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CITY OF DETROIT  
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
August 14, 2025 at 6:30 PM.

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3 CHAIRPERSON DEWAEELSCHÉ: Thank you for joining us  
4 here at the Community Center at AB Ford for our Board of  
5 Police Commissioners meeting Thursday, August 14th at  
6 6:30. We don't have a quorum, so I'm going to go --- do  
7 we have someone that's going to give the invocation? It's  
8 Chaplain Samuel Scarborough by Zoom, correct?

9 CHAPLIN SCARBOROUGH: Yes.

10 CHAIRPERSON DEWAEELSCHÉ: Thank you. Go ahead,  
11 chaplain.

12 CHAPLAIN SCARBOROUGH: Father, in the name of Jesus,  
13 Lord, we thank you for this wonderful day and this  
14 meeting you've called to order, Lord. Father, we thank  
15 you for every individual that's here today, Lord. We  
16 can't do anything without you. So we ask you to be in the  
17 midst of this meeting to cover and keep us all in sound  
18 mind, Lord God, and according to your spirit, lead us,  
19 Father, that we'll make sound, and decisions that will be  
20 pleasing unto you. Bless every member here according to  
21 the Board, Lord. Father, we thank you that your arms of  
22 mercy and grace will be extended unto us, that we'll be  
23 able to uplift your will and do according to what your  
24 desires are. And we give you praise, glory, and honor.  
25 It's in Jesus' name we pray, thank God. Amen.

1 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHÉ: Amen. Thank you, chaplain.

2 At this time, we're going to go to public comment and  
3 could we have our first speaker.

4 MS. UNDERWOOD: Madam Chair, we only have one  
5 speaker. That speaker is in Zoom. Oh, just one moment. We  
6 have a speaker here in the room. Minister Eric Blount.  
7 Anyone else want to speak? Could you please give your  
8 card?

9 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHÉ: Go ahead, speaker.

10 MINISTER BLOUNT: When does my time begin and how do  
11 I know when it ends?

12 MS. UNDERWOOD: I'll let you know.

13 MINISTER BLOUNT: Okay. Give me 5 minutes and 10  
14 minutes. Good afternoon, board. I'm Minister Eric Blount  
15 from Sacred Heart Catholic Church right here in Detroit.  
16 At its core, this board feeds the beast of white  
17 supremacy. You sit here and just enjoy talking about  
18 crime and letting the police department talk about crime  
19 and all. Let's talk about incidents of crime and  
20 everything else. And the beast is so pleased because just  
21 like the person in Washington, DC that thinks there's a  
22 crisis of crime, when crime is actually down 30% in  
23 Washington, DC and yet those in power say that they must  
24 overtake, they must deploy the military in order to fight  
25 crime. So I'm getting to see more and more of what goes

1 on. Chairperson Dewaelsche, I really expect you and Dr.  
2 Warfield to report back on the Prince Valley incident,  
3 where we understand, we don't have proof, or those that  
4 have the proof are afraid to come forward. But there's a  
5 growing concern that the Detroit Police Department is  
6 assisting ICE in arresting people. And in this Prince  
7 Valley situation of July 3rd, it is alleged that the  
8 police went into Prince Valley, took out the immigrants,  
9 and then handed them over to ICE to be detained,  
10 deported, tortured, whatever else that may happen to  
11 them. I don't want to be disrespectful. I don't know what  
12 the time is, so I'll stop there.

13 MS. UNDERWOOD: Our next speaker is on Zoom. That  
14 will be Ms. Avery, and then after Ms. Avery, former  
15 commissioner William Davis. And then that will be the end  
16 of public comment. State your name for the record,  
17 please?

18 MR. RUE: For the record, my name is Mr. Rue. That's  
19 for the record. Now, to Ms. Dewaelsche, the chairperson  
20 of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners. The Board's  
21 attorney, the one representing the board, is attorney  
22 Conrad Mallett Jr. The Vice Chair of the Detroit Board of  
23 Police Commissioners Darryl Woods, several members of the  
24 Board of Police Commissioners here in the City of  
25 Detroit, Michigan, know I've spoken the truth at these

1 meetings and hearings. They know Kaneisha Coleman didn't  
2 shoot herself. So publicly, I'm taking it. The fact that  
3 Kaneisha did not shoot herself, did not commit suicide.  
4 I'm taking it out of you all hands myself. It's in my  
5 hands. Now that I've got it, if somebody wants to get it,  
6 they can come get it, and attempt to take it from me.  
7 It's not going to turn out the way they may think. So,  
8 with that being said, now that I have it, I'm going to  
9 tell the Detroit City Council the same thing; the mayor,  
10 president of the Council, President Pro Tem, everybody in  
11 the City of Detroit can hear it. I have it. I'm giving it  
12 to Nini. Her mama didn't kill herself. A suicide bogus, a  
13 double dollar sign; false, a double dollar sign; suicide  
14 tag placed upon her by the Detroit Police Department, and  
15 the Wayne County Medical Examiners, Jeffrey Hudson has  
16 been taken by me.

17 MS. UNDERWOOD: The last caller is former  
18 Commissioner William Davis.

19 MR. DAVIS: Good evening. Can I be heard?

20 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHKE: Yes, you may.

21 MR. DAVIS: Okay. That's a nice facility that you all  
22 are at. I think that's a nice place to have meetings  
23 sometimes. I think we need to have more community  
24 meetings and less meetings down at the Public Safety  
25 Headquarters, because I know a number of friends and

1 associates back in Southwest Detroit are somewhat  
2 reluctant to go to the Public Safety Headquarters, and a  
3 number of other people throughout the city are somewhat  
4 leery about going there. Also, I think there should be a  
5 greater effort, you know, by the board to interact with  
6 the mayor and City Council and see if more could be done  
7 to have more activities, be it for young people and also  
8 senior citizens. You know, I basically started my  
9 employment with the City of Detroit early in Coleman  
10 Young's term. And there used to be a lot of activities.

11       There used to be summer jobs that the city used to  
12 have. They didn't have any this year. In some ways  
13 there's been some visual improvements in the City of  
14 Detroit, but in some ways there's been a lot of  
15 regression. Things are not as good in some areas. So  
16 hopefully you all can help encourage things to improve,  
17 especially for young people and seniors. Hopefully you  
18 all could help to encourage any reaction and let the  
19 public know what the Board of Police Commissioners is  
20 doing and can do and what they cannot do. You all should  
21 have at least one town hall meeting every year, and  
22 present to the public, and listen to the public. That's  
23 all I have to say for now. You all have a good day.

24       MS. UNDERWOOD: That is the final speaker, Madam  
25 Chair.

1 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHÉ: I'm sorry. Are there any  
2 other speakers?

3 MS. UNDERWOOD: No, ma'am.

4 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHÉ: Okay. We are waiting for one  
5 more commissioner. We need a quorum, and he's on his way.  
6 So I'm going to ask if OCI Chief Warfield would be able  
7 to give a brief report.

8 CI WARFIELD: Thank you, Madam Chair. To the board,  
9 to the citizens that are here this afternoon. Few things  
10 I want to give an update on. One is, there's going to be  
11 a change, fairly soon as relates to the ability to retain  
12 body-worn camera footage. The department and the City of  
13 Detroit, along with the State of Michigan, has changed  
14 the policy. And because the State of Michigan has changed  
15 the policy, we will no longer be able to keep body-worn  
16 camera footage in perpetuity. We will be able to keep  
17 body-worn camera footage up to three years as relates to  
18 those complaints that have been filed by citizens for  
19 incidents that we need to capture that body-worn camera  
20 footage. Aside from that, that body-worn camera footage  
21 would expire after a year. So that is a change in policy  
22 for us. And again, that comes from the State and through  
23 the city, and I just wanted to give you an alert about  
24 that.

