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5 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Good afternoon.

6 MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Good afternoon.

7 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Welcome to today's
8 Detroit Police Commission Meeting.

9 Today's Thursday, March 26th, and I'd like to
10 call the meeting to order.

11 We will have the invocation today presented by
12 Commander Chaplain Leslie Walker who's on Zoom.

13 COMMANDER CHAPLAIN WALKER: Thank you so much.

14 Good afternoon to everyone. Happy Ramadan to
15 our brothers and sisters. Thank you for your faithfulness
16 during the month.

17 Let's pray. Father, thank you for your grace.
18 Lead and guide us now with your knowledge, wisdom, your
19 knowledge and understanding.

20 Thank you for this dedicated Board of Police
21 Commissioners staff dedicated to the service of the city
22 of Detroit --

23 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Do we have the
24 chaplain?

25 COMMANDER CHAPLAIN WALKER: Yes, ma'am.

1 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Oh, it's very low.

2 We're having --

3 COMMANDER CHAPLAIN WALKER: Well, let me start
4 over.

5 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Okay. Now we can hear
6 you.

7 COMMANDER CHAPLAIN WALKER: I'm sorry.

8 Thank you so much for our Muslim brothers and
9 sisters during this time of Ramadan. We thank you for
10 your faithfulness and dedication this month.

11 Father, we thank you now for your goodness,
12 mercy and grace. We thank you for who you are. We thank
13 you for your wisdom and knowledge and understanding, and
14 leading forth this Board of Commissioners meeting today.

15 Give us wisdom knowledge, and understanding in
16 all that we do. Give us a spirit of agreement, a spirit
17 of love. And we thank you and we thank you and we lift
18 you up now. We give you the honor and the praise.

19 Thank God. Amen.

20 ATTENDANCE MEMBERS: Amen.

21 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Amen. Thank you.

22 At this time, if we could have Madam Secretary
23 give the roll call.

24 SECRETARY GARNIER: Madam Chair, Commissioner
25 Dewaelsche.

1 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Present.

2 SECRETARY GARNIER: Commissioner Woods.

3 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Present.

4 SECRETARY GARNIER: Commissioner Boman.

5 COMMISSIONER BOMAN: Present.

6 SECRETARY GARNIER: Commissioner Camille.

7 COMMISSIONER CAMILLE: Present.

8 SECRETARY GARNIER: Commissioner Jones.

9 COMMISSIONER JONES: Present.

10 SECRETARY GARNIER: Commissioner Morris.

11 Commissioner Watts.

12 COMMISSIONER WATTS: Here.

13 SECRETARY GARNIER: Commissioner Williams.

14 COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS: Present.

15 SECRETARY GARNIER: Commissioner Ivey is

16 excused. And we do expect Commissioner Carter to be

17 present.

18 Presently, you have seven present, Madam Chair.

19 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you.

20 Next we have -- if I could get a motion to

21 approve the March 26th agenda, today's agenda.

22 COMMISSIONER WOODS: So move.

23 COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS: Second.

24 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: It's moved by

25 Commissioner Woods, seconded by Commissioner Williams.

1 Is there any discussion?

2 All in favor, indicate by saying aye.

3 COMMISSIONER MEMBERS: Aye.

4 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Opposed? The motion
5 carries.

6 Is there a motion to approve the minutes of
7 March 19, 2026?

8 COMMISSIONER WATTS: So move.

9 COMMISSIONER JONES: Support, Madam Chair.

10 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: It's been moved by
11 Commissioner Watts, supported by Commissioner Jones.

12 Any discussion?

13 All in favor, indicate by saying aye.

14 COMMISSIONER MEMBERS: Aye.

15 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Aye. Opposed? The
16 motion carries.

17 We also have minutes from closed session
18 March 19, 2026, regarding Police Officer Careema Yopp.

19 Is there a motion?

20 COMMISSIONER JONES: So move, Madam Chair.

21 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: It's been moved by
22 Commissioner Jones.

23 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Second.

24 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Seconded by
25 Commissioner Woods.

1 Is there any discussion?

2 All in favor, indicate by saying aye.

3 COMMISSIONER MEMBERS: Aye.

4 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Aye. Opposed? The
5 motion carries.

6 And there's -- there are minutes for a second
7 closed session March 19th for Applicant Appeal Justin
8 Bognear.

9 Is there a motion to approve?

10 COMMISSIONER WOODS: So move.

11 COMMISSIONER JONES: Supported.

12 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Motion has been made by
13 Commissioner Woods, seconded by Commissioner Jones.

14 Is there any discussion?

15 All in favor, indicate by saying aye.

16 COMMISSIONER MEMBERS: Aye.

17 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Aye. Opposed? The
18 motion carries.

19 At this time, Madam Secretary, could you
20 introduce the staff, police -- chief of police, elected
21 officials, representatives and community leaders that are
22 present?

23 SECRETARY GARNIER: Madam Chair, through the
24 Chair, present at this time are as follows: Jonya
25 Underwood, Theresa Blossom, Dior Mathis, Candace Hayes,

1 Armani Arnold, Artemisia Joshua, Mary Barber, Felicia
2 Tyson, Drew Fries, Chief of Police Todd Bettison, and
3 Deputy Chief Kari Sloan are present. Katrina Patillo, DPD
4 HR Director; BOPC Chief Investigator Jerome Warfield, Sr.,
5 Supervising Investigator Hiller is also present.

6 Court reporter today is Betty Sanders of Hanson
7 Court Reporting. Our interpreters today are Angelique
8 Taylor and Stephanie Beebe. Audio, Enrique Jackson; Media
9 Services, Charles Henry.

10 Ms. Marie Overall, administrative assistant to
11 State Representative Tyrone Carter. Ms. Frieda Butler,
12 Second Precinct community activist. Mark Young, president
13 of the Lieutenant and Sergeants Association.

14 Former Police Commissioner Ricardo Moore is on
15 Zoom, as well as former Police Commissioner William Davis
16 is on Zoom as well, Madam Chair.

17 And those are registered at this time.

18 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHÉ: Thank you.

19 Next, we have a resolution honoring Retired
20 Reserve Sergeant Bruce Edward Johnson posthumously. This
21 resolution will be presented to the Family Division during
22 funeral services being held tomorrow.

23 And Mr. Jones will -- I mean Commissioner Jones
24 will be reading the resolution.

25 COMMISSIONER JONES: Thank you, Madam Chair.

1 This is a resolution honoring Retired Reserve
2 Sergeant Bruce Edward Johnson.

3 Whereas, on November 7, 1996, Bruce Edward
4 Johnson began his distinguished service with the Detroit
5 Police Reserve Corps, and upon successful completion of
6 The Detroit Police Reserve Academy was assigned to the
7 Tenth Precinct.

8 And, whereas, throughout his tenure, Reserve
9 Officer Johnson devoted himself to the missions of the
10 Detroit Police Department, generously volunteering his
11 time and service to the community, while supporting
12 numerous city events and initiatives.

13 And, whereas, he was widely recognized for his
14 immaculate appearance, professionalism and unwavering
15 commitment to the residents, visitors and stakeholders of
16 the city of Detroit.

17 And, whereas, throughout his career, Retired
18 Reserve Sergeant Johnson exemplified the highest standards
19 of integrity, dedication and public service, leaving a
20 lasting and meaningful impact on the Department and the
21 community he so proudly served.

22 And, therefore, be it resolved that -- thank
23 you.

24 And, therefore, be it resolved that the Detroit
25 Board of Police Commissioners does hereby honor, recognize

1 and pay tribute to Retired Reserve Sergeant Bruce Edward
2 Johnson for his 29 years of exemplary service.

3 And be it further resolved that this resolution
4 be presented posthumously as a lasting expression of
5 gratitude and appreciation for his life, service and
6 enduring legacy to the Detroit Police Department and the
7 city of Detroit.

8 Madam Chair, I move that we accept the
9 resolution honoring retired Reserve Sergeant Bruce Edward
10 Johnson.

11 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you. It's been
12 moved. Is there a second?

13 COMMISSIONER MORRIS: Second.

14 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: It's been seconded by
15 Commissioner Morris. All in -- is there any discussion?

16 All in favor, indicate by saying eye.

17 COMMISSIONER MEMBERS: Aye.

18 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Opposed? Thank you
19 all.

20 And at this time, we'd like to ask for the Chief
21 of Police Report.

22 Thank you.

23 CHIEF OF POLICE BETTISON: Um, greetings to the
24 Board, Madam Chair. I'll start out with our overview of
25 crime.

1 Criminal homicides we're up 3.3 percent. So
2 this year we have 31, last year at the same time we had
3 30.

4 Sexual assaults are up one percent. So we have
5 one more than we did last year at the same time, which was
6 105 for this year. Last year it was 104.

