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CITY OF DETROIT
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
December 4, 2025 - 3:00 PM

1 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELESCHE: Good afternoon,
2 everyone. Welcome to the Detroit Police Commission
3 meeting. Today is Thursday, December 4th, and I'd like
4 to -- well, we don't have a quorum. We will in a minute
5 -- a couple minutes. I'd like to get the meeting started
6 though, and maybe we could ask for the invocation by
7 Chaplain Pope, who should be on Zoom. Chaplain Pope?

8 CHAPLAIN POPE: Let us pray. Our Father, which
9 art in heaven, we thank you for this day. We thank you
10 for the City of Detroit and Mayor Duggan. We thank you
11 for the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners, and Police
12 Commissioner Darryl Woods. Again, we thank you for all
13 in attendance today.

14 Father God, we ask that you clear our hearts
15 and minds as we enter this meeting to serve the citizens
16 of Detroit and the DPD. Father God, we know that your
17 son, Jesus, is the reason for this season, and may our
18 light shine bright through his will. Father God, we ask
19 for traveling grace for all in attendance when we depart
20 this meeting, but never from your presence, Lord.

21 Last but not least, Father God, we give thanks
22 and ask for blessings to our outgoing Mayor Duggan and
23 his administration for a job well done, as we also
24 welcome in our Mayor Elect, Mary Sheffield, and her
25 administration, and we ask for blessings and for

1 covering. This we ask in the name of our Lord and
2 Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen. And Merry Christmas and a
3 Happy New Year.

4 ALL IN ATTENDANCE: Amen.

5 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you so much,
6 Chaplain Pope. Beautiful message.

7 We're going to start with public comment -- or
8 I should say oral communications/public comment. And
9 just a reminder, your comments are limited to two
10 minutes. Inappropriate language and comments may delay
11 TV broadcast and video posts. And do not -- for your own
12 privacy, do not state specific addresses or personal
13 phone numbers during this meeting. Thank you.

14 First speaker, please?

15 MS. UNDERWOOD: Thank you, Madam Chair. We're
16 going to bring up the timer. And our first speaker will
17 be Martin Singleton. After Mr. Singleton, we'll go to
18 Ms. Davis, and then Mr. Smith. So, state your name for
19 the record, Mr. Singleton.

20 MR. SINGLETON: My name is Martin Singleton.
21 I'm a retired Detroit police officer and a retired Wayne
22 County Sheriff. And thank you for having me.

23 And I have a problem. I had an adopted son for
24 about four -- four years, and he was shot by the state
25 police. A young man sitting in front of his own home,

1 sitting in his own car, because he can't smoke in the
2 house, came outside, sitting in his car. The state
3 police, four white guys, approach his car at 4:00 in the
4 morning and he's spotted coming out of the car.
5 According to the state police, he came out of the car
6 firing. But then the commander said, no, he came out of
7 the house shooting. So, we don't know what happened.

8 But the reason I'm telling you this is because
9 this young man was laid in the street. The state police
10 -- I've got the video. The state police, they shoot this
11 guy -- young man, they drive off and leave him in the
12 middle of the street. Nobody there. They leave a young
13 man, 23-year-old. He had no criminal record. He was in
14 front of his own house, and the state police left him at
15 the scene in the middle of the street. His mother came
16 out of the house, saw him laying there on the ground,
17 nobody around, police -- no police officers. About five
18 or ten minutes later, the police show up, the Detroit
19 police.

20 And the reason I'm coming is because Detroit
21 police did the investigation. Now the problem that I
22 have with that is because I was a Detroit police officer,
23 I worked mayor security, I worked crime prevention, I
24 worked undercover, I was on the dive team, so I know how
25 things work. I worked at the academy, in fact, I was --

1 the chief of police, I was his TAC officer. The problem
2 I had with that is they can't come in, rogue officers,
3 and do whatever they want in Detroit. They have to have
4 a protocol. They can't shoot somebody and leave them in
5 the middle of the street and take off and leave the
6 scene. That's unheard of.

7 If a Detroit cop left the scene after they shot
8 somebody and drove off, he probably would be fired and
9 charged. But the state police are allowed to do whatever
10 they want. And Detroit did their investigation. And
11 when I tried to get -- we tried to get information about
12 the investigation, first they said you have to wait. I'm
13 almost through. They said you have to wait until the
14 investigation is completed.

15 Well, I met with the Attorney General a week
16 ago, State Attorney General. He was surprised with the
17 knowledge that I had, and I had video of all this. Then
18 he turned around and said, you know, I'm sorry, there's
19 nothing we can do. The police officer was trying to put
20 a tracker on the car.

21 Now think about this. You're in an all-white
22 neighborhood, okay? The person sitting in the car is a
23 young white male. Four black people co- -- four black
24 people walk up to his car at 4:00 in the morning. Okay,
25 he has a CCW. He steps out. What do you think he's

1 gonna do? What would you do? Okay, only thing, this was
2 a young black male. Four white cops walk up to him in
3 the middle of the night, 4:00 in the morning.

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKERS IN THE AUDIENCE:
5 (indiscernible).

6 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHÉ: Excuse me.

7 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Get an officer. Get an
8 officer to intervene with that. Yeah, no, we need an
9 officer in here.

10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I can sit wherever the
11 fuck I want to. Who is you?

12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: You all gotta hold up on
13 that, man. Stop.

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: You ain't going to do
15 shit to me, nigga. Hey, man, I don't know who the fuck
16 you think you is.

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Calm down.

18 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHÉ: We're going to have to
19 escort him out of the meeting, please.

20 Thank you.

21 MR. SINGLETON: So, all I'm asking you, you
22 wonder why I bring it to the Board of Police
23 Commissioners meeting, is because I want the Detroit
24 police to put something in place where rogue officers
25 from other departments can't come in and just do anything

1 they want. There should be a --

2 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Okay.

3 MR. SINGLETON: -- procedure that they have to
4 follow.

5 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Okay, sir. Thank you
6 so much. We only have two minutes, but I let you go a
7 little bit longer --

8 MR. SINGLETON: Okay.

9 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: -- because I wanted to
10 hear. I want to ask the chief if he wants to respond at
11 all.

12 DEPUTY CHIEF PARISH: Unfortunately, I'm not
13 really in a position to respond. I'm not familiar with
14 the incident. And I will say this, that one thing that
15 he did say was absolutely true. If any Detroit police
16 officer shot somebody and then left them in the street
17 and drove off, he would be fired and a warrant would be
18 submitted for his arrest promptly.

19 So, that's about all I can say. I wish you the
20 best of luck in investigating this case.

21 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: All right. Thank you
22 so much.

23 Yes, Commissioner Bernard.

24 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Deputy Chief, can you
25 give him the name or number of whoever's in charge of

1 investigations at the state police? Because otherwise
2 you're just, you know, sort of in a robocall situation.

3 DEPUTY CHIEF PARISH: Yes. So, if this was an
4 MSP shooting that took place in Detroit, --

5 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: In Detroit.

6 DEPUTY CHIEF PARISH: -- then the homicide task
7 force would be investigating, except DPD would be the
8 lead on that investigation pursuant to our policy. I can
9 certainly have somebody take his information down to see
10 if we can get him in contact with someone.

11 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Yeah, why don't we try
12 to facilitate, if we can, what -- his understanding.

13 More importantly, for any agency to come into
14 Detroit and just shoot somebody and kill him is
15 unbelievable to me. I didn't even know they could do
16 that.

17 DEPUTY CHIEF PARISH: Well, I can't imagine
18 that any agency would tolerate that. It would be an
19 unimaginable situation. But again, I don't have enough
20 information about what actually occurred, but it would
21 not be tolerated.

22 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Well, you wouldn't
23 tolerate it. Neither would our chief. That's the point.
24 Absolutely.

25 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you. Thank you.

1 Any information you can provide would be great. Thank
2 you.

3 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Let us know if any -- if
4 there is -- when you finish looking at it, if you don't
5 mind.

6 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: At this time, I'd like
7 to acknowledge that Commissioner Banks has joined us.
8 And so, we now have a quorum. And so, I'm going to go
9 back to the agenda, the beginning.

10 I'd like to call the meeting to order. We've
11 done the invocation. And at this time, could I have a
12 roll call, Madam Secretary?

13 SECRETARY GARNIER: Commissioner Dewaelsche?

14 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Present.

15 SECRETARY GARNIER: Commissioner Woods?

16 VICE CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Present.

17 SECRETARY GARNIER: Commissioner Bernard?

18 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Attorney Linda Bernard,
19 present, District 2.

20 SECRETARY GARNIER: Commissioner Banks?

21 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Present.

22 SECRETARY GARNIER: Commissioner Bell?

23 COMMISSIONER BELL: Present, District 4.

24 SECRETARY GARNIER: Commissioner Jones?

25 COMMISSIONER JONES: Present.

1 SECRETARY GARNIER: Commissioner Moore is
2 excused. Commissioner Smith is excused. Six present,
3 Madam Chair.

4 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you, Madam
5 Secretary.

6 May I have a motion to approve the agenda for
7 today's meeting?

8 VICE CHAIRPERSON WOODS: So moved.

9 COMMISSIONER JONES: Madam Chair, support.

10 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: It's been moved by
11 Commissioner Woods, seconded by Commissioner Jones. Is
12 there any discussion? All those in favor indicate by
13 saying aye.

14 ALL COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

15 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Opposed? The motion
16 carries.