25 That change has not taken place yet, but it will be

1 taking place fairly soon. We've had meetings with the IT  
2 department from the City of Detroit who informed us of  
3 the change that's coming. In addition to that, we've also  
4 changed the way that we're storing our files. We are  
5 moving from the hard data system that we have to a  
6 storage-based system. Again, that's through the IT  
7 department. The conversion of those files has already  
8 started. We have noticed some trends as well that we want  
9 to make the board aware of. And we're getting complaints  
10 in our office as it relates to citizens being mailed  
11 their tickets, their moving violation tickets. And we  
12 have a couple of citizens tickets who unfortunately,  
13 never received the tickets in the mail prior to the  
14 disposition being determined at the court level. So those  
15 cases are currently being evaluated.

16 As a matter of fact, one of our investigators  
17 received such a ticket in the mail as well. And so, you  
18 know, that's something we're currently working on, but we  
19 are seeing somewhat of an uptick in tickets that are  
20 being mailed to citizens instead of giving them their  
21 ticket right there on the spot. So we will update you on  
22 why we believe that is the case. And then finally, we  
23 want to go over the number of complaints that we've  
24 received in the month of July and the year, and the  
25 number of cases that we've actually investigated and



1 closed in the month of July, and give you the aggregate  
2 number for the year.

3 OCI closed 291 cases in the month of July.  
4 Investigated and closed for the year, that's 1,638 cases  
5 that we've investigated and closed. OCI has received a  
6 total of 1,206 cases for the year of 2025. Again, that  
7 number that we have received, the complaints that we've  
8 received is 1,206 cases. Just to give you a comparison,  
9 last year this time, OCI closed 434 cases. So we are more  
10 than 1200 cases ahead of the pace than we were last year.  
11 But we received 1,113 new cases last year this time, so  
12 that we are right ahead of the pace this year than we  
13 were a year from now. Our OCI investigators and our staff  
14 are working very diligently investigating cases, and I'm  
15 pleased at the progress that we're able to make and we're  
16 right on track of where we need to be in order to rid  
17 ourselves of the backlog.

18 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHÉ: Thank you. Commissioners,  
19 are there any questions? Yes.

20 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Thank you, Madam Chair. Just a  
21 quick question in regards to body-worn cameras. Is there  
22 a policy coming out? And if it's out, can you please  
23 forward it to us?

24 CI WARFIELD: As soon as we get the policy in  
25 writing, we'll forward it, through the secretary, to all

1 the commissioners. But there is a policy that's coming  
2 out, and again, that's being dictated through the State  
3 of Michigan and down to the city.

4 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Thank you.

5 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHÉ: Any other? Go ahead.

6 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Through the Chair. And the  
7 retention, the three-year retention is that for the State  
8 as well as department. So they are saying that they are  
9 only going to retain; so who is the owner of the body-  
10 worn camera footage?

11 CI WARFIELD: I'll leave it to the department to give  
12 that answer, to give the complete answer as far as who  
13 owns the body-worn camera footage. But I know it all goes  
14 through the State of Michigan through their whole  
15 criminal information system and their lien system. All of  
16 it is part and incorporated with them. The City of  
17 Detroit has a license with the State of Michigan in order  
18 to use it. As far as the three-year term for us to be  
19 able to keep the footage that long, is through the State  
20 of Michigan.

21 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Okay. Do you foresee that  
22 happening with anything as it relates to any type of  
23 investigation if it's only retained for three years?

24 CI WARFIELD: I do not see that changing the way that  
25 we do our current investigations at all. Because once the

1 cases come in, one of the first things we do is that we  
2 go and we look for, and we grab those resources, very  
3 specifically, the body-worn camera footage to make sure  
4 that we store it. So as we get further into the  
5 investigation, we have that footage there. We also look  
6 for and store all video and all audio that may be related  
7 to that particular situation. So it would not change. The  
8 only thing it would change for us is that as relates to  
9 disciplinary, when we have to send the case over to  
10 disciplinary, we won't send them the video anymore.  
11 They'll have the ID of that particular video so they can  
12 look it up for themselves on the same system that we look  
13 it up on. But we will no longer be able to store that  
14 video and send it to them. It'll all be attached to the  
15 WatchGuard system, which is what we use to look up body-  
16 worn camera footage.

17 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Did they say why they are  
18 changing it?

19 CI WARFIELD: I believe it was because of cost, and  
20 it was also due to the fact that, again, on the State  
21 level, I'm not sure from a state level while they did it,  
22 but it had something to do with storage as well, because  
23 I think the body-worn camera footage, some footage last  
24 up to hours. And if you have about 7 or 8 officers on the  
25 scene and you multiply that you know, throughout the

1 number of stops that officers make, it can be quite  
2 voluminous the amount of space that it takes up. So it's  
3 an effort, I think, to make sure that the system works  
4 more efficiently and effectively by decreasing the amount  
5 of space that's being used. But at the same time, I think  
6 it's a cost savings.

7 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Okay. Thank you kindly.

8 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Any other questions,  
9 comments? Okay. If not, I'd like to have a roll call. We  
10 have a quorum at this point. Please call the meeting to  
11 order.

12 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Dewaelsche - Present.

13 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Woods - Present.

14 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Bernard - Attorney Linda  
15 Bernard. District 2, Present.

16 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Banks - Present.

17 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Bell is excused.

18 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Burton is excused.

19 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Carter - Here.

20 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Jones - Present.

21 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Moore - Present.

22 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Smith - Present.

23 MS. GARNIER: Eight Present, Madam Chair.

24 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you. We've already had  
25 the invocation, so I'm going to ask for a motion to

1 approve the August 14th agenda.

2 COMMISSIONER WOODS: So moved.

3 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Support.

4 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: It's been moved and  
5 seconded. Is there any discussion? All in favor indicate  
6 by saying, aye.

7 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

8 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Opposed? The motion carries.  
9 And now I'd like to ask for a motion to approve the  
10 minutes of August 7th, 2025.

11 COMMISSIONER WOODS: So moved.

12 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Support, Madam Chair.

13 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: It's been moved and  
14 seconded. Is there any discussion? All those in favor  
15 indicate by saying, aye.

16 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

17 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Opposed? The motion carries.  
18 We have minutes for the closed session of August 7th,  
19 2025. Is there a motion?

20 COMMISSIONER WOODS: So moved.

21 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Support:

22 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: It's been moved and  
23 seconded. Any discussion? All in favor indicate by  
24 saying, aye.

25 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

1 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHÉ: Opposed? Motion carries.

2 Thank you. And now Madam Secretary, if we could have the  
3 introduction of the BOPC staff, Chief, Elected Officials,  
4 Representatives, and Community Leaders.