7 The category of robbery we're down 10.4 percent,
8 so 19 fewer than the year before last.

9 Burglary, which Madam Mayor is really focused
10 on -- one of the priorities that the Sheffield
11 Administration will be focused on is property crimes,
12 quality of life as well. And, um, with our burglaries
13 we're down 21.1 percent, so 195 fewer than last year.

14 Larcenies we're down 12.9 percent. That's the
15 theft of an item attempt from an individual.

16 And we continue to trend down in motor vehicle
17 theft down 195, so we're down 15.3 percent.

18 Violent crime we're down one percent, roughly.
19 And property crime down 15 percent.

20 Carjackings we continue to just trend down.
21 It's just really amazing when we look at the carjacking
22 trends just continue to go down, compared to where we had
23 been in prior years. This year, we're at 14. Last year
24 at this time, we had 17. So three fewer, which is down
25 17.6 percent.

1 In the category of non-fatal shootings, down
2 11.1 percent. Where last year at this time we had 63, now
3 we're sitting at 56.

4 The efforts of the men and women of the Detroit
5 Police Department, along with community collaboration to
6 get these type of results, working together it's -- it's
7 given us a tremendous return on our investment.

8 A high-profile case that got a lot of the
9 community's attention was the missing 14-year-old. And I
10 just want to really thank the Sex Crimes Unit, give my
11 Media Relations Director Jasmin Barmore, the Eighth
12 Precinct Commander Lever, and everybody involved for their
13 outreach, the family searching for her.

14 She did come back and she did disclose as to
15 where she had been. As a result, we did find out that,
16 um, she had been sexually assaulted and we were able to
17 arrest the individual that did that. He was a 37-year-old
18 male; Defendant Ronnell Trammel Agee, and so he's been
19 charged by the Wayne County Prosecutor. He's been charged
20 with four counts of first-degree criminal sexual conduct,
21 one count of kidnapping, four counts of third-degree
22 criminal sexual conduct, and also delivery of controlled
23 substance, marijuana, to a minor.

24 When it comes to missings, we will be relentless
25 as far as putting out the information, seeking the

1 community's help to make sure that, um, we're right there
2 with the families to conduct any search and ensure that we
3 protect our most vulnerable, regardless of who they are,
4 whether they're youth, seniors, et cetera.

5 Traffic enforcement, of course, is always a
6 major concern, keeping our freeways and roads safe. From
7 March 15th to the 21st, Traffic Enforcement Unit conducted
8 operations in the Second, the Third, the Ninth, the
9 Eleventh and the Twelfth Precincts. Officers made over
10 410 traffic stops, issued 847 tickets for moving
11 violations; 169 tickets were issued for speeding.

12 I know they're out there because people are
13 calling me asking me what was going on on these particular
14 thoroughfares. It was like "Why do we see so many cops?"
15 And so that's me keeping my commitment as far as ensuring
16 that we do traffic enforcement in the city.

17 And on more upbeat items, Hooping With Cops is
18 currently registering boys for their 2026 season. The
19 Hooping With Cops is free to Detroit Youth Recreational
20 Basketball League in partnership with the Detroit Police
21 Department and the Detroit Parks & Rec's that will foster
22 trust between law enforcement and male youth between the
23 ages of 11 through 17 through mentorship and basketball.
24 The season will run March 30th through June 13th with
25 games being played at The Detroit Pal Recreation Center.

1 Parents can register by calling 313-833-1600.

2 Once again, 313-833-1600.

3 We also are continuing our effort with Tied to
4 Success with the officers' community outreach engagement
5 in collaboration with Lieutenant Mark Young and Rodney
6 Sizemore. Let's give it up for Mark Young and Rodney
7 Sizemore, LSA.

8 (Applause)

9 CHIEF OF POLICE BETTISON: They are seeking
10 donations of new and gently-used ties for our upcoming
11 Brotherhood Summit. Detroit residents can drop off
12 donations in the lobby of the Detroit Public Safety
13 Headquarters. Donations will be accepted through today,
14 March 26th.

15 So, Mark and Rodney, I'm gonna bring you some
16 ties. I'm gon' say I looked in that basket, man, some
17 people just gettin' rid of some ugly ties.

18 (Laughter)

19 CHIEF OF POLICE BETTISON: So I want -- I want
20 some brothers to give -- I want some people to give some
21 decent-looking ties to our young people cause some of
22 'em -- so I'm gonna bring -- I'm bringing y'all some real
23 good ties, okay? And you will get a donation from me
24 tomorrow.

25 UNIDENTIFIED SPECTATOR: You donating some?

1 CHIEF OF POLICE BETTISON: Yep, I'm gon' donate
2 it.

3 And Graduation 2026C will be graduating this
4 Friday, March the 27th. We're gonna graduate 24 student
5 police officers that will take the oath of office and
6 become sworn Detroit police officers. One of the members
7 is a Detroit Fire Department employee and, of course, they
8 have to be dual trained when they're gonna be assigned to
9 the Arson Unit.

10 Graduation exercise will take place at 10:30
11 A.M., at Greater Grace Temple, located at 23500 West Seven
12 Mile Road, Detroit, Michigan. And I encourage everyone to
13 come out and get a opportunity to see. It's an amazing
14 experience.

15 And I want to just thank this Board because I've
16 been around a long time, but I've never seen as many Board
17 members show up to a police graduation than with this
18 Board. So I -- I think you guys are making history just
19 I'm -- it amazes me. So thank you for that.

20 (Applause)

21 CHIEF OF POLICE BETTISON: And that right there
22 concludes my presentation.

23 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHÉ: Thank you, Chief. Are
24 there any questions?

25 COMMISSIONER CAMILLE: Madam Chair, have this --

1 I thank you for recognizing me.

2 So thank you for the report, Chief. I
3 appreciate you for being here in person as well. I know
4 you're busy. I have a couple items for you.

5 So last week, my colleague, Commissioner Boman
6 and I, had an opportunity to attend the Resiliency
7 Training that was offered to DPD members. And it wasn't
8 what I expected, but I think the content was very
9 valuable. And if it doesn't already exist in the Academy
10 and in annual training as mandatory, I'd like to discuss
11 how we can make that possible.

12 I did give some feedback to the instructor to
13 spend a little bit more time engaging the participants in
14 how to apply what's being learned there in on-the-job
15 examples so that officers can kind of connect the dots on
16 that. But I think the training will be helpful to
17 maintain the mental wellness of the officers and put them
18 in the best state of mind when engaging with the public in
19 a safe manner.

20 CHIEF OF POLICE BETTISON: Thank you for that.
21 With the Chair, thank you.

22 And with Assistant Chief Ewing and our training
23 facility staff, we will work to bring that to fruition.

24 COMMISSIONER CAMILLE: Sounds good. Thank you
25 so much for that consideration.

1 The other item I have in regards to -- is in
2 regards to Sherman Lee Butler who was killed on July 12th
3 of '24. So since then, I've been getting snippets of
4 systemic changes that have occurred since that tragedy;
5 things like DPD radios being collected from the bailiffs
6 and policy changes in 36th District Court which was just
7 shared with city council last week.

8 So to close the loop with the public, I would
9 like to request that DPD and 36th District Court develop a
10 joint presentation that communicates the following things:
11 So, one, what DPD and bailiff policies were violated in
12 the incident, and how were the officers and bailiff held
13 accountable for those violations?

14 The next thing I would like to see it include is
15 what humanity violations occurred. So not technically
16 policy violations, but failure to honor Sherman's
17 humanity. And what policies, processes, practices and
18 training changes were implemented based on the lessons
19 learned from that incident.

20 CHIEF OF POLICE BETTISON: I'll be very careful.
21 I don't know whether or not it's any pending lawsuits or
22 anything with that, so when we talk about humanity
23 violations I will definitely take that under advisement.

24 And I defer to Corp Counsel right now, but as
25 far as a presentation, I don't have a problem with doing a

1 joint presentation along with the bailiffs. My whole
2 philosophy is when you look back at a incident, how can
3 you ensure that you put things in place so that you're
4 continuously improving and making it better.

5 So on the spirit of it, absolutely. And I don't
6 know if Corp Counsel has anything to say.

7 CORPORATION COUNSEL MALLETT: Sister Chair,
8 Commissioner Camille, we will look at that.

9 I mean the -- the caution that the Chief raises
10 is the right one. I don't know what the legal status of
11 that particular circumstance is right now, but we will
12 certainly make sure to assist with the reach out to 36th D
13 and come up with something.

14 I -- I'm almost positive that the bailiff is
15 being sued. I don't know, in addition to the bailiff,
16 whether or not 36th D or the city of Detroit. So I will
17 check and then we will be guided by that.