17 Next, I'd like to entertain a motion to approve
18 the minutes for November 20th, 2025.

19 COMMISSIONER JONES: So moved, Madam Chair,
20 Robert Jones.

21 VICE CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Second.

22 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: It's been moved by
23 Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Woods. Is
24 there any discussion? All in favor indicate by saying
25 aye.

1 ALL COMMISSIONER: Aye.

2 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Opposed? The motion
3 carries.

4 I'd like to acknowledge that Commissioner -- or
5 Commissioner --

6 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Willie Burton.

7 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Mr. Burton has joined
8 us. We do have a quorum now. Thank you for joining us,
9 Commissioner Burton.

10 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Thank you, Mrs.
11 (indiscernible).

12 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Next on the agenda, we
13 need approval for -- thank you -- approval for closed
14 session meetings for November 20th, 2025, regarding Mykel
15 Golden.

16 VICE CHAIRPERSON WOODS: So moved.

17 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: It's been moved by
18 Commissioner Woods.

19 COMMISSIONER JONES: Support, Jones.

20 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Seconded by
21 Commissioner Jones. Is there any discussion? All those
22 in favor indicate by saying aye.

23 ALL COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

24 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Opposed? The motion
25 carries.

1 And then we have another motion -- or I'll
2 entertain another motion to approve the closed session
3 minutes of November 20th for Ahmed Ajebori -- Aljebori.
4 Is there a motion to approve?

5 COMMISSIONER JONES: So moved, Madam Chair.

6 PARLIAMENTARIAN JACKSON: Madam Chair?

7 CHAIRPERSON DEWAEELSCHÉ: Yes.

8 PARLIAMENTARIAN JACKSON: Madam Chair, this is
9 Parliamentarian. You could take all of those as one
10 motion. And if someone wants it divided, they could.

11 CHAIRPERSON DEWAEELSCHÉ: Okay. I have -- I
12 only have one more.

13 PARLIAMENTARIAN JACKSON: Okay.

14 CHAIRPERSON DEWAEELSCHÉ: Oh, actually --

15 PARLIAMENTARIAN JACKSON: I just wanted to let
16 you know that.

17 CHAIRPERSON DEWAEELSCHÉ: Okay. Well, thank
18 you. Thank you. I think this was the last one.

19 VICE CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Ma'am, I'll support
20 that.

21 CHAIRPERSON DEWAEELSCHÉ: Okay. So, it's been
22 moved and seconded. Is there any discussion? All those
23 in favor, indicate by saying aye.

24 ALL COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

25 CHAIRPERSON DEWAEELSCHÉ: Opposed? Motion

1 carries.

2 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you.

3 VICE CHAIRPERSON WOODS: I think for the
4 record, you made the motion. Did anyone second your
5 motion?

6 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Yes, I thought you
7 did.

8 VICE CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Let me second it for
9 him.

10 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Okay. I'm sorry. I
11 thought you had seconded it.

12 VICE CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yeah.

13 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Okay. It was moved by
14 Mr. -- Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner
15 Woods.

16 VICE CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay.

17 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: And all those in favor
18 indicate by saying aye.

19 ALL COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

20 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Opposed? The motion
21 carries.

22 At this time, could we, Madam Secretary, give
23 an introduction of the BOPC staff and chief of police and
24 elected officials and representatives and community
25 leaders?

1 SECRETARY GARNIER: Madam Chair, and through
2 the Chair, present at this time, BOPC staff, Drew Fries,
3 Felicia Tyson, Jonya Underwood, Teresa Blossom, Mary
4 Barber, Candace Hayes, Artemisia Joshua, Dior Mathis,
5 Armani Arnold, Dr. Francis Jackson Parliamentarian is
6 joined by Zoom today, Chief Investigator Jerome Warfield
7 in person, and Chief Investigator Office Supervising
8 Investigator Elgin Murphy are both present. DPD HR
9 Director Katrina Patillo, Deputy Chief Michael Parish,
10 our interpreters for today are Angelic Taylor and Dr.
11 Stephanie Beatty. Court Reporter present today, Don
12 Handyside Court Reporting, Audiovisual Enrique Jackson,
13 and Media Services is also present. Elected officials
14 and representatives registered at this time are as
15 follows: Marie Overall for State Representative Tyrone
16 Carter's Office, LaDon Davis via Zoom for Office of City
17 Council Member Fred Durhal III, Ms. Freja Butler - 2nd
18 Precinct Community Relations, Nicole Fisher - 4th
19 Precinct Community Relations. I don't see Mr. Young.
20 Ron Thomas for DPOA. Scotty Boman, and William Davis
21 Former Detroit Police Commissioner, both via Zoom.

22 Those are the only persons registered at this
23 time.

24 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHÉ: Thank you, Madam
25 Secretary. At this time, under my report, I'd like to

1 ask Commissioner Jones if he would read -- read a
2 resolution honoring former Michigan State Rep Fred
3 Durhal, Jr., posthumously.

4 COMMISSIONER JONES: Thank you, Madam Chair.
5 As mentioned, I'll be reading a resolution in honor of
6 former Michigan State Representative Fred Durhal Jr.

7 Whereas, the Honorable Fred Durhal Jr. learned
8 responsibility, public service, and community advocacy
9 growing up in Detroit as the oldest of 12 children. Born
10 in Rochester, New York, he came to the city as an infant
11 when his parents followed professional and social
12 opportunities to the Motor City. His father, Fred Sr.,
13 worked for the railroad and was an active member of his
14 labor union. His mother, Jean Whaley Durhal, led the
15 neighborhood block club and school PTAs.

16 And whereas, with his community roots and
17 outgoing personality, he drew interest from Mayor Coleman
18 **A. Young, who appointed Fred Jr. as an assistant to work**
19 **on programs important to residents and safe**
20 **neighborhoods, including outreach for citizens' radio**
21 **patrols and the anti-arson campaign during the Devil's**
22 **Night Halloween period. From Mayor Young to**
23 **Congresswoman Barbara Rose Collins, elected officials**
24 **benefited from his passion for public service and**
25 **commitment to Detroit's progress.**

1 And whereas, Fred Durhal Jr. made public safety
2 and services key issues when he became a candidate for
3 the Michigan House of Representatives. He won a special
4 election to fill the district vacancy left when
5 Representative Kwame Kilpatrick became mayor in 2002.

6 State Representative Durhal returned to Lansing
7 again from 2009 to 2016. He relentlessly advocated for
8 his constituents and championed the city of Detroit as he
9 served on the powerful Appropriations Committee and
10 became expert in general government and corrections
11 budgets. Detroit commissioners and other leaders worked
12 with him throughout his career in the public and private
13 sectors, always finding him an unwavering supporter of
14 safe neighborhoods and community-led oversight of the
15 police department.

16 And whereas, Detroit lost a great champion on
17 November 19, 2025, when Fred Durhal Jr. died at the age
18 of 73. The board joins the greater Detroit community in
19 mourning the loss of this remarkable statesman and
20 leader. His legacy endures in his legislative
21 achievements and through his six children, including Fred
22 III, who followed in his footsteps as a state
23 representative before his election to the Detroit City
24 Council. Our sincere condolences go to all his family,
25 friends, and many colleagues across Detroit and the

1 state.

2 Therefore, be it resolved, the Board of Police
3 Commissioners awards this resolution posthumously in
4 honor of the dedicated public service of the Honorable
5 Fred Durhal Jr., whose contributions as a state
6 representative, congressional and mayoral aide, and civic
7 leader greatly benefited public safety, area residents,
8 and the city of Detroit.

9 Madam Chair, this concludes the resolution. On
10 a personal note, let me say that I just left paying my
11 respects to Brother Durhal over at James Cole and had a
12 chance to express my condolences to his family.

13 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you. Is there
14 --

15 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Move the resolution,
16 Madam Chair.

17 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Yes.

18 VICE CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Second.

19 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: It's been moved by
20 Commissioner Bernard and seconded by Commissioner Woods
21 to approve the resolution. Is there any further
22 discussion? Comments?

23 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Just that he was a very,
24 very interesting and strong statesman. He was polite and
25 courteous. To be one of 12 children and obviously have

1 been so well raised and smart is remarkable to me. He
2 was a really good man and a really good leader and always
3 smiled when he saw you. Great, great guy. I'm very
4 sorry to hear that he passed. I didn't know he passed
5 until you read the resolution. And I will stop by Cole's
6 Funeral Home. Is it today? When's the funeral? Do you
7 know?

8 COMMISSIONER JONES: The funeral will take
9 place tomorrow at Unity, if I've got that correct. But
10 visitation is today.

11 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: At what time? I have to
12 go to a football game. I can't go to --

13 COMMISSIONER JONES: I think it's until 8:00 or
14 9:00 this evening, but --

15 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Okay. No, that's --
16 that's good information. Thank you so much. Any other
17 comments or questions?

18 VICE CHAIRPERSON WOODS: I would say that the
19 representative was a very honorable man, a dedicated man
20 who fought for criminal justice reform and constitutional
21 policing for a number of years. Someone I knew very
22 personally, a very honorable man. And we definitely pray
23 for his son, Councilman Durhal, and their entire family.

24 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you. Thank you
25 for that.

1 And I also had the pleasure of knowing him and
2 his son very well. Just a wonderful man, very friendly,
3 very visible all over the community which I thought was
4 very important. And I wish him prayers and -- and for
5 his whole family. Any other comments?

6 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Madam Chair?

7 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Go ahead, Commissioner
8 Burton.