5 MS. GARNIER: Madam Chair, through the Chair, present  
6 at this time are as follows: Chief Investigator Jerome  
7 Warfield. Drew Fries, financial manager, Felicia Tyson,  
8 Jonya Underwood, Mary Barber, Teresa Blossom, Candace  
9 Hayes, Artemisia. Joshua, Dior. Mathis, Senior  
10 Investigator of the Office of OCI. Gianna Coulter, DPD,  
11 HR Director, Katrina Patillo, Deputy Chief Arnold  
12 Williams for the Chief of Police Office. Also Commander  
13 Lawrence Purifoy and Captain Scott Pellerito of the 5th  
14 Precinct. The interpreters this evening are Ms. Yakata,  
15 and Dr. Beatty via Zoom. Court reporter Don Handyside,  
16 audio visual, Enrique Jackson Media Services video.  
17 Charles Henry. Also elected officials or representatives  
18 signed in at this time. Marie Overall, for State  
19 Representative Tyrone Carter's office. We have LaDon  
20 Davis via Zoom of the Office of Council member Fred  
21 Durhal. Also former Detroit Police Commissioner William  
22 Davis via Zoom. And those are only individuals registered  
23 at this time, Madam Chair.

24 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHÉ: Thank you, Madam Secretary.  
25 Do we have anybody here from the community center at AB

1 Ford Park by any chance? Okay. Well, I just want to thank  
2 the community center for hosting our meeting tonight.  
3 It's a beautiful center and thank you very much. We  
4 appreciate it. At this time the Chief of Police Deputy  
5 Chief Williams will be giving his report. Thank you.

6 DC WILLIAMS: Through the Chair. We're down to all  
7 crime categories. We'll talk about our violent crime. So  
8 for homicide, we're down 14%. We had 19 less homicides  
9 this year than we had last year at the same time. For  
10 fatal shootings we are down 107. That's 26% from last  
11 year. For our robberies we're down to 80 robberies.  
12 That's 12% from last year. For car jackings we're down  
13 17. That's a 26% decrease from last year as well. Just  
14 giving some quick crime updates. The 11th Precinct had an  
15 operation safeguard. They conduct it on Friday, August  
16 8th. They made a lot of good enforcement in response to  
17 the number of shootings that had taken place in the  
18 Precinct at that time. We had a quadruple stabbing at  
19 number 11. I think everybody is aware of that.

20 We had two fatalities that came out of it. The  
21 individual is still at large, but he's been identified  
22 and we're asking if anyone has information that could  
23 lead to his arrest to call Crime Stoppers at 1800SPEAKUP.  
24 We also had a 15-year-old robbery suspect who was fatally  
25 shot. This occurred on Saturday as well. Officers were

1 dispatched to the 3100 block of Hendricks first shooting.  
2 Upon arriving on the scene they received information from  
3 an individual who was a 22-year-old CPL holder that three  
4 men attempted to rob him. One of those men was the 15-  
5 year-old who was fatally shot. Of the three men, the 15-  
6 year-old was fatally shot. The 18-year-old was taken into  
7 custody, and there was a third who, at this time, we  
8 haven't identified. So again, the 22 year old, who's a  
9 CPL holder, who fatally shot the 15-year-old, we did  
10 submit a warrant to the prosecutor's office. It was  
11 denied and it was deemed self-defense.

12       There was a quadruple non-fatal shooting that took  
13 place at the senior apartments in the 7th Precinct in the  
14 7500 block of East Jefferson that happened on Monday the  
15 11th. Basically, there were a number of individuals in  
16 the back of the senior building. There was an argument  
17 they had with the shooter who came from the third floor  
18 down. He shot three of those individuals non-fatally. One  
19 of those individuals who was shot from reports we  
20 received tackled the shooter. He dropped the gun when he  
21 was tackled, and a woman picked that weapon up and she  
22 fired shots and she shot him non-fatally. And he was  
23 taken into custody. Going from crime to events.

24       So we have a graduating class. 25G will be  
25 graduating tomorrow. That graduation will be taking place



1 at Greater Grace Church at 10:30. That's 23500 West 7  
2 Mile Road. We'll also have the 5th annual Jazz in the  
3 Park at the 2nd Precinct. That's going to be tomorrow as  
4 well. That's going to be located at 10,500 Linden Street.  
5 That's the Adams Butzel Recreation Center. And they're  
6 going to have performances with Leslie DeShazor. Guests  
7 can arrive as early as 5:00 PM and the event will go on  
8 until 8:30 PM. Next Wednesday, the chief will be doing  
9 Walk-a-Mile Wednesday. That'll be taking place in the 5th  
10 Precinct. Please watch our social media and our Facebook  
11 and our Instagram, and we'll be releasing that location  
12 where that walk or start from. That concludes the Chief's  
13 presentation. I have questions -- I'm open for questions  
14 from the board.

15 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you. DC. Yes, do we  
16 have some questions? Okay, let ---

17 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Thank you, Madam Chair. Good  
18 afternoon, Chief.

19 DC WILLIAMS: Good afternoon, commissioner.

20 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Just a second. I'm sorry.

21 COMMISSIONER MOORE: I'm sorry.

22 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Commissioner Bernard will be  
23 after you, commissioner.

24 COMMISSIONER MOORE: I have a question. In regards to  
25 workplace violence. Does the department have a zero

1 tolerance or a low tolerance when it comes to workplace  
2 violence?

3 DC WILLIAMS: Zero tolerance for workplace violence.

4 COMMISSIONER MOORE: And is there a difference, or is  
5 it interchangeable or ---?

6 DC WILLIAMS: No. If you could repeat again, you said  
7 workplace or ---?

8 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Workplace violence.

9 DC WILLIAMS: You said, is there a difference between  
10 zero tolerance, and?

11 COMMISSIONER MOORE: And low tolerance?

12 DC WILLIAMS: I would say no for how we look at it.  
13 It's zero tolerance and no tolerance.

14 COMMISSIONER MOORE: So if a situation comes to a  
15 supervisor's purview, it's their responsibility to handle  
16 it, reduce it to writing and push it forward. Is that  
17 correct?

18 DC WILLIAMS: That is correct.

19 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Okay. Thank you, sir.

20 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHÉ: Commissioner Bernard.

21 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Just quickly. My colleague  
22 Tamara Liberty Smith was kind enough to share with me the  
23 video of an incident that happened outside of an Airbnb  
24 on the Eastside of Detroit. A man, it's all on the  
25 videotape, butchered and killed two people and stabbed

1 two others. I want to know, 1). Do we have him in  
2 custody? That's number 1). Do we?

3 DC WILLIAMS: No. So that's one of the incidents that  
4 I briefed out that happened in the 18,000 block of ---  
5 let me just look at the street again. I want to make sure  
6 I have the correct streets. So give me one quick second.  
7 So that stabbing happened in the 18,000 block of Fleming  
8 in the 11th Precinct. And no, we do not have that suspect  
9 in custody, but we do have that suspect identified

10 It was, I think, the most horrific crime I've seen  
11 other than on TV. I've never seen; I mean, when he  
12 stabbed the girl, she's 27, I think. She bled so much her  
13 hair, everything was matted with blood. So he must have  
14 hit her at an artery. The other person died, and this  
15 guy, he's a big guy, and he just kept stabbing people.  
16 And we have all the information on him. I think he's an  
17 ex-offender. He was previously incarcerated for something  
18 else, as I recall. And we haven't got him yet. It made me  
19 afraid, and I'm never afraid. But I'm like, who's driving  
20 behind me, who's in front of me. And if I'm walking, it's  
21 absolutely terrifying. This isn't a gun. This is a person  
22 butchering people. I call him the butcher; and I'm really  
23 concerned about this, and I want to know really how many  
24 resources or maybe some board members know have been  
25 dedicated to this. This man is extraordinarily dangerous.