18 COMMISSIONER CAMILLE: Okay.

19 CORPORATION COUNSEL MALLETT: And then we'll
20 certainly let you know.

21 COMMISSIONER CAMILLE: Thank you so much for
22 that consideration.

23 Madam Chair, I just have two, two more items,
24 please.

25 So this is going back to, um, Ms. M. Brown

1 that's been before the Board twice regarding harm that she
2 experienced in the progress of her investigation.

3 And, Chief, just want to let you know that it's
4 come to my attention that she's had now another contact
5 from DPD that she continues to be dissatisfied with which
6 is concerning. And I know, um, the Board is gonna be
7 provided with some additional information around her case,
8 so appreciate that.

9 I'd also like to offer to her and also to place
10 DPD and OCI, because I know OCI also has a case for her,
11 on notice that I'm offering to be present for both
12 accountability and support for any additional meetings
13 that DPD or OCI has with her. I've had an opportunity to
14 sit in a few scenarios like that with constituents and I
15 think that it helps to ensure that the Board has line of
16 sight into what is going on, as well as to provide
17 support.

18 And I also just want to recommend to my
19 colleagues that really anyone that petitions us, I mean
20 oftentimes we do refer them to DPD or OCI, that we just
21 make a practice of following all of those. And we can,
22 you know, talk about a system by which to do so and just
23 to make ourselves available for any meetings with the
24 Complainant so that we can follow the matters that, that
25 come before us and own those.

1 And then the last item I have is to circle back
2 to on February 19th the Board approved a recommendation to
3 place DPD members Corsi and Wallet on administrative leave
4 without pay, but with medical benefits for 30 days.

5 Is there -- are there any updates for the Board
6 on what DPD has decided to do or what next steps are for
7 these members?

8 CHIEF OF POLICE BETTISON: Through the Chair,
9 the 30-day expiration period has expired that the Board
10 placed them on suspension without pay, but with full
11 medical benefits. And so those two members have been
12 restored back to fill duty.

13 COMMISSIONER CAMILLE: In their -- in their same
14 capacity?

15 CHIEF OF POLICE BETTISON: Yes.

16 COMMISSIONER CAMILLE: So is -- is there
17 anything that the Department can share with the Board and
18 the public to reassure that the behaviors that were
19 exhibited do not occur again with these -- with these
20 officers and anybody?

21 CHIEF OF POLICE BETTISON: The behaviors will
22 not occur again. The message has been sent
23 department-wide. They all understand and they -- they are
24 going, continue to go through the disciplinary process.

25 It's going to be a Chief hearing. And so as

1 they go through the process, they will ultimately receive
2 their discipline and I'll update the Board as to what that
3 is, but the message has definitely been sent.

4 COMMISSIONER CAMILLE: Through the Chair, thank
5 you, Chief.

6 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHÉ: Is that it?

7 I would just like to add, before I go to the
8 next commissioner, that I have been receiving some contact
9 or have been contacted by some leaders in the community
10 with regard to these two officers that once their 30 days
11 has expired, they would like to see them assigned to other
12 parts of the city and not Southwest Detroit, because of
13 their behavior as it relates to immigration issues.

14 So I'm just passing -- I'm the messenger. I
15 agree with it, too, I just want you to know.

16 Thank you.

17 CHIEF OF POLICE BETTISON: Through the Chair,
18 just to update the community based off of that concern,
19 they were assigned back to their parent command and
20 neither one of the members are assigned to Southwest
21 Detroit.

22 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHÉ: Okay. Thank you.
23 That's good to know. Thank you.

24 Commissioner Woods.

25 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Yes.

1 Thank you, Chief, and thank you for all of the
2 great work that's being done.

3 I want to ask you in terms of officers who --
4 who resign in lieu of -- in which charges pending, if your
5 office can make sure through the Chair that we get a
6 complete list for the last year, you know, and so that we
7 can be able to see what those numbers look like and stuff.

8 Because I know it's been a significant amount of
9 officers who resign pending charges.

10 CHIEF OF POLICE BETTISON: Absolutely, you can
11 get that list. We'll compile it and get you the
12 information that you request, Vice Chair Woods.

13 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Thank you.

14 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELESCHE: Thank you.

15 Commissioner Watts.

16 COMMISSIONER WATTS: Thank you, Madam Chair.

17 Thank you, Chief, for a great report.

18 Thank you for the great work that you guys did
19 for the 14-year-old young lady.

20 And, also, thank you for the officer yesterday
21 was highlighted on Fox 2 News who -- who when a senior
22 citizen was in the middle of street yesterday experiencing
23 some challenges and the cop came along, stopped the
24 traffic, got out and helped her across. So please send
25 good regards to that officer for that great duty.

1 A question I have for you and this is related to
2 the body-cam. Now I know a lot of cases that the Board
3 will receive, as you know, to look over some files I used
4 to get, but a lot of 'em concerning is is there -- and I
5 know this may be a unique issue and I know it's probably
6 concerning to you. Is there any initiative or any effort
7 to make sure, more times than not, that those cameras are
8 turned on for the full time they are engaging the public?

9 CHIEF OF POLICE BETTISON: We constantly and
10 continuously communicate to our officers the importance of
11 wearing their body-cams and operating their body-cams
12 appropriately and we're gonna continuously do that.

13 We have newer members that we bring on and
14 sometimes you'll have members that have been at commands
15 that go to a new command that weren't wearing body-cams
16 and they have to get adjusted. We have members that have
17 left the Department that have come back to the Department
18 also from other departments and get re-acclimated. I even
19 have, in some situations members, that had retired or had
20 duty disability where, you know, they've even been able to
21 get themselves back together to come back.

22 So it's always a continuous training aspect, but
23 with members that through the disciplinary matrix that
24 violate the policy when it comes to their body-cameras,
25 they do receive progressive discipline and we hold

1 individuals accountable. But for the most part, we see
2 that when incidents happen, we're able to pull the
3 body-cams and that's, you know, allows us to be able to
4 get to the matter of fact of what actually happens.

5 And then I have to remind my members, too, that
6 sometimes to turn the body-cam off. Because, you know,
7 sometimes we see more than we want to see, and I remind
8 folks of that. You know, our officers are human and, you
9 know, sometimes they forget to turn it off when they
10 actually go to the restroom. So when we doing a body-worn
11 camera audit, you know, it's like, oh, we saw more than we
12 wanted to see. So, you know, I'm just giving you the real
13 when it comes to body-cams.

14 COMMISSIONER WATTS: Right. Right. Right.

15 CHIEF OF POLICE BETTISON: They have them on.

16 (Laughter)

17 COMMISSIONER WATTS: Thank you for that. That's
18 why I said also when they engaging with the public.

19 CHIEF OF POLICE BETTISON: I'm seeing a lot.

20 (Laughter)

21 COMMISSIONER WATTS: Yeah, but thank you for
22 that because that goes to the heart of the transparency
23 that can support the citizens, as well as DPD. But thank
24 you for that.

25 CHIEF OF POLICE BETTISON: Thank you.

1 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Commissioner Morris.

2 COMMISSIONER MORRIS: Yeah, I'll start off, you
3 know, follow-up off of what Commissioner Watts was saying.

4 On that particular encounter, I was on
5 Woodward and I witnessed it myself. So the officer, he
6 stopped the traffic. And it was a elderly lady having a
7 hard time timing her, you know, her travel across the, um,
8 you know, Seven Mile Road.

9 The officer got out, walked up to the lady,
10 greeted her and assured her, hey, I'm here to help you get
11 across. He took his time, made sure -- cause she was
12 trying to hurry. He said, no, you ain't got to hurry.
13 Let her pace herself across. I don't know what he said to
14 her, but whatever he said to her she -- I seen her
15 laughing and smiling.

16 And then I -- me just being a person who I
17 observe a lot of stuff, I looked at the surrounding
18 traffic and there were people who were slowing down, who
19 were stopping, who was like amazed and who was proud of
20 the actions of that officer.

21 So what I did was I -- as the officer got back
22 in his car and proceeded going eastbound, I went
23 eastbound, waited 'til we got to the red light and pulled
24 up beside of him. And I said, "Hey, sir," I said, you
25 know, "I just want to make it publically known at the

1 Board Meeting your actions." I said, "What is your name
2 and your badge number?" And he did identify his self as
3 Officer Rock, Badge Number 3601.

4 So definitely, um, proud. That is --

5 (Applause)

6 COMMISSIONER MORRIS: Two things that I was just
7 inquiring about, Chief, is, you know, Tracey Allen, the
8 lady who was shot six times on the traffic stop.

9 Has there been any updates from the Wayne County
10 Prosecutor's Office as to if they would issue charges or
11 if they would deny the warrant?

12 CHIEF OF POLICE BETTISON: I don't have that
13 information yet. I'm still waiting, and as soon as I get
14 the phone call when she makes her decision, you'll be the
15 first to know.