9 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I just want to just add
10 that Representative Durhal was, you know, he was -- he
11 was -- he was an honorable man, very noble and cared a
12 lot about Detroiters and was always there when the
13 community needed him most. So, he's definitely going to
14 be truly missed by our entire Detroit community.

15 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you. Thank you
16 all for the wonderful comments. Any other comments or
17 questions? Hearing none. All those in favor, indicate
18 by saying aye.

19 ALL COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

20 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Opposed? The motion
21 carries. Thank you.

22 At this time, we'll have the chief of police
23 report by Deputy Chief Michael Parish.

24 DEPUTY CHIEF PARISH: Good afternoon, everyone.

25 ALL COMMISSIONERS: Good afternoon.

1 DEPUTY CHIEF PARISH: Madam Chair, through you
2 to the rest of this Honorable Body. We'll begin with the
3 crime stats. We are down 16 percent in homicides, 24
4 percent non-fatal shootings, 20 percent robberies, a 9
5 percent total reduction in part one violent crimes, and a
6 40 percent reduction in carjackings. I've never seen
7 carjacking numbers this low. I've never heard of them
8 being this low in generations.

9 Moving on to significant case closures. There
10 have been charges in a recent homicide. Just briefly, on
11 October 30th, 2025, a 27-year-old named Christian Epps,
12 his mother reported him missing to Detroit Police
13 Department's 9th Precinct. On November 3rd, 2025,
14 members of the department's missing persons unit
15 conducted a recanvass in the 19,300 block of Fleming
16 Street. During the search, the officers located the
17 remains of Christian Epps. Members of the department's
18 homicide and missing persons unit worked together,
19 obtaining homicide charges for a 39-year-old individual
20 identified as Michael Knox of Detroit. So, great work by
21 the homicide section of the missing persons unit.

22 Charges have been issued in a June fatal crash.
23 On June 19th, 2025, officers located a male victim in his
24 40s laying unresponsive in the roadway at West Seven Mile
25 and Ferguson. Officers from the 8th Precinct reviewed

1 surveillance footage from a nearby gas station, which
2 showed the victim walking northbound across West Seven
3 Mile when he was tragically struck by a dark-colored
4 vehicle traveling westbound, then struck again by another
5 vehicle. Detroit Police Department's Fatal Squad Unit,
6 this is the unit that specializes in critical and fatal
7 accidents investigations. They were able to identify a
8 suspect through the use of technology and investigative
9 tactics and efforts. On November 21st, a male in his 50s
10 identified as Darryl Rice (phonetic) of Detroit was
11 charged in the incident.

12 Community updates. Starting with our turkey
13 giveaway. Several of our precincts participated in a
14 turkey giveaway for the community during the Thanksgiving
15 holiday. And on behalf of the chief of police to all
16 those precincts, thank you. And to the community
17 partners, thank you for making that effort so successful.
18 It was great.

19 The Police Athletic League and sports team shop
20 with kids. On Monday, December 1st, 2025, the Detroit
21 Police Athletic League collaborated with the Detroit Red
22 Wings and the Detroit Tigers to provide PAL kids with an
23 extra special Christmas. The children were able to go on
24 a shopping spree at Meijers with the assistance of
25 officers and players from the Detroit Tigers and the

1 Detroit Red Wings. It was an awesome experience for
2 them.

3 Turning now to a fundraiser for DP Explorers
4 who suffered house fire- -- who suffered at a house fire.
5 Just briefly on the background, on November 20th, 2025,
6 two of our department's law enforcement explorers
7 experienced a great tragedy, a house fire. Explorer
8 Sergeant Deona Hayes, 18 years old, was treated for smoke
9 inhalation. Explorer Elant'e Ervin, her 15-year-old
10 brother, also suffered from smoke inhalation, along with
11 first and second degree burns to the hands and feet. The
12 family lost clothing, school supplies, and personal items
13 that day. Deona and Elant'e are both active in our
14 Explorers Program. They support the community through
15 their volunteer work, police events, and youth
16 engagement. To support them, please visit our Facebook
17 page to donate to a GoFundMe for their family.

18 And that concludes the Chief's report.

19 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you, D.C.

20 Parish. Are there any questions or comments?

21 Commissioner Banks?

22 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Yes, thank you. Through
23 the Chair, just recently, not long ago, Deputy Chief,
24 there was a young lady shot at or shot six times by the
25 Detroit -- by a Detroit police officer. Shot six times.

1 What would cause that officer to shoot the lady six
2 times? Can you give any information on that? It would
3 be inappropriate for me to speak directly to that
4 incident. It's under investigation and a warrant.

5 To the community, it's important to understand
6 that anytime an officer is involved in a shooting, a
7 warrant for that officer's arrest is submitted. It does
8 not matter how justified it appears, how unjustified it
9 appears. Across the board, warrants are submitted for
10 the arrest of the officer. It's my understanding that
11 matter is still under review, and I want the system, the
12 Prosecutor's Office, and the Homicide Task Force to
13 continue their work. So, I don't want to speak directly
14 to that incident.

15 MS. DAVIS: Excuse me, but why not if it's a
16 public issue? We the people have a right to know. You
17 can't disclose it?

18 CHAIRPERSON DEWAEELSCHÉ: Ma'am?

19 MS. DAVIS: No, no. It's no ma'am. It's no
20 ma'am.

21 CHAIRPERSON DEWAEELSCHÉ: Okay, ma'am, you're --

22 MS. DAVIS: You gave the public --

23 CHAIRPERSON DEWAEELSCHÉ: Okay, ma'am, you're
24 out of order now.

25 MS. DAVIS: No, because we don't get the same

1 consideration the --

2 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Okay, if you want to
3 speak, we're going to have public comment in a minute.

4 MS. DAVIS: Okay. Well, I'm --

5 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Please --

6 MS. DAVIS: -- definitely going to address
7 that.

8 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Give them a card with
9 your name on it, please.

10 MS. DAVIS: They have it.

11 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Okay.

12 MS. DAVIS: And don't interrupt me.

13 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Then you can address
14 it at public comment, please.

15 MS. DAVIS: I will.

16 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you. Go ahead,
17 D.C.

18 DEPUTY CHIEF PARISH: If I could just say
19 something to reassure the board, the video will be
20 released in accordance with the video release policy.
21 So, for those in the community that want answers, we
22 understand. We hear you. We will be releasing the video
23 and putting the community in a position where they can
24 form their own opinions. Just as of right now, criminal
25 charges are pending. And when I say criminal charges are

1 pending, the criminality -- any criminality is still
2 being reviewed by the prosecutors, and I don't want to
3 disturb that work.

4 COMMISSIONER BANKS: And --

5 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you. Go ahead,
6 Commissioner.

7 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Thank you. And Deputy
8 Chief, there was a young lady that was tased with a taser
9 by a Detroit police officer on Morang Street. What would
10 cause that officer -- it's not a shooting now. He tased
11 her. What would cause that Detroit police officer to
12 tase that pregnant woman? I mean, she's pregnant. How
13 -- what type of threat can she be? I mean, what -- can
14 you give me a little update on this, you know?

15 DEPUTY CHIEF PARISH: So, I can't speak
16 directly to that incident. For one, I don't have
17 sufficient facts to even make a responsible report out on
18 it. I can certainly look into it and get back with you,
19 Commissioner. As far as the use of the taser, our policy
20 restricts use of the taser against individuals that are
21 obviously pregnant. So, unless the circumstances were so
22 exigent as to dispense with that particular provision, I
23 can't -- I can't begin to even justify it from where I'm
24 sitting here.

25 I can say that force is used, and subjects,

1 even those that are pregnant, do sometimes resist. I'm
2 not saying that that's what happened in that particular
3 situation because I'm not aware. I can say though, that
4 we have had instances where even women who are obviously
5 pregnant will resist, will commit crimes, will assault
6 police officers. And I wouldn't assume that just because
7 somebody is pregnant, they're necessarily without any
8 threat. I will look into that situation, Commissioner,
9 since you brought it up, and see if I can get you some
10 more answers. I just can't speak to it directly right
11 now.

12 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Did --

13 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHÉ: Go ahead, Commissioner
14 Banks.

15 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Thank you. And one more,
16 Deputy Chief. I'm requesting a video, a dash cam on
17 that, a video cam on that young lady that was tased. I
18 want to review that --

19 DEPUTY CHIEF PARISH: Understood.

20 COMMISSIONER BANKS: -- and make sure proper
21 protocol and procedure by that officer was necessary.

22 DEPUTY CHIEF PARISH: Understood.

23 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Because we're dealing with
24 a pregnant woman now.

25 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: November 2nd, 2025,

1 Cheshire (indiscernible).

2 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Wow.

3 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELESCHE: Okay. Commissioner,
4 are you --

5 COMMISSIONER BANKS: I'm all set.

6 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELESCHE: Okay. Commissioner
7 Burton, go ahead.

8 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Thank you, Madam
9 Secretary -- I mean, Madam Chair. Question for the
10 chief. Chief, my colleague here raised three -- you
11 know, three different incidents that occurred in the city
12 of Detroit. We understand that the board has approved
13 and adopted a policy as far as a release and a video.
14 But would you be willing to brief the board and close our
15 session next week where my colleagues and I can be more
16 familiar with what's going on with the investigations?

17 DEPUTY CHIEF PARISH: I can certainly look into
18 that. As I indicated earlier, this would be a case --
19 well, speaking first to the shooting incident that
20 Commissioner Banks raised. Because a Detroit police
21 officer was involved, the investigators taking the lead
22 on that case would be the Michigan State Police. We
23 don't investigate our own officer-involved shootings. I
24 can certainly see if it's feasible, given that they are
25 the lead investigators in this case, to provide the board

1 with a briefing. And I'll have an answer to the board
2 secretary on that very soon.