1 Nobody had done anything to him. He went crazy. So I'm  
2 asking the question.

3 DC WILLIAMS: Yes. So again, we're using everything  
4 that we have in our availability to find the suspect. And  
5 one of the things that we're asking too, is if someone  
6 knows where he is. He's hiding right now. Somebody's  
7 hiding him, and we're asking for those who have the  
8 information to come forward. If you do have information  
9 we're asking that you contact Crime Stoppers. And  
10 commissioner, to your point, we are doing everything we  
11 can to make sure we get them off the streets, but we have  
12 to find him first, and we need help for that.

13 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Thank you. I just want him off  
14 the streets. I think we all do. I have never been afraid.  
15 I'm not afraid of gun, none of that. This made me afraid,  
16 this guy.

17 DC WILLIAMS: Well, if I can commissioner, he's  
18 running from us right now. He doesn't want to get caught.  
19 He doesn't want to be seen. He's hiding. We're going to  
20 find him.

21 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHÉ: Thank you. Commissioner.  
22 Commissioner Smith, please.

23 COMMISSIONER SMITH: Good afternoon. Through the  
24 Chair. DC Williams. I have a question in regards to the  
25 youth and the curfew that we have going on right now. We

1 still have, I would assume, an uptick in violence with  
2 our youth, such as the 15-year-old that was fatally  
3 injured, that was involved in a robbery. Last week, I  
4 mentioned a 15-year-old that was also in from 11th  
5 Precinct. That is critically injured. We have a 15-year-  
6 old that's missing right now. They conducted a search  
7 party today in the 8th Precinct. And we have an array of  
8 youth that are committing violence in the night hours by  
9 stealing vehicles. Is there anything that can be done  
10 with the department that could help further strengthen  
11 the curfew by getting at these parents that are still  
12 allowing their children to be outside?

13 DC WILLIAMS: Through the Chair, and to address that  
14 question. A lot of the things that you're asking we're  
15 pushing in place. So the biggest thing was the parental  
16 responsibility ticket. And then the increase in fines for  
17 that. But I think one of the bigger things that we can  
18 ask for from the community is when you do see someone who  
19 looks like they are a juvenile or underage to be outside  
20 after hours, make that call. Just call 911. That's one of  
21 the things that we look for, to find out where they are.  
22 As we continue with our enforcement, the numbers that we  
23 are detaining for juveniles, they're decreasing as we go  
24 along. So we're constantly pushing out to all our  
25 commands to make sure they continue with the curfew

1 enforcement. And we are auditing that on a daily basis.

2       So every day we get a report to see how many  
3 juveniles or how much curfew enforcement has taken place  
4 the day before. So this is real time. We receive this  
5 data every day. So we're looking at it. We also look at  
6 the calls for service, meaning that a citizen sees  
7 someone who has a youthful appearance and they call and  
8 say, hey, we have a possible curfew violation, and we  
9 respond to those as well. And those calls have been on  
10 the decline. So we just need the continued help of the  
11 community and we're going to continue with our audits to  
12 make sure that our enforcement is taking place.

13       COMMISSIONER SMITH: And also the 13-year-old Stefan  
14 Nolan, who was also fatally injured. His funeral was  
15 yesterday. Are there any leads in his case? I know  
16 originally it was stated that it was a stolen dark  
17 colored Kia that was observed during the shooting, and I  
18 know they had a tip line. I'm just wondering, had you got  
19 any information or any good leads that will potentially  
20 lead you into the arrest?

21       DC WILLIAMS: So at this time, I haven't received any  
22 information that we received, any plausible leads that  
23 could lead us forward in the case. But I know that we're  
24 still doing a number of things with technology to see,  
25 and we're still open for the tips. I will double check to

1 see if we have received anything, and move forward to the  
2 case and I'll make sure that I present it to the board.

3 COMMISSIONER SMITH: Thank you, sir.

4 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you. Commissioner  
5 Woods.

6 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Through the Chair. DC Williams,  
7 can you make sure that the board is provided with the  
8 updates as it relates, at least on a weekly basis of the  
9 curfew violations in terms of all the numbers in the  
10 areas that they wrote tickets so that we could monitor  
11 that situation as well, and see how the courts are  
12 responding to those tickets, and making sure that things  
13 are being done decently, and in order.

14 DC WILLIAMS: Through the Chair, 100%. And I was just  
15 making sure that I document that so I could push that  
16 forward; that you will also be included in that when we  
17 do the stat distribution as well as the location for  
18 where those stats came from.

19 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Thank you.

20 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Any other questions for the  
21 Deputy Chief? Okay. Hearing none then I believe DC, we  
22 have the commander that's going to give a report.  
23 Commander Lawrence Purifoy. We're the 5th Precinct.

24 CMDR. PURIFOY: Good evening board.

25 COMMISSIONERS: Good evening.

1 CMDR. PURIFOY: On behalf of the command staff for  
2 the 5th Precinct and the officers of the 5th Precinct,  
3 welcome to AB Ford Park in our beautiful facility and  
4 soon to be beautiful park. Our presentation; we'll start  
5 out with some overall stats before receiving any  
6 questions. And these stats were accurate, as of Tuesday,  
7 August 12th 2025. Overall major crimes year-to-date, we  
8 are seeing a decrease of 8% and 22% in major crimes over  
9 the past 28 days. Violent crime victims year-to-date in  
10 2025, we've seen a decrease of 5%. a reported property  
11 crime, year-to-date, we have an overall decrease of 12%  
12 and a 31% decrease over the past 28 days. Year-to-date on  
13 our homicides, we had 13 compared to 6 year-to-date in  
14 2024, this reflects 116% increase.

15 And what we are seeing with our homicides, they are  
16 known to each other. For instance, the last homicide that  
17 we had, they were friends, they had an argument, one  
18 pulled a weapon over the argument and fatally wounded his  
19 friend. Another homicide we had, there was a truck parked  
20 in one of his, again, friend's backyard. There was an  
21 argument over something with the truck. They decided to  
22 have a fight with it and one foot a weapon and fatally  
23 wounded his friend. So we're not seeing a lot of unknown  
24 victims with homicides in our Precinct. Unfortunately,  
25 what we are seeing is people who are failed to settle



1 their disagreements in a way other than with a weapon.

2 Moving on to our non-fatal shootings. Year-to-date, we  
3 have 17.

4 This is compared to 23 in 2024, which reflects a 26%  
5 decrease year-to-date. And with our non-fatal shootings,  
6 we are seeing a lot of the same. These are people who are  
7 friends or were once friends, and they cannot settle  
8 their disagreements without using a weapon. Moving on to  
9 aggravated assaults. We have 404 year-to-date in 2025  
10 compared to 454 in '24. This represents an 11% decrease  
11 year-to-date. Our robberies; we're seeing a slight  
12 increase in our robberies year-to-date. Currently we have  
13 47 robberies compared to 34 robberies in 2024. Our  
14 robberies, they're pretty similar. We have a lot of  
15 domestic violence and intimate partner robberies where  
16 we've had one where a cell phone was taken and we've had  
17 approximately three robberies where friends' bikes were  
18 taken from one another.

