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CITY OF DETROIT
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS MEETING
August 28, 2025 at 3:00 P.M.

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3 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Good afternoon, everyone.
4 Welcome to the Board of Police Commissioners meeting.
5 Today's Thursday, August 28th. We are just getting a
6 quorum. Okay. I'm going to ask for Chaplain Dan Hunt to
7 do the invocation. Is he on Zoom?

8 FEMALE SPEAKER: Madam Chair, he has not signed on,
9 on Zoom.

10 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Okay. Thank you. Could CI
11 Warfield do the invocation?

12 CI WARFIELD: Good afternoon, ma'am. Let us all bow
13 our heads in prayer. Dear merciful and heavenly Father,
14 we come this afternoon to thank you for life, for
15 liberty, and for health, and for strength. We thank you
16 for the ability to be in this community meeting as we
17 discuss issues that impact your people from a law
18 enforcement standpoint. We ask, Lord, that you would
19 guide over and watch and guide the conversation of this
20 meeting. Bless all those who are here. Bless our
21 officers, bless our commissioners, our staff, and we ask,
22 Lord, that you would get the glory in this meeting. In
23 Christ name I pray, amen.

24 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Amen. Thank you. Next, can
25 we have the introduction of the commissioners? The roll

1 call, please, secretary

2 MS. GARNIER: Madam Chair, Commissioner Dewaelsche -
3 Present.

4 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Woods - Present.

5 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Bernard - Attorney Linda
6 Bernard, present. District 2.

7 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Banks - Present. District
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9 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Bell - Present. District
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11 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Jones - Present.

12 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Moore is excused.

13 MS. GARNIER: You have a quorum. You have six
14 present, Madam.

15 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you, Madam Secretary.
16 And now could I get an approval of the August 28th, 2025
17 agenda?

18 COMMISSIONER WOODS: So moved.

19 COMMISSIONER JONES: Second.

20 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: It's been moved by
21 Commissioner Woods and supported by Commissioner Brown.
22 I'm sorry, Jones. I'm sorry. And I have known him very
23 well for many years. Thank you. It's been moved and
24 seconded. All those in favor indicate by saying Aye.

25 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

1 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Opposed? Motion carries.

2 Thank you.

3 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Can you hear me?

4 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you. And now I'd like
5 to ask for approval of the minutes of August 21st, 2025.

6 COMMISSIONER WOODS: So moved.

7 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Second.

8 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: It's been moved by
9 Commissioner Woods, seconded by Commissioner Bernard. Any
10 discussion? All those in favor indicate by saying, Aye.

11 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

12 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Opposed? Motion carries.
13 Thank you. Could we have the introduction of the BOPC
14 Staff, Chief and Elected Officials and Representatives?

15 MS. GARNIER: Madam Chair, through the Chair, Chief
16 Investigator Warfield, Drew Fries, Teresa, I'm sorry.
17 Mary Barber, Teresa Blossom, Candace Hayes, Artemisia
18 Joshua, Dior Mathis, OCI, Supervising Investigator
19 Tiffany Stewart, Assistant Chief Franklin Hayes. The
20 interpreter today is Ms. Yakata. I'm sorry, Dr. Beatty,
21 Don Handyside, Court Reporter, Charles Henry Media
22 Services. Elected Officials and Representatives recorded
23 at this time are Marie Overall for State Representative
24 Tyrone Carter, Fredia Butler, president of Second
25 Precinct Community Relations, LaDon Davis via Zoom of

1 Office of Council member Fred Durhal and former Detroit
2 Police Commissioner William Davis, are those we have
3 recorded at this time.

4 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHÉ: Thank you, secretary. Under
5 BOPC's report, we have a resolution and I've asked
6 Commissioner Jones, if you would please read it.

7 COMMISSIONER JONES: Thank you, Madame Chair.
8 Resolution honoring Corporal Rhonda Morris
9 (Posthumously).

10 WHEREAS Rhonda Morris believed that success came
11 hand together, shoulder to shoulder, ready for whatever
12 comes next. Such faith and purpose were not surprising
13 that she chose the career devoted to public service. She
14 became a student police officer on June 24th, 1996, after
15 her acceptance to the Detroit Metropolitan Police. I'm
16 sorry. After her acceptance to the Detroit Metropolitan
17 Police Academy. On November 27th, 1966, Officer Morris
18 was appointed to the Detroit Police Department. Thank
19 you. And assigned to Patrol Operations in the 6th
20 Precinct; and.

21 WHEREAS Officer Morris proudly served the 6th
22 Precinct for 20 years and built a special and deep
23 relationship standing together with the community.
24 Although her official assignments included the
25 Northwestern District, September 14th, 2005, September

1 21st, 2009. She patrolled the same neighborhoods and
2 continued working with the thousands who knew her as
3 effective, courteous, and professional in every
4 encounter; and.

5 WHEREAS When the department dissolved districts, her
6 official assignment again became the 6th Precinct. She
7 served there for seven more years before being assigned.
8 On October the third, 2016, to Firearms Training. Officer
9 Morris continued to excel in her duties and earned
10 promotion to Corporal on March 14th, 2019. Corporal
11 Morris continued her assignment in Firearms Training
12 until she died, active on August 18th, 2025; and.

13 WHEREAS Corporal Morris was the deserving recipient
14 of numerous honors and letters of commendation,
15 supervisors and area residents. Her awards included the
16 Rosa Parks Funeral Recognition Award, the NFL Super Bowl
17 XL Recognition Award, the Major League Baseball All-Star
18 Recognition Award, 2014 Ford Fireworks Award, and both
19 Consent Judgment Awards, and

20 WHEREAS Corporal Morris tirelessly served the City
21 of Detroit, the Police Department and residents for 29
22 years of loyalty, professionalism, integrity, and
23 dedication. She was widely respected throughout law
24 enforcement and the Detroit community, as a consummate
25 professional. The Board of Police Commissioners joins

1 with all Detroiters in offering condolences to the family
2 and friends of Corporal Morris. Her selfless public
3 service will be remembered at services on Thursday,
4 August 28th, 2025, and long after by an eternally
5 grateful city.

6 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

7 That the Board of Commissioners awards this
8 resolution posthumously in honor of Corporal Rhonda
9 Morris for her dedicated and distinguished 29 years of
10 service to the people of Detroit and the police
11 department. Detroit will always remember [unclear08:12]
12 Corporal Morris, legacy of steadfast courage and
13 unwavering public service, law enforcement and public
14 safety. Madan Chairperson, I moved that we accept this
15 resolution in honor Corporal Rhonda Morris posthumously.

16 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Second.

17 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: it's been moved by
18 Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Bernard.
19 Is there any discussion? All in favor indicate by saying,
20 Aye.

21 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

22 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Opposed? Motion carries.
23 Thank you. Commissioner Brown. At this time, I want to --
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25 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: We did have a Commissioner

1 Browns. We did. I'm sorry.

2 COMMISSIONER JONES: That's okay. When, just
3 recently?

4 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: No.

5 COMMISSIONER JONES: Oh, years and years ago.

6 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: I'm sorry. I apologize.
7 Commissioner Jones. He is going to be really upset with
8 me. Okay. At this time I want to recognize that
9 Commissioner Burton is present and also we'd like to have
10 the chief give his report. Assistant Chief Hayes.

11 AC HAYES: Good afternoon.

12 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Good afternoon.

13 AC HAYES: On behalf of Chief Bettison who could not
14 be here today. He certainly sends his regards. He is at
15 the funeral services for late Corporal Morris, who was
16 just acknowledged through resolution. The Department, was
17 grateful for the acknowledgement of her concerns for the
18 city. We'll be there, is currently there. To share what's
19 going on here in the community, and the work that we're
20 doing through oversight of the board we are continually
21 fighting crime. And the trend has continued that the
22 numbers are, our most violent category is homicide. Just
23 to give an example year-to-date, well, last year we had
24 year-to-date, 130. This year we are at 122 for a 12%
25 reduction, which is 16 less. Our non-fatal shootings.

1 Last year we had 426 year-to-date. This year we had 320.
2 That number combined with 16 less homicides and 106 less
3 non-fatal shootings. That is 122 less victims of drug
4 violence in our community. Continuing with robberies.
5 We're down 13%, 728 last year, 636 this year. 92, less.
6 Carjackings 74 this time last year, 54 this year,
7 reflective of a 27% reduction for 20 less incidents. So
8 we are continuing to fight crime. The stigma about our
9 great city is untrue, that we can confidently say between
10 work and the community [unclear11:15] the police
11 department, collectively, that we are driving crime down
12 here in the city. Two significant events. We just like to
13 update the board in the community. On as recent as
14 yesterday, at approximately 6:00 PM officers responded to
15 a 15-year-old shot in the park in the 19,000 block of
16 Schoenherr,. The circumstances were that the victim and
17 another juvenile female came to the park to fight.
18 Someone brought a gun and shots were fired. Two
19 individuals were detained for questioning, but the third
20 person believed to be responsible for this has been
21 identified, and we are actively pursuing this individual
22 to get them into custody. On Tuesday the 25th, officers
23 responded to the 10th precinct for a reported kidnapping.
24 We were able to find out that the victim was kidnapped
25 and taken to a different location on Avalon. The officers

1 at that location removed all occupants, including the
2 victim who was a juvenile.

3 Preliminary circumstances were the victim, and the
4 suspects had been involved in a dispute. And then they
5 took the victim and assaulted her. The victim is
6 recovering for non-life-threatening injuries, and through
7 the several arrests that were made in investigative
8 report will be submitted to the Wayne County Prosecutor's
9 office. And this is this example of the work that the men
10 and woman of the Detroit Police Department are doing.

11 COMMISSIONER WOODS: If I may, Madam Chair. Did we
12 dispatch the Emerald Alert on that?

13 AC HAYES: Because this was active, no. Through the
14 Chair, we did not, because this was in fresh pursuit for
15 lack of a better term. And because it happened
16 instantaneously, once we got there, we immediately knew,
17 had credible information ---

18 COMMISSIONER WOODS: So there wasn't a need?

19 AC HAYES: Correct.

20 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Okay. Thank you.