3 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Even if we had a closed-
4 door session where we talked about the three incidents
5 that my colleague raised today, it would be very helpful
6 to this board where the board has some type of idea of
7 what's going on as far as within the investigation. We
8 all have taken oaths here at the table, so we understand
9 there's none of this to get out. But we -- for our due
10 diligence from an oversight standpoint, we are trying to
11 do our fiduciary responsibility and -- in oversight.

12 DEPUTY CHIEF PARISH: I completely understand
13 and will take this back. Absolutely.

14 PARLIAMENTARIAN JACKSON: Madam Chair?

15 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELESCHE: Yes, Madam Parl- --

16 PARLIAMENTARIAN JACKSON: This is the
17 Parliamentarian.

18 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELESCHE: Yes.

19 PARLIAMENTARIAN JACKSON: I would advise the
20 Board, the Parliamentarian is not sure whether or not
21 that information can be provided in closed session
22 consistent with the Open Meetings Act. If the Board
23 knows, great, but if you're not sure as well, that you
24 would ask the Corporation Counsel to confirm that that
25 information can be provided in closed session. Closed

1 session is very restricted on what you can do according
2 to the Open Meetings Act.

3 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you. We will do
4 that.

5 PARLIAMENTARIAN JACKSON: Thank you.

6 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Madam Secretary, will
7 make sure to do that.

8 VICE CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Through the Chair?

9 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Commissioner Woods.

10 VICE CHAIRPERSON WOODS: I think it's very
11 consistent with Commissioner Burton's request is that we
12 did have a briefing to ensure that we didn't violate
13 quorum, that commissioners were contacted to be able to
14 do briefing -- do a briefing on at least one of those
15 cases. And what I would ask the deputy chief is that we
16 make sure that we get the commissioners who would not
17 have been able to be briefed on it to get them together
18 and find a date that is feasible to be able to make that
19 happen.

20 DEPUTY CHIEF PARISH: Absolutely.

21 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you. That was
22 today, right, Commissioner?

23 VICE CHAIRPERSON WOODS: No, that was --

24 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Yesterday?

25 VICE CHAIRPERSON WOODS: No, it was Tuesday.

1 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Tuesday, okay. Thank
2 you. Go ahead, Commissioner Bernard.

3 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Thank you. Deputy Chief
4 Parish, what's disturbing to me, and all of the incidents
5 are disturbing, and I believe they are disturbing to you
6 and the chief as well, is there seems to be what our
7 former chief used to call an uptick in this sort of
8 violence, if you will, in the community by the police
9 department that doesn't appear on its face to be
10 warranted. And I just ask that maybe you and Chief
11 Bettison consider an internal task force to look at these
12 issues. Because, you know, it's like a tinder block, I
13 mean, it can explode at any time. And I think, I mean,
14 obviously, the people at the top are acting in good
15 faith, but apparently, it's not quite trickling down like
16 it should be. And maybe you need to show a movie or
17 video or something to all 12 precincts when people come
18 in and do like a sensitivity thing with officers. But
19 right now, there's this like Wyatt Earp kind of
20 mentality, you know, and it's disturbing. And I'm just
21 recommending that you attempt to nip it in the bud before
22 it gets crazy or before we're on the national news.
23 Because these things are happening more frequently now
24 than ever. And I think even our chief investigator can
25 verify that. So, I would appreciate it if you would

1 consider my recommendation.

2 DEPUTY CHIEF PARISH: Absolutely, Commissioner.
3 Absolutely.

4 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you. Thank you,
5 Commissioner Bernard. Anybody else have any questions or
6 comments? All right. Thank you. Appreciate the report,
7 D.C. Parish.

8 We're going back now to oral communications and
9 public comments. And just to remind everybody, you're
10 limited to two minutes. Inappropriate language and
11 comments may delay the TV broadcasts and video posts.
12 And please do not state specific address or personal
13 phone number. Okay, our next speaker, please.

14 MS. UNDERWOOD: Thank you, Madam Chair. Our
15 next speaker will be Ms. Benita Davis, Mr. Smith, and
16 then Ms. Bernice Smith. And please state your name for
17 the record.

18 MS. DAVIS: I'm Bonita Davis, born and raised
19 on the east side of Detroit. I have an issue. There's
20 an unconstitutional structure with the Detroit Police
21 Department. My daughter's property was just broken into.
22 I call it a B&E because it's unlawful. It goes against
23 the Constitution. They broke into our house, created a
24 false search warrant, went in and took all her electronic
25 devices. I was arrested for exercising my freedom of

1 speech. My daughter was arrested as well, which left her
2 property unsecured. She stays in a four-family unit on
3 the west side of Detroit. Due to the Detroit police
4 breaking and entering without a lawful affidavit from an
5 Article 3 judge, they left her property unsecured. When
6 we returned, when I was released from jail, after they
7 kidnapped me, there was absolutely none of her property.
8 They left her with nothing. So, because of that, I went
9 over to 10th Precinct and there was an investigator, a
10 female investigator by the name of Investigator Smith.
11 She acted out of conduct. She was anti-constitutional.
12 She told me she had every right to keep the property that
13 she seized unlawfully. And we were escorted out of the
14 police department. I returned. I asked for a commander.
15 They claimed he was unavailable. There was another
16 supervisor. We had a constitutional disagreement.
17 Again, I was escorted out of the 10th Precinct. I
18 redirected myself over to the Board of Commissioners. I
19 made a complaint. I emailed the chief of police
20 demanding that this investigation be investigated
21 according to law. Because these policemen are running
22 around here in America, don't understand the difference
23 between the Constitution of the United States and the
24 Constitution of the State of Michigan. They created this
25 fiduciary relationship between the people, which is

1 deceptive. And for you to sit up and invoke your
2 unconstitutional opinion when I spoke against this
3 private investigation about these young ladies' assault,
4 that the public have every right to be aware of, you have
5 the audacity to secure this policeman and don't give the
6 public the consideration. I didn't have the
7 consideration when I was arrested slash kidnapped. I was
8 not taken in front of a judge. My freedom was taken away
9 from me. My equity was claimed under the state of
10 Michigan. There's no respect between the Detroit police
11 and the people. They are actual gang members
12 demonstrating mafia behavior.

13 MS. UNDERWOOD: Thank you, ma'am. That's your
14 two minutes.

15 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: May I ask you a
16 question? Did you file a formal complaint?

17 MS. DAVIS: Absolutely. I emailed it and I'm
18 waiting on a response.

19 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Thank you.

20 MS. DAVIS: You're welcome.

21 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you. Any other

22 --

23 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Chief Investigator right
24 here.

25 MS. DAVIS: Oh, I emailed you.

1 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Okay. He's -- he's the
2 man that's in charge of that entire activity.

3 MS. DAVIS: Okay. I emailed you, Chief. I
4 requested an in-person meeting and I'm waiting for that
5 in-person meeting to take place because law has to be
6 established. People don't understand the difference --

7 VICE CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Through the Chair?

8 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Okay.

9 MS. DAVIS: -- between the public law and what
10 law actually is.

11 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: All right. Thank you.

12 VICE CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Through the Chair,
13 it's not the practice of the Chief Investigator to take
14 a, you know, personal meetings --

15 MS. DAVIS: Says who?

16 VICE CHAIRPERSON WOODS: -- with citizens. I
17 was

18 -- excuse me, ma'am.

19 MS. DAVIS: No, I -- excuse you. No, no, no.
20 He needs to --

21 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Let him just finish,
22 please. Let him just finish, please.

23 MS. DAVIS: It's we the people. That's what
24 the Constitution is going for.

25 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Okay. Just let him

1 finish explaining, please.

2 VICE CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yeah. And so, you
3 know, to handle it accordingly --

4 MS. DAVIS: He's a man. He can speak for
5 himself. He doesn't need you to speak for him.

6 VICE CHAIRPERSON WOODS: He reports to us,
7 ma'am, not to you.

8 MS. DAVIS: He's a man. You don't need to
9 speak for another man.

10 VICE CHAIRPERSON WOODS: You know, so -- excuse
11 me. Excuse me.

12 MS. DAVIS: He's a grown man. He's the Chief.

13 VICE CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Excuse me. You're out
14 of order.

15 MS. DAVIS: No, I'm not. You are. You're in
16 contempt.

17 VICE CHAIRPERSON WOODS: You --

18 MS. DAVIS: You're in contempt of the
19 Constitution.

20 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Can we just get -- let
21 him finish speaking. You had two minutes to speak.

22 VICE CHAIRPERSON WOODS: You can take the
23 sovereignty stuff somewhere else, you know what I'm
24 saying.

25 MS. DAVIS: It ain't about sovereignty. It's

1 an order of law on the land.

2 VICE CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Through the Chair?

3 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Yes.

4 MS. DAVIS: And so, if I (indiscernible)
5 sovereign --

6 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Okay, ma'am, please.

7 MS. DAVIS: -- and the judge can't be a judge,
8 who's claiming the authority of God? Answer your own
9 question.

10 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Ma'am.

11 VICE CHAIRPERSON WOODS: We're not here to have
12 a performance, ma'am.

13 MS. DAVIS: It's a --

14 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Let us conduct our
15 meeting, please. Ma'am, you had a chance to speak. Let
16 us conduct our meeting, please.

