, which
- 3 they call me about a parking ticket. I have, for example,
- 4 I get a text every month. But anyway, back to the point,
- 5 and an individual's credit rating is important too, and I
- 6 don't want our credit collection agency, I've got their
- 7 name to harass people about the collection of these
- 8 fines. And then once you're in that system, as you know,
- 9 it has devastating effects on your ability to get
- 10 housing, a car, anything.
- 11 So I just wanted people, the judge, maybe it is
- 12 something we could say to the courts to make sure that
- 13 they are empathetic and sympathetic to grandmothers, for
- 14 example, who have custody of kids; they can't track them
- 15 down at night. They come and they go; and people like me
- 16 when I leave here, sometimes six, seven, I go to my
- 17 couch, I'm asleep until four o'clock in the morning, on
- 18 the couch. I wouldn't know if the kid was there or not,
- 19 but I'm just saying that we just have to do this, I think
- 20 with empathy for all communities within the city. Because
- 21 kids now are different than they were, you know, when
- 22 they talked about the streetlight thing that doesn't
- 23 exist anymore. As we know, kids are on their phone,
- 24 they're all doing all kinds. And you're a mother of five
- 25 Tamara, so, you know, six, I'm sorry of six. So, you know



- 1 exactly what I'm talking about. There's a limit to what
- 2 parents can really do these days.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you commissioner.
- 4 Commissioner Woods.
- 5 All of that is false, you know, because the ---
- 6 excuse me. Through the Chair, the attorney for the city
- 7 outlined unequivocally that there are exceptions to the
- 8 rules, and this is being applied in different types of
- 9 ways, you know, and so parents who have those types of
- 10 situations, there's a lot of grace in it already. And
- 11 then, the only thing yesterday, what was done yesterday
- 12 was the fee was increased and it was decriminalized, and
- 13 then they put the services around it, and it also says
- 14 that you have to meet a certain criteria for you to even
- 15 get, you know, penalized. You know, so there's a lot of
- 16 grace in there in so many ways. So none of that is true.
- 17 The attorney for the city outlined that very, very good.
- 18 And I encourage people to look at what has been written
- 19 legally by legal professionals.
- 20 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Pardon me, Madam Chair, may I
- 21 respond.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Go ahead.
- 23 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: A civil violation is a civil
- 24 violation. That could be parking tickets, it could be
- 25 anything. I'm saying that the fines, fees, and penalties



- 1 mount up, and the city has a kind of contract with a
- 2 collection agency to collect fines, fees, and penalties.
- 3 We're not talking about the criminal aspects of it. It is
- 4 a civil penalty and it will be charged to an individual
- 5 pursuant to a ticket and pursuant to notice. If they
- 6 ignore that notice, then unfortunately, they will be
- 7 fined in court. \$250 or a second offense, \$500. The
- 8 bottom line for me is our community; Commissioner Burton
- 9 says it all time, the poorest blackest city in the
- 10 country. And therefore, I'm concerned about what happens
- 11 to people's credit rating, to them having these debts,
- 12 particularly senior citizens related to grandchildren and
- 13 others who do not obey.
- 14 And the real problem as you know deputy chief are
- 15 guns. I mean, you're right about the streetlights being
- 16 on, but our disputes were handled with fisticuffs. It
- 17 was, they were not handled with guns. So the
- 18 proliferation of guns is what has caused the absolute
- 19 horrific situation that exists in Detroit. And we need a
- 20 task force, I think, to address, how do we get those
- 21 guns? Do we need to pay them \$1,000 a gun? I don't care
- 22 what it is we do, as long as we do something to deal with
- 23 guns. Guns are creating the tragedies that we see in our
- 24 community.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you. Commissioner



- 1 Banks, and then Commissioner Smith. Thank you.
- 2 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Through the Chair. There was
- 3 some truth that Commissioner Bernard put out there on the
- 4 floor when she said that kids are different from back in
- 5 the day. We are in a whole new era now. Back in the day,
- 6 a village raised its children. You are down the street
- 7 cutting up, you would get a whooping from your neighbor,
- 8 and then when you got home, you get another whooping. We
- 9 don't have a village today. The village is gone, but we
- 10 still have people from that era. But I don't know if they
- 11 are enforcing it, you know what I'm saying? I don't know
- 12 if they enforce it, but we still have people from that
- 13 era. If you are about 50 years old, you are from the
- 14 village era.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you, commissioner.
- 16 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Thank you.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Commissioner Smith.
- 18 COMMISSIONER SMITH: Yes. I'm listening, through the
- 19 Chair, I'm listening to what you all are saying, but in
- 20 my opinion, parents need to be and have to be held
- 21 accountable.
- 22 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I agree.
- 23 COMMISSIONER SMITH: Just as this morning at 7:00 AM,
- 24 we have two children that reside in the city that were
- 25 shot. Seven and eight years old. One in the foot and one