21 On Friday, an incident that made national news. At
22 Henry Ford Hospital where an individual got a firearm
23 into the location and fatally shot a victim identified as
24 his ex-wife. Through the work, again, of the police
25 department, and our partner who did not do this alone.

1 And certainly tips from the community that evening. So
2 early the next morning we were able to get a location.
3 Members of our Special Response Team made the location
4 through a search warrant, and were able to get that
5 individual into custody as well as the individual that
6 was harboring and assisting in him in that location.

7 MS. GARNIER: Excuse me, Madam Chair, Chief, if you
8 could adjust your mic. Our zoom audience cannot hear you.

9 AC HAYES: How about now? Okay. Test 1, 2, 3. I can
10 stand that podium if that would be better

11 .OMMISSIONER WOODS: Try that test, just switched
12 that mic by the phone?

13 Test. 1, 2, 3.

14 COMMISSIONER DEWAEELSCHÉ: Try to hold it. Chair.

15 CHAIRPERSON AWAELSCHÉ: Yes.

16 AC HAYES: Test 1. Oh, well, it does work. Test 1, 2,
17 3.

18 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Yes. Perfect.

19 AC HAYES: Again, through the hard work of the men
20 and women of the Detroit Police Department, our community
21 local, federal, and state partners we were able to get
22 this individual into custody through this combined
23 effort. Narcotics, certainly we are looking at youth
24 violence, but substance abuse is something that still
25 plagues not only the City of Detroit, but this nation.

1 And we have a unit dedicated to it, addressing that crime
2 and combating the sale of illegal narcotics. And this
3 past week, a search warrant was executed in the 15,000
4 block of Maple Ridge, and this location was near Detroit
5 Elementary School. Point execution of the search warrant,
6 the officers made a felony arrest, three misdemeanors
7 arrest, and confiscated eight firearms and various
8 amounts of cocaine, fentanyl, heroin, methamphetamine,
9 pills, and cast. So we have hopefully disrupted those
10 that were peddling narcotics in that area.

11 AC HAYES: And this has proved positive that we will
12 relentlessly pursue you. And those that are in that
13 profession should think about doing something else for a
14 living. When we talk about our youth and giving them
15 support, opportunity and resources as the Detroit School
16 area is getting ready to go back to school, our students,
17 August 20th, our fourth precinct had a back-to-school
18 supply giveaway. And on Monday, the 25th to 12th
19 Precinct, along with a community Jeep Group visited
20 Detroit Greenfield Union to pass out backpacks and
21 supplies to students for their first day back to school.
22 And there was also a community of initiative that I would
23 be remiss if I did not acknowledge. And that was the clap
24 in which were several members of the community and the
25 police department. And I believe there was a member of

1 BOPC there as well at Davis Aerospace supporting Michelle
2 Davis, the principal and the students returning back to
3 that school. So this community has certainly wrapped
4 their arms around the youth, the police department, as
5 well as we understand some of the issues that handcuffs
6 aren't the answer. But we continue with this. And again,
7 this is our effort that we will relentlessly continue to
8 give our youth an opportunity.

9 Our Peacenic is this Saturday, August 28th from 2 to
10 7:00 PM, where the Detroit Police Department and the
11 residents are hosting this event at Skinner Park, located
12 at 12265 Ryad Street. There will be games, contests,
13 food, career, and educational opportunities, and we
14 invite the entire community to join us there.

15 Upcoming Saturday, September 6th at Belle Isle from
16 3 to 8. The Detroit Police Department will also be
17 hosting the 8th Annual Showdown in Motown bike and car
18 show. On our social media page, it details the cost and
19 the entry into this event. And the proceeds will benefit
20 the Office of Workplace and Community Resiliency and the
21 Community Engagement Programs. And we thought events like
22 this are important as we are part of this community. And
23 when we take these uniforms off, and certainly the
24 fabric, we enjoy the same things that our residents do.
25 And we want to take down that blue wall, the blue

1 curtain, and be able to enjoy cars, and in this case
2 cars, but enjoy the community. And again, our passion. So
3 we hope that the community certainly comes out to Bell
4 Isle on the 6th for that. One last thing, an event that
5 also made news where this Monday, three juvenile girls
6 who were reported missing from the 5,000 block of Outer
7 Drive when they left the location without permission and
8 didn't return home. Although it was a runaway, they're
9 still our youth, and we cannot turn our backs on that.
10 Investigators worked to locate the girls. And on Tuesday,
11 they were recovered safely and reunited with their
12 families

13 As we speak to our officers, this past weekend,
14 there was an incident where officers were struck by
15 another vehicle, traveling at a high rate of speed at
16 Grand and Lapin. Both officers are at home recovering.
17 One had injuries, neck, back, and a facial laceration. He
18 is at home. He went home; however, he had to return due
19 to breathing complications. In addition to the injuries
20 that I just mentioned he had a left rib fracture. The
21 other has sustaining three broken ribs, a dislocated
22 collarbone, and a collapsed lung and head trauma. He's
23 still at the hospital, but again, they are recovering
24 from serious injuries, violent injuries, but they are on
25 the road to recovery. So we certainly ask for your

1 support. Those that may be religious, we ask for your
2 prayers as they're on the road to recovery from out here,
3 doing what we ask them to do and serve this community
4 faithfully. Madam Chair, that concludes my presentation
5 on behalf of Chief Bettison, and I will gladly answer any
6 questions that I can.

7 CHAIRPERSON DEWAEELSCHE: Thank you, Assistant Chief.
8 Are there any questions or comments? Commissioner Banks?

9 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Thank you. Assistant Chief.
10 Sorry. Through the Chair.

11 CHAIRPERSON DEWAEELSCHE: Yes.

12 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Assistant Chief. I just want to
13 say, we thank the Lord for DPD with boots on the ground
14 because crime stats, I was listening to you, crime stats
15 are going down in some major categories. So just shout
16 out to DPD for the tough work that they're doing for
17 bringing crime statistics down in this city.

18 AC HAYES: Thank you, sir.

19 CHAIRPERSON DEWAEELSCHE: Thank you, commissioner. Any
20 other comments or questions? Commissioner Burton?

21 COMMISSIONER BURTON: First question is, there is a
22 football team. I guess that their season was suspended or
23 something. I would like to get an update on that.

24 AC HAYES: Through the Chair. The decision for PAL
25 was made by the PAL board of directors. So I can

1 certainly share with you the director of PAL information,
2 and they can go into that incident and how they arrived
3 at that decision.

4 COMMISSIONER BURTON Another concern is from the
5 community. They want to know more about whether or not
6 the district police department is assisting ICE or
7 working on any joint task force that may be assisting
8 ICE. Can you give us an update on that as well.

9 AC HAYES: Through the Chair, we are not.

10 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I'll have more questions later.

11 CHAIRPERSON DEWAEELSCHÉ: Thank you, commissioner. Let
12 the record show that Commissioner Smith is present. Are
13 there any other questions or comments? Okay. Hearing
14 none. Thank you, Assistant Chief.

15 AC HAYES: My pleasure.

16 CHAIRPERSON DEWAEELSCHÉ: Appreciate it.

17 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Just a comment really quickly
18 to you. You can sit down. I just want to tell you, and
19 our colleagues as well. And to tell you, congratulations.
20 You were recently married within the last 30 days, and so
21 this is a big deal for him and for us as well.
22 Congratulations and God bless you both.

23 CHAIRPERSON DEWAEELSCHÉ: Congratulations.

24 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: And I'll tell you what I told
25 your colleague when you got married. My grandmama taught

1 me. She said, don't ever let anything come between two
2 heads on one pillow. Nothing should come between the two
3 of you. Two heads on one pillow. Nothing comes between
4 that.

5 AC HAYES: Thank you for your grandmother's insight.

6 CHAIRPERSON DEWAEELSCHÉ: Thank you.

7 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Congratulations, Assistant
8 Chief.

9 CHAIRPERSON DEWAEELSCHÉ: At this time, we'll go to
10 oral communications. And just remember, we have a two-
11 minute limit, and inappropriate language and comments may
12 delay the broadcast. So could we have our first speaker,
13 please?

14 FEMALE SPEAKER: Our first speaker in the room is
15 Minister Eric Blount.

16 MINISTER BLOUNT: Good afternoon board. I'm Minister
17 Eric Blount from Sacred Heart Catholic Church right here
18 in Detroit. The games and the tricks that are played on
19 this board, rivals the executive branch of the federal
20 government. I'll just run through some very quick
21 examples. One, the diversion to a crime and crime
22 statistics has nothing to do with police officer
23 misconduct, but this is why we are here. Resolutions
24 honoring employees that are not employees of this board
25 is another diversion that takes away resources and

1 precious time from police officer misconduct. And then
2 last week to this week, Chairperson Woods. I tried to
3 help you, but you wouldn't take it. I told you I was here
4 last week, right? You knew I was here. We had a lengthy
5 discussion, didn't we? Yes. But somehow, and it's not an
6 accident, it's not an oversight. Somehow my name is
7 missing from the minutes. Chairperson Dewaelsche, you
8 weren't here last week, but the minutes say that you
9 adjourned the meeting last week. What? And then there is
10 no record of the transcripts from last week. I wonder
11 why? AC Hayes, you may not have been here last week, but
12 I was, forget whatever else you hear, alright? Chief
13 Bettison and I had a lengthy discussion about the rape of
14 a 12-year-old boy in prison, in jail, Wayne County jail.
15 Not saying it was DPD, but I do believe it could happen
16 very easily under DPD as well. Chief Bettison disagreed.
17 He even offered tours of the jail facilities that DPD is
18 in charge of.