17 MS. DAVIS: I don't know who he think he
18 talking to.

19 VICE CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Through the Chair, we
20 go through normal protocols that we utilize in terms of
21 every investigation and treat every citizen equally.
22 Thank you.

23 MS. DAVIS: Well, I'm not getting that you
24 treat everybody --

25 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you. And now

1 we'll have a report from the Secretary.

2 MS. DAVIS: -- to express this unjudicial --

3 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Let us please continue
4 our meeting. Thank you. A report from the Secretary.

5 MS. UNDERWOOD: Madam Chair, we still have
6 several --

7 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Oh, I'm sorry. Go
8 ahead. How many do we have? Do we know?

9 MS. UNDERWOOD: One, two, three, and then one
10 on Zoom.

11 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Okay. Thank you.
12 Four more. Thank you.

13 MS. UNDERWOOD: Mr. Smith?

14 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Commissioner Burton?

15 COMMISSIONER BURTON: To the community, there
16 may have -- it may feel like your questions may not be
17 raised today at the board meeting. Commissioner -- our
18 Vice Chair Darryl Woods is one of our commissioners that
19 really understands the community and what the community
20 needs and what the community wants. Please trust his
21 leadership. If you have any questions, anyone in the
22 community, you know, please wait until public comments to
23 address your concerns or to, you know, speak to any one
24 of the 11 of us after the meeting. And we can properly
25 look into your situation for you if it's something that

1 we can look into. Our Vice Chair Darryl Woods is a good
2 man. He's an honorable man, and he really cares about
3 the community and what the community needs and wants. I
4 support this man because he's a great leader in our
5 community. Please give him an opportunity to explain.
6 He gave great advice today. If anybody heard anything he
7 said, trust me, this man actually cares about -- about
8 you. He cares about this community. Give him a chance
9 and listen to him. Trust me. This will all work out.
10 And he's right. The chief of OCI does not report
11 directly to the community. He reports to the Board's
12 staff. But you can work with Vice Chair Darryl Woods to
13 get your answers addressed in a timely manner. Trust me.
14 It will work. Everything will work out.

15 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you,
16 Commissioner. Next speaker, please.

17 MR. SMITH: Good afternoon. Jadonte Smith for
18 the record. Pardon my interruption earlier. I had to
19 wait an hour at the 6th -- well, outside of my vehicle
20 because Reuben Carley (phonetic) wouldn't get out of my
21 car. I called the police, and there was an issue. The
22 6th Precinct did not dispatch the police car for a full
23 hour, and I was on Joy Road in Westwood -- West Chicago
24 and Westwood. But I do want to give a commendation to
25 Lieutenant Grzywacz. He apologized about the

1 inconvenience and let me know that there was an issue
2 with dispatching.

3 I want to talk about a gentleman by the name of
4 Nicholas Buckingham, who was formerly incarcerated.
5 Darryl Woods knows him very well. He threatened myself
6 and my 6-year-old child, October 25th, at Church of the
7 Messiah, located at (indiscernible) 231 East Grand
8 Boulevard, in front of a pastor, in front of Stephanie
9 Chang (phonetic), in front of a slew of witnesses. This
10 man is a danger. He's formerly incarcerated. He runs
11 the Michigan Liberation. He helped to seat Gabriela
12 Santiago-Romero, along with the Working Families Party,
13 and Denzel McCampbell. I filed a complaint at the 7th
14 Precinct, filed an official report, gave him time to
15 apologize, to rectify the situation. It never happened.
16 And so, I think anybody who would threaten a 6-year-old
17 in front of their face three times, followed me through
18 this church, and cussed me out, called me everything but
19 a child of God. I feel like I'm abrasive, but to
20 threaten anyone's child is -- is -- I don't even have a
21 word for it. It's beyond vile. And I've got to put you
22 in -- Commissioner Bernard was there when I heard the
23 full story of what happened, and she saw how enraged I
24 was and I was sitting with my child, so I'm gonna talk
25 about that. I also want to talk about Mothers Keeping

1 Boots on the Ground and the fact that they have maybe not
2 been around as much, but we are still working for gun
3 violence victims all throughout the city. Also, there
4 was a lady officer in the mayor's EPU who was untrained
5 about what giving a lawful order means, and about giving
6 badge numbers, and about the fact that if a supervisor is
7 requested, you're supposed to give a supervisor, and if
8 there's no supervisor available, you're supposed to let a
9 person know. She had me escorted out of the Coleman
10 Young building the other day, and I've never been -- I've
11 never had that happen before. There was no supervisor
12 available. She could have let me know that. She didn't
13 do that. I talked to the supervisor the next day. The
14 supervisor agreed with me. But we have so many
15 indemnifications in the city of Detroit because we have
16 untrained officers, so many losses because we have
17 untrained officers. We have people tasing pregnant
18 women. We have so many officers escalating situations
19 who should be de-escalating situations, and that's why we
20 have such a -- such a terrible city and such a terrible
21 relationship with the police.

22 Now, if we start revolting back, and we start
23 being the ones who are aggressive with the officers, and
24 we start shooting them first, it's going to be a
25 different story. We're going to have to have the

1 National Guard and different people come in because, if
2 we shoot first, then we are enemy number one. But if we
3 get shot first, it's, oh, they're protected by the union.
4 And just like the union sued to stop the body camera
5 footage.

6 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Thank you, Mr. Smith.
7 Thank you, Mr. Smith.

8 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you. Next
9 speaker. Before --

10 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Just quickly --

11 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Before you say
12 anything, Commissioner Carter has just joined us. Let
13 the record reflect. Go ahead, Commissioner.

14 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Just quickly, Deputy
15 Chief, I'm familiar with this incident that happened at
16 City Hall. The officer refused to give her name or her
17 badge number. I mean, that's what I'm saying. There's
18 this undercurrent that's happening within -- within the
19 community, within the city, that is troubling. I don't
20 know where people think they -- who they think they --
21 they work for you. They don't work -- they don't -- they
22 don't independently decide to just, you know, disobey the
23 rules. I'm just suggesting that maybe we need to tighten
24 up a little bit again.

25 DEPUTY CHIEF PARISH: Absolutely, as a matter

1 of policy --

2 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Thank you.

3 DEPUTY CHIEF PARISH: -- with regard to
4 release.

5 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: And City Hall she said.

6 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you. Thank you,
7 D.C. Our next speaker, please.

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. Good afternoon,
9 everyone. Deputy Chief, I would like you to make sure
10 that the Chief of Police, Todd Bettison, hears this
11 statement. In the room are Board of Police
12 Commissioners. Now, there are arrest warrants for me
13 presently. Assault with a deadly weapon over at the
14 Wayne County Prosecutor's Office in some cyber-crimes
15 unit, improper use of a recording device, my telephone.
16 Now, I ain't broke no laws or committed no crimes in a
17 long, long, long, long, long, long time. It's Christmas.
18 I want to go play with my granddaughter. Investigation
19 over with. That's done. The truth of the matter is
20 they've been covering up murders. Detroit Police
21 Department Homicide Unit, Rebecca McKay (phonetic), they
22 ain't been answering the phone to get the information. I
23 tried to tell them Charmaine McCloud (phonetic) did it.
24 I'm not lying. I put my word on my whole reputation, the
25 whole 40-plus years. (indiscernible) asked for some

1 help. That's what she got. Charmaine McCloud did it.
2 I'm not lying. They ain't answering the phones and they
3 keep acting like it. Now, they're covering up homicides
4 and they're cheating in the elections. Gina Avery
5 Walker, Janice Winfrey, and, of course, Daniel Baxter is
6 caught. Absentee ballot fraud. My word. I put my
7 reputation on it. They've been cheating in elections for
8 years and years and years and years and some more years.
9 And what I'm saying is the truth. I'm not lying. I need
10 y'all to back the F up. I ain't committed no crimes and
11 broke no laws. And I put my word on that.

12 Now, they got these arrest warrants over there
13 for me at the Detroit Wayne County Prosecutor's Office.
14 So, Kim Worthy, if you're listening, I didn't commit no
15 crimes. Do not approve those warrants. And this
16 sergeant --

17 MS. UNDERWOOD: Thank you. Thank you, Mr. --

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- and lieutenant at the
19 police station at the 11th Precinct on some straight
20 bullshit.

21 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Next speaker, please.

22 VICE CHAIRPERSON WOODS: I'd like to say, if
23 someone listening, if they're a child or a senior citizen
24 or anyone, through the Chair, please excuse the foul
25 language.

1 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you. Next
2 speaker, please.

3 MOTHER BERNICE SMITH: I don't believe I'm in
4 the same meeting every week. Good afternoon.

5 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Good afternoon.

6 MOTHER BERNICE SMITH: As a senior, I'm ashamed
7 of what's going on in this meeting today.

8 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Microphone, Mother
9 Bernice, please. Thank you.

10 MOTHER BERNICE SMITH: I'm sorry. I can't
11 believe what's going on with our commission meetings. We
12 don't have any respect for each other anymore. And this
13 is what we should do. Baby, I want you to pray and ask
14 the Lord to give you strength. Here, I really do. I
15 want you to pray and ask him to give you strength. I'm
16 93 years old so I know what I'm talking about. I've been
17 a former police commissioner when they were all young.
18 That was in '93 when I was appointed by Coleman Young.

19 But what I want to say today is let's love each
20 other and not continue to fuss and go on. We can -- we
21 can deal with each other in an intelligent way. And
22 that's what I'm asking today for all of us.