- 1 in the forearm. We have a 4-year-old that is deceased,
- 2 and we now have a 6-year-old who I stood over in the
- 3 hospital room watching this deceased child on a gurney
- 4 who was six years old. This is something that I do daily
- 5 in my profession, that I've chosen to help deter the
- 6 crime here in the community. Parents need to be held
- 7 accountable. These children are out of control. They are
- 8 not the same children that was once in the Coleman Young
- 9 era. These are not the same children. Laws have changed.
- 10 They need to change because we have to deal with what
- 11 we're dealing with today. I understand that \$250 is not
- 12 affordable. \$500 cannot be affordable. But I often hear
- 13 parents who are raising and looking for GoFundMe's to
- 14 fund their funeral services for their children. So if we
- 15 can save your life with a \$250 fine to a \$500 fine, I
- 16 would rather do that than to bury your child.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you, commissioner. Any
- 18 other comments or questions? Hearing none, just one quick
- 19 comment. I'm getting a lot of people telling me or asking
- 20 me, what is the police department doing besides the
- 21 curfew and the fines? We understand that. Are there any
- 22 other initiatives, programs or ideas that the police
- 23 department is pursuing to try to stop these shootings of
- 24 children. I mean, that's all I'm hearing from the
- 25 community is we have too many children that are being



- 1 shot. What is the police department going to do? So,
- 2 Assistant Chief?
- 3 AC EWING: Through the Chair. As you know, we have a
- 4 number of things going on right now.
- 5 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Microphone. We can't hear.
- 6 AC EWING: Most notably is our partnership with our
- 7 CVI groups. Each area, which we've already identified in
- 8 each precinct that has had notable high shooting areas.
- 9 They're going in and they have community programs for
- 10 these young children. The CVI basketball league, I just
- 11 spoke about that. We have Detroit PAL. You know, the
- 12 Detroit Police Department has their cadet program. And
- 13 all these programs we have throughout. We have city
- 14 camps, those types of things. So we're constantly trying
- 15 to find ways to keep these kids occupied. But we have to
- 16 get the parents to bring them down. They have to get them
- 17 involved. And we cannot be a program where it's a
- 18 babysitting program. We need the parents involved also.
- 19 And we really do that. And again, if we can start there,
- 20 I think we'll have a good basis to make sure that we can
- 21 start a good process of trying to solve this issue.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Commissioner Woods.
- 23 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Yeah. Through the Chair. I was
- 24 at the CVI basketball game. And that was a very, very
- 25 powerful event where you had rival gang members in the



- 1 same room through the CVI groups, being able to squash
- 2 beef, get them on the basketball court and through
- 3 sports, being able to bring them together. I was
- 4 absolutely amazed by it. And it's not a one-off, this is
- 5 not just one game. They're meeting with these young
- 6 people every day, but bringing them together to be able
- 7 to say, hey, I may be a Crip, I might be a Blood you
- 8 know, they put it down and just talk through certain
- 9 major beasts, you know? And so that was a very, very,
- 10 very powerful program and a very proactive program. And I
- 11 know that you have the explorers and all of that inside
- 12 the schools. And I don't know if you guys have it in
- 13 every school, but I know you are at least in 10 schools,
- 14 because when I'm in the schools, I've seen and worked
- 15 with them inside the schools as well. So there are a
- 16 number of things, but community members also have the
- 17 ability to bring ideas to the department, right?
- 18 AC EWING: That's correct.
- 19 COMMISSIONER WOODS: And if they have ideas, you are
- 20 open to those ideas, right?
- 21 AC EWING: Absolutely.
- 22 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Okay. Thank you.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you, commissioner.
- 24 Commissioner Moore.
- 25 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Just briefly, Madam Chair. You



- 1 know, those programs that the Assistant Chief mentioned,
- 2 I've been a part of them. They're great programs, but the
- 3 battle is really in the spiritual realm. We talked a lot
- 4 about how physical policing by nature is to react. I
- 5 mean, the science of policing is to react to situations.
- 6 But it's really a spiritual battle. I mean, when we look
- 7 at the different things that this city is going through,
- 8 children who are defenseless, getting killed, and we
- 9 don't acknowledge God enough. There's not enough
- 10 collective prayer taking place in this city. And once we
- 11 start getting on that level of talking about collective
- 12 prayer and people coming together in prayer, then I think
- 13 we'll do better. Thank you.
- 14 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Yeah. Through the Chair. He has
- 15 to be a prophet, because tomorrow at 12 noon, hour power,
- 16 you have a number of pastors and leaders throughout this
- 17 entire city. And everybody in this room is invited. The
- 18 department will be there. The sheriff's department will
- 19 be there. Numerous pastors will be there. School
- 20 officials will be there, right. at Spirit Plaza. Pastor
- 21 QuanTez Pressley, when we called him about it and stuff,
- 22 he immediately said that he would be there. Like I said,
- 23 a lot of folks pray first and foremost.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: What time?
- 25 COMMISSIONER WOODS: At 12 Noon. Hour power right