19 I haven't heard a word. I gave him my name, my email
20 address, and my phone number. Not a word. So you just
21 pile it all on. Some people want to say I wasn't here.
22 And now the records show I wasn't here, right? Everybody
23 approved the minutes. Chairperson Woods even made the
24 motion to approve the minutes. And he was here, and he
25 knew I was here. This is no accident. This is no mistake.

1 It happens too often.

2 AC HAYES: Chair.

3 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Yes, Chief.

4 AC HAYES: If I may? Minister Blount, one of my
5 responsibilities within the Detroit Police Department is
6 our new DDC facility. I will be reaching out to you next
7 week for the tour that you discussed with Chief Bettison.

8 MINISTER BLOUNT: Was a young boy.

9 COMMISSIONER WOODS: That's right.

10 MINISTER BLOUNT: I told you since you were a young
11 man.

12 AC HAYES: Yes, sir.

13 MINISTER BLOUNT: You know how to contact me.

14 AC HAYES: And I will. I know how to get a hold of
15 you, sir.

16 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you. Assistant Chief.
17 Commissioner Woods.

18 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Through the Chair. Do we have
19 the secretary address as it relates to the minutes? I
20 want to make sure that, and I deeply apologize if you
21 were omitted and anything of that nature and stuff. So,
22 is there a clerical error there, through the Chair?

23 MS. GARNIER: As far as the adjournment of the
24 meeting, we were checking just now. Vice Chair Woods
25 adjourned the meeting at 4:28 PM I will go back and do a

1 thorough, a more thorough ---

2 COMMISSIONER WOODS: I see that right there.

3 MS. GARNIER: I'll do a more thorough review as far
4 as the public comments.

5 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Maybe ---

6 MS. GARNIER: And make the necessary corrections.

7 CHAIRPERSON DEWAEELSCHÉ: Correction.

8 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Yeah. Because I see the minutes
9 that I have right here. It says Vice Chair Woods
10 adjourned the meeting. And so I just wanted that for the
11 public, you know, far as what's before us. Then it is in
12 order as relates to that. And that's it.

13 CHAIRPERSON DEWAEELSCHÉ: We'll correct the other part
14 of that. Thank you. Our next speaker, please.

15 FEMALE SPEAKER: Ms. Charnita Williams.

16 MS. WILLIAMS: Hello. Through the Chair. Madam
17 President, you were not here last week. And by you being
18 the Chair, this is a major concern about the ex-offenders
19 in the Detroit Police Department. We have killers,
20 rapists, all types of mental illness people, drug
21 addiction.

22 It's important that the citizens of Detroit are
23 fully aware that there are ex-offenders in the Detroit
24 Police Department. So therefore you all should contact
25 the --- it is your job. Because Internal Affairs are not

1 doing theirs. And apparently you all have rules and
2 regulations. Contact the FBI. Everybody in the Detroit
3 Police Department needs to have their fingerprints
4 redone. And we talked about the constitution, the
5 constitutional, excuse me, the constitutional, definitely
6 don't speak about ex-offenders. Yes, second chances, but
7 not being any law enforcement agency, period. This is not
8 acceptable. How could this possibly happen in the Detroit
9 Police Department? Period. I see them every day. They are
10 in the system. They have faces and fingerprints. We only
11 have one fingerprint. So how did this happen? You all
12 might need to go back 10 to 15 years because they have
13 been moved up in ranks, I'm quite sure of this. And then
14 last week, this woman who was on the force for 28 years,
15 absolutely she was at 12,900 where I was at on Iris
16 Street, where Aisha Mohammed was in prison for killing.
17 She was right there. And I'm like, okay. She was under
18 Chief White. I've been complaining about officers staying
19 in shelters, but at that point I was not aware that we
20 had killers, rapists, all types of dysfunctional sick,
21 sadistic people in the Detroit Police Department. So it's
22 your duty to contact the FBI. Thank you very much,
23 through the Chair.

24 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCH: Thank you. Next speaker,
25 please.

1 FEMALE SPEAKER: Ms. Bernice Smith.

2 MS. SMITH: Good afternoon to my commissioners.

3 COMMISSIONERS: Good afternoon.

4 MS. SMITH: You know, sometimes we come here, we just
5 don't know what to tell you guys. You know that? It's
6 sad, it's really sad. But the fact is, I love all of you.
7 What you're doing is a good job. Excuse me from cursing,
8 I'm sorry. But one thing I want to let you know what I
9 did this week. And you may say, I shouldn't have done it.
10 But anyway, most of you know, I'm from Chicago. When I
11 heard on the news about your president talking about he's
12 going to send the troops to Chicago, immediately I got
13 upset about it. And I called my friends. And especially,
14 I called the mayor. You all don't know I have his number.
15 Anyway, I talked to his secretary because he wasn't in
16 the office. And I said, and I didn't say ain't, but
17 there's no way in the world that the President has any
18 reason to send troops to Chicago. He might try and do it
19 to Detroit, but I'm darn if we're going to let it happen.
20 But the fact is, I don't know what's the matter with him.
21 He's sick. He's always talking about Chicago or the
22 cities that have Democratic or parties that are in
23 charge.

24 Now, he came here a couple of years ago and he
25 talked about us. He was at the Rooster Tail. I was there;

1 I was a guest. Carolyn Kilpatrick was the congresswoman
2 there. He wanted to build a hotel here. He was going to
3 do this for Detroit. And then when I asked the question,
4 are you going to hire any minority contractors to build a
5 hotel? What he said was, next question. He ignored me,
6 totally. So I know what he is and I don't even want to
7 talk about it. But I just want to let you know, we are
8 not going to let any troops or anybody else come into our
9 city. And the mayor said the same thing later that
10 evening on the news. I saw it on the newscast. So getting
11 to our city, Hayes, the police department, the City of
12 Detroit, I love you guys and you're doing a hell of a
13 good job for the simple reason you're out there risking
14 your lives for me and everybody sitting here. And we
15 should appreciate it. I do. I don't know about the rest
16 of the people, but I appreciate what you're doing.

17 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you. Thank you, ma'am.
18 Thank you.

19 MS. SMITH: I'm through?

20 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Yep, your time is up. Thank
21 you so much.

22 MS. SMITH: Well, anyway, I'll let you know I'm
23 selling this book tomorrow at the fair. Granny's booty
24 calls. You all better be there.

25 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you. Next speaker,

1 please.

2 FEMALE SPEAKER: In the room we have Victoria
3 Camille.

4 MS. CAMILLE: Good afternoon board. Good afternoon
5 members.

6 MS. CAMILLE: My name is Victoria Camille, District
7 7. A couple of things I'd like to ask the board to follow
8 up on along with DPD. So, DPD has control back of the
9 Detroit Detention Center. And if it's not already
10 publicly available, and perhaps we need to make it more
11 visible, is what family members do, if they have a family
12 member being held at DDC and they come to find out that
13 their family member is having some type of medical issue,
14 they need their medications, they don't have access to
15 them. Something to make sure that while the individuals
16 are being held there, receive the appropriate medical
17 care and sustenance that they need while they're being
18 held there. So if that's information that can be provided
19 to the public that will be helpful. The other thing I
20 would like to bring up is that DPD was able to apprehend
21 the individuals who shot Riley Love, which we've all been
22 very concerned about in the tragic killing of that baby.

23 But my question is, what are we going to do next?
24 Because to my understanding, allegedly, that whole
25 situation started with someone getting a chain snatched

1 from them by somebody, which is also a crime to snatch
2 someone's jewelry from them. And so what are we going to
3 do to go back and deal with that situation? And I'm not
4 asking the DPD to do this. I'm asking us as a community,
5 I'm asking our leadership here in the city, our future
6 mayor, our future city council, to deal with the social
7 conditions that would lead to someone stealing someone's
8 jewelry; that would lead to someone being harmed in the
9 community, like having been robbed to then think that
10 their best solution is to shoot into a crowd of people,
11 instead of working with the community mediator or calling
12 the police to deal with that situation. So definitely DPD
13 has done their job. They're responsible for apprehending
14 individuals that do wrong in the community, but we have a
15 lot of work to do to deal with the root cause of what is
16 happening resulting in these situations. Thank you.

17 CHAIRPERSON DEWAEELSCHÉ: Thank you. Next speaker,
18 please.

19 FEMALE SPEAKER: We're moving on to Zoom. We have
20 Taura Brown.

21 MS. BROWN: Good evening commissioners. Can you all
22 hear me?

23 CHAIRPERSON DEWAEELSCHÉ: Yes.

24 MS. BROWN: Yes. I guess my comment this evening
25 would be for Conrad Mallett, Commissioner Bernard and the

1 Detroit Police Department. On September 8th at about 2:00
2 PM the Detroit continuum of care will be holding their
3 monthly meeting at Northwest Activity Center. And part of
4 that meeting will include one of the board members who is
5 a registered sex offender and a serial child rapist. And
6 although I have raised issues with these in-person
7 meetings at community centers where children are, they
8 continue to happen. I don't know who is approving this at
9 the city level, but again, it's happening and somebody
10 needs to raise an issue with this. Again, bringing a
11 serial child rapist, and I don't know if any of you all
12 are familiar with Northwest Activity Center. It's one of
13 the biggest community centers in Detroit, and it is full
14 of children. And the last time we had one there in March,
15 as we were leaving, there were children everywhere.

16 And there just so happened to be a reporter that was
17 there that followed this child rapist into the bathroom
18 because there were children in the bathroom. And I think
19 a lot of times people assume that this person is non-
20 threatening because they're in a wheel chair and because
21 they are white, that person can walk, and he is a threat
22 to children everywhere. And I just don't think that we
23 should be bringing him to a community center and to hear
24 that there are children getting raped while incarcerated
25 and children who are being sexually assaulted in other

1 spaces. Yeah, this is a problem. And I just don't think
2 that the city should be allowing, or the Detroit police,
3 for that matter, a serial sex offender and child rapist
4 to be coming into community centers full of children.
5 Thank you.

6 CHAIRPERSON DEWAEELSCHÉ: Thank you.

7 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Madam Chairperson, if I may?