23 Now, what I've come to really tell you about is
24 I wanna -- I want to talk about the young lady that had
25 the baby and had the baby and the mama didn't know

1 nothing about it. I can't believe this. That's so
2 unreal. And then the baby was on the porch. Is -- is
3 that possible for God to do something like that? And the
4 mama didn't know. She's 16 years old. She didn't know
5 she was pregnant. I've got three daughters, 65, 58, and
6 then one 53. All intelligent young ladies. I got a
7 banker. I got one that's with the -- I know you know.
8 I'm gonna say it anyway.

9 MS. DAVIS: And for those that don't know,
10 that's their --

11 MOTHER BERNICE SMITH: No. Young lady, please.
12 Now, let me talk.

13 MS. DAVIS: I am.

14 MOTHER BERNICE SMITH: Let me talk. You're out
15 of order.

16 MS. DAVIS: (indiscernible)

17 MOTHER BERNICE SMITH: All right. So, what I'm
18 saying is --

19 MS. DAVIS: No, I'm not.

20 MOTHER BERNICE SMITH: We mothers -- excuse me.

21 MS. DAVIS: All right.

22 MOTHER BERNICE SMITH: We mothers gotta look
23 out for our children, especially the daughters. So, I
24 would like very much for us to pray for that young lady
25 that was 16 years old and had a baby, and the baby was

1 just as cute as could be. But I do want these youngsters
2 to realize life is very valuable, and we parents have to
3 be more attentive to our children and also --

4 MS. UNDERWOOD: Thank you. Your time is up.

5 MOTHER BERNICE SMITH: -- just pray for them.
6 All right. I thank you so much. Everybody have a
7 wonderful holiday.

8 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you. Next
9 speaker.

10 MS. UNDERWOOD: Now, we're going to Zoom, and
11 we'll have former Commissioner William Davis.

12 FORMER COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Good afternoon.
13 Could I be heard?

14 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Yes, you may.

15 FORMER COMMISSIONER DAVIS: An interesting
16 meeting in a number of ways. I would like to say I also
17 knew Fred Durhal Jr. And, in fact, I met him before his
18 son was even born. I joked with his son about that, that
19 I knew his dad before he did for a while, you know, way
20 back when. I know maybe before some of y'all was born
21 too. I was the chair of the University City Citizens
22 District Council down by Wayne State area, and I was the
23 youngest person on the council. And he used to come, and
24 he's a little -- just a little bit older than me, and he
25 used to give me encouragement because I was a college

1 student and I was, you know, the citizen co-chair. And,
2 you know, I was in school. I was working. And so, he
3 used to give me encouragement. I met him with Coleman
4 Young a number of years ago. You know, so I -- you know,
5 my heart goes out to the family. I've known them forever
6 and a day.

7 Also, there's still reports being given to me
8 because people think that I'm the person to tell for a
9 number of reasons because of my various organizations.
10 But there's still a number of people who feel that it's
11 not safe for young people on the streets nowadays because
12 more and more reports about officers stopping and doing,
13 like, search and frisk of young guys coming in and out of
14 stores, going to gas stations, and what have you. And
15 that's not setting a good tone for the city of Detroit.
16 Hopefully, the chief could be more aggressive about
17 pursuing, you know, some of these officers that's doing
18 this.

19 We have a good city. We have a lot of promise.
20 But, you know, we don't need no bad press. We don't need
21 no incident for someone else to say they need to bring
22 the National Guard in here. Thank you.

23 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHÉ: Thank you,
24 Commissioner.

25 MS. UNDERWOOD: Madam Chair, that was your last

1 speaker.

2 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Okay, thank you.

3 Madam Secretary, could we have a report?

4 SECRETARY GARNIER: Madam Chair, through the
5 Chair, if commissioners will pay special attention to tab
6 six, the weekly reports due -- remember due to the
7 holiday, they are double reports there for you today,
8 which normally come every week. There's also
9 communications on requests that will come up for action
10 on the 18th of December, as they normally proceed. Also,
11 memoranda from the two committee meetings that occurred
12 this week. Also, the announcements for today are as
13 follows: The next board meeting will be next Thursday,
14 which is the December community meeting, which will be
15 held at WC3 Curtis Ivory Campus, located not far from
16 here, 1001 West Fort Street, Detroit. The January
17 community meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 8th,
18 6:30 PM, which will be held in the 12th precinct, and the
19 location provided -- let me make the notation, provided
20 the board approves the calendar that comes under new
21 business, that it will begin in the 12th precinct and
22 follow the order as, excuse me, proposed in the calendar
23 that was presented back in October and up for action
24 today.

25 The next committee meetings are as follows:

1 Next week, Monday, December 8th, 4:00 PM, here at Detroit
2 Public Safety Headquarters, at 4:00 PM, Monday, December
3 8th, policy. Also next week, Wednesday, which is not on
4 the printed agenda, but next Wednesday, December 10th, at
5 9:30 AM, here at Public Safety Headquarters, in the
6 Woodward Room, a personnel and training committee meeting
7 will be held.

8 Also, Madam Chair, if you would indulge just a
9 moment, there were -- there are persons attending the
10 meeting today that were not -- it came from the Zoom, and
11 if I may recognize them. Police Commissioner Ricardo
12 Moore has joined via Zoom. Police Commissioner Elect
13 Beverly Watts is here in person. Police Commissioner
14 Elect Victoria Camille is now in person here. Police
15 Commissioner Elect Henrietta Ivey has joined by Zoom. We
16 also have one of our incoming members of the Youth
17 Advisory Panel of the Board of Police Commissioners,
18 Christopher Plummer (phonetic). And I do think you and
19 the Commissioners would have liked for me to mention
20 those persons.

21 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Absolutely. Thank you
22 so much.

23 SECRETARY GARNIER: That ends the report.

24 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you so much. At
25 this time, we have no unfinished business. Under new

1 business, Commissioner Bernard.

2 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Oh, pardon me. Thank
3 you, Madam Chair. By direction of the Policy Committee,
4 I move to adopt this policy, Item 8A, Directive 203.5,
5 Juveniles and School Incidents. I also move -- I also
6 report and move that we move forward to extend the
7 expiration date of December 9th, 2025, to Friday,
8 December 12th, 2025, of the following special orders
9 based on the polling consensus of the Policy Committee
10 members: Policy Directive 201.11, Use of Force, Detainee
11 Injury, Report- -- Reporting Investigation, Policy
12 Directive 202.2, Search and Seizure, Policy Directive
13 204.3, Operating While Intoxicated, and Policy Directive
14 305.4, Transportation of Detainees.

15 PARLIAMENTARIAN JACKSON: Madam Chair?

16 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Yes, Madam
17 Parliamentarian.

18 PARLIAMENTARIAN JACKSON: This is the
19 Parliamentarian.

20 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Yes.

21 PARLIAMENTARIAN JACKSON: Those motions cannot
22 be taken together. The first motion that the
23 commissioner mentioned can be done. And then if the
24 board wants to take the rest of those policies engrossed,
25 they can. But those are two separate motions. They

1 cannot be combined.

2 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELESCHE: Okay. Thank you.

3 PARLIAMENTARIAN JACKSON: They're not related.

4 VICE CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Through the Chair?

5 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELESCHE: Yes.

6 VICE CHAIRPERSON WOODS: If that's the report,
7 if that's all derived from the Policy Committee report,
8 it's not, Madam Secretary?

9 SECRETARY GARNIER: Correct, as the
10 parliamentarian mentioned. And I apologize if there was
11 some confusion as to the way they were stated in your
12 binders. The first motion on item 8A is by direction of
13 the Policy Committee.

14 VICE CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay.

15 SECRETARY GARNIER: The second to extend after
16 Monday's meeting to take action on Thursday, that has to
17 be separate.

18 VICE CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay.

19 SECRETARY GARNIER: Those additional --

20 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: You're right.

21 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELESCHE: Okay.

22 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I apologize.

23 SECRETARY GARNIER: That did not come out of
24 committee, and Commissioner Bernard was...

25 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELESCHE: Okay. And, Madam

1 Parliamentarian, the first one does not require a second,
2 and the second one does? Correct?

3 PARLIAMENTARIAN JACKSON: Yes, ma'am.

4 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Okay.

5 PARLIAMENTARIAN JACKSON: A motion coming from
6 a committee of more than one person does not require a
7 second.

8 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Okay. Thank you.

9 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Thank you so much for
10 correcting me.

11 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Okay. So, we're going
12 to take up the first motion that came from the Policy
13 Committee. Is there any discussion? All those in favor
14 indicate by saying aye.

15 ALL COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

16 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Opposed? That motion
17 carries.

18 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I'd just like to note on
19 the record and for the community, we really appreciate
20 the assistance of Judge Cylenthia Miller, who's a Wayne
21 County Circuit Court Judge, who spent about three hours
22 with us going over the policy because I was concerned
23 about the constitutional issues for youth that are
24 arrested or detained by the police department. And for
25 your information, Miranda does apply to kids. They do

1 have a right to remain silent, et cetera. But we worked
2 through everything. And I want to thank Deputy Chief
3 Parish as well because the presentation was so insightful
4 that he required his entire team to watch it. And
5 apparently, they were equally impressed. But it's -- I'm
6 really comfortable with this now. It's an important
7 issue to me because so many of our cases now involve
8 juveniles. So, I appreciate your support, Madam
9 Chairperson and everyone else. And I want to say on the
10 record we appreciate you, Judge Miller. She couldn't be
11 here today. She's in a murder trial, and that's going to
12 last for two weeks. So -- and I appreciate the
13 Department of Chief Parish.