16 COMMISSIONER MORRIS: Yes, sir.

17 And then the final thing is the FOIA. Who is
18 the officer-in-charge over the unit that is responsible
19 for responding to people's FOIA requests?

20 We are seeing quite a bit of complaints of
21 people who are, you know, doing FOIA requests to the
22 Department for various information, for various purposes
23 and there has been a long delay and they still haven't
24 heard anything back.

25 What is generally the timeline that it generally

1 takes to get that FOIA, get them responded to as to a
2 decision of that FOIA, and who is the individual who is
3 the point of contact over that department?

4 CHIEF OF POLICE BETTISON: So I'm gonna defer
5 because it's a combination of the Law Department and DPD
6 as well. And so I'll kick it over to Grant Ha really
7 quick.

8 And so, Grant, are you in the room?

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes, he's coming in.

10 CHIEF OF POLICE BETTISON: Did you hear the
11 question, Grant?

12 SECOND DEPUTY CHIEF HA: No, sir.

13 CHIEF OF POLICE BETTISON: Commissioner Morris
14 asked in regard to FOIA. There's been complaints about
15 the delay in FOIA, so he asked specifically who's in
16 charge of FOIA and I said I would kick it over to you.
17 And then what's the process?

18 And I know that the Law Department is involved
19 in it as well.

20 SECOND DEPUTY CHIEF HA: That's right.

21 CHIEF OF POLICE BETTISON: So you can give an
22 update.

23 SECOND DEPUTY CHIEF HA: Through the Chair, how
24 the FOIA process works is when a person or an entity makes
25 a FOIA request, then that comes to -- specifically in

1 regards to the Detroit Police Department, it goes to the
2 Police Law Unit. The Police Law Unit sends it out to the
3 respective unit. And if the matter is closed and not
4 active, then it would be forwarded to the Law Department
5 and the Law Department makes a determination in regards to
6 what redaction or what exceptions apply in regards to the
7 law. However, if the matter is closed -- I'm sorry, if
8 the matter is open and active, then that is not released.

9 So that is the process.

10 COMMISSIONER MORRIS: Okay. And who is over --
11 who is the point of contact? If, let's say, the
12 commissioners got a complaint from, you know, one of our
13 constituents that, hey, you know, I did a FOIA request
14 with certain information, I haven't heard anything back,
15 who would be our point of contact that we would contact to
16 follow-up on that?

17 SECOND DEPUTY CHIEF HA: That would be the
18 executive manager over the Police Law Unit, that's Michele
19 Harris.

20 COMMISSIONER MORRIS: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Ha.

21 SECOND DEPUTY CHIEF HA: You can find her on
22 Outlook. As soon as you type in her name, it will pop up.

23 COMMISSIONER MORRIS: Thank you, sir.

24 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you. Does that
25 conclude your questions?

1 COMMISSIONER MORRIS: Yes.

2 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Okay. Any other -- let
3 the record show that we've been joined by Commissioner
4 Carter.

5 Are there any other questions?

6 COMMISSIONER MORRIS: And joined by me. Y'all
7 did I roll call before I got here, too.

8 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Oh, I'm sorry, and
9 Commissioner Morris. I thought she mentioned your name.
10 Sorry.

11 Okay. So no other questions?

12 Thank you, Chief, for that report. We really
13 appreciate it.

14 Oh, I'm sorry, Commissioner Boman. Go ahead.

15 COMMISSIONER BOMAN: Yes, last week we had
16 Deputy Chief Mark Woods who was filling in for you. And I
17 asked a question and he said that, um, I can submit the
18 question and definitely could possibly get, eventually get
19 an answer. But I'm not quite sure if I need to do
20 anything further than that verbal request or if I need to
21 now send an e-mail.

22 The question was, just so you hear it as well, I
23 was inquiring on how many violent incidents were
24 interrupted as a result of Shot Spotter where no other
25 call was made, in other words, no 911 call reporting the

1 same shots? And how many cases of a violent crime or
2 arrests for a violent crime resulted from the information
3 of shots fired? I was interested in that information.

4 CHIEF OF POLICE BETTISON: Um, I will get you
5 that information. I don't have it handy right now, but
6 you don't have to do anything else.

7 COMMISSIONER BOMAN: Okay.

8 CHIEF OF POLICE BETTISON: We it and we will get
9 you that response in writing.

10 COMMISSIONER BOMAN: Thank you.

11 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Commissioner Woods.

12 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Yeah, through the Chair,
13 can you ensure that when you have people sitting in that
14 seat and -- you know, it shouldn't take a week for him to
15 get that information, you know, especially if you got it
16 at the click of a button, that they communicating this
17 properly to be able to get this information to us in a
18 timely manner? You know, we would deeply appreciate that.

19 You know, because it's kind of, you know,
20 disingenuous that he have to come and ask for this again
21 today and that information have not gotten to him within a
22 week.

23 CHIEF OF POLICE BETTISON: So noted,
24 Commissioner Woods.

25 The only thing I would say, in defense of staff

1 right now, is the anomaly has been making sure that we get
2 our budget passed. And with the questions that's coming
3 from --

4 COMMISSIONER WOODS: We have that, too.

5 CHIEF OF POLICE BETTISON: With the questions
6 that's coming from council, my staff has been completely
7 inundated with all of their questions. And so I'm even
8 having to put some more folks in there to continuous --
9 cause the questions are still coming from budget, and
10 being respectful to the Board we had to get that budget
11 passed.

12 So this is something that is a little out of the
13 ordinary, but it should be over soon. But we will get --

14 COMMISSIONER WOODS: We've been getting the same
15 thing, you know. You know, but a click of a button, you
16 guys got, you know, that's -- that information is in the
17 system, you know. You can get that to us in a timely
18 manner so that we can do our job.

19 Because we do have five commissioners who have
20 signed a letter asking city council not to move forward
21 with Shot Spotter, you know. That's not my position
22 overall, you know what I'm saying, until we assess
23 everything on what -- we want to look at everything. And
24 so I think that is something for us to be able to see and
25 digest and just look at the whether it should exist, you

1 know what I'm saying.

2 I think that's paramount to the city of Detroit,
3 you know, whether or not we have it, especially if it's
4 doing what it's supposed to do or if it's not, you know,
5 that give us a chance to digest it so that we can have
6 proper guidance on it.

7 CHIEF OF POLICE BETTISON: Through the Chair, so
8 noted, Commissioner Woods, and we'll definitely get you
9 that information.

10 And on something that important, I want to
11 ensure that we -- we assume it's the click of a button,
12 but I want to double-check, double-check and verify and I
13 got to put my eyes on it --

14 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Double-click.

15 CHIEF OF POLICE BETTISON: I got to put my eyes
16 on it before that, something on high level comes. I just
17 to make sure it's right.

18 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Yes, sir.

19 CHIEF OF POLICE BETTISON: We will get you that
20 information, Commissioner Boman.

21 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you.

22 And since you brought up the budget, I just
23 wanna say very quickly that we did have a hearing this
24 week, oh my --

25 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Was it this week?

1 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: This week. It was this
2 week, spent a lot of hours down at city council at --
3 responded to a lot of questions.

4 The Chief did a great, outstanding job for the
5 Department. And then we also had our budget hearing right
6 after the DPD. And I, you know, answered, again, a lot of
7 questions were fielded by the council members, and still
8 even after our hearing we're getting a lot of questions
9 that we still have to respond to.

10 But I -- I wanted to just thank the
11 commissioners who have been working on this on the budget
12 committee, as well as -- on our budget committee, the BOPC
13 Budget Committee, as well as who attended the meeting at
14 city council this week, and also especially to the staff.

15 Our staff have worked so diligently on preparing
16 us and preparing our package for the city council for our
17 budget. Our OCI chief, our secretary and our --
18 especially our budget -- our finance person also worked
19 very, very hard, our Fiscal Manager Drew Fries, and is
20 still working in tandem with the -- with the departments
21 and the city's budget people.

22 So we're hopeful that those will both pass,
23 yours especially and ours especially, you know, but we're
24 still waiting. And so thank you all for your hard work
25 and diligence for several months to get this budget in

1 city council's hands.

2 So at this time, we're at oral communications
3 and public comments. And please remember that your
4 comments are limited to two minutes. Inappropriate
5 language and comments will not be tolerated and they may
6 delay the TV broadcast and video post.

7 So do we have our first speaker?

8 MS. UNDERWOOD: Yes, Madam Chair. Our first
9 speaker will be Cecilia Leskun.

10 Please state your name for the record, followed
11 by Teron Haynes and Margaret Lorallo.

12 MS. LESKUN: My name is Cecilia Leskun. I'm a--
13 do I have permission to speak?

14 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Yes. Go ahead, please.

15 MS. LESKUN: So to the honorable members of the
16 Board of Police Commissioners, I was asked to come today
17 and speak about my experience working as a forensic
18 technician for the Detroit Police Department.