8 CHAIRPERSON DEWAEELSCHÉ: Yes. Commissioner Bernard.

9 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Northwest Activity Center is
10 obviously in my district. It's actually walking distance
11 from my house. She raises a very interesting point,
12 Chief, and I'd like you to respond. I guess we could put
13 up signs that say if you are a registered sex offender,
14 you cannot come in. But that would also affect voting. I
15 don't know. Can you tell me what other cities are doing
16 in regard to this question?

17 AC HAYES: Through the Chair.

18 CHAIRPERSON DEWAEELSCHÉ: Excuse me, I'm not sure. Is
19 this mic working? Can anybody tell me? Okay.

20 AC HAYES: Through, through the Chair. That is a
21 unique set of circumstances and the first person that was
22 identified ---

23 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Have to go back to; that's
24 just not a good mic. I don't know why they do this.

25 CHAIRPERSON DEWAEELSCHÉ: Thank you.

1 AC HAYES: Through the Chair. That is a unique set of
2 circumstances that I am not qualified to speak on as we
3 talk about public spaces and constitutionality. But the
4 caller did reference Corporation Counsel Mallett. So I am
5 going to defer to him, make sure he's aware of this
6 inquiry and certainly be guided by him as two things can
7 be true at once. While we are mindful of the
8 constitutionality of others we need to protect our
9 children. So based on the plan that's devised by
10 Corporation Counsel or his direction we will respond
11 accordingly to make sure our children are safe in these
12 spaces.

13 CHAIRPERSON DEWAEELSCHÉ: Thank you.

14 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I'll follow up as well. That's
15 an important issue, but Northwest Activity Center is full
16 of children, all day, all night. There's no question
17 about that. But a registered sex offender is just that, a
18 registered sex offender. I'm trying to think what are the
19 rules that govern his behavior or her behavior? I have to
20 look it up, but we have to talk about it because she
21 raises an excellent point.

22 CHAIRPERSON DEWAEELSCHÉ: Thank you. Another comment
23 by Commissioner Banks.

24 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Yes. I just want to make sure I
25 heard the lady correctly. Did she say a registered sex

1 offender is on this board?

2 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: No, at the bathroom, at
3 Northwest Activity Center. The person that was at
4 Northwest Activity Center. And that she had a problem
5 because she found out that he went to the bathroom and
6 there were other kids in there, stuff like that. That's
7 what she was saying? No registered sex offender,

8 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Where's the sex offender though?

9 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: At Northwest Activity Center?
10 Are you ---

11 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Oh, at Northwest. Okay.

12 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Too many people talking
13 right now. Hold on one second. What I understood ---

14 COMMISSIONER BANKS: I [crosstalk].

15 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Yeah, commissioner? What I
16 understood.

17 COMMISSIONER BANKS: I'm through. Go ahead.

18 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: No, no, but what I
19 understood was that somebody attended a conference or a
20 panel discussion that was in a wheelchair.

21 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Got it. I got it now.

22 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Okay. That was a sex
23 offender.

24 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Got it. I'm all set.

25 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Any other comments or

1 questions? Hearing none. Next speaker.

2 FEMALE SPEAKER: This is our last Speaker, Williams
3 Davis.

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

5 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHKE: Yes, sir.

6 MR. DAVIS: I would also like to say that we are
7 still having problems hearing some of the speakers.
8 There's something wrong with your audio system for some
9 of the people to speak in some of the mics. Also, I think
10 a greater effort needs to be made for the Board of Police
11 Commissioners probably should be getting a regular report
12 on people wrongful arrest. You know, I think that as a
13 City of Detroit retiree, and president of City of
14 Detroit, retire Group, you know, the City of Detroit pays
15 a whole lot out in lawsuits. I think there should be a
16 greater effort to reduce the number of lawsuits. I'm not
17 saying that this board could do everything, but I think
18 they can help to coordinate and see what they could do
19 about reducing the number of lawsuits and reducing the
20 number of wrongful arrests.

21 I still hear reports about young black men being
22 stopped and handcuffed and shaken down and you know,
23 search without probable cause being stopped for traffic
24 stops and put in handcuffs. You know, stuff like this is
25 not right, especially if somebody's being stopped,

1 especially black and brown young people just because of
2 their color. Some people think that just because they are
3 a young black person, they got a gun on them, you know?
4 So I hope there is more training being done on some of
5 the officers out there. Thank you.

6 CHAIRPERSON DEWAEELSCHÉ: Thank you, commissioner. Any
7 other speakers please? That is.

8 CHAIRPERSON DEWAEELSCHÉ: That was the final one.
9 Thank you. At this time we have two presentations to the
10 board. The first one is the DBD budget report for April
11 through June, 2025. It'll be given by Mr. Nazarko. Thank
12 you. Mr. Nazarko.

13 MR. NAZARKO: Madam Chair, honorable board. Good
14 afternoon, and I'm happy to present to you the last
15 quarter of the fiscal year that ends on June 30th, 2025.
16 Kind of like a high overview financial picture for the
17 City of Detroit Police Department. Next slide, please.
18 The reports that I'm going to show this afternoon are the
19 last quarter, year-to-date budget versus actual
20 expenditures. The general fund last quarter, again called
21 the four year-to-date budget versus actual revenues and
22 expenses, vehicle purchase report, capital expenditure
23 report, and grant activity report, last quarter. Next,
24 please.

25 As you can see on this slide, on the top line is the

1 general fund revenue. We had budgeted to receive \$92.7
2 million for the entire year. Revenue earmarked for the
3 police department, because obviously the overall revenue
4 for the City of Detroit is much larger than that. And we
5 received only \$88 million. 88.3 to be exact. And the
6 deficit on the revenue side for the general fund was \$4.4
7 million. And I'll show you in a minute which items
8 comprised that amount. On the forfeiture fund, we
9 budgeted \$2.3 million to receive 2.3 million, and we
10 received only \$834,000 for a deficit of almost \$1.5
11 million. Special revenue fund. And the Special Revenue
12 fund consists of two funds. One is the 911 revenue that
13 we receive through Wayne County from the state of
14 Michigan. And the other one is the toll fund Between the
15 two, we were supposed to receive 16.7 approximate million
16 dollars, and we received only \$11 million. Again,
17 approximate number, 10.917 to be exact. On the
18 expenditure side, the general fund was slated to or
19 budgeted to expend \$424.5 million, and we spent \$420.6
20 million for a surplus of \$3.8 million. Forfeiture fund.
21 We were budgeted to spend \$1.388 million, so almost 1.4.
22 And we spent less than a million dollars, 950,000. And on
23 the special revenue funds. Again, the 911, the training
24 and the towing fund, we were budgeted to spend 15.5
25 million dollars' worth of expenses, and we spent only

1 \$10.9 million. Next slide, please.

2 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: May I ask a question for
3 this slide?

4 MR. NAZARKO: Yes.

5 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Yes. So what would be the
6 reason for the 64% variance in the forfeiture fund
7 revenue, or the reasons?

8 MR. NAZARKO: The major reason is that one cannot
9 ever accurately budget the forfeiture fund revenues as
10 the DPD knows, and as this honorable board knows, that
11 depends on the forfeiture activity. And lately with the
12 legalization of the marijuana especially, the forfeiture
13 activity has not been able to bring in revenues that we
14 have. When we budget, we look at the history, you know,
15 of the past two, three years, and we budget that way, but
16 the history is not a good indicator as to the future
17 revenues, especially again, on the for-forfeiture front.
18 The other funds should be more close resembling the
19 budget amount.

20 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you for that. The
21 second question is the expenditures for the forfeiture
22 fund of \$945,000 is greater than the revenue of \$834,000.

23 MR. NAZARKO: Yes. Madam Chair this is related to the
24 first question, meaning that we did not bring the
25 budgeted revenue, and therefore, during the year, we must

1 scale back on the number of expenditures because we did
2 not bring the amount of revenues in. We supplemented the
3 difference because obviously we did not bring, the
4 revenues were much less than what we expected, and the
5 expenditures were a little bit closer. But the difference
6 is made up by the accumulated fund balance that we have
7 in that particular fund. That being said, though, the
8 department throughout the year, through the Chief's
9 Office, we always adjust our expenses as we continue
10 month after month to evaluate, are we bringing enough
11 money to support this activity? And if we don't, then the
12 Chief decides as to scale back on the expenses or find a
13 different funding source.

14 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHÉ: Okay. That was going to be
15 my question. Where do the funds come from? So, thank you
16 for answering that. Any other questions?

17 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Yes.

18 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHÉ: Go ahead, commissioner.

19 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: The variances are pretty
20 great. Can you explain why?

21 MR. NAZARKO: The variance is ---

22 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: We are spending what we were
23 allocated, obviously.

24 MR. NAZARKO: Through the Chair this is not a great
25 slide that explains the variance between the revenues and

1 expenditures. I have another slide following after this,
2 or the next one. This slide only shows that, you know,
3 what did we budget to bring on the revenue side and what
4 did we actually bring in. And this is nothing unusual
5 that this, you know, first year happened. Year after
6 year, like I said, and you'll see on the next slide the
7 income tax, for example, came different. But the utility
8 user's tax is the one that caused this variance because
9 utility users, we again, budget based on the historical
10 data. However, it depends on how the residents and
11 businesses in Detroit use utilities. Because DPD gets a
12 portion of that. So the less utilities, mild winter, I
13 guess less income for the Detroit Police Department.

14 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELESCHE: Thank you. Okay. We'll go,
15 go ahead to the next slide.