19 So we don't have an issue where people can feel like  
20 they're unable to walk down the street and they feel like  
21 someone's just going to pull up and rob them. Car  
22 jackings, we've had four car jackings in 2025, and we  
23 have four, all of 2024. So we are even on that number  
24 year-to-date. Our Precinct crime reduction strategies.  
25 Our goal is to remain under 13 minutes in total response

1 time for calls for service. Currently, we are riding a 9-  
2 minute mark for our calls for service, and we're pretty  
3 proud of that. Another goal is to improve the quality of  
4 life for the citizens and the visitors within the 5th  
5 Precinct, to also improve upon the reductions in crime  
6 from 2024. And our focus areas for this calendar year are  
7 56, 57, and 58. Those are on the most eastern part of our  
8 precinct.

9 As far as those targeted enforcement areas, scout  
10 56, we're seeing a 6% reduction for the first half of  
11 2025 versus 2024. In scout car area 57, we're seeing a  
12 23% reduction in the first half. In scout car area 58,  
13 we've seen an overall decrease of 6% in the first half.  
14 We will continue to monitor these areas monthly and  
15 quarterly and adjust as necessary. Back to some of our  
16 strategic results. Our strategies had an impact on non-  
17 fatal shootings and our aggravated assaults, our  
18 burglary, and our motor vehicle theft. Additionally, all  
19 part one property crimes have been reduced in 2025.

20 For 2025 our current non-fatal shooting closure  
21 rate, we are sitting at 71%. This includes five cases  
22 that were closed from our prior year. So we're doing well  
23 with apprehending the people who are committing our  
24 violent crime. We anticipate having three additional non-  
25 federal shootings closed as we have suspects identified,

1 and we're actively seeking them for their arrest. Just to  
2 give you a highlight of one of our shooting team arrests,  
3 we had a non-fatal shooting at Drexel and Waveney. This  
4 was on July 20th of this year. The suspect and the victim  
5 are known to each other by nicknames. The suspect called  
6 the victim and requested to meet at the above location.  
7 As the suspect arrived to meet the victim, he pulled out  
8 a handgun and shot the victim one time in his chest.

9       The victim was able to flee on foot. During the  
10 interview with the officer in charge, the victim provided  
11 a description of the suspect and the vehicle driven by  
12 the suspect, along with the general area in which he may  
13 live. The OIC responded to the area and located the  
14 vehicle that was described by the victim. Working with  
15 our Crime Intelligence Unit, and monitoring, dumping  
16 flock and Project Greenlight cameras. The officer in  
17 charge was able to confirm the vehicle he located was in  
18 the area when the shooting occurred. The suspect was  
19 identified by the victim during a double-blind photo  
20 array, with the assistance of the Detroit Fugitive  
21 Apprehension Team and our Tactical Services Section. The  
22 suspect was taken into custody and charged with a  
23 shooting. A warrant was submitted on our shooter, Mr.  
24 Higginbotham, and the following charges were authorized  
25 by APA: assault with intent to commit murder, great

1   bodily harm, felonious assault, felon in possession times  
2   two, carrying a concealed weapon, felony firearm times  
3   four in habitual offender for offense.

4           Mr. Higginbotham was given a \$1 million bond and is  
5   currently being held at Wayne County Jail. Year-to-date.  
6   There have been 59 CCW arrests within the precinct  
7   borders. Our joint efforts with our bordering precincts,  
8   the 7th Precinct and the 9th Precinct, and bordering law  
9   enforcement agencies, the Gross Point City, Park Farms  
10   and Shores. We're working to continue to reduce our  
11   crime. We're also having restore order operations. To  
12   restore order operations, our joint operations where we  
13   have many units from different departments come and we  
14   execute search warrants. We do traffic stops, traffic  
15   blitzes in the area. So people will definitely feel when  
16   we're executing our restore orders. Our partnerships,  
17   Michigan Department of Corrections. We do home checks. We  
18   also partner with Homicide, Gang Intelligence, Major  
19   Violators, Vice Enforcement to keep the citizens safe.

20           We also partner with BC, the Building Safety  
21   Engineering Environmental Department. What we do with  
22   them, we go out to a lot of the buildings that are within  
23   the precinct to see if they're safe, if people are  
24   occupying those buildings illegally. We put stickers on  
25   those. We make sure that everything is going on within

1 those buildings that are supposed to be going on in those  
2 buildings. Let me move to some of the enforcement by our  
3 NPOs, our Neighborhood Police Officers. Within the last  
4 30 days, approximately 103 vehicles have been tagged. 56  
5 of those vehicles have been towed. Parking enforcement  
6 has produced 42 parking tickets by the NPO Office. 84  
7 blight tickets have been issued and 10 traffic violations  
8 have been issued.

9       Some of our community programs. Developmental  
10 Bootcamp; this is one of the NPOs. He takes some of our  
11 youth. I believe it's 14 and under. And he's training  
12 some of the youth, getting them in shape, and just giving  
13 them overall mentorship. We have Explorers Youth Program,  
14 Seniors Keno Club. We have a crochet club, and of course,  
15 seniors' bingo, which is held here. We have PBS Kids  
16 Program, Youth Snapback program, a radio patrols yellow  
17 Brick Road, neighborhood beautification and mural  
18 project; environment zone coalition, working with church  
19 events, working with block clubs and the 5th Precinct,  
20 Block Club Association and other non-profit  
21 organizations. Some of our upcoming events. As Deputy  
22 Chief mentioned, we have a Walk-a-Mile Wednesday with the  
23 Chief next Wednesday. Today, we sponsored a picnic for  
24 our officers for appreciation in conjunction with the 9th  
25 Precinct. This was held at Chandler Park. So that was a

1 very nice event and the officers really and truly  
2 appreciated that we acknowledged the work that they're  
3 doing. We have Faith in Blue coming up October 25th, I  
4 mean, I'm sorry, in October. We have the 13th Annual  
5 Founders fair and giveaway on August 24th. That's going  
6 to be at 5555. Connor.

7 Project Noah. The Stroller Roll Resource and Job  
8 Fair. That's going to be on August 23rd at Chandler Park.  
9 Also on the 20th, next week we'll be having a ribbon  
10 cutting for the opening of the Chandler Park athletic  
11 dome. And pending any questions, that will conclude my  
12 report.

13 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHÉ: Thank you, commander. Are  
14 there any questions? Commissioner.

15 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Thank you, Madam Chair. Good  
16 presentation commander, but forgive my ignorance. I'm a  
17 West Side police commissioner, so when I ask this  
18 question, hear me out. Is Neff & Chester in your area?

19 CMDR. PURIFOY: Neff & Chester? Yes.

20 COMMISSIONER MOORE: There was a police shooting back  
21 on July 4th?

22 CMDR. PURIFOY: Yes.

23 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Those were the 9th Precinct  
24 officers, or were those 5th Precinct officers?

25 CMDR. PURIFOY: Those were 9th Precincts.

1 COMMISSIONER MOORE: So how did 9th Precinct officers  
2 come over to the 5th Precinct?

3 CMDR. PURIFOY: What they were doing, because we  
4 often piggyback and help each other out. They were doing  
5 part of our juvenile enforcement. It is just right across  
6 the freeway. So it's not far, or they're not deep into  
7 the precinct. It's right across the freeway. So they were  
8 helping us out, patrolling in our area. They had seen  
9 some youthful juveniles, went to investigate, and then  
10 that one thing led to another, and we had to shoot him.

11 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Because I was concerned. I was  
12 listening to the Chief as he was speaking, and he was  
13 building the case for probable cause to have this  
14 interaction. And when they gave the location and then I  
15 guess I heard it was the 9th Precinct officers. It just  
16 brought me concern because I'm wondering how the 9th  
17 Precinct officers know crime stats for the 5th Precinct?  
18 As busy as the 9th Precinct is, I would think they would  
19 be focused on their own areas, but that's just me, you  
20 know?