- 1 there on Spirit Plaza. Everybody's invited to do Exactly.
- 2 What my good friend just suggested is such a great,
- 3 excellent idea. I was going to talk about it before it
- 4 ended. And but thank you so much for uplifting that
- 5 Commissioner.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you. Oh, Commissioner
- 7 Banks
- 8 COMMISSIONER BANKS:: Commissioner Moore, . I didn't
- 9 know you were a prophet.
- 10 COMMISSIONER MOORE: I didn't even know, either.
- 11 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Hey, take it, and run with it,
- 12 baby. But what I wanted to say, I wanted to chime in on
- 13 Commissioner Moore. What he said was so accurate because
- 14 any battle that's in your life, if you are about to get
- 15 sick or somebody is about to get shot or whatever, it
- 16 always starts in the spiritual realm first. That battle
- 17 starts in the spiritual realm first, before it comes in
- 18 the natural realm. So I just want to let you know, you
- 19 were correct, you were accurate.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you. Commissioner
- 21 Smith.
- 22 COMMISSIONER SMITH: Yes. Through the Chair. I was
- 23 just thinking to be more mindful and more strategic in
- 24 our actions as citizens, as adults here within the city.
- 25 If you know you are a CPL holder or an open carrier, a



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- 1 citizen, whatever it is, when you go somewhere, think
- 2 about your weapon and think about how you can't take your
- 3 weapon in. And think about when you leave your weapon in
- 4 the car that your car could possibly be broken into. That
- 5 weapon is taken and recycled amongst the community of the
- 6 youth that are committing most of the crimes. If we lived
- 7 in a city right now where the youth are not committing
- 8 the crimes, we probably will almost be in a crime less
- 9 city. Because It's not anyone else right now, but the
- 10 youth that are committing the heinous crimes that we're
- 11 living in. We have to be more strategic. We have to think
- 12 differently. We are dealing with different times.
- 13 Different times, different people are not the same
- 14 children that you are used to dealing with.
- 15 Right. Thank you. Any other comments or questions?
- 16 Hearing none. Thank you for that lively discussion.
- 17 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Hey, this has been a great
- 18 meeting.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you.
- 20 COMMISSIONER BANKS: We've been flowing beautifully.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you for that. Next is
- 22 our oral communications, public comments. And remember,
- 23 we have a two-minute limit and inappropriate language and
- 24 comments may delay the meeting. They will not be
- 25 tolerated. Thank you. Our first speaker, please.



- 1 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Inappropriate language.
- 2 Yeah, I'm sorry. Language and comments. Next our speaker
- 3 please.
- 4 MS. UNDERWOOD: Thank you, Madam Chair. Our first
- 5 speaker will be Ms. Sharon Pinnell. Ms. Fredia Butler,
- 6 Lieutenant Mark Young.
- 7 MS. PINNELL: Good evening.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Good evening.
- 9 MS. PINNELL: Last week I had an outburst and I want
- 10 to apologize, but I did not like the fact that Vice Chair
- 11 Woods would not acknowledge Sergeant Lockhart, that's his
- 12 name, right? Ron Lockhart. He's an excellent person.
- 13 Monday there were so many people giving him so many good
- 14 accolades. And that's the first time in 16 years --- I've
- 15 been coming down here for 16 years. That's the first time
- 16 I ever heard that. I was just appalled by it. And can you
- 17 ask the Chief; can we have a gun buy-back? You know, when
- 18 I get off the guns, but you might get some and it might
- 19 help. That's all. And I wasn't mad at you, commissioner.
- 20 I just didn't like the fact that he did not want to sign
- 21 that resolution.
- 22 COMMISSIONER WOODS: May I respond?
- 23 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Yes, you may.
- 24 COMMISSIONER WOODS: I thank you for that critique
- 25 and I respect what you're saying; and it wasn't against



- 1 him. It had nothing to do with him in no shape, form, or
- 2 fashion. It's always been my practice to do the due
- 3 diligence to be able to review as far as the background
- 4 so that we can do it the proper way. And so it has
- 5 nothing to do with him. And please wish him God's speed.
- 6 I got the information that I needed. I appreciate his
- 7 service to the citizens of the City of Detroit, and
- 8 absolutely. Hey, I've read what I needed to read about
- 9 him. And so I have no qualms with him in no shape, form
- 10 or fashion. I'd just like to do my due diligence
- 11 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Next speaker, please.
- MS. BUTLER: Good afternoon.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Good afternoon.
- MS. BUTLER: I would like to thank Commissioner
- 15 Pressley for the work and representing us, the City of
- 16 Detroit. I appreciate the way you conduct yourself at all
- 17 times. Thank you. And the other topic was about the
- 18 problems with the children, but it's home first, church
- 19 and school. Now, that is what I came to say. Several
- 20 people have been here speaking before you about what is
- 21 happening in their area of our city. I am concerned
- 22 because I believe them. I read some time ago about
- 23 Congresswoman Tlaib speaking to Mayor Duggan, and he told
- 24 her the people were illegal. Commissioners, I am
- 25 concerned because I'm hearing and reading about what is