16 MR. NAZARKO: Thank you. And as I mentioned earlier,
17 the income tax, for example, we're almost on the money.
18 We budgeted \$36.2 million. We brought in \$36.4 million.
19 I'm sorry, the other way around. The actual score was
20 36.2. The budget was 36.4. So a \$200,000 shortage, which
21 is basically a perfect budget. Utility user tax on the
22 other hand, we brought in \$41.4 million, and we budgeted
23 \$43.1 million and other revenue; we budgeted \$10,600
24 million, and we brought, or actually we brought in 10.6,
25 I have that the opposite. And the budget was \$13.2

1 million. So the total amount, actual amount was 88.3 that
2 matches the previous slide, and the budget amount was
3 \$92.7 million. I'd like just one quick clarification that
4 this is not a final piece. We are still, as information
5 becomes available, accruing revenues that belonged back
6 in June as we speak, because sometimes those come in late
7 and the allocations come late.

8 And this is very true. When we talk about the E911
9 money that the state of Michigan sends to a county where
10 the county sends to us, there is a time lag, especially
11 on those revenues that we receive later than when we
12 expect. At the bottom of the slide as you see salaries
13 and wages for the police department, that includes
14 overtime as well. We budgeted \$324.8 million, or the
15 actual was that much, and we budgeted \$314 million. So we
16 were 3% on the good side of that. Employee benefits. We
17 spent \$76 million, budgeted, 83.2. Professional
18 contractual, and all the way down the line. But the
19 bottom line is that total expenditures that the
20 department budgeted for the year was \$24.4 million, and
21 we spent only \$420.6 million, 99.1% of the budget was
22 spent. Next slide.

23 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCH: Any question? Excuse me,
24 sir. Go ahead, Commissioner Banks?

25 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Yes. Through the Chair. Thank

1 you very much. Mr. Nazarko. The \$324 million salary. Is
2 that just for the Detroit police officers only?

3 MR. NAZARKO: Through the Chair. I'm not sure if you
4 mean the Detroit police officers? Because the department
5 has a large civilian force. So the entire DPD is here,
6 not just police officers. I want to make sure that I
7 understand your question, right?

8 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: It includes civilians and
9 police officers.

10 MR. NAZARKO: Saying, civilians that work for DPD.

11 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Work for DPD.

12 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: 7000 thousand civilian
13 employees and 3000 police officers.

14 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Thanks.

15 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Does that answer it?

16 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Yeah, I'm sure. I'm cool.

17 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you. Commissioner
18 Burton, did you have a question?

19 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Question number one ---

20 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Yeah, we can't hear.

21 MR. NAZARKO: I can, but I don't think the microphone
22 works.

23 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Mr. Nazarko, I was wondering,
24 are there anywhere in the budget where there are
25 increases for NPOs? As I go around the various precincts,

1 I've talked to NPOs, there are things that they still
2 need in order to do their job. I noticed that over the
3 years, the Mounted Police Unit as well as Harbormaster
4 have not had a significant increase in their budget for
5 them to do their jobs as well. I've been here over a
6 decade. I would love to see something for the Mounted
7 Unit Division as well as Harbormasters. And I love to see
8 our NPOs treated with the respect and dignity that they
9 deserve, and those cars that they ride in, it's just too
10 small for our NPOs. And they deserve a set of fleet
11 specifically for them.

12 Mr. NAZARKO: Through the Chair. The NPOs and the
13 Metro Division is part of this budget, honorable
14 commissioner. What I can tell you is this, that all the
15 budget that I report tonight and every quarter for that
16 matter, comes through the Chief's Office. Every year we
17 go through a very rigorous process to compile the budget,
18 to put together the numbers. Those units, NPOs and Metro
19 Division, bring up their requests. And then the ultimate
20 decision is the Chief's Office, this board, the budget
21 office downtown, the mayor, the city council. So the
22 process is not a simple one that this board approves and
23 it goes on. But to summarize, or to answer your question
24 in short, is that they are part of this budget. Every
25 year, the Chief's Office puts his priorities on the

1 table, and then based on the availability of funds, some
2 of them get approved and some of them don't. So that's
3 all I can say on that matter.

4 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Well, you know, my apologies,
5 but I am fighting like hell for our Mounted Unit, and I'm
6 fighting like hell for our Harbormaster Division as well
7 as our NPO, not to mention, we have some good officers on
8 this force. But I noticed that since I've been here, over
9 this past decade, our NPOs have been getting the short
10 end of the stick. Our Mounted Units have been given the
11 short end of the stick; our Harbormasters have been given
12 the short end of the stick. I want to see more resources
13 of something in this budget where they get a little bit
14 more than they got last year; a little bit more than they
15 got the previous year or the previous year before that.
16 Those guys, those men and women, deserve a lot better
17 than what they've been treated. And we had a
18 conversation. I love this ---

19 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHÉ: Commissioner. Yeah, I don't
20 think that these are questions that Mr. Nazarko can
21 answer right now. I think he's given you the answer that
22 he can give you. Those would be questions for the Chief.
23 So may I ---

24 COMMISSIONER BURTON: My apologies, Mr. Nazarko, but
25 I'm fighting like hell for ---

1 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHÉ: Those are good questions,
2 and I think he answered it as best he could, but thank
3 you. Thank you for those questions. Go ahead, Chief. Oh,
4 I don't know if we need to have it recorded, please.

5 AC HAYES: Through the Chair, are the concerns
6 Commissioner Burton that you have mentioned have been
7 addressed. As recently as Harbormaster; as recently as
8 this past summer, we've had four new officers assigned
9 in, which is about 20% of the workforce there. In
10 addition, we've put money into our marine fleet. We have
11 more Marines or boats in the water now than we've had in
12 the last three years. So, as it relates to maintenance
13 and staffing, we've addressed that. With mounting, new
14 equipment, new trucks, new horse trailers. And as horses
15 become available, we are able to bring more officers in
16 there, but they are getting the most UpToDate equipment
17 as well. As it relates to the NPOs, that's growing.
18 Recently we had a centralized NPO Unit of the Chief's
19 neighborhood liaison that's working through there, phones
20 computers and everything that they need. And as precincts
21 identify new NPOs, there are budgeted positions for them
22 as well. So those concerns that you have brought last
23 year have certainly been incorporated in this year's
24 budget. And I'd love to take you on a tour of any of the
25 facilities to show you the improvements and how those

1 budget line items individually for those commands, both
2 for Metropolitan Division as well as the Chief's
3 Neighborhood Liaison, are working out right now.

4 COMMISSIONER BURTON: So, thank you, Chief, but Chief
5 also, I've been advocating for this for the past few
6 years. This is my last year here, and I want to see that
7 our Mounted Unit is taken care of. I want to see that get
8 addressed. I like to see our Harbormaster have the tools
9 and resources they can do the job because we, those guys,
10 are working hard. I want to see our NPOs treated with the
11 respect that they deserve when they are out here dealing
12 with quality life patients in our community. I'd love to
13 see the NPO unit actually grow from, you know, I'd like
14 to see them do additional shifts, like two shifts, if not
15 three shifts or whatever.

16 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Those are all good points.
17 Thank you. And I think the Chief invited you to a tour. I
18 think you've made your point already, commissioner.

19 COMMISSIONER BURTON: There is one other point I have
20 not taken.

21 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Make it quick, please.

22 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I'm going to make my point on
23 behalf of the 100,000 people that live in the 5th
24 District. Chief, I also advocated over years to see our
25 police reservist also treated with the same respect and

1 dignity that they deserve. I love to see that unit grow,
2 and span more than what we are now with numbers. They
3 should not have to pay for, you know, for anything out of
4 pocket when it comes to our police reserves. And I'd love
5 to have a meeting with you, talk with you; what we can
6 do. I'd love to see something added in the budget for our
7 reservist.

8 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHÉ: Okay. Thank you for that
9 point. Thank you, Chief, Assistant Chief. Yes,
10 commissioner.

11 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: On that final point, I was
12 going to ask Mr. Nazarko the same question. Everyone in
13 the city, we work a lot with the Reservists. I was at the
14 concert and stuff this summer. Those are the men and
15 women who are working all of the events in the City of
16 Detroit from Cobo Hall to everywhere else. And they all
17 have that reserve on their shirt. And I wanted to talk.
18 We could do this offline, but I do believe, as my
19 colleague said, that we need to put some money and give
20 the reservists something. If it's just a stipend, a
21 thousand dollars a month. I don't care what it is, but it
22 is very unfair for them to be out there dealing with
23 traffic, dealing with me, trying to help people, helping
24 handicap people. They do everything, and, and they get no
25 recognition and no money. So I agree with that comment.

1 Thank you, Madam Chair.

2 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHÉ: Thank you. Commissioner
3 Woods.

4 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Through the Chair. I just want
5 to applaud you, Madam Chair and the department for that
6 matter too. But this budget came before this commission
7 last time. And our staff was just very, very thorough in
8 going through that budget with a fine-tooth comb. And so
9 the work that you did there, I was deeply impressed with
10 that. And Mr. Nazarko had to go back a thousand times to
11 be able to make adjustments to that budget. And we made
12 sure that that budget represented the values of the
13 citizens of the city of Detroit. And so when that time
14 comes about, when people have any suggestions as it
15 relates to that budget, that's a fine time to be able to
16 do it. And we appreciate the fact that you guys gave it
17 to us very early, and we look forward to having it early
18 again. Thank you very kindly.

19 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHÉ: Thank you. Any other
20 comments or questions? Okay, continue.

21 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I just want to say, great
22 report to Mr. Nazarko.

23 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHÉ: Thank you. Continue, Mr.
24 Nazarko.

25 MR. NAZARKO: Thank you. Through the Chair. Thank you

1 for both kind comments. The next three slides. This one
2 and two after this are basically in more detail revenues
3 and expenditures. And unless the honorable board has a
4 question on those details that I can answer with the
5 information I have, I would like to go to the following
6 slide after that, which is the vehicle report.

7 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHKE: I have one quick question
8 before you move on. You mentioned that the final budget
9 will not be completed. This is not the final budget. Is
10 there a timeline when the final budget, like an absolute
11 drop-dead date where it has to be done?