21 CMDR. PURIFOY: Yeah. It's right there on the border.  
22 And we know crime is not --- they don't stop at the  
23 border. They don't recognize borders.

24 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Oh, without question.

25 CMDR. PURIFOY: So we help one another. The 5th

1 Precinct, except in the presentation, we partner with our  
2 border precincts such as the 9th Precinct and the 7th  
3 Precinct. Also, along Mack, we have all of the points. So  
4 they do traffic blitzes and we're in conjunction, we're  
5 helping them, they're helping us. So it's all  
6 collaborative.

7 COMMISSIONER MOORE: I'm great on partnerships,  
8 through the Chair. I was just concerned that, how did the  
9 9th Precinct officers know crime statistics for the 5th  
10 Precinct? Are they given a briefing ahead of time to say  
11 what the high crime areas are? With the breakdown that  
12 the Chief gave on TV, it was just a lot of in-depth  
13 information as if the officers who committed the shooting  
14 patrol that area every day. So that's just me. You don't  
15 have to answer.

16 CMDR. PURIFOY: Yes, sir.

17 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHÉ: Commissioner Bernard

18 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Just quickly. This is the  
19 first time I've ever been here. This place didn't exist.  
20 I mean, I've been coming back and forth to Gray Haven for  
21 a long time. But could you tell us, for those of us who  
22 don't know from the west side, or just waiting, not in  
23 this area, not in this district. What is all of this, and  
24 what is your plan? I mean, what are we doing? Are we  
25 building housing? What are we doing?



1 CMDR. PURIFOY: Ma'am, this is ---

2 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: And I want to know, if you've  
3 had problems with drownings, like all of our sister  
4 communities have? All in Oakland County, all down river  
5 and everything. We have that issue here. It's a very wide  
6 open space.

7 CMDR. PURIFOY: No, ma'am, we don't have any issues  
8 with drowning. This is just going to be a beautiful city  
9 park. We have someone at the front desk who represents AB  
10 Ford, and maybe they can explain a little bit further in  
11 detail. But once you walk in to the front doors, if you  
12 look to the left-hand side, you'll see a beautiful  
13 rendering of what the park is going to be once it's  
14 finished.

15 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Okay. Alright. Thank you for  
16 letting me know. I'm shocked.

17 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHÉ: Do we have any other  
18 questions or comments from the commissioners? Okay.  
19 Hearing none. Thank you, commander, for that thorough  
20 report. And we do have someone speaking, I believe that  
21 may be able to answer some of your questions. We have Jay  
22 Henderson, the 15th Precinct Community Relations Council  
23 President. Oh, they're not here. They're not here. Okay.  
24 Okay. Well, I was hoping. All right we'll go back to oral  
25 communications because we've had some additional people

1 come in. So, do we have any speakers?

2 MS. UNDERWOOD: Yes, Madam Chair. Thank you. Ms.  
3 Bernice Smith. Is there anyone else in the audience that  
4 would like to speak? Could you bring me your comment  
5 card? And then we'll go into Zoom.

6 MS. SMITH: Beautiful area here, even though I don't  
7 know what the plans are, but it's the beginning and it's  
8 really beautiful. So I have to commend everyone that  
9 participated in this. I'm very glad to be --- at least I  
10 am. I'm glad to be here. Good afternoon to my police  
11 commissioners.

12 COMMISSIONERS: Good afternoon.

13 MS. SMITH: And to you, Bernice. Williams, it's good  
14 to see you in person and instead of on TV all the time.  
15 Even though I don't mind, because you are keeping us up  
16 to date on what's going on in our city. And there's so  
17 much that is going on in our city. I get so disgusted and  
18 I said this over and over again, looking at the 11  
19 o'clock news in the morning. I have to find out what you  
20 guys are doing. And it's always the killing and the  
21 murder. And did we ever find out what happened to the 6-  
22 year-old baby? That was the most horrible event that we  
23 can ever have in our city. I get disgusted because of the  
24 fact I have lived here for 74 years. I happen to be 93.  
25 And I see every day what's going on in our city.

1           We have a beautiful city, whether we know it or not.  
2   But the fact is, we're misusing it by being angry with  
3   each other. Every time you look up, it's a party or  
4   somebody at a party that has a gun. Why do you carry guns  
5   to parties? You're supposed to be able to have a good  
6   time at a party, enjoy each other, but the fact is it's  
7   getting worse and worse. So I think you're doing a good  
8   job as far as blaming and putting more responsibilities  
9   on the parents. Hit them in the pocketbook. Maybe we will  
10   have some kind of results. And why we are carrying guns.  
11   I cannot understand. I really can't. Maybe because of the  
12   fact that I've been here too long and we lived a  
13   different life in our days. But I just want to let my  
14   police department know I love you.

15           I've always said, you are doing a hell of a good job  
16   every time you put that uniform on. I'm proud of you. And  
17   I want you to know, I didn't mean to get --- it's  
18   alright. But we don't realize, they are risking their  
19   lives when they put their uniform on. And people should  
20   know that it can't continue to happen. We are not living  
21   this kind of a life. At least, I don't want to live this  
22   kind of life. I raised my children. I have five, five and  
23   five, five children. Beautiful, doing well. I dare them  
24   to do anything wrong.

25           MS. UNDERWOOD: Thank you, Ms. Smith.

1 MS. SMITH: But just be safe out here, all of you. I  
2 want you to be safe. We love you. At least I do. I love  
3 you. Take care.

4 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you, Ms. Smith.

5 MS. SMITH: Thanks dear.

6 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Next speaker.

7 MS. UNDERWOOD: We'll go into Zoom.

8 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Could I just ask what? There  
9 was a person in the second row who wanted to speak. So  
10 could we ask her to. Thank you?

11 MS. UNDERWOOD: Please state your name for the  
12 record.

13 MS. IRVIN: Hi everyone. My name is Rhonda Irvin. I  
14 live in this community and have lived here for over 20,  
15 30 years. To Ms. Linda, when you asked, what was this  
16 area? This area used to be called the Handicap Center. It  
17 was originally run by the City of Detroit for individuals  
18 with disabilities. And after it was closed, I think in  
19 about 2012 or prior to, we didn't know what was going to  
20 become of the center. And there were several ideas. We  
21 wanted it to be a community recreation center. So the  
22 community collaborated. The city got together, the Penske  
23 organization and several other stakeholders. And this is  
24 what we came up with. It is now going to be a recreation  
25 center and community park. There are actually two parks

1 that were combined that were AB Ford and Lakewood parks  
2 that you'll see behind you.

3 It's scheduled for completion in October, but that  
4 may not happen. There were 100-year-old trees that were  
5 taken from the park. We had pushback from the community  
6 residents on that part, but just recently, they've  
7 planted new trees in the area. And that's just to give  
8 you a little background information on how we came to be.  
9 So, I'd just like to say thank you to the 5th Precinct  
10 and to Mr. Moore. It's wonderful when the precincts can  
11 know the statistics from each other and combine their  
12 efforts at all times. Because it takes a citywide effort  
13 for us to police. I'd like to speak to one of the 9th  
14 Precinct officers. That's why I'm here at the meeting in  
15 reference to an issue that we're having on our street.

16 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Thank you.

17 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you.