- 1 happening to people here with ICE, wearing masks, taking
- 2 people away, and in some instances with our officers
- 3 assisting ICE. I am reading and hearing what other
- 4 leaders are saying about ICE and nothing from our leaders
- 5 here.
- 6 We are all human beings and should be respected.
- 7 Because of certain behaviors being seen and heard in my
- 8 friend's neighborhood, she wanted to contact ICE, and I
- 9 encouraged her to call our police department. If you are
- 10 listening, the Supreme Court is allowing President Trump
- 11 to deport people, black and brown people to different
- 12 countries, not from where they came from. It has even
- 13 been suggested by this administration that people
- 14 receiving Medicaid should take the place of the deported
- 15 farm workers if they weren't employed. For our young
- 16 people, please stop killing each other and settle your
- 17 differences as intelligent people who you really are.
- 18 Wake up sleeping giants and think.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you. Next speaker.
- 20 LT. YOUNG: Good evening.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Good evening.
- 22 LT. YOUNG: I support the parents responsibility.
- 23 Curfew violation is long overdue. The problem is we're
- 24 making excuses. We made excuses for these young people
- 25 and others from the parents to the kids. There are no



- 1 expectations, there's no accountability. And they don't
- 2 understand their responsibility until they become adults
- 3 themselves. And then they become victims to people like
- 4 themselves. I want to talk about something else, too. I
- 5 just came back from a convention where I was reelected to
- 6 my position on the National Association of Police
- 7 Organizations Board. During that, I led a round table
- 8 where we talked about some of the challenges that we are
- 9 facing that came out of this very room. Respectfully, no
- 10 one wants to be a law enforcement officer anymore. All
- 11 the major departments from Boston, LA, New York, Detroit,
- 12 and other places. They're all suffering from shortages
- 13 because they took all the phone booths. That's why
- 14 Superman has no place to change.
- 15 I'm not even being funny. Right now, no one wants to
- 16 be a law enforcement officer because of the scrutiny.
- 17 It's not supported. That's also empowering, while some of
- 18 these young people are doing what they're doing today. If
- 19 we are wrong, bring it righteously. Hold us accountable,
- 20 righteously. But when we are right, I understand that I'm
- 21 not in the perfect profession. I understand that there's
- 22 no perfect profession. The FBI got an Internal Affairs
- 23 board. But what I am going to tell you is our department
- 24 is a bright and shiny beacon on a hill that other
- 25 departments are looking at. And you should be taking some



- 1 credit for that. Not vilifying us, not making accusations
- 2 that are unfounded, tossing things in the atmosphere,
- 3 polluting the air. They are also empowering some of these
- 4 young people to think that the villains are the police
- 5 when they are actually carjacking and terrorizing their
- 6 own parents. And if I may say the last point, these kids
- 7 are not poor. They're not. They're entitled; feel
- 8 privileged and empowered because the police are weakened.
- 9 There is no phone booth for us to change.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you.
- 11 MS. UNDERWOOD: Our next speaker, Madam Chair. Our
- 12 next speakers will be Minister Eric Blount. Ms. Williams
- 13 and Mr. Dana Lund.
- 14 MINISTER BLOUNT: Chairperson. Well, Co-chairperson,
- 15 Assistant Chairperson Woods knows what I'm going to say.
- 16 This lengthy discussion about curfews has absolutely
- 17 nothing to do with police officer misconduct. But yet we
- 18 are going to do this three-ring circus all around the
- 19 real issue of why we are here. I'll just give you one
- 20 example of what you could have done with that discussion.
- 21 Time. You could have admired Derek Perry. For those of
- 22 you who don't know who he is. He was in Traverse City, a
- 23 black man, long dreadlocks with a gun who decided he was
- 24 going to take action to deescalate a maddening situation.
- 25 So much of what he did and what he said and how he



- 1 described his spirit could be learned by DPD and so many
- 2 others. But no; curfew, curfew, curfew, curfew is all we
- 3 want to talk about. Eternal hope lies with the
- 4 replacement of any board of police commissioner here
- 5 today. Far too many on this board use this board to cover
- 6 their illegal activities and sometimes even political.
- 7 And I'll go down the list. Byron Ferguson used his
- 8 position to try to get out of being with prostitutes.
- 9 Linda Bernard, so many times shows that she is here to
- 10 show her support for her legal profession. And now we
- 11 have Willie Burton who wants to run for City Council. How
- 12 many times do people have to show you who they really
- 13 are? It's hard to find any of you who are really here to
- 14 address police officer misconduct.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Next speaker.
- MS. WILLIAMS: Hello everyone. Through the Chair.
- 17 This is for you, Chief Warfield. All the complaints I've
- 18 been making concerning these officers, are they not
- 19 Detroit police officers? LaShonda Houston and Cheryl
- 20 Hall? Are they not police officers in the Detroit Police
- 21 Department? So I'm not sitting up here making up
- 22 anything, falsifying, making assumptions about Detroit
- 23 police officers living in shelters. You have to
- 24 understand. Darryl Woods, where I live, somebody has been
- 25 contacting you every time something happens. So how would