19 If you were to ask my friends and family, they
20 would confirm that I speak on this experience only almost
21 everyday. I talk about my love for in job and the work
22 that I did and how much I miss it, yet they would also
23 confirm that I have stated that I would never come back to
24 work at the Detroit Police Department.

25 From my first day of training to my last, it was

1 made very apparent that the Crime Scene Tech -- Crime
2 Scene -- sorry, Crime Scene Services was an afterthought
3 of the Department. We were lacking tools and equipment to
4 be able to effectively process scenes, and we were not
5 provided like materials such as gloves to process
6 biohazardous scenes as well. We would be forced to bring
7 our own or wear sizes that were too small or too large,
8 among other equipment, equipment that we had to provide
9 for ourselves.

10 Oftentimes, standard processing procedures would
11 be ignored or disregarded, and not by our choice.
12 Chain-of-custody does not follow the best practices in the
13 city of Detroit. If there were pieces collected by
14 officers before our arrival, they would often turn it over
15 to us without proper documentation, and if complaints were
16 made in this regard we were often told to just keep the
17 peace with the officers and do as they say.

18 Additionally, I was personally forced to work
19 several 16-plus hour shifts due to lack of staff and our
20 being overworked. This directly impacted my mental and
21 physical health, and any complaints that were made were
22 viewed as insubordination. These are only a portion of
23 the treatment we received and the conditions we had to
24 work through.

25 I do not say this to you simply to complain or

1 because I want pity. I bring these issues up today
2 because I believe that those working at the Department and
3 the citizens of Detroit deserve better.

4 This job was once my dream and passion, yet the
5 working conditions, blatant disrespect for our role, lack
6 of following proper collection procedures, and poor
7 management of resources is what pushed me to leave that
8 dream behind. I hope that more can be done to improve
9 these conditions as the Crime Scene Services Unit is full
10 of passionate, hard workers who want the best for the
11 city, and Detroit citizens are deserving of the very best.

12 Thank you for your time.

13 (Applause)

14 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you.

15 MR. HAYNES: Good afternoon, Madam Chair.

16 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Good afternoon.

17 MR. HAYNES: May I be heard?

18 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Yes, of course.

19 MR. HAYNES: My name is Teron Haynes. Thank you
20 for giving me the chance to speak.

21 To reintroduce myself, I'm a former member of
22 DPD through Crime Screen Services or its Forensic Unit.
23 Today, I have brought with me former members who will make
24 public comment to the Board. I also have with me
25 anonymous letters from current members of the Crime Scene

1 Services Unit, letters that will be made available to the
2 Board or to Board members after this meeting. I want to
3 remark that these letters are anonymous because of deep
4 fear of retaliation from the police department.

5 We are here to request justice, not just for the
6 members working in the unit, but for citizens of Detroit.
7 The service that these individuals provide for Detroiters
8 are unmatched -- or, excuse me, is unmatched. They
9 persist with no recognition, without the Department's
10 assistance.

11 This unit deserves major reform from the top
12 down. That reform starts with the leadership and the
13 unit. The same leadership -- excuse me. I'm not gonna
14 say that yet. I have received permission to read a small
15 excerpt from one of the letters.

16 "When we are hired, we are required to either
17 have or be working towards a four-year degree in physical
18 science. That is it. We are told that we will be trained
19 on the job beginning on your first day, you will be
20 partnered with another technician and they will show you
21 the ropes. That is how you are trained; subject to the
22 preferences of whomever you were assigned to. An attempt
23 was made to create a training program as suggested by
24 current technicians, but has only been implemented within
25 the last two new hires, both of whom had quit within six

1 months.

2 "Every current technician has been trained
3 outside of any formal training program. We are required
4 to attend an accredited training course; however, the
5 timeline for that course to be taken is not specified. I
6 was sent a week-long course hosted by the FBI over a year
7 after I started. The course was interesting, useful and
8 eye-opening to the ways in which we as a unit do not meet
9 the baseline standards for processing crime scenes in
10 handling evidence. It was made apparent during that
11 course that DPD has a reputation for the way that they
12 handle their Crime Scene Unit, and it is not a good one."

13 Thank you.

14 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you.

15 (Applause)

16 MS. LORALLO: Thank you for -- may I speak?

17 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Yes.

18 MS. LORALLO: My name is Marta Lorallo and I am
19 a former DPD Crime Scene Services forensic technician. I
20 was with the Department for six years from 2018 to 2024,
21 and I left the Department two years ago and now feel safe
22 enough to be able to speak about some of my experiences
23 again without fear of retaliation.

24 I left the Department, to be frank, because of
25 the deplorable working conditions that we were subjected

1 to, as well as a blatant lack of safety and concern for
2 the forensic technicians, and a blatant disregard for the
3 quality of work that we performed.

4 The Crime Scene Services Unit, while I was
5 working there, our base was called a dump by other sworn
6 officers and they are not wrong. While I was there, we
7 were subjected to leaking roofs, to flooding facilities.
8 We didn't have any locker rooms, so if we had to change we
9 were forced to change in our open garage. We had bug
10 infestations and lack of fire hazard disposal facilities,
11 a lack of safe processing areas to handle biohazardous
12 evidence, and we had biohazardous fumes improperly vented
13 right next to our working facilities, putting us in a
14 great risk of exposure. This resulted in several OSHA
15 complaints that resulted -- that had no follow-through
16 with the Department.

17 We also had a lack of safety at scenes. The
18 officers that accompanied us that are supposed to be
19 responsible for clearing our scenes and keeping us safe
20 did not do their jobs. We were at scenes where there were
21 suspects still found on scenes, there were firearms that
22 were not recovered from individuals that should not have
23 been on scenes, and people who should not be allowed
24 within that perimeter have been able to enter that
25 perimeter and put us at risk.

1 way, assuming these allegations are accurate, the people
2 involved, the former employees, they're the ones who would
3 know where the proverbial bodies are buried, basically,
4 where to look to find support for evidence of these
5 problems. And that would also then help us, hopefully,
6 make things right however we can.

7 Cause this is extremely serious. It's very
8 important. It affects a lot of people's lives what kind
9 of evidence makes it to a trial, if evidence can make it
10 to a trial, and that's very important.

11 Thank you.

12 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you. Did you
13 have a question? One more question.

14 COMMISSIONER WATTS: Yes. Madam Chair, just
15 quickly, I know the last speaker referenced MIOSHA
16 reports, so I was just gonna say to whoever I can, could
17 we request the MIOSHA reports for that particular unit for
18 the last five years?

19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Agreed.

20 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Madam Chair.

21 COMMISSIONER CAMILLE: Yes, I agree with my
22 colleague's request as well from Commissioner Watts.

23 In addition, you know, we've been getting this
24 feedback for the last couple weeks, and on the 16th of
25 March I requested, through our secretary, for an urgent

1 tour of CCS for the commissioners. And, unfortunately,
2 that didn't get scheduled until the 1st of April.

3 Chief, do you have any insights into why we
4 couldn't come in to see CSS immediately?

5 CHIEF OF POLICE BETTISON: No, I don't. So, um,
6 I don't.

7 And with these allegations, which are serious
8 allegations, this is -- I did get a update about some of
9 the complaints, but, you know, to say it's been going on
10 this long, as I've said to everyone, these are
11 allegations; serious allegations, no doubt. But I've been
12 on the Department a long time and this is my first time
13 hearing of this.

14 And with the Wayne County Prosecutor and
15 throughout my colleagues and in law enforcement, I've only
16 heard about DPD and how we process things being stellar.

17 And so this is completely shocking to me, but
18 nevertheless we will dig in to make sure that we
19 investigate this thoroughly and completely so that the
20 community and the public trust is there. So, and we'll
21 make sure that I'll be there with you when you -- as long
22 as I'm available, I'll be there as well. But we will get
23 you over there to be able to see it and get you the MIOSHA
24 reports as well.

25 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Chief, could we move

1 that date up, please? Could you look into that?

2 CHIEF OF POLICE BETTISON: I sure will.

3 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you.

4 Next speaker. Go ahead.

5 MR. VLACIA: May I be heard?

6 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Yes, of course.

7 MR. VLACIA: Okay. Um, as many of you know
8 already, my name's Marcel and I'm part of the Detroit
9 Alliance grassroots origination fighting for -- for
10 police-- victims of police violence.

11 Um, there is not a lot to be said already about
12 what I'm here for. Um, we -- we're just asking you guys
13 to try to pass, you know, a recommendation to city council
14 to review their, their body-cam ordinance and to implement
15 CPTA's and the Detroit Alliance's language from our own
16 ordinance.

17 And I guess today I just want to appeal to your
18 guys' like humanity. You know, I don't -- I genuinely
19 don't believe like the Board consists of bad people. I
20 know you guys are trying your hardest out there, you know,
21 and I -- I genuinely want collaboration, not like
22 opposition.