18 MS. IRVIN: Thank you.

19 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Any other speakers? Okay,  
20 now we're going to zoom.

21 MS. UNDERWOOD: Ms. Taura Brown.

22 MS. BROWN: Good evening, commissioners. My name is  
23 Taura Brown and I do have some concerns about the police  
24 body cam video no longer being available after three  
25 years. My question is, when will the video that has

1 already been archived, when this takes effect, when will  
2 those videos start being destroyed, or is there a plan  
3 for those videos? Also, it is concerning that these  
4 videos will no longer be available after three years,  
5 because if someone is injured, if there is a concern,  
6 even if an officer needs to sue or an officer needs to  
7 raise an issue, now that'll no longer be available if  
8 it's beyond three years. Again, that should be concerning  
9 for officers and for the public. I also wanted to know  
10 when will that take effect? And I do apologize if you've  
11 already mentioned that and I missed it. I was doing a  
12 couple of things. But yeah, that's very concerning. The  
13 other thing that I wanted to raise is, well, you know  
14 what? Never mind, I'll raise that in writing. But thank  
15 you for your time and I just wanted to bring that up.

16 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Are there any comments?  
17 Okay.

18 MS. UNDERWOOD: I think this caller spoke already.  
19 Mr. Crowley. I'll see if it's him. You're allowed to  
20 speak.

21 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: I'm sorry. You said that  
22 that was the last one, or you're waiting?

23 MS. UNDERWOOD: Yes, ma'am.

24 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Okay. Alright. Next on the  
25 agenda then, we have no presentations tonight, but the

1 sixth item is the report from the board Secretary,

2 MS. GARNIER: Madam Chair, through the Chair. The  
3 incoming correspondences and reports are under your tab  
4 six today. The correspondence from the chief's office,  
5 two reports, and the Budget Committee memorandum from the  
6 Budget Committee that was held earlier this week. And  
7 there will be action items that were transmitted to you  
8 earlier, under your tab eight shortly on the agenda.

9 Announcements of the upcoming meetings are as follows:  
10 our next board meeting is next Thursday at Public Safety  
11 Headquarters at 3:00 PM, August 21st. The next community  
12 meeting will be on September 4th, Precinct at Marathon,  
13 all Michigan headquarters, 1001 South Oakwood Avenue in  
14 Detroit, 48217. That, again, is the 4th Precinct on  
15 Thursday, September 11th, 6:30 PM. Our next committee  
16 meetings are next Tuesday, August 19th, 5:00 PM the  
17 Policy Committee. And that will be held at Detroit Public  
18 Safety Headquarters in the Woodward Room next Tuesday at  
19 5:00 PM. And those are the announcements and the report  
20 for today, ma'am.

21 CHAIRPERSON DEWAEELSCHE: Thank you, Madam Secretary.  
22 Is there any unfinished business to come before this  
23 board? Any unfinished business? Commissioner?

24 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I just want to welcome our new  
25 member Robert Jones.

1 COMMISSIONER JONES: Thank you.

2 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I have known Mr. Jones; I  
3 haven't seen you in many years, but I know you're from  
4 AT&T.

5 COMMISSIONER JONES: Right?

6 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: You were the senior African  
7 American executive at AT&T in Detroit, and you were  
8 extraordinarily well known and, and actually famous for  
9 what you were doing in that position. So I just want to  
10 say welcome. It's so good to see you, and I'm glad that  
11 you're doing well. And I look forward to working with  
12 you. And thank you, Madam Chair

13 COMMISSIONER JONES: Through the Chair, thank you,  
14 Commissioner Bernard. Thank you, Madam Chair.

15 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you. And we did  
16 acknowledge that he was new to the board at our last  
17 meeting as well. I think that was his first meeting. So  
18 thank you for that. Next, under new business, there are  
19 two motions that I would like to present by direction of  
20 the Budget Committee. I move to adopt the recommendation  
21 to renew Dr. Francis Jackson's two-year contract as the  
22 BOPC parliamentarian at an hourly rate of \$125. Is there  
23 a second?

24 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Second.

25 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: It's been seconded. Is there



1 any discussion?

2 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Discussion, Madam Chair?

3 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Yes.

4 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Is there a bidding process or is  
5 it okay for the board to just go ahead and renew it?

6 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: I'm sorry, I didn't hear the  
7 question. Could you repeat it?

8 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Is there a bidding process or is  
9 it okay for the board to renew it as is?

10 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: From what I understand, this  
11 is a renewal of a contract. No, I don't believe there's a  
12 bidding process. Maybe we could ask our finance executive  
13 if he can respond to that. Drew Fries?

14 MR. FRIES: Through the Chair. Thank you. So there  
15 can be a bidding process if that would be the judgment of  
16 the board, really. I would say traditionally for a  
17 standard department, anytime that you have a contract or  
18 you're working with the vendor, there's a bidding  
19 process. For BOPC. there are more nuances, and it is what  
20 the board decides.

21 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Through the Chair, I just don't  
22 want to be in violation of any type of order for the city  
23 or for the board. So if you say, it's okay, I'm going to  
24 vote. Yay. Because we know Dr. Jackson is a great  
25 parliamentarian. I just want to make sure it's done

1 decently in that order. Thank you, Madam Chair.

2 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you. Thank you, Mr.

3 Fries. Okay. it's been moved and seconded. All those in  
4 favor indicate by saying, aye.

5 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

6 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Opposed? The motion carries.  
7 Thank you. By direction of the Budget Committee, I move  
8 to adopt the recommendation to request a purchase card  
9 for the Board of Police Commissioners.

10 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Second, it's way overdue. We  
11 always had one. Is there any discussion?

12 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Yes, Madam Chair.

13 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Go ahead.

14 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Yes, I've been talking.

15 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Go ahead, Commissioner  
16 Banks.

17 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Alright, thank you. What is a  
18 purchase card?

19 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: We'll ask Mr. Fries again to  
20 provide --- I asked that question too. He's going to  
21 explain.

22 MR. FRIES: A purchase card or a petty cash card is a  
23 function of expenditure that's used across many  
24 departments within the city. There is the standard  
25 procurement process, which usually takes 10 days to 2

1 weeks. A purchase card allows for last minute orders, and  
2 it has increased flexibility and agility. The example  
3 they gave is, let's say you're a safety department, and  
4 you need some cones tomorrow. If you went to order them  
5 the standard procurement way, you wouldn't have them for  
6 tomorrow. So instead you have a debit card, a purchase  
7 card, that would allow you to purchase them that same day  
8 and have them the next day. Because of the increased  
9 flexibility, there are a lot of guidelines and guardrails  
10 for every department that has a purchase card. Any  
11 purchase that is made is reviewed and approved by the  
12 executive fiscal manager to the board, as well as a  
13 central manager that observes all purchases made across  
14 purchase cards throughout the city. Additionally, there  
15 is training that is required for any city employee that  
16 uses a purchase card. An example for the board, we had a  
17 community meeting a couple months ago and we needed a  
18 stand to hold brochures of each commissioner. It was the  
19 very next day. We did not have an ability to procure that  
20 product in the standard procurement process. And so one  
21 of us managers went out and purchased that case with our  
22 own money. If we had a purchase card, we'd be able to  
23 utilize that.

24 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCH: Go ahead, commissioner.

25 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Madam Chair, my question is,

1 whose name goes on the card? Is it like anybody's name or  
2 is it someone specific?

3 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: The board secretary, like it  
4 has always been.