- 1 you even know what's going on? Let's keep this 100. You
- 2 sit up here on this board every week. Lie, listen in my
- 3 eyes and all this stuff you are saying; like I said, the
- 4 FBI because they are in these shelters taking up bed
- 5 spaces. So you tell me, I need to hear this? Are they
- 6 officers? Chief Warfield?
- Okay, my whole point. Have you all been lying,
- 8 conspiring with each other, with the chief, everybody
- 9 lying to the City Council saying there are no Detroit
- 10 police officers living in shelters. If yesterday an
- 11 incident occurred, an officer. So when I went back and
- 12 said, it's like recruiting from the eighties, you never
- 13 know what you are going to get. This officer told me to
- 14 shut the F up and this, this and that. You're recruiting
- 15 people out of the shelters with mental illness who are
- 16 taking medication or drug addicts. You clean them up a
- 17 little bit. You give them an incentive. They want to be
- 18 officers because they want this money. They want this
- 19 \$3,000. They want to start off at 55 and they're not
- 20 paying any money. So this is how the incentive is, and
- 21 house vouchers permanently only pay 30%. So make it make
- 22 sense, while you all sit up here every week and lie and
- 23 act like this does not exist where officers are living in
- 24 shelters. Contact the FBI Darryl Woods.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Next speaker, please.



- 1 MR. LUND: Question Who's the head person of the ---
- 2 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Could you identify yourself,
- 3 please?
- 4 MR. LUND: I'm Mr. Lund.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Okay. Thank you.
- 6 MR. LUND: The head of the commissioner's council?
- 7 Well the commissioners?
- 8 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: The board.
- 9 MR. LUND: You?
- 10 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Yes.
- 11 MR. LUND: Do you control civil rights?
- 12 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: No.
- MR. LUND: With civil rights? Well, everybody that I
- 14 call at the City Council and everywhere else, they said,
- 15 call you people for civil rights because my civil rights
- 16 are violated.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Yeah. We handle citizens'
- 18 complaints.
- MR. LUND: Pardon me. I don't want to waste my two
- 20 minutes.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: No, no. I'll give you extra
- 22 time. We handle citizens' complaints for the police
- 23 department and we provide oversight.
- MR. LUND: Well, every time I call 596-5918 and they
- 25 send me to you guys. And the officer, Jeremy Foster,



- 1 violated my civil rights. That man kept me in handcuffs.
- 2 I had surgeries on my hand. I had my throat cut and
- 3 everything. And I had surgery on my shoulder and nothing
- 4 happened. I don't even know what that officer is doing.
- 5 He's still on the street to my understanding.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Have you filed a complaint
- 7 with our ---
- 8 I filed complaints. I have paperwork stacked. I have
- 9 two ---
- 10 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Did we have someone talk
- 11 with him?
- MR. LUND: I even went and got a bullhorn. Do I have
- 13 to stand outside and talk about this? I don't understand
- 14 what's going on. I went to the Supreme Court, the Sixth
- 15 Circuit Supreme Court. It's still in motion right now
- 16 because of this one officer. You have an attorney Philip
- 17 Hiltner who withheld evidence to this day. And he just
- 18 released it ever since 2016 to the 24th 2024 to this
- 19 date. And I just went down there. I just left the Coleman
- 20 A. Young Center. I Googled Mayor Duggan and he did
- 21 nothing. I never got any return to anything. But this
- 22 Officer Forrester is still on patrol. And you guys say
- 23 that you are hiring new officers, no disrespect to the
- 24 ones who are doing their job, but you are all hiring
- 25 these young officers that have no training; you don't



1 train them right. And they are out there doing wrong. And

- 2 the other thing really quick, give these parents back
- 3 their rights to beat these kids down. Not kill them, but
- 4 beat them down, and they wouldn't do the things that they
- 5 do. And you wouldn't have to come here. But you're taking
- 6 the rights from the parents. And that's what the kids do
- 7 because they think they have rights. Now, they shouldn't
- 8 have rights until they're adults.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Okay. Thank you. I'd like to
- 10 see if Chief, we could have someone speak with him
- 11 regarding his complaints.
- 12 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: Excuse me. Through the Chair.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Yes.
- 14 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: I think the Chief was
- 15 indicating that we might have a CCR on file already. Do
- 16 we know what day that CCR was filed?
- 17 CI WARFIELD: Through the Chair?
- 18 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Yes, we --- sir.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Pardon me?
- 20 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: I was asking the chief
- 21 investigator, do we already have a citizen complaint
- 22 filed for you? And he's saying yes. And I'm asking what
- 23 date was that CCR filed?
- 24 CI WARFIELD: CCR that was filed was not for ---
- 25 through the Chair. The CCR file was not for the specific