23 Um, you know, I'm not here just to complain or,
24 you know, just to make y'all lives like terrible, you
25 know. I just -- I took PTO from my job today just to get

1 here. Um, I work at a warehouse, you know. I'm -- I'm
2 just a regular dude trying to fight for what the community
3 says.

4 And, um, you know, I think a lot of the pressure
5 that comes from voting yes and no to this is like due to
6 the fact that it's kind of like public facing and, like, I
7 would just like to ask the Board if, you know, we can --
8 our organizations can just meet with you guys in like in
9 some capacity outside of this meeting, just so we can
10 genuinely get to a place where we can, you know, see each
11 other and like without the cameras, without the lights,
12 without the people around this. Just talk and just see
13 where we can genuinely collaborate on creating something
14 that the community wants.

15 Cause, to be honest, the city council ordinance
16 have been largely condemned by the community and fellow
17 organizations, so hopefully we can build something better
18 together and in a collaborative way and just become
19 stronger together and make this Detroit -- Detroit better.

20 So, thank you.

21 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Next speaker.

22 (Applause)

23 MR. SMITH: May I be heard?

24 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Yes.

25 MR. SMITH: Okay. My name is Jacob Smith. I am

1 also with the Detroit Alliance Against Racist and
2 Political Oppression, and I'm a resident of District 5.

3 Um, I'm here, just like Marcel, to urge the
4 Board to pass -- well, to recommend to city council to
5 take another look at the curtain ordinance revolving
6 around the release of body-worn camera footage, and to
7 recommend to them the language put forth in the people's
8 body-cam ordinance as proposed by the Coalition For Police
9 Transparency and Accountability and the Detroit Alliance.

10 I've already said why I think it's a good idea,
11 but I'll say it again in brief. I really do think that it
12 provides a good standard for transparency that Detroiters
13 really deserve in this city, and I think that the curtain
14 ordinance that was imposed by city council last year does
15 not go far enough.

16 You know, this is -- you're all -- I know that
17 it's a volunteer position. You guys come to these
18 meetings without pay and because you -- you ran for this,
19 almost all of you, putting in your own work. And, you
20 know, it's taken a lot of dedication to even get here and
21 I know you're doing this because you really care about
22 your community, especially for the elected's your
23 constituents in your district.

24 And I think passing this forward, this
25 recommendation forward to city council, it would be -- it

1 would be an incredible opportunity to show the people who
2 voted for you that you really do care, because I know you
3 do.

4 Thank you.

5 (Applause)

6 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Next speaker.

7 COMMISSIONER CAMILLE: Madam Chair, while we
8 wait for our next speaker, can I --

9 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Yes.

10 COMMISSIONER CAMILLE: -- please be recognized?
11 Thank you.

12 So I know I received in my e-mail some
13 additional documentation from DARPA in regard -- like a
14 comparison chart showing the current ordinance, pieces of
15 the current ordinance, and the ordinance that DARPA and
16 CPTA is recommending. I think it was three points of
17 difference. And so just want to thank DARPA for sending
18 that information over. That was good additional
19 information. And also just want to confirm an address in
20 case any commissioners did not receive that information,
21 just to make sure that that's in hand for everyone.

22 Thank you, Madam Chair.

23 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Uh-hmm. Next speaker.

24 MS. BROWN: Good evening. I mean, well, good
25 afternoon.

1 My name is Chemikia Brown and I am mad and I'm
2 not taking this shit anymore.

3 The Detroit Police Department needs to be held
4 accountable. They do despicable things and some of the
5 members that doing these despicable things need to be held
6 accountable. A magnifying glass need to be placed over
7 the officers that do things that's unethical.

8 Earlier, when you were talking about Sherman
9 Butler, you said, oh, we can't talk about that, we won't
10 talk about humanity for fear of a lawsuit. Humanity has
11 to be front and center.

12 Um, I stand in solidarity with the People's
13 Alliance. I think that we need a reform with the
14 body-cams. These entities, the Detroit police officers
15 they have me on body-cam half naked, downtown on the
16 Riverfront.

17 They will -- I done submitted several FOIA's,
18 they ignore 'em. Your law office, sir, ignores me. I'm
19 tired of being laughed at. I'm tired of being ignored.

20 My sexual assault kit, which I just found out
21 was done right across the damn hall, they have it. It's
22 been back and why don't I know what my results are? Why
23 do I have to plead and beg for my sexual assault results?

24 My name is Chemikia Brown. Follow me on
25 Facebook under M-I-K M-I-K, Mik Mik. I'm mad and I'm not

1 taking this shit anymore. And all of Detroit, if you're
2 mad, come down here to these meetings and speak up.

3 (Applause)

4 COMMISSIONER CAMILLE: Through the Chair.

5 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Yes, Commissioner.

6 COMMISSIONER CAMILLE: Ms. Brown, thank you
7 again for coming.

8 I'm not able to step away from the meeting at
9 the moment, but if you have time to stay through the end
10 of the meeting, I would love to have a conversation with
11 you afterwards, ma'am.

12 MS. BROWN: Thank you.

13 COMMISSIONER JONES: Quick question to the group
14 or whoever.

15 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Speak up, please.

16 COMMISSIONER JONES: I'm sorry, just a quick
17 question to the group.

18 I know in your presentation and you've been
19 asking this Commission if they would consider sending
20 something over to the Detroit City Council, am I getting
21 that right?

22 MR. VLACIA: Yes, you are.

23 COMMISSIONER JONES: My one question is has the
24 group gone before the Detroit City Council?

25 MR. VLACIA: Yes.

1 COMMISSIONER JONES: To talk about your
2 initiatives and efforts?

3 MR. VLACIA: Yeah, and they voted it down.

4 COMMISSIONER JONES: Okay. Thank you.

5 MR. VLACIA: So that's why we want the revision.

6 COMMISSIONER JONES: Okay. Thank you very much.

7 MR. VLACIA: Okay. Appreciate it.

8 COMMISSIONER JONES: Thank you, sir.

9 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Any other questions?

10 COMMISSIONER JONES: Thank you, sir.

11 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Okay. Next speaker.

12 MS. UNDERWOOD: Our next three speakers will be
13 Cunningham, Ms. Fredia Butler, Mr. Dana Lunn.

14 MR. CUNNINGHAM: 313-444-9114. 313-444-9114.
15 313-444-9114. That number was made so you can remember
16 it. You can reach out. You can check my Patreon. You
17 can read articles just by Googling that number. And my
18 Patreon is Brother Cunningham, so Patreon Brother
19 Cunningham.

20 So I give out bus tickets, hand warmers, gloves
21 at the bus stops. The weather is breaking, so it's water
22 and bus tickets.

23 I want to give a shout-out and a thanks to
24 Commissioner Victoria for doing the bus ride-along, for
25 Commissioner Lavish for doing the bus ride-along. We had

1 a good time. Um, and, Chief, he does many ride-alongs.
2 He has no problem with the people and it was always a good
3 time with the Chief.

4 Um, anyone in the sound of my voice that has
5 influence, I would like to do a bus ride-along with you,
6 um, and use social media. Hit me up at that number:
7 313-444-9114.

8 I believe the neighborhood police should have
9 some bus tickets, maybe like 30 or 40, just in case they
10 see somebody who needs bus tickets just to have it on
11 hand. Um, at events that DPD holds, they should have bus
12 tickets. I'm looking at po' folks. I'm poor. I know
13 others are poor, too. Bus tickets.

14 My plate keeps going off as stolen out of
15 Tennessee. My plate is "No Luck." I made copies of my
16 Registration. I just want to give one to Chief, if that's
17 okay. I don't know what to do. Highland Park's pulled me
18 over with guns and next time just pull me over. DPD keep
19 pulling me over. They check everything and they say, "Oh,
20 it's a mistake," but I'm tired of the mistake. I don't
21 know what else to do.

22 Um, it's actually dangerous. I'm a black male.
23 I do not want to get hurt, harm or none of that. I
24 don't-- I just want it to stop. The only thing else I can
25 do is just change my plate, but I love my plate and I

1 don't think I should have to do that. And it keeps coming
2 up stolen. So however I go about -- if any commissioner
3 wants to see what I'm talking about, how do I get these
4 papers to you all?

5 And that's about it. And thank you for serving.

6 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you. I'm sorry.

7 (Applause)

8 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Okay. If we could
9 get-- yes. DC will help. Thank you.

10 We have one question here, Commissioner
11 Williams?

12 COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS: This is for Brother
13 Cunningham. I just want to say I applaud you for the work
14 that you do in the community as far as coming out of your
15 own pockets and searching for your own resources to help
16 other people with public transportation.

17 And, um, I just wanted to publicly say that to
18 you.

19 MR. CUNNINGHAM: God is good.

20 COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS: Yes, sir.

21 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you.