14 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: And I just want to add
15 Commissioner Bernard is absolutely right. We spent so
16 much time on this policy. I -- two or three meetings, I
17 think, and we went over it and over it until we came to
18 -- after hearing from Judge Miller, you know, we came to
19 an agreement on how the wording needed to be. And it is
20 very important. And Commissioner Bernard is just adamant
21 that, you know, the youth have to be protected in these
22 situations.

23 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Most of the people in
24 this room are parents, so it would apply to -- obviously,
25 to their children. So, it's very important.

1 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: So, thank you for all
2 your work, Commissioner Bernard as -- and Commissioner
3 Woods.

4 VICE CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Through the Chair?

5 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Go ahead.

6 VICE CHAIRPERSON WOODS: I would like to also
7 acknowledge our staff who, you know, went back and forth
8 and did some great research. And the Deputy Chief's
9 staff, the whole team came together in a robust manner to
10 research statutes and best practices around the country.
11 And that's what we're all about here. And I'm looking
12 forward to continuing that -- that type of training.

13 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you for that.
14 Commissioner Banks, you wanted to say something?

15 CHAIRPERSON BANKS: Yes, I did. Through the
16 Chair, we've got several commissioners on this board that
17 their term is up, come December the 18th they'll be
18 moving on. And can you make sure that we -- the ones
19 that's moving on get their resolutions, get their
20 retirement badges, and any -- and every other thing that
21 they're supposed to get, just like Commissioner Hernandez
22 and just like Commissioner Presley got theirs right on
23 the spot. Just because they was appointed, it don't make
24 them no better.

25 VICE CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Through the Chair?

1 PARLIAMENTARIAN JACKSON: Madam Chair?

2 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Yes.

3 PARLIAMENTARIAN JACKSON: That issue can be
4 brought up under new business. It does not germane to
5 the pending motions.

6 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Okay. Thank you.

7 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Okay, I'll bring it back
8 up under new business.

9 VICE CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Don't have to, man.
10 It's already done.

11 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: We'll do it.
12 Commissioner --

13 MS. DAVIS: And only thing you gotta do is
14 study the Constitution.

15 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Commissioner Woods,
16 did you have something?

17 VICE CHAIRPERSON WOODS: No.

18 MS. DAVIS: All that statute and all that, that
19 ain't law.

20 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Okay. All right. Do
21 --

22 MS. DAVIS: It's we the people.

23 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: The motion is -- did
24 we take a --

25 MS. DAVIS: We the people. You (indiscernible)

1 --

2 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Excuse me. We're
3 trying to --

4 MS. DAVIS: I'm talking to this one over here
5 that doesn't know --

6 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Please. We're trying
7 to conduct a meeting, please.

8 MS. DAVIS: Learn the Constitution. It's
9 politics.

10 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: All those in favor?
11 Did we take a vote? I'm sorry. All those in favor
12 indicate by saying aye.

13 ALL COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

14 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Opposed? The motion
15 carries. Thank you.

16 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: The second matter from
17 the committee was I move that we move forward to extend
18 the expiration date of December 9th, 2025, to Friday,
19 December 12th, 2025, of the following special orders that
20 are part of the police policy manual based on the polling
21 consensus of the policy committee members. Those policy
22 directives are policy directive 201.11, use of force,
23 detainee injury reporting investigation. Policy
24 directive 202.2, search and seizure. Policy directive
25 204.3, operating while intoxicated. And policy directive

1 305.4, transportation of detainees.

2 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: As a member of the
3 committee, I second that motion.

4 VICE CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Well, are you going to
5 make the motion? Or -- or --

6 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I made the motion.

7 VICE CHAIRPERSON WOODS: You're making the
8 motion, okay. You second, okay.

9 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Is there any
10 discussion? All those in favor indicate by saying aye.

11 ALL COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

12 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Opposed? The motion
13 carries. Thank you, Commissioner Bernard.

14 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Thank you for your hard
15 work on the committee.

16 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you so much.

17 We also have under new business the 24/25
18 annual report. It's listed here. Is there someone?
19 Madam Secretary?

20 SECRETARY GARNIER: The draft -- there have
21 been two drafts that were forwarded prior to today. I
22 don't believe we have a copy in your binders, and we
23 apologize. But there needs to be action to approve the
24 final printing so that it can move forward.

25 VICE CHAIRPERSON WOODS: It's in here. It's in

1 here.

2 SECRETARY GARNIER: Oh, I'm sorry. I should
3 have known.

4 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: So, Madam Secretary,
5 when does that action have to take place? Is there a
6 deadline?

7 SECRETARY GARNIER: Today, so that it can be
8 distributed as soon as possible.

9 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Has everybody had a
10 chance to review the annual report?

11 SECRETARY GARNIER: There was a first copy that
12 was forwarded, I believe, back in October. Then another
13 draft went out under FYI in your binders, and this is the
14 final print back from graphics.

15 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Any -- any questions?
16 Hearing none.

17 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I just want to say that
18 Teresa did a great job, my colleagues, and she's been
19 ill, as you know. Her leg was broken, and so she was,
20 you know, doing this from -- she wrote this from her bed,
21 and it's really just outstanding. It's friendly. It's
22 colorful. There are pictures. It's just a nice report.
23 Chief White, Chief Bettison, everybody's in it. So, I
24 urge everyone to get a copy and take a look.

25 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Once we approve it.

1 Okay, this is the annual 2024-25 annual report. Is there
2 a motion to approve distribution or a final distribution
3 of it?

4 VICE CHAIRPERSON WOODS: So moved.

5 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Second.

6 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: It's been moved by
7 Commissioner Woods, seconded by Commissioner Bernard.
8 Any further discussion? Hearing none. All those in
9 favor, indicate by saying aye.

10 ALL COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

11 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Opposed? The motion
12 carries. Thank you.

13 Next on the agenda is the BOPC 26 calendar.
14 And you'll need a motion to approve that as well,
15 correct?

16 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: So moved.

17 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Okay. It's been moved
18 by Commissioner Bernard. Is there a second?

19 COMMISSIONER JONES: Support.

20 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: It's been seconded by
21 Commissioner Jones. All those -- is there any further
22 discussion on the calendar?

23 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Discussion.

24 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Go ahead,
25 Commissioner.

1 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I'd like to know, do we
2 have the two schools on here?

3 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: That's a good point.
4 That was raised at a meet- -- several meetings ago, that
5 we would have a meeting -- an evening meeting at the
6 school -- or a meeting at some schools.

7 COMMISSIONER BURTON: We were looking at East
8 English Village, which is District 4. It's something
9 that Commissioner Bell has always, you know, championed,
10 working with our youth and allowing them to have the
11 opportunity to become familiar with the board. And there
12 was another recommendation, is that I was looking at King
13 High School as a possibility, or a second school. But we
14 have always had some appearance having one of our
15 meetings at the schools. I'd love for us to continue
16 that going into the new year. Also, the great work of my
17 colleague to my immediate right, Lisa Carter, for the
18 great work she's been doing for us, working with our
19 youth over the years. And so it would be nice if we can
20 have two schools part of that.

21 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Madam Secretary?

22 SECRETARY GARNIER: Madam Chair, through the
23 Chair, your staff -- your admin staff is working quickly
24 to secure facilities. I just want to kindly remind the
25 board that we do our best as far as cost. After the

1 pandemic, many of the facilities that were used prior to
2 because of cost, that's one piece, because there's no
3 great amount of money, if any, in our budget. The next
4 piece is security. And the next piece is the
5 infrastructure for technology for us to broadcast. So,
6 those are the top three priorities for which facilities
7 we use.

8 Right now, for the January 8th meeting, we just
9 learned that the city's rec centers will not be open the
10 first week of -- full week of January. So, we are right
11 now focusing laser focus on having a facility, hopefully
12 named by the end -- or by next meeting where the meeting
13 will be held because Northwest Activity Center is not
14 available. So, we've reached out to, I think Ms.
15 Blossom, at least two other facilities. So, as soon as
16 the calendar is approved, we know what precincts and
17 we've heard loud and clear from our community relations
18 organizations out in the precincts that they would love
19 to continue to host as traditionally they have been the
20 host for the meetings. So, as soon as we get the
21 calendar approved and we will be going in the order of
22 the precincts, we will do our best to secure facilities.
23 And we do have noted schools.

24 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Madam Secretary, we
25 had -- there were a few years where we had meetings at

1 schools. Was there a cost associated with that? I know
2 that the technology may be an issue, but was there a cost
3 associated to those meetings? Does anybody recall? I
4 guess Ms. Blossom might be able to -- but she's not here,
5 right?

6 VICE CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yeah, she --

7 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELESCHE: Oh, okay.

8 MS. BLOSSOM: Through the Chair, Teresa Blossom
9 Community Relations coordinator. There is not a cost to
10 schools per se. Most of them are already open and have
11 after care programs, so we have been in schools. Last
12 year, for example, we were in Detroit Edison. We try to
13 hit -- we've worked with the community through the police
14 community relation councils who are the hosts and often
15 suggest locations for us to work with to make sure that
16 we are in at least one school every year. And we have
17 reached out to the named schools previ- -- in previous
18 years to coordinate what can happen to bring the board in
19 for a 6:30 meeting when we need to come in around noon
20 and start setting up. And sometimes that is a challenge
21 in the workday because the facilities we use need
22 adequate space. And oftentimes at times at schools, that
23 space is their cafetorium. So, the kids are, you know,
24 they're eating and sometimes they actually have their
25 aftercare programs in that space. And when we cannot do

1 a school, we try to do a location like last year in the
2 11th precinct where we went to a community facility that
3 had a robust youth program, aftercare and mentoring.