- 1 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: That he just spoke of?
- 2 CI WARFIELD: That he just spoke of.
- 3 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: Okay. So it's another
- 4 complaint.
- 5 CI WARFIELD: There are other complaints.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: So we can have someone speak
- 7 with him today,
- 8 CI WARFIELD: The supervising investigators.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Okay.
- 10 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: But can I get a clarifying --
- 11 -
- 12 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Yes, go ahead.
- 13 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: Here to our public commenter.
- 14 The date of the incident, of the fourth allegation of
- 15 force that you're making. What year was that?
- MR. LUND: It was in 2016. I'm still in motion right
- 17 now because I had to file a complaint against the judges.
- 18 I had to go to the grievance office today because the
- 19 judges didn't even want to hear. I never even got a court
- 20 case.
- 21 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: Well then yes, one of our
- 22 investigators will definitely assist, but noting that the
- 23 incident occurred in 2016 and this CCR will be filed
- 24 today, there'll be some difficulty, but the investigation
- 25 should be able to go forward. Is that correct, Chief



- 1 Investigator?
- 2 CI WARFIELD: Through the Chair. We actually did take
- 3 a report back in 2016.
- 4 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY About this incident?
- 5 CI WARFIELD: About that incident. I have it right
- 6 here in front of me.
- 7 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: Okay. Thank you.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Okay, sir, somebody's going
- 9 to follow you.
- 10 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: I'm sorry.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Go ahead.
- 12 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: I'm a little bit
- 13 discombobulated by this. Has he been contacted at all? He
- 14 is from OCI. Okay. Sir, we'll do our best to follow up on
- 15 the CCR that's already on file for your case.
- MR. LUND: All I've been doing is getting thrown
- 17 under the bus.
- 18 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: Yeah, I apologize for that.
- 19 And it still might feel that way just to be quite honest
- 20 with you, noting the investigation that has to be done,
- 21 but we'll do our best.
- MR. LUND: Thank you.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you. Next speaker.
- MS. UNDERWOOD: Thank you, Madam Chair. Our next
- 25 speakers will be Ms. Beverly Watts. Ms. Bernice Smith.



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- 1 And then we'll go into Zoom.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you.
- 3 MS. WATTS: Good afternoon.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Good afternoon.
- 5 MS. WATTS: Beverly Watts, District 5, president of
- 6 Harbortown one, as well. First I wanted to say, I want to
- 7 commend you, Commissioner Pressley, for all the work that
- 8 you've done. I want to thank you for that. It's not easy
- 9 to serve. I've been on both sides of the table, so I get
- 10 it. I also want to voice my support for the curfew fine.
- 11 I understand anytime you hit families with financial
- 12 situations, it could be an expense on you. However with
- 13 the crime that we're having, especially curfew violations
- 14 that's not the only issue for the crime increase. But we
- 15 have to do something. And sometimes when you don't put a
- 16 value on something, people don't take it seriously. So we
- 17 applaud that because the price is too high on the other
- 18 side with the car thefts, with the shootings.
- 19 And they're not the only ones. They're adults too.
- 20 But we have to start at home. So I applaud the police
- 21 department for proposing to the mayor and everyone else
- 22 who was behind that, that we all have to be that village.
- 23 Going to the point of what the gentleman said, the
- 24 commissioner about a village. We have to do that. You
- 25 know, we know what we used to have when our parents were



- 1 raising us, but we have to do that and be that village.
- 2 As I said, I'm president of Harbortown one. We make sure
- 3 we go online in our area and we know the commander, we
- $4\,$ know all the programs that are there. But the problem is,
- 5 and we've attended some of those, they're not attended.
- 6 So what we have to do as a community, as parents, because
- 7 some parents have two or three jobs.
- 8 Let's be that village. Let's take their kids for
- 9 them when they can't come. But we need to go to some of
- 10 these programs. And also on the other side, for the
- 11 police department, let's reevaluate some of the programs
- 12 and see what's effective. What is measurable? Maybe we
- 13 have to get them involved and see what program will work.
- 14 But the hardest thing I'll always tell people, it's
- 15 easier to sit there and criticize anyone. The hard part
- 16 is taking off your shoes and stepping on someone else. So
- 17 I want to applaud everyone just for giving your time and
- 18 trying to make a difference. Thank you.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you.
- MS. SMITH: Wonderful. I raised her. I am so proud of
- 21 her, and I'm glad that she ---
- 22 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Before she speaks, can I say
- 23 something?
- 24 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Yes, Commissioner Woods.
- 25 Just one second please.



- 1 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Yeah, I want to just point at
- 2 that big stack over there, that's next to the chief
- 3 investigator. Those are cases upon cases upon cases,
- 4 probably hundreds of cases; 200 cases right there in
- 5 which all these commissioners had to review to be able to
- 6 give answers to the citizens. We get these folders every
- 7 single week. This is a sacred process. And we're not
- 8 going to litigate people's personal situations in public.
- 9 You know, that's a sacred process. The Office of Chief
- 10 Investigator is where you file citizen complaints and
- 11 you're going to get treated in a dignified manner. And I
- 12 agree with Minister Blount, that we do need to be able to
- 13 carve out a space and time, at least once or twice a
- 14 month, particularly in our community meetings so that we
- 15 can give a detailed report as relates to the Office of
- 16 the Chief Investigator. But that is a lot of cases to
- 17 review; 200 cases. You know we have to read every last
- 18 one of them, and we have to sign off on them, and we have
- 19 to challenge them sometimes and scrutinize them. And so
- 20 that is a very, very lengthy process. And that's the work
- 21 that a number of the commissioners are doing on a weekly
- 22 basis.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you. Commissioner. Go
- 24 ahead, please.
- MS. SMITH: You have me standing up here this long,