22 COMMISSIONER CAMILLE: Madam Chair, I echo those
23 sentiments. Thank you.

24 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you,
25 Commissioners.

1 Next speaker.

2 MS. BUTLER: Good afternoon.

3 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELESCHE: Good afternoon.

4 MS. BUTLER: Commissioners, we must pay
5 attention to the many changes the president has made and
6 continues to make that affects us negatively, from tearing
7 down The White House to the food we eat. He has caused
8 the deaths of thousands of lives by denying food and
9 medical assistance to the aide programs, started wars,
10 tried to take over Canada and Greenland, and eyeing Cuba
11 and more. He is also working to steal our elections so he
12 can stay in office.

13 Wake up, sleeping giants, and think. He can
14 only be successful if we don't do our job and vote
15 overwhelmingly to defeat his plans. If we don't have
16 strong leaders to speak up and use the court system, our
17 police officers will lose their authority to do their job.

18 ICE is a private army for the president. He
19 will use them at -- as at polls to intimidate voters.

20 We also need to be prepared by having food and
21 water in our homes. The people in Minneapolis were not
22 prepared and others provided for them. Because of ICE,
23 they were not safe to leave their homes and not -- nor
24 send their children to school.

25 Remember, we aren't free because we are denied

1 DEI.

2 Let's stay informed to keep the freedom it took
3 400 years to achieve. Stay woke.

4 Thank you.

5 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHÉ: Thank you.

6 (Applause)

7 MR. JAHDANTE SMITH: Hey, Conrad, good to see
8 you, buddy; 35K.

9 MR. LUNN: Yeah, and I am Lunn, Dana Lunn that
10 is.

11 I am down here again. I been coming down here
12 since James Craig was the Chief of Police. I have been
13 asking for that FOIA since 2016. They only gave me that
14 FOIA in 2024 and they haven't did anything about it yet.
15 The only FOIA they gave me was the audio. They never gave
16 me the video.

17 I been abused by two Caucasian officers, as a
18 colored man. I have been through three surgeries since
19 that incident. The city of Detroit did nothing about it.
20 I'm still going through the pain of what they did to me.

21 This doesn't make any sense at all. All they do
22 is throw me up under the bus, treating me like I'm a piece
23 of trash. I pay my taxes. I'm being treated like a dog
24 in the street, but all they do is just throw me to the
25 side, act like I'm not a human.

1 I come down here to this meeting, the
2 Commissioners Meeting, since 2016 and all they do is push
3 me to the side and always saying nothing to me but there's
4 nothing we can do about it, you have exhausted your time.
5 That's all you say to me. But if it would have got on
6 video or if I would have died, then you would have did
7 something about it.

8 (Applause)

9 MR. LUNN: Can you tell me something, sir,
10 Mr. Bettison?

11 CHIEF OF POLICE BETTISON: I don't know what you
12 talking about, sir, but, um, you know, my staff or I could
13 meet with you afterwards. But I'm not familiar --

14 MR. LUNN: I e-mailed you, but I get nothing. I
15 got nothing in return. I even talked to the fifth floor,
16 they never returned anything to me.

17 I even tried the previous Mayor Duggan, they
18 never responded.

19 MR. JAHDANTE SMITH: The corporation counsel's
20 here to talk to you. He gon' respond to you. He got a
21 answer.

22 MR. LUNN: Even when talk to the commissioners,
23 they give no response much. All they will take me out to
24 the office -- outside right there.

25 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHÉ: One second.

1 Corporation counsel.

2 CORPORATION COUNSEL MALLET: Madam Chairperson,
3 Mr. Lunn and I have had many conversations.

4 And, Mr. Lunn, the last conversation --

5 MR. LUNN: We only had two conversations.
6 Don't-- I'm not trying to --

7 CORPORATION COUNSEL MALLET: Well, more than
8 that. More -- more, more, more than -- more than that,
9 sir. But --

10 MR. LUNN: Only two. I just got to know you,
11 sir.

12 CORPORATION COUNSEL MALLET: But be that as it
13 may.

14 MR. LUNN: Yes.

15 CORPORATION COUNSEL MALLET: The last
16 conversation that you had with my office, though, was that
17 your attorney was going to be calling me. That has not
18 yet occurred. That was -- today is Thursday. That was
19 Monday or Tuesday of this week.

20 If you will have your attorney call me, he and I
21 or she and I, I don't know who it is, there was no name
22 associated with the message that you left, but whoever
23 your attorney is have them call so that if there is
24 something to be resolved, we can get it done.

25 I am open to speaking with your legal

1 representative anytime they call. All they have to do is
2 dial the number.

3 MR. LUNN: If all they had to do was dial the
4 number, but when I ask you guys about the officers and
5 everything, they can get immunity. I want to know if I do
6 anything wrong, can I get community, too?

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: No.

8 MR. LUNN: Excuse me?

9 COMMISSIONER CAMILLE: Through the chair.

10 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Just a second, please.

11 So can you follow-up with corporation counsel
12 and give him a call back or have his -- your attorney call
13 him?

14 MR. LUNN: Yeah, I have no problem doing that.

15 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Okay. All right.

16 Commissioner Boman, you had your hand up.

17 COMMISSIONER BOMAN: Yeah, I just want to say I
18 wasn't sure what the specific matter was that we weren't
19 responding about.

20 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Well, I'm sure he's
21 talking about previous Board members.

22 MR. LUNN: I filed for the FOIA since 2016.

23 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Yeah, 2016.

24 MR. LUNN: They never gave it to me until 2026--
25 '24.

1 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHÉ: Okay.

2 COMMISSIONER BOMAN: He can share with the
3 current Board, but it sounds like you already have a
4 process going with corporation counsel.

5 MR. LUNN: But he wasn't in at the time.
6 Hiltman (sic) was in and everything went on. Besides
7 then, they didn't let me know that they discharged the
8 officers or anything. I don't even know if they working
9 in Roseville, Eastpointe, Grosse Pointe, Centerline or
10 nothing.

11 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHÉ: Commissioner Camille,
12 did you want to say --

13 COMMISSIONER CAMILLE: Thank --

14 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHÉ: Go ahead.

15 COMMISSIONER CAMILLE: Thank you, Madam Chair,
16 and thank you corporation counsel for providing some
17 additional context.

18 Understand that you're waiting to hear from this
19 gentleman's attorney, but can you at least confirm, do you
20 know if this gentleman has received everything that he's
21 eligible to receive through the FOIA process, or if
22 there's still items pending to be released to him?

23 CORPORATION COUNSEL MALLET: Commissioner, we
24 responded to the FOIA, and I have gone through the record
25 that Mr. Lunn provided our office.

1 He says there's a video. We've not been able to
2 find it. So part of it is, Commissioner, is that what
3 Mr. Lunn says he should receive we have not been able to
4 find. Then once we say we can't find it, then of course
5 the answer to the question is well you're not giving it to
6 me, as opposed to not finding it.

7 This all started in 2016. It's '26 -- 2026 now.
8 One of the things I'll say, Commissioner, as I've said to
9 Mr. Lunn, which is why it's very important that we speak
10 with his lawyer, is is that the statute of limitations on
11 this particular case in these kinds of cases has run.

12 So if there is a legal distinction to be drawn,
13 then the lawyer representing Mr. Lunn needs to point out
14 to us what that is and then file. We are open to having a
15 dialogue. But as I've said, Commissioner, and you and I
16 share this together, the -- I represent the people of the
17 city of Detroit, and in this particular instance if there
18 is not something, an exception to the statutory limitation
19 rule, it would be irresponsible simply to -- and without a
20 judicial process that's gonna test out all of these facts
21 as Mr. Lunn believes them to be, it's gonna be very, very
22 difficult to reach the kind of result that he's looking
23 for.

24 But that's why the lawyer is important. They --
25 they may have a -- information or have a thought or a

1 theory different than mine that perhaps could have created
2 an opportunity for resolution.

3 COMMISSIONER CAMILLE: Thank you.

4 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Any other questions?

5 Okay. Next speaker.

6 MR. LUNN: Thank you.

7 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you.

8 MS. UNDERWOOD: We have three speakers left in
9 the room and then we'll go to Zoom.

10 Our next speaker will be Ms. Williams, followed
11 by Ronald Foster and Mr. Smith.

12 MS. WILLIAMS: Okay. Um, I'm confused. How can
13 we have -- this is the Board of Commissioner right here.
14 We got people sitting up here with your real names, but
15 you on the Detroit Police Department with a fake name.

16 I sat down with Camille a while ago. This woman
17 behind me, she's on the Detroit Police Department, too,
18 with a fake name, a ex-convict. So is this the invasions
19 of ex-convicts on invading the Board of Commission?