12 MR. NAZARKO: Great question, Madam Chair. The
13 absolute drop-dead date, because we have to close the
14 books and report to the state and to other entities, is
15 the end of September that we have to have wrapped up
16 everything. However, 99.9% of the budget wraps up at the
17 end of this month. And case in point is, for example we
18 have some revenue coming from DDOT for the transit police
19 that DPD took over last year. We expect to receive like
20 close to \$4 million from them. That is not represented
21 here because we have not received that, and we are in
22 process of doing the paperwork back and forth. So just
23 one example as to why this is not a 100% hundred percent
24 budget. However, by the end of this month, we'll be very
25 close to 100%. And I don't expect these numbers to change

1 drastically, especially on the expenditure side.

2 We do have almost 100% of the expenditures that
3 occurred last year. However, I'll make a note to send
4 once I have wrapped up and everything is posted, that
5 there cannot no longer be any changes, I'll send the
6 board through the Madam Secretary a final budget to
7 actually report that kind of override this.

8 CHAIRPERSON DEWAEELSCHÉ: That would be great. Thank
9 you. Proceed.

10 MR. NAZARKO: Thank you. The vehicle report here
11 shows that for the entire year or for the quarter, we
12 purchased a total 17 vehicles, April, May, and June as
13 you see broken down. So, 17 vehicles that the department
14 purchased during the last quarter. Next slide, please.
15 The next slide shows the capital.

16 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: What page are you on, if you
17 don't mind me asking?

18 CHAIRPERSON DEWAEELSCHÉ: Nine.

19 MR. NAZARKO: Nine.

20 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Thank you.

21 MR. NAZARKO: The next slide. So pages 9 and 10,
22 basically represents the expenditures that we did. We
23 call them capital improvements because they are more than
24 \$1,000. And sometimes they qualify to be called repair
25 maintenance. And sometimes if they are items purchased we

1 classify them as capital expenditures. But we have
2 detailed here by location, the amount and by month, as
3 you can tell here, for example, a larger one is Oakman
4 Building on Oakman Boulevard. Actually for the entire
5 quarter, we spent \$7,800 on that building. And again, for
6 the board's information and for the public this is
7 detailed by location and, you know, by precinct as well.
8 So for the entire fourth quarter of 2025, we spent
9 \$88,001 on making various capital improvements throughout
10 the DPD owned builds.

11 Next slide, please. And the last slide shows the
12 grant reports; the grants that we had active during the
13 last quarter. And those are listed as the first one
14 Project Safe Neighborhood, which dates back to fiscal
15 year 2023 is VOCA Grant, Burn State Christ Intervention
16 Program. The Criminal Justice Innovation Program, ATPA,
17 which is a stable, has been with us for many, many years.
18 MCOLES grant, and then Ceasefire Earmark. So on the last
19 column there, those are the amounts that each individual
20 grant represents, or is, you know, we are awarded that
21 amount. For example, on the ATPA, which stands for Auto
22 Theft Program we are expecting to receive almost \$4
23 million for the fiscal year. And that grant was active
24 during the quarter. That's the largest grant we have.
25 MCOLES is the next largest one. The other ones are

1 smaller. So, with that Madam Chair, I would like to
2 entertain any questions that the honorable board may
3 have.

4 CHAIRPERSON DEWAEELSCHÉ: Are there any questions for
5 Mr. Nazarko? Go ahead, Commissioner Bernard.

6 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Just quickly the horse stable
7 cost us about \$3 million a year, 2 million a year?

8 MR. NAZARKO: I'm sorry, which page are you on?

9 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: It's on page 9. It says horse
10 stable, 2 million April.

11 Mr. NAZARKO: Oh, no. This is \$1,000. It's not
12 [crosstalk]. It's only \$3,000. It costs us a lot more
13 than that. However, this is what we spent to make some
14 repairs or improvements in that location.

15 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Okay. Thank you.

16 CHAIRPERSON DEWAEELSCHÉ: Any other questions? Hearing
17 none. Thank you so much for that detailed report. I
18 appreciate it.

19 MR. NAZARKO: Thank you.

20 CHAIRPERSON DEWAEELSCHÉ: Okay, our second
21 presentation, Chief Investigator Warfield.

22 CI WARFIELD: Thank you, Madam Chair, and certainly
23 to this honorable board. Let me say this before I get
24 into our brief presentation. I want to thank you all for
25 just your support and for the public's patience regarding

1 OCI and the backlog and the investigations. Because you
2 all have acted so swiftly as it relates to policy
3 adjustment that we needed with our SOP and as it relates
4 to staffing, we've been able to, we believe, make some
5 significant gains as it relates to investigating pieces
6 in a very expeditious way. The presentation that you have
7 in your binders, and the one that's shown on the screen,
8 represents where we are as of Monday, Monday night of
9 this week. And so those numbers have already changed
10 somewhat, but at least it gives us a snapshot of where we
11 are year-to-date. I just want to talk about page two of
12 your presentation. I want to talk about that. Really, our
13 strategic focus is really on the legacy cases. And that
14 has resulted in a 46% reduction.

15 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Excuse me, just one minute.
16 Legacy means backlogged.

17 CI WARFIELD: Yes.

18 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Okay.

19 CI WARFIELD: You get tired of the B word. So you
20 wanted to say something just a little bit different?

21 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: We go crazy when we hear the
22 word backlog.

23 CI WARFIELD: Exactly. And so, it resulted in a 46%
24 reduction in the total number of case backlogs since
25 January of this year. And I'll show you those numbers

1 more specifically. But in addition to that, we are
2 closing cases significantly faster than new complaints
3 are coming in. And we have a clear view of the workload
4 that's ahead of us. However, our primary goal has been to
5 aggressively clear the backlog while at the same time
6 efficiently managing the new cases that are coming in.
7 And again, we'll show you that as well. And the data
8 shows that we are succeeding in those categories. I'll
9 say this as we go to the next slide. Two years ago when
10 we first came here, one of the stretch goals that we had
11 was for investigators to close two cases a week. We're
12 now at the point where investigators are on track to
13 close one case a day.

14 So the significance in the work that the
15 investigators and our administrative staff is doing, and
16 our supervisors is tremendous. It really is. And it shows
17 here and bears itself out. And this slide right here,
18 1,979 cases were closed as of Monday. That number again
19 has increased because I closed some right before I came
20 here to the meeting today. And however, when you look at
21 the number of cases that we are getting in, the number of
22 CCRs that are coming in, they're still outpacing last
23 year. We're looking at, and I'll show you the projections
24 at the end of the report, but we are looking at getting
25 just over 2000 CCRs this year, which has never happened

1 before for our office, but we're still closing more cases
2 than we're getting in. And, and that helps us a
3 tremendous amount. Again, as of Monday evening, we closed
4 341 cases in the month of August alone. And you see the
5 trends, where we were at the very beginning of the year
6 versus where we are now. This represents a net reduction
7 of 598 cases from our actual workload. And so we are
8 outpacing intake by more than 43%.

9 On the next slide, it talks about the cases to
10 investigate again, as of Monday. As of Monday, we had
11 2,700 cases in our office. We had 1,381 intake or brought
12 in this year, 1,381. That's what we brought in. So when
13 you look at the cases that came over from last year,
14 which is at 27/11, the cases that we brought over from
15 last year plus the 1,381, that gave us 492 cases in our
16 shop this year.

17 CHAIRPERSON DEWAEELSCH: 4,000?

18 CI WARFIELD: 4,000, I'm sorry, 4,092 cases in our
19 shop this year. So that's what we've had to work through
20 all of our investigators. And when you look at the next
21 slide, you'll see how those cases have been investigated
22 and closed. So we've closed, we've investigated and
23 closed 1,379 cases through this month. And currently the
24 cases that are current, in other words, less than 90
25 days, those cases that were 90 days or less, we've closed

1 600 of those cases this year already. So the total
2 reduction, the total number of cases that we've closed is
3 1,979 cases which far outpaced what we've done last year.
4 And we'll show you that slide in a second too.

5 So when we look at open cases as of August, again,
6 Monday, this past Monday our total number of open cases
7 in the office was 2,113 cases. The cases that are within
8 policy zero to 90 days, that's 505 cases. Our age cases
9 are 1,608 cases. So we're still knocking that number
10 down. Our total case load, though it's reflecting the
11 progress of our total numbers, because again, before we
12 even got new cases this year, we were at 2,711 cases that
13 were in our office at the beginning of the year. So we're
14 making significant progress. Now, how does that compare
15 versus last year? This is a real quick comparison. I
16 won't spend a lot of time on this slide, but last year-
17 to-date, we had closed 530 cases, and again, this year
18 we've closed 1,979. So you see the significant impact
19 that your policies and that a full staff has on us being
20 able to do the work for the citizens.

21 And again, one of the things that's significant, if
22 you look at the number of CCRs that we received last year
23 this time, which is 1,307, again, we received more this
24 time this year than we did last year. And so, again, we
25 are pacing ourselves to about 2000 plus, just a little

1 bit more than 2000 CCRs a year. This is my projection,
2 toward the end of the year. The final slide, this is why
3 I believe we'll end up somewhere in this ballpark. I
4 believe we would have ended up closing 3,429 cases, and
5 we would receive about 2021 new CCR citizen complaints.
6 And again, you can see the projections from September,
7 October, November, December, where I believe our office
8 will land based on holidays, based on the workload that
9 we're currently undertaking, and the consistency that our
10 investigators and our supervisors are putting forth. And
11 that's my report.

12 CHAIRPERSON DEWAEELSCHÉ: Are there any questions?
13 Commissioner Banks and then Commissioner Bernard.

14 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Through the Chair. Chief
15 Investigator, how long did it take to close those
16 thousand cases?

17 CI WARFIELD: So the 1,979 cases [crosstalk], they've
18 all been closed within this year, from January of this
19 year, until Monday of this week.

20 COMMISSIONER JONES: August 20th.

21 CI WARFIELD: August 25th.

22 COMMISSIONER JONES: 25th.

23 CI WARFIELD: Yes, sir.

24 COMMISSIONER BANKS: What type of staff do we have
25 now? I mean do we have a full staff? Do we have the ---

1 at full staff, what do we have? At full staff, is it 23?