- 1 while you are doing all this?
- 2 COMMISSIONER WOODS: You going to get ---
- 3 MS. SMITH: You apologize to me when we're ---
- 4 COMMISSIONER WOODS: You are going to get me, I know.
- 5 I deserve it.
- 6 MS. SMITH: Ewing, good to see you, my dear. You
- 7 know, we have gone through a whole lot of crime action
- 8 for the last month or so. I have been talking about these
- 9 youngsters for the longest, because I raised five myself,
- 10 so I know what it takes. In the meantime, we do have to
- 11 pay more attention to what our children are doing when
- 12 they're at our site. We definitely do. And I'm a great-
- 13 grandmother now, and I still care for what my children
- 14 are doing and what my grandchildren are doing. But the
- 15 fact is, what has happened for the last month or so, I'm
- 16 very disgusted about it. And I don't know what we could
- 17 do. But I do have one suggestion. We used to have the
- 18 police in the neighborhood. Ewing, what happened to that
- 19 program we had. Every time you looked up, we saw one of
- 20 our police that was in the neighborhood, what do they
- 21 call it? The NF or whatever.
- But can we have that back in our neighborhoods
- 23 again? Would that be impossible to have? Because I think
- 24 that was a great effort of the police department. And I
- 25 love my police department. I love every one of them.



- 1 Every time you put that uniform on, you're taking care of
- 2 me and everybody else sitting in this room, and outside.
- 3 So I just want that suggestion. Could we bring them back
- 4 in the neighborhood so when we look out our door, we can
- 5 see a police officer in the neighborhood or somewhere
- 6 near our homes because it's getting ridiculous. Every day
- 7 when I look at my TV at 11 o'clock, I hear something
- 8 about the kids shooting, they're hijacking. The other
- 9 day, there were 12-year-olds hijacking. They showed a
- 10 picture of them hijacking. That's ridiculous. We have to
- 11 do something.
- 12 It's time to put our foot down, see if we can bring
- 13 the police back in the neighborhood so they can be
- 14 visible in our city. And Pressley baby, I'm going to miss
- 15 the heck out of you. You know that, don't you? I'm sorry
- 16 that you're going to leave us. You have done a wonderful
- 17 job since you've been on this board and I've been very
- 18 proud of you, of what you have been doing. As a matter of
- 19 fact, all of you have been doing a good job. I don't have
- 20 any complaints about any of you, but the fact is, we have
- 21 to do better as far as our city is concerned and taking
- 22 care of our city. This young man that's come from New
- 23 York. I know what New York is like. I wouldn't live there
- 24 for nothing in the world, because ---
- 25 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you.



- 1 MS. SMITH: Alright. You have a good day, and bless
- 2 all of you. Believe me. Talk to the good Lord, because I
- 3 went to Bible study the other day and it was good. And
- 4 that's another problem I have. I saw two of our policemen
- 5 there. I'll talk about it next week.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you. Next speaker.
- 7 MS. UNDERWOOD: Thank you, Madam Chair. We're going
- 8 to go into Zoom. We have three speakers in Zoom. Our
- 9 first speaker will be former Commissioner William Davis,
- 10 Mr. Smith and Ruby. And then that would be the end.
- 11 MR. DAVIS: Good afternoon. Can I be heard?
- 12 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Yes, you may.
- MR. DAVIS: Okay. Let's start off by saying, I'm
- 14 going to miss the commissioner who is leaving, that has a
- 15 church in my neighborhood. I would prefer to see him and
- 16 others not leave until January. But when I was a kid
- 17 growing up, you know, we had neighborhood schools, and if
- 18 you act up in school, you would get paddled. You know,
- 19 parents used to be able to do physical adjustments to
- 20 you, and they didn't have to worry about going to jail.
- 21 So I think, the parents have responsibility, but some of
- 22 the responsibility also is on the city and the state,
- 23 because we had schools in the neighborhood. We had after
- 24 school programs. We have a number of things that have
- 25 deteriorated over the years.



- 1 You know, I remember going, and having the Swim
- 2 mobile, the bookmobile, all sorts of stuff that would
- 3 come into the communities. Especially some communities
- 4 that don't have Rec centers that don't have some of the
- 5 stuff that they should have. When I was a kid, I used to
- 6 go to the Rec center. I used to wrestle, box, you know,
- 7 do all sorts of stuff, you know, shoot basketballs, what
- 8 have you. Some kids don't have that. I had the benefit of
- 9 having two parents who made sure I did what I was
- 10 supposed to do. And when the streetlights came on, if I
- 11 wasn't on the porch, my foot had to be on the step. So I
- 12 think we, not to just look at the parents, but we need to
- 13 look at society and put, when I was a kid, we had
- 14 actually had police and firefighters living in our
- 15 community. So there are a whole lot of factors that you
- 16 need to step back and look at. Thank you.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you, commissioner.
- 18 Next speaker.
- 19 MS. UNDERWOOD: Mr. Jahdante Smith. I'm having a
- 20 little difficulty unmuting him, so we'll just go to the
- 21 next speaker.
- MR. SMITH: I'm here.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Go ahead.
- MR. SMITH: May I be heard?
- 25 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Yes.