4 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHÉ: Okay.

5 MS. BLOSSOM: So, we are very interested in
6 working always with the schools because we know the board
7 puts priority on youth participation and wherever
8 possible, we do ask if at all possible, they would work
9 with us on a special meeting like we did at Western High
10 School where we actually took the 3:00 PM meeting to a
11 school. And that just takes additional facilitation, and
12 it takes some cooperation. We know that schools have
13 been challenged since post COVID on attendance. So, we
14 work with them in a very supportive way because we
15 support each other. So, we are very much looking forward
16 to the calendar's approval and moving forward with your
17 goals for 2026.

18 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHÉ: Okay. Thank you for
19 mentioning that because I do remember some meetings at
20 3:00. And the reason why we held them at 3:00 is so the
21 students could attend the meeting right after they got
22 out of school. A lot of times they get out at 3:00 or
23 2:45, and we had students attending. Commissioner Bell
24 was very instrumental in scheduling -- helping to
25 schedule those.

1 I would just add, I think you did say, Madam
2 Secretary, that the precincts, the community relations,
3 and maybe Ms. Blossom as well, the community relations
4 committees or councils --

5 PARLIAMENTARIAN JACKSON: Sound is lost.

6 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: I'm sorry?

7 PARTLIAMENTARIAN JACKSON: We can't hear you.
8 It's gone. It started with Ms. Blossom. There's no
9 sound.

10 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Okay. I have no sound
11 now? No, but she can't hear.

12 VICE CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Can you hear this?
13 Madam Parliamentarian?

14 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Can you hear me now?

15 SECRETARY GARNIER: Madam Chair, it may be her
16 location. I don't think she's on land.

17 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Oh, okay. Well, all I
18 was going to say was that I am getting several emails
19 from community relations councils that want to host the
20 meetings and have them in the precinct or they want to
21 have them in a community agency or somewhere near the
22 precinct. Because I understand that there was some talk
23 about having all the meetings at WC3 and several of them
24 said no, they want to be those. So, you already know
25 that then, correct?

1 SECRETARY GARNIER: We did review that, and we
2 also had conversation with A.C. Fitzgerald, because he
3 leads the rotations and contact with the precincts, and
4 Ms. Blossom did due diligence to reach out to the
5 precincts. And, yes, we have heard loud and clear.

6 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Okay. Good. Thank
7 you. Thank you.

8 So, I'll entertain a motion to -- did we
9 approve the calendar already? I'm sorry.

10 VICE CHAIRPERSON WOODS: No, not yet.

11 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: I'll entertain a
12 motion --

13 PARLIAMENTARIAN JACKSON: No, it has not.

14 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Oh, go ahead,
15 Commissioner Burton.

16 COMMISSIONER BURTON: So, when are we -- I know
17 we're about to vote this up or down.

18 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Right.

19 COMMISSIONER BURTON: But where are we in the
20 process as far as having two schools. We do know that
21 East English Village has accommodated this board before
22 in the past, and I'm pretty sure they will continue to
23 accommodate this board because of the great work of their
24 commissioner in District 4, the Honorable Commissioner
25 Willie Bell. I'm very positive that King High School

1 were acknowledged in District 5 because of the working
2 relationship that I have with that school as well. Is
3 there any way we can add that on here in this vote?

4 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Absolutely. You --
5 you can make a motion to include the two schools, you
6 know, with the calendar, and that could be a part of the
7 motion.

8 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Thank you.

9 PARLIAMENTARIAN JACKSON: Madam Chair?

10 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Yes, Madam
11 Parliamentarian.

12 PARLIAMENTARIAN JACKSON: That would be a
13 motion to amend, and how you want to amend it is up to
14 you. But the motion -- what the parliamentarian is
15 concerned about is the commission picking a specific date
16 that may or may not be feasible for staff to actually
17 comply with. But the motion to amend could be that one
18 of two things. That every effort will be made to
19 schedule at least one meeting at a school, that could be
20 one thing you could do. Or you could just say that the
21 staff is asked to make every effort to schedule a meeting
22 at a school. But it's the motion to amend, and I'm not
23 sure that it would be feasible to pick a specific date,
24 but it could be more general.

25 VICE CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Through the Chair, I'd

1 like to make a friendly amendment to ensure that we do
2 all diligence, make all diligence to include two schools
3 in our -- in our calendar.

4 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: 26 calendar.

5 VICE CHAIRPERSON WOODS: 2026 calendar.

6 PARLIAMENTARIAN JACKSON: The parliamentarian
7 appreciates that terminology is in common use, but in
8 actuality, there's no such thing as a friendly amendment.

9 VICE CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Well, I would make an
10 amendment.

11 PARLIAMENTARIAN JACKSON: Thank you, Mr. --
12 thank you, Commissioner Woods.

13 COMMISSIONER JONES: Support.

14 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Okay. So, will that
15 meet the requirement, just to have the motion include the
16 amendment?

17 PARLIAMENTARIAN JACKSON: No, it's a separate
18 motion, Madam Chair.

19 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Okay. So, we have to
20 have two?

21 PARLIAMENTARIAN JACKSON: Right.

22 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: All right.

23 PARLIAMENTARIAN JACKSON: But you're making the
24 motion to amend the motion that Commissioner Woods said,
25 and if that motion is adopted, then we go back to the

1 main motion as amended.

2 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Okay. So, a motion
3 has been made to amend the 26 calendar to include two
4 schools. Is there a second?

5 COMMISSIONER JONES: Support.

6 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: It's been supported by
7 Commissioner Jones. Is there any discussion? Okay. All
8 those in favor, indicate by saying aye.

9 ALL COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

10 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Opposed? The motion
11 carries. And now we want to go back to the first motion,
12 which was to --

13 PARLIAMENTARIAN JACKSON: As amended.

14 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: As amended, to approve
15 the BOPC 2026 calendar.

16 VICE CHAIRPERSON WOODS: So moved.

17 COMMISSIONER JONES: Support.

18 PARLIAMENTARIAN JACKSON: And include -- I'm
19 sorry, Madam Chair, but you have to include the amendment
20 in that motion.

21 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Okay. Including the
22 amendment to have two schools as locations for --

23 PARLIAMENTARIAN JACKSON: Yes.

24 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: -- the meetings.

25 PARLIAMENTARIAN JACKSON: Thank you.

1 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you. Okay. The
2 motion has been made by Commissioner Woods?

3 VICE CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes.

4 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: And seconded by --

5 COMMISSIONER JONES: Support.

6 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: -- Commissioner Jones.

7 Is there any further discussion? Hearing none, all those
8 in favor, indicate by saying aye.

9 ALL COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

10 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Opposed? The motion
11 carries. Thank you.

12 Now I'll entertain a motion to adjourn.

13 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Chair, you didn't complete
14 new business though. You got away from that. You didn't
15 complete that.

16 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Well, that's right.
17 You had another comment.

18 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Right, right.

19 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Okay. So, is there
20 any further new business?

21 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Man, I forgot. Just go
22 ahead and close out. Chair, go ahead and close out. I'm
23 all set.

24 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: All right.

25 COMMISSIONER BURTON: It wasn't meant to be.

1 It wasn't meant to be.

2 PARLIAMENTARIAN JACKSON: The commissioner
3 wanted outgoing commissioners to receive all the
4 recognition to which they were entitled.

5 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Thank you,
6 parliamentarian. Thank you so much. I completely
7 forgot. We got six commissioners retiring in two weeks
8 from this board. Make sure -- I mean, I'm not going to
9 be blunt like that. I'm sorry.

10 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Yeah, no problem.

11 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Madam Chair, can you
12 please oversee and allow these commissioners to get their
13 retirement badge, their resolution, their cape like Holly
14 did and just like Hernandez and Presley did.

15 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Yes. They're --

16 COMMISSIONER BURTON: It was on the spot. They
17 didn't have to wait no two years and all of that and six
18 months.

19 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Correct.

20 COMMISSIONER BURTON: And make sure
21 Commissioner Davis gets his. He waited four years.

22 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Right. Exactly.

23 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Commissioner Willie Dav-
24 -- I mean, Commissioner --

25 VICE CHAIRPERSON WOODS: William Davis.

1 COMMISSIONER BURTON: William Davis, correct.

2 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Oh, William Davis.

3 COMMISSIONER BURTON: William Davis.

4 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Correct. And the
5 secretary knows that from the last meeting that it's
6 William Davis, and was it Crawford too?

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Darryl Brown.

8 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Oh, Darryl Brown.
9 There you go. So those two, we have to order their
10 retirement badges. They're waiting. Thank you.

11 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Wonderful. Wonderful.
12 Thank you, Madam Chair.

13 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Yes. Who's that?
14 Who's calling?

15 VICE CHAIRPERSON WOODS: He said, thank you,
16 Madam Chair.

17 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Oh, thank you.

18 VICE CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Motion to adjourn.

19 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Motion to adjourn by
20 Commissioner Woods.

21 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Second.

22 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Second by Commissioner
23 Bernard. Any discussion? All those in favor, indicate
24 by saying aye.

25 ALL COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

1 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Opposed? Motion
2 carries. Thank you all for attending today's meeting.
3 (At 4:22 PM, meeting adjourned)

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