2 CI WARFIELD: So we have 22 total investigators; we
3 have three supervisors, and we have two administrative
4 staff persons slighted or scheduling two, hire two
5 additional administrative staffers.

6 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Okay. I'm all set.

7 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you. Commissioner
8 Bernard.

9 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Just quickly, these charts
10 don't give us the details on the complaints, obviously.
11 But where is the greatest increase? There is an increase
12 in complaints against the police department. How much of
13 an increase is it one and two, where have you seen that
14 increase?

15 CI WARFIELD: Through the Chair.

16 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Yes. T.

17 CI WARFIELD: The increase, as it relates to the
18 complaints, is still the same. They're metering out as it
19 relates to our top three complaints. So it's still
20 service, it's still demeanor, and it's still procedure.
21 So those are still the three top areas. And so those
22 systematically, from a percentage standpoint, are still
23 around the same place they always have been. They make up
24 70% of the allegations that come into our office. Those
25 three; service demeanor and procedure, makes up about 70%

1 of the complaints that come in. So they're consistent. So
2 the numbers are consistent within the CCRs that are
3 coming in, as it relates to those categories. The reason
4 why I did not represent them here, is because through the
5 --- I'm going to get it right, the API or the application
6 processing unit that our IT department and CMTS, they're
7 still tweaking out some numbers, because I want it to be
8 as accurate as possible before I present those numbers
9 publicly to you. But we're able to hand count; we're able
10 to hand count some things that's under our preview. And
11 so we provide those numbers directly to you.

12 CHAIRPERSON DEWAEELSCHÉ: Yes.

13 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Follow up. Have you made any
14 recommendations to the department regarding how the
15 number of these more than thousands of complaints can be?
16 You know, that number can be shrunk based on what the
17 officers are actually doing. Because the complaint is
18 against an officer. So that's the problem. So how do we
19 reduce the complaints? Both of you, I guess you and Chief
20 Hayes? I don't know.

21 CI WARFIELD: Well Through the Chair.

22 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: But I have a great department,
23 and that's the point.

24 CI WARFIELD: Through the Chair. What we do is that
25 we turn over the trends. We keep a running count of the

1 trends that we see within the department. For instance,
2 if we see that demeanor is an issue, and if it's an issue
3 in a particular precinct with a particular shift, we turn
4 that information over to disciplinary and they're able to
5 implement; for a while, they were doing roll call
6 trainings where they would remind the officers of the
7 policy as it relates to either body-worn camera, as it
8 relates to the uniform being worn properly, as it relates
9 to demeanor. And that's something the department has been
10 very good at, making sure that those issues as it relates
11 to the trends that we see are being addressed at every
12 roll call. And they do that for seven days straight to
13 make sure that it's just not a casual mention, but it's
14 something that the department knows from the top to the
15 bottom what they're serious about.

16 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: So do we have any incentives
17 for the department to reduce the number of complaints?

18 CI WARFIELD: Through the Chair. I don't have any
19 incentives.

20 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Absolutely not.

21 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Well, I mean, have you guys
22 had that discussion? That's the point.

23 CI WARFIELD: Through the Chair. That's not under my
24 ability to be able to offer incentives. I think through
25 this honorable board and through the department, maybe

1 something like that can come about. But I have not had
2 that discussion. No, ma'am.

3 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHÉ: Did the Chief want to
4 respond? Sorry, you have to get up.

5 AC HAYES: Through the Chair. If you can kind of
6 repeat the question, I want to make sure my response is
7 appropriate.

8 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHÉ: Commissioner Bernard.

9 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Whether or not you and the
10 Chief Investigator's Office actually are working together
11 to try to address the nature of the complaints that he's
12 receiving concerning officer conduct, and officer
13 behavior

14 AC HAYES: And through the Chair, the ---

15 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Excuse me, just one more time,
16 because he said 70% of them are related to service,
17 demeanor, and procedure, and those are all within your
18 bailiwick in terms of training and supervision.

19 AC HAYES: Through the Chair. The incentive for that
20 is that they continue to enjoy the privilege of wearing a
21 Detroit Police Department badge. Because if they don't,
22 there's no place for them in this organization. Those are
23 the core values that we owe this community, that this
24 community deserves. And those that we find that are
25 grossly or intentionally deviating from that in some way,

1 form or fashion, whether they come before Chief Bettison,
2 myself or this honorable board. Again, the privilege to
3 wear this badge will be taken away from them. That is the
4 incentive.

5 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Good.

6 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I agree with that. But that
7 doesn't change the numbers. The numbers say that there's
8 a problem in those three areas. And I think that maybe it
9 could be an adjustment in training or something that you
10 guys could do to lower these numbers, because they are
11 adversely affecting the community and see the good part
12 about these numbers, just like you and I --- I mean,
13 there may be five things that a person does wrong, but we
14 never get time to go, go back and complain about it.
15 These are the people that took the time to address a
16 problem, you know? And so I just think that we could up
17 our standards or give officers additional incentives to
18 do it by the book. And we have people every week telling
19 us about the number of black young men that are just
20 stopping. The Bar Association, and we could go on; I was
21 at their dinner and two different lawyers came to me
22 talking about what was happening to young black men in
23 the City of Detroit. This is the Wolverine Bar
24 Association. I'm just saying that this is an issue,
25 service demeanor procedure. So we know that because he

1 has the data and the leaders of the Bar Association want
2 to meet with the department to discuss this with you
3 about the conduct of officers.

4 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHÉ: Okay. The Chief Investigator
5 wants to make a comment. Go ahead, Chief.

6 CI WARFIELD: Through the Chair, and certainly to the
7 board. I want to be crystal clear. The numbers that I
8 quoted were the amount of citizen complaints that came
9 in. However, when you look at the number of complaints
10 that are actually sustained, just because we get over
11 2000 citizen complaints, that doesn't mean that all of
12 those complaints are sustained. We get only about 8% to
13 10% of those complaints. So, when you look at the
14 aggregate number, it's about a couple of hundred
15 sustained CCRs that we get out of that incomplete 2000.
16 And so when you look at it from that standpoint; I mean,
17 the numbers still represent out of that 200, 70% of that
18 200 is still procedure, demeanor, and service as it
19 relates to the most popular, but I don't want to
20 misrepresent our findings to say that 2000 cases are
21 being sustained against officers, because that's not the
22 case at all.

23 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHÉ: Okay. Commissioner Woods and
24 then Commissioner Banks,

25 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Yes, I was going to ask him to

1 clarify, what is the percentage as it relates to
2 sustained cases. And we definitely are not in the
3 business of bribing a cop to do the right thing. Police
4 as I share the same sentiment with the Assistant Chief.
5 You know, they are paid good salaries. The city council,
6 the mayor's office, everyone fought for them to get a
7 raise; and they took an oath to do the right thing. And
8 so I don't want it to be put out there that we are
9 depriving cops to follow the law, to follow policy and
10 procedure.

11 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Commissioner Banks.

12 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Yes. Through the Chair,
13 Assistant Chief, I like the way you enforce the
14 standards. You laid those standards down for the officers
15 to provide by. I love the way you laid those standards
16 down. And you seem like you meant business too.

17 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you, commissioner.

18 AC HAYES: Madam Chair. I do. I'm sorry.

19 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Go ahead, Assistant Chief.

20 AC HAYES: Thank you. And to that point, it was the
21 latter part that Chief Investigator Warfield highlighted.
22 While I certainly, absolutely, stand by the core values,
23 and the demand for members of this agency if they want to
24 be a part of it, that they shall constitutionally police
25 this agency. There are the checks and balances, and

1 certainly as complaints come in, no one is happy to go to
2 jail. No one is happy to get pulled over and get a
3 ticket. And it is certainly within the right of the city
4 charter for individuals dissatisfied with police service
5 to make those reports. And in those very fields that you
6 indicated, demeanor service, and please forgive me, I
7 forget what the third was. But once we get to that point
8 to where we look into it and take the deep dive and OCI
9 does exactly what it's supposed to do, what you will find
10 is that the lion's share, the majority of the men and
11 women of this police department who get up every day, put
12 that bulletproof vest on, put that badge on their chest,
13 serve this community with honor and dignity, and quite
14 frankly, get upset when those who don't have that same
15 honor, dignity, and pride do something that causes
16 embarrassment to this agency.

17 They get upset just like I do. So again, to the men
18 and women of the department, they do a great job, but
19 understand that usually when we're called with decisions
20 that not everybody is happy with and when they're not
21 given their opportunity to voice that through the citizen
22 complaint process. And we will continue to work with this
23 board and again, do; but at the same time, continue to
24 serve this city again, with honor, with integrity, and
25 fight crime like we talked about earlier.

1 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you, Assistant Chief.

2 Does that conclude your report? Thank you.

3 CI WARFIELD: Yes, ma'am.

4 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Go ahead, commissioner.

5 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Questions for Chief Warfield.

6 Chief Warfield, does your department get a chance to work
7 with Risk Management, do you all interact at any ---?

8 CI WARFIELD: What I do, and through the Chair, and
9 thank you for that question, Commissioner Bernard. One of
10 the things that we do ---

11 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Burton.

12 CI WARFIELD: Burton, I'm sorry. So sorry. I was
13 looking at Commissioner Bernard.

14 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: We are drinking the same
15 water, I see.

16 CI WARFIELD: I'm so sorry. Commissioner Burton. One
17 of the things that we do, and Risk Management, and
18 certainly the Chief's Office is extremely responsive.
19 When we see something that is egregious, we email Risk
20 Management and the Chief's Office immediately, even
21 before our investigation has concluded, to let them know,
22 this is a situation that you might want to look at
23 immediately. One officer that we have seen significant
24 activity from that you might want to look at immediately.
25 And they have responded in kind. So we've also had risk

1 management come over to our office to reinforce, for
2 instance, the body-worn camera policy, so that all of our
3 investigators and supervisors have been given a very
4 detailed perspective of when officers are supposed to
5 wear those body-worn cameras, how they're supposed to be
6 worn in the center chest area, when they're supposed to
7 be turned on, when they're supposed to be turned off. And
8 so that everybody's on the same page. So we have worked
9 with Risk Management and we'll do more of that moving
10 forward.