20 How dare you guys disrespect what Coleman Young
21 started. And I don't care who you are with them badges,
22 when you like you gon' threaten my life, intimidate me,
23 like I said, I been doing it the legal way, I'm gonna
24 continue. But if I feel threatened, I have to sleep next
25 to my chopper every night because you all are not doing

1 y'all job correctly. And I'm legal. My weapons are in my
2 real name.

3 I been complaining about a whole lot of stuff.
4 I'm not taking no more L's. The city is gonna pay a whole
5 lot dealing with this, and I'm tired. Like I said, you
6 all been talking about this too much, not doing your job
7 and it's not acceptable.

8 I'm not on no social media. Like Ms. Kym Worthy
9 said, stalking is illegal. You don't believe that? I
10 can't tell. Cause you do it every time I come down here.
11 From OCI and I'm talking about people everyday, union
12 reps, you just want to continue to hack into my devices
13 which is illegal and I'm tired of it, the bottom line.

14 And if I'm fearing for my life everyday cause
15 you all choose not to do y'all job, like I said, I'm not
16 gone be slippin', you better believe that. And I don't
17 care who you are. When you disrespect that badge and you
18 took that oath with that fake name and you think you
19 entitled, you went to prison. Whatever you did, we should
20 be held accountable, period.

21 And I don't care, like I said, who you guys are
22 or who you involved with. Like I said, only thing I fear
23 is the Lord Jesus Christ and I'm far from stupid, period,
24 and you better believe that.

25 Have a good one.

1 (Applause)

2 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELESCHE: The next speaker.

3 MR. FOSTER: Good afternoon through this Board.

4 First off, I did see the presentation. I think
5 you guys presented very well. I think that at some point
6 we have to be more accountable for the dollars that we
7 spend and start to change some trends.

8 I want to speak to just both parties, our
9 community and them. If you can identify a problem, then
10 you can also identify a solution. And so we have to --
11 when we identify our problems, and we should often ask
12 what solutions -- well, offer a solution. May not be the
13 right one or the only one, but it is a solution, a
14 direction.

15 When we talk about body camera, I want to remind
16 this Board the filming of Rodney King, it was filmed. And
17 so just capturing things is not enough. You have to
18 change the culture of things, the dynamics of things, and
19 the way that we police within our communities.

20 And when I hear these young ladies and other
21 community members speak, I hear a lot of hurt there. I'm
22 not a physician. I'm not a psychologist, but I do have a
23 heart. I do have a spirit. So you don't have to have all
24 these degrees to be able to identify with hurt and pain
25 here. And to allow and continue to allow these people to

1 be in pain I think is an egregious and a tragedy in and of
2 itself.

3 UNIDENTIFIED SPECTATOR: That's true.

4 MR. FOSTER: The position of this Board and this
5 Chief today should be we hear your pain. We are in a
6 perfect opportunity to change things. We are committed to
7 going in a new direction. Some things we can't fix, but
8 some things we can. We can start today. This is the
9 nature of the conversations that we should be having.

10 I do appreciate AC Ewing with his summit because
11 it presents that perfect opportunity to speak candidly,
12 and we have to find ways to incorporate our community in
13 more of these. Racism is not nothing to be turned at,
14 FOIA is not nothing, sexual assaults.

15 We have to be more accountable to our community.

16 Thank you.

17 (Applause)

18 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHÉ: Next speaker.

19 MS. UNDERWOOD: Mr. Smith.

20 MR. JAHDANTE SMITH: So I just wanna say I'm
21 gonna be going to a America's Future meeting later --
22 Jahdante Smith, for the record.

23 And now I have a lady who has a FOIA from a year
24 and a half ago regarding a traffic stop where she was
25 illegally detained by Detroit Police Department for no

1 reason. And she filed it with the Law Department, never
2 got a response. And so she also a FOIA from about eight
3 months ago from the Detroit Police Department as well and
4 where her son was questioned by Detroit Police, and he was
5 smart enough to leave and go home because he didn't
6 realize he had to invoke his Fifth Amendment Right. So
7 the Law Department is doing terrible work.

8 Also to the Chief, you sitting here, how many
9 open homicides do we have in the city of Detroit?
10 Everybody who I know got a CPO still carry they gun. I
11 don't think we feel -- I don't feel safe. When I leave
12 out the house, I don't feel safe. Even with the two
13 officers downstairs, I don't feel safer.

14 EPU for the 13th floor for city council, I
15 witnessed them -- I had a officer ball his fist up and
16 punch his hand, Officer Slay, punch his hand. I'm sitting
17 there with my child yesterday. It was like -- it was this
18 close to having -- I was gon' -- we was gon' be in a
19 physical altercation cause you don't threaten citizens
20 like that. He said something very, very unbecoming to
21 Ruben Crowley yesterday as well. He whispered some
22 expletives to him which wasn't okay.

23 Your lieutenant up there, lieutenant he used to
24 be a corporal who you promoted to lieutenant, who has
25 been-- she told me I was full of B-U-L-L-S-H- blank T --

1 I-T, you know what I'm saying, like that -- that was not
2 okay. That's not a curse word.

3 And I also have this lawsuit here of Lavish --
4 you know I was gon' bring it for you, Lavish -- of Lavish
5 Williams with my auntie as call her affectionately Linda
6 Bernard, where he has a lady name Gloria, I'm not gon' say
7 her last name, she lives on Arlene Street in District 2,
8 where her husband, his name is Kevin, he signed for the
9 it. There was a husband -- there was a child who signed
10 for a mother.

11 You cheated in the election. I'm gon' put this
12 out, put this PDF -- it's 56 pages. I'm gonna put it out.

13 Also, Darryl Shawshank Redemption Woods alluded
14 to the former sergeant being sexually assaulted in prison
15 if he goes. That is un -- that's unaccept -- that's the
16 worse thing you could do to say that because nobody wants
17 to be SA'd. That's not okay. You shouldn't be -- you
18 shouldn't be alluding to things like that ever when it
19 comes to that.

20 And also all the FOIA's that are happening,
21 Conrad, you should make sure that you're doing something
22 about those FOIA's instead of offering people \$35,000. I
23 can't do nothing with \$35,000. That's -- that's
24 unbecoming of a attorney. And I'm still gon' come for
25 you. I'm still getting that thing. I'll make every

1 promise whole when I make those promises. Every promise I
2 make, I make it whole.

3 MS. UNDERWOOD: Thank you, Mr. Smith. Thank
4 you, Mr. Smith.

5 (Applause)

6 UNIDENTIFIED SPECTATOR: All right. All right.
7 For the people.

8 MS. UNDERWOOD: We'll go to --

9 MR. JAHDANTE SMITH: I ain't never lied to you
10 once.

11 MS. UNDERWOOD: We'll go to Zoom now. We have
12 six callers on Zoom.

13 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHÉ: Okay.

14 MR. JAHDANTE SMITH: Laugh now, cry later.

15 MS. UNDERWOOD: We'll start with Ms. Crystal
16 Rice and then we'll go to caller with the last digits 039.

17 MS. RICE (ZOOM USER): Good afternoon,
18 everybody. My name is Crystal Rice.

19 I want to first say I just moved to Detroit and
20 I bought a house in '24. A month after I lived here, I
21 got carjacked at gunpoint. I do wanna say, um, Second
22 Precinct did a great job, but today I'm not happy.

23 One of the police officers back in February, um,
24 Sergeant Pierce -- and I did file a report. I know I
25 probably can't get it all in two minutes, um, but

1 basically, um, he's intimidating people in the community.
2 I pulled up in front of my house, he flashed -- they
3 flashed a light.

4 My neighbors next door which you are young
5 people -- and all young people aren't bad and these are
6 one of the examples -- um, he yanked him out the -- the
7 young man out the car. And the young lady asked well --
8 he asked her to get out and she asked a question and he
9 said, "You do what the hell I tell you to do. We the
10 police." So I began to tape it.

11 And, um, he overheard a conversation my daughter
12 was saying and he intervened. And long story short, he
13 puts a flash on my car and, um, says, "Get the unexpired
14 (sic) plate," which it wasn't because it was a rental car.
15 And I -- and plus I believe that there are three other
16 people that have had interactions with this exact police
17 officer.

18 We want to do a better example for the young
19 people. They should not be in fear of the police. Police
20 are supposed to serve and protect and they should be
21 respected, but you got to respect people. You talking to
22 them in derogatory, um, way is not a way where young
23 people would want to be a police officer or want to deal
24 with the police.

25 And I'm really -- I couldn't -- he argued back

1 and forth with me and wouldn't give me his badge number.
2 He said he ain't got to give me nothing, until I told him
3 who I knew and then he gave me his information. So I did
4 file a report, so you can see more of it. The video I did
5 put out on social media.

6 This police intimidation has to stop. We got to
7 have -- we got to be more better with our community, with
8 our relationships with the police