5 COMMISSIONER MOORE: I'm sorry, what's the answer,  
6 sir?

7 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: That's the answer.

8 MR. FRIES: Through the Chair.

9 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: It's been that ever since  
10 you've been on the board.

11 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Please, I want to hear from ---

12 CHAIRPERSON DEWAEELSCHER: Let Mr. Fries also answer.

13 MR. FRIES: Through the Chair, the tentative plan is  
14 that the employee was going to be chosen by the  
15 secretary. Unless the board thinks otherwise, I think  
16 both Ms. Underwood and myself would join the training and  
17 it would be either my name or Ms. Underwood's name on the  
18 card. Probably the purchases; there is the purchaser and  
19 then there's the approver. Ms. Underwood, the tenant plan  
20 would be the one purchasing the items. The executive  
21 manager, myself, would be the one approving the items.

22 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Thank you. And I'll tell you,  
23 and this is my final comment on this, Madam Chair, is  
24 that a few years ago an audit was done and the board had  
25 the same card that we're talking about or similar to, and

1 the person's name that was on the card was deceased, but  
2 the card was still being used. And that was right here on  
3 this board. So I'm speaking from a historical point of  
4 view of making sure that the checks and balances are  
5 being done, because this board has faced enough scrutiny.  
6 Thank you, Madam Chair.

7 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHÉ: Thank you Commissioner.  
8 Commissioner Woods.

9 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Through the Chair. We think  
10 alike, you know, in this regard. It's a very limited  
11 scope. We had a budget meeting with the Chair. And we  
12 asked all those questions, because we wanted to make sure  
13 it's safeguarded. And the card is to remain inside of the  
14 office at all times, you know, unless it's being utilized  
15 and it'd be placed back there immediately forthwith. And  
16 so we ensured that there were some strong safeguards in  
17 place there. And can't anyone go rogue with it in no  
18 shape, form or fashion. But to your point, commissioner,  
19 that we monitor the flow of it when that person is no  
20 longer with us or whatever, if any type of situation  
21 happens, that it is being communicated with the Chair and  
22 every purchase is required to go through the Chair. She  
23 has to be communicated with before something happens. So  
24 we emphasize that in the committee meeting.

25 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHÉ: Commissioner thank you.

1 Commissioner Bernard.

2 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: To my colleague that would be  
3 highly irregular. The secretary to the board of any  
4 organization always has the card. And that secretary is  
5 responsible for doing everything that the board tells  
6 them to do, and authorizes. For example, if we wanted  
7 water for this meeting tonight, that card would've  
8 allowed her to purchase it, or Coca-Colas or anything  
9 else that we wanted. It is not a micro-managed card. She  
10 can provide a monthly report on the things that she  
11 purchases, but this is a \$4 million organization. If she  
12 wants to buy, like you said that stand, that was probably  
13 less than a hundred dollars for the organization. She  
14 buys the stand and she provides the receipts and that's  
15 how it's managed.

16 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Through the Chair.

17 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Yes, commissioner, go ahead.

18 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Thank you. We can say what is  
19 supposed to happen, but unless there's a policy, anything  
20 can happen. So I would suggest that it goes to the Policy  
21 Committee for review or for the Policy Committee to work  
22 up a policy for the card. Thank you.

23 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Yes.

24 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Go ahead, Mr. Fries.

25 MR. FRIES: Through the Chair. Fully aligned with

1 Commissioner Carter's comments that this could be taken  
2 in front of the Policy Committee. But I just want to say  
3 that it is within the city's policy that this card will  
4 be used.

5 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Established policy.

6 MR. FRIES: Sure. I just want to reinforce that there  
7 are strict guidelines and guardrails that the city has  
8 laid out, and that this card won't step outside those  
9 guidelines and guardrails.

10 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: And I would just reiterate  
11 what Commissioner Woods said, that was also brought up  
12 during our meeting and Mr. Fries did indicate that there  
13 was a policy we were following already through the city

14 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Through the Chair.

15 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Go ahead.

16 COMMISSIONER CARTER: The policy does not specify who  
17 in this department, who handles the card, who signs off  
18 on the card. So everything in our department still needs  
19 to be specified within our policy.

20 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Yes, agreed. Go ahead,  
21 commissioner.

22 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Through the Chair. I don't think  
23 that you will hold it up right now, if it's designated  
24 that the secretary is going to say this is the person,  
25 then we'll know who the person is and stuff. And then you

1 can bring policy thereafter. You're majoring in minors.  
2 This is verbal gymnastics type stuff. So I'll say call  
3 the vote up or down. If we don't get the card, we don't  
4 get the card, whatever.

5 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Through the Chair, I just have a  
6 question.

7 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHÉ: Commissioner, yes.

8 COMMISSIONER MOORE: So if a commissioner goes to the  
9 board secretary, if it is in the secretary's name; says,  
10 hey, let's go out and get something to eat, let's go get  
11 some drinks. Is that acceptable?

12 COMMISSIONER WOODS: They are going to jail?

13 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Nor for that. No.

14 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHÉ: Mr. Fries.

15 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: It can't be for alcohol. It  
16 has to be --- but I mean, we are a \$4 million  
17 corporation.

18 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHÉ: Just a minute. Please, let  
19 Mr. Fries.

20 MR. FRIES: Through the Chair. Something that's laid  
21 out very clearly, black and white in the city's policy is  
22 that water is an exception, but any purchase of food  
23 needs to be submitted through a food request form and  
24 submitted to the city finance to approve. Food for a  
25 private meeting or a private lunch is not allowed.



1 Anytime that food is allowed for a department to  
2 purchase, including the Board of Police Commissioners is  
3 at a public meeting where residents of the city are  
4 invited and can enjoy that food. So just in general,  
5 regardless of whether a purchase card is used or the city  
6 general funds are used, there are strict restrictions on  
7 food being purchased.

8 COMMISSIONER MOORE: I agree with Commissioner  
9 Carter, Madam Chair.

10 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: I'm sorry. Commissioner.

11 COMMISSIONER MOORE: I was just saying I agree with  
12 Commissioner Carter. I think we need some type of  
13 specific policy and guidelines for the board because each  
14 entity moves differently. Thank you.

15 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: I'm going to call for the  
16 vote. All those in favor indicate by saying, aye.

17 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

18 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Opposed?

19 COMMISSIONER MOORE: No.

20 COMMISSIONER CARTER: No.

21 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: The motion carries. Thank  
22 you. I'll entertain a motion to adjourn the meeting?

23 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Through the Chair.

24 COMMISSIONER WOODS: So move.

25 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Through the Chair.

1 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Support.

2 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Before we adjourn, I'd like to  
3 make a motion that it be referred to the Policy Committee  
4 to adopt a policy.

5 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Support.

6 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Okay. A motion has been made  
7 to refer the ---

8 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Whatever card it is.

9 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: The purchase card, I believe  
10 it was called, to the Policy Committee. Is there any  
11 discussion? All those in favor indicate by saying, aye.

12 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

13 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Opposed? Motion carries.  
14 Thank you. Now I'll entertain a motion to adjourn.

15 COMMISSIONER WOODS: So moved again.

16 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Support.

17 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Okay. It's been moved and  
18 seconded.

19 COMMISSIONER [Unclear].

20 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: It's okay. We got those last  
21 week as well. Thank you everyone for attending tonight's  
22 meeting.

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24 (Meeting Adjourned at 7:44pm)

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