11 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Okay. My next question is, when
12 it comes to the cases that's coming this year, does it
13 look like we are trending upward or downward from last
14 year's citizens' complaints?

15 And again, through the Chair, we are definitely
16 trending upward. Last year we ended up with 1,900, I want
17 to say 46 complaints. I could be wrong on that number,
18 but it was in that ballpark. And this year, we definitely
19 see we are ahead of that number. We're trending, I should
20 say, ahead of that number. And we're going to have
21 somewhere around 2021 complaints at the end of the year.

22 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I guess, I would like to talk
23 with you later, also talk to AC Hayes later, to see what
24 we can work on for the department. Thank you for your
25 report. And also thank you AC Hayes for being

1 transparent.

2 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHÉ: Thank you, commissioner.
3 Commissioner Woods.

4 COMMISSIONER WOODS: And there have been egregious
5 situations that you had to pick up the phone and say,
6 this needs to be responded to immediately. And there's
7 been some swift action there, right?

8 CI WARFIELD: Through the Chair, correct? Absolutely.

9 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Yeah. And I know, I read these
10 cases I get. You give me binders and binders every week.
11 I read cases, and I've come to you a number of times,
12 right? There's been some situations where citizens, I
13 felt, were violated in such a way that we needed to do
14 something over and beyond to get that citizen some swift
15 action, right? And I'll give you an example. They raided
16 the wrong house, kicked the door in, and left the door
17 there, right? And we picked up that telephone and we got
18 some action right?

19 CI WARFIELD: Through the Chair, yes.

20 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Yeah. So the fact of the matter
21 is, that this is our fiduciary responsibility of getting
22 these binders every single week, going through these
23 cases, thoroughly and responding to them. It's a sacred
24 job in terms of signing off on these cases. And so that
25 is our obligation as commissioners, and I appreciate your

1 vigilance in terms of getting these cases where they need
2 to be in a constitution or an ethical way? Making sure
3 that every case is being reviewed, and I appreciate all
4 commissioners who review these cases to be able to give
5 the citizens the responses that they can. And I encourage
6 all commissioners to take a folder every week and read
7 these cases.

8 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHÉ: Thank you, commissioner. Any
9 other comments or questions? Okay. Hearing none. Thank
10 you CI. We'll move on to the report from the board
11 secretary, Ms. Garner.

12 MS. GARNIER: Through the Chair under tab six, today,
13 you'll find the following incoming communications, the
14 reports that are listed together with the DPD applicant
15 appeal request that are included there. Also, the
16 memorandum from the Policy Committee meeting, held this
17 past Tuesday. The upcoming meetings are as follows: On
18 Thursday, September 4th, 3:00 PM, here at headquarters,
19 is our next board meeting. The September community
20 meeting is Thursday, September 11th, 6:30 PM. It will be
21 held in the 4th Precinct at Marathon Oil, Michigan
22 Headquarters, 1001 South Oakwood Avenue in Detroit.
23 That's in the 4th Precinct. Upcoming committee meetings
24 are Policy Committee meetings Tuesday, September 2nd,
25 Tuesday, September 16th, and Tuesday, September 30th. All

1 Policy Committee meetings are held in the Woodward room
2 here at Safety Headquarters. And that is the report for
3 the day, ma'am.

4 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you, Madam Secretary.
5 Is there any unfinished business?

6 COMMISSIONER WOODS: I just have a question.

7 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Yes, Commissioner Woods.

8 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Yeah. Madam Secretary is the
9 place of Marathon Oil. Is that owned by Marathon Oil?

10 MS. GARNIER: To my knowledge, yes, sir.

11 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Why would we have a meeting in a
12 corporate location?

13 MS. GARNIER: If we can discuss that in-depth
14 offline? I think we were during your chairmanship.
15 Understandably, finding a place in the different
16 precincts at no cost is an issue. It is my understanding
17 that during the pandemic, many facilities closed. So as
18 far as how we can broadcast the technology, there are a
19 number of variables considered in how the locations are
20 selected. Clearly, if this board decides differently, we
21 will hastily do our best to find another facility.
22 Normally, these are done months ahead of time. We pretty
23 much have a scheduled outline for now through the end of
24 the year, and it's my understanding it's been held at
25 that facility before.

1 COMMISSIONER WOODS: I've asked assistant chief for
2 help on it.

3 MS. GARNIER: As I just received from staff. Normally
4 the two staff persons that go out, to do a site visit,
5 together with media services and audio visual to make
6 sure that the technology is appropriate and can broadcast
7 the meetings that Marathon Oil is a recurring host.

8 CHAIRPERSON DEWAEELSCH: Assistant Chief wants to say
9 something. Go ahead.

10 AC HAYES: Yes. And through the Chair, Marathon is a
11 --- when we talk about public/private partnerships with
12 the City of Detroit and the police department, they've
13 been an outstanding partner, purchasing scout cars for
14 the 4th Precinct, as well as paying for additional pros,
15 not only in the area of the scout car area, that they
16 have been there supporting fallen officers, and heroism
17 by the men and women of the Detroit Police Department
18 with events like Above and Beyond. And a corporate
19 location, vice chairman, I'd just like to let you know,
20 certainly the work that this board or this body charges
21 the men and women of the police department to do. They're
22 certainly supporters.

23 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Through the Chair. I don't care
24 about the support that they give the department or
25 anything of that nature. I just don't want to be in the

1 business as a board member in a corporation. You know, so
2 that's my thoughts about it. I think that we could go
3 into a community-based church or a community center. We
4 have a community center over there. I don't think that we
5 should be in the business of going into any type of
6 corporate entity as a board.

7 CHAIRPERSON DEWAEELSCHÉ: Go ahead, commissioner.

8 COMMISSIONER BELL: To echo the support for the
9 Assistant Chief's remarks about. This is a tax paying
10 business. They've been a foundation in that community and
11 they've been in support of DPD and the community. So I
12 don't know what your bias is, but basically we have met
13 over the years and we meet with different corporations
14 sometimes. Because during COVID, as is stated, it was a
15 critical time period for us to try to meet anywhere. So I
16 don't see that issue coming up in this forum by a
17 commissioner. I think we should collectively continue in
18 this capacity of meeting there in any other business
19 components.

20 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Through the Chair.

21 CHAIRPERSON DEWAEELSCHÉ: Go ahead.

22 COMMISSIONER WOODS: That's ludicrous. You know, that
23 is absolutely ludicrous. We are not in any other business
24 location or corporation. I absolutely don't think that we
25 should be in any corporation. I don't care who they are,

1 you know, it could be my corporation. So it's not a bias.
2 I just think that we are an independent body that should
3 not operate in any type of corporation. Now, they are
4 getting free advertisement every time she would say
5 Marathon Oil, Marathon Oil. Whatever they do, I
6 appreciate whatever they have done for falling officers
7 and things of that nature. But I don't think that we
8 should be in the business of promoting that.

9 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Go ahead, Commissioner
10 Bernard.

11 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I don't view it as a
12 promotion, my colleague. I view it as a public private
13 partnership, and that is what this community is based on
14 in every sense of the word. I think it's very nice of
15 them to allow us to use the facility in order to welcome
16 the community. And there's no downside to that for either
17 of us, as I see it. We don't always have to be in a
18 community --- and they use it for community stuff all the
19 time. In Southwest Detroit. Marathon is the partner of
20 Southwest Detroit, not just the police department, but
21 the entire community on every single issue. They pay for
22 it and do stuff all the time. And they have, as long as
23 I've been here.

24 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Any other comments or
25 questions? I know that we've had meetings there for

1 years. When I was there before we had meetings there. I
2 think that if we want to change this, then we need to
3 have the board vote on it. So if you want to make a
4 motion?

5 COMMISSIONER WOODS: I'm not ready to make a motion.

6 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Okay. Then if we can't do it
7 at this meeting, I don't see how we can change the
8 location. It's in a week.

9 COMMISSIONER WOODS: We can't change it.

10 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: No. It could be up for a
11 discussion and a vote in the future. So we'll leave it at
12 that. Thank you Assistant Chief.

13 AC HAYES: Madam Chair. If I may?

14 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Yes, go ahead.

15 AC HAYES: Just one last thing. In the Chief's report
16 I shared with you the incident that happened yesterday at
17 the 19,000 block of Schoenherr, where the juvenile was
18 shot roughly 15 minutes ago under the leadership of
19 Commander John Speck and the men and women of the 9th
20 Precinct. That individual that I shared with you; we were
21 actively apprehended has now been placed into custody.

22 CHAIRPERSON DEWAEKSCHE: Great. Thank you for that
23 update. Any other new business at this point? New
24 business? Just go ahead, commissioner..

25 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I just have a really quick

1 remark about the Policy Committee. We didn't have a
2 quorum this past week, so we didn't have a meeting. And
3 we want to be meeting next week. No, I don't have my
4 glasses. What time Madam Chair? What date is that? I
5 mean, madam ---?

6 CHAIRPERSON DEWAEKSCHE: September 2nd, 5:00 PM

7 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Right after the holiday,
8 correct.

9 CHAIRPERSON DEWAEKSCHE: Thank you. Is there any
10 other comment or question? If not I'd entertain a motion
11 to adjourn.

12 COMMISSIONER WOODS: So moved.

13 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Second.

14 CHAIRPERSON DEWAEKSCHE: It's been moved by
15 Commissioner Woods and seconded by Commissioner Bernard.
16 All those in favor indicate by saying, Aye.

17 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

18 CHAIRPERSON DEWAEKSCHE: Opposed? Thank you all for
19 being here this evening.

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22 (Meeting Adjourned at 4:40pm)

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