- 1 MR. SMITH: Jahdante Smith speaking. I guess I'll
- 2 call out endorsement. I was running for District 5 Police
- 3 Commissioner, but E'yandra Otis, I think that's who I
- 4 support for District 5 Police Commissioner. I want to say
- 5 that as far as the meeting today, the meeting has run
- 6 smoothly, more smoothly than usual, but it's not enough
- 7 about the purpose of the meeting, which is civilian
- 8 police complaints. Also, when it comes to the youth, a
- 9 lot of crimes are being committed by the youth, because
- 10 they don't have anything to do. They don't have, like
- 11 Commissioner Davis said, they don't have a lot of things
- 12 to do and they're being punished. And also the parents.
- 13 And my thing is, I hate to say it, CVI is touted so much,
- 14 and CVI is not doing enough. There's something called the
- 15 Martin Luther King home projects on the east side of
- 16 Detroit that should have its own CVI project because that
- 17 is one of the most dangerous places to live for anybody
- 18 in the City of Detroit. And there is not even a focus.
- 19 The 7th Precinct doesn't even touch it. They don't go
- 20 near it. They won't work with me; they don't work with
- 21 the community on it. And it's just a violent, and very
- 22 terrible place to live. The residents have to deal with
- 23 that. Also, these fines are not going to do anything.
- 24 Here are our poor, not privileged. Mark Young, you need
- 25 to shut up. Whatever you're saying is not correct. You



- 1 are very tone deaf, and there are plenty of white people
- 2 who love to be police officers in the City of Detroit
- 3 because they can come in and they can be racist towards
- 4 black citizens and they love it. This profession is not a
- 5 dying profession. Policing is not dying. We see ICE
- 6 coming in, and raiding southwest Detroit and all of these
- 7 people who are being called illegal and it is stolen
- 8 land.
- 9 It's not a dying breed. They're making a hundred
- 10 thousand plus a year to become police officers and raid
- 11 with masks on. And we have people like them, and that is
- 12 why we have to fight them, even though she's not much
- 13 better because she's attacking protestors, Palestinian
- 14 protestors. But it's ridiculous that you would say this
- 15 is a dying profession, Mark. You need to go outside and
- 16 do some research, touch some grass, and do some research.
- 17 Also, Commissioner Pressley, I don't think you've done an
- 18 excellent job. I think you've done a very pitiful job. As
- 19 a commissioner, you blocked a lot of things. You weren't
- 20 nice. I know I saw you at the NAACP dinner and I was nice
- 21 to you, but I don't think your service has been great.
- 22 And I hate to say it, but I'm glad to see you go. Glad
- 23 we'll get a replacement. Have a nice day. Goodbye.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Next speaker.
- MS. UNDERWOOD: Ruby, please go ahead and



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- 1 provide your comment.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Next speaker.
- 3 MS. UNDERWOOD: Ruby, go ahead and provide your
- 4 comments. Madam Chair, there may be some problem.
- 5 Perhaps, maybe next time we can extend the ---
- 6 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Okay. We'll go on to the
- 7 next item on the agenda. There's no presentation to the
- 8 board, correct, Madam Secretary?
- 9 MS. GARNIER: Correct. Not today, Madam Chair.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: We'll have a report from the
- 11 board Secretary
- MS. GARNIER: Under your tab six in your binders, you
- 13 will please note the documents, A through D Towing
- 14 Committee memorandum. I want to make a special note that
- 15 the handout from the meeting that was held yesterday, is
- 16 a compilation of presentations made by the Towing
- 17 Committee's meetings, which was a three-part series over
- 18 the past three months. Very useful information ---
- 19 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Filing complaints, and for
- 20 whatever reason, they weren't filing complaints. Maybe
- 21 they didn't think that, you know, their rights were
- 22 violated, whatever the situation was, but they weren't
- 23 filing complaints. So, thank you Chief.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Commissioner Banks.
- 25 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Yeah. I just want to say that's



1	pretty good what you put out there about the bum rush		
2	because the community needs to know about that. That's		
3	really good, what the officers are out here doing		
4	Standing for justice. That's good stuff, commissioner.		
5	Good stuff.		
6	CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you. Any, any other		
7	comments? Hearing none then, is there any new business?		
8	New business? No new business. I'll entertain a motion to		
9	adjourn.		
10	COMMISSIONER WOODS: So move.		
11	CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: It's been moved and		
12	supported. All those in favor indicate saying, aye.		
13	COMMISSIONERS: Aye.		
14	CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Opposed? Motion carries.		
15	Thank you for attending tonight's meeting.		
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20	(Meeting Adjourned at 4:23 p.m.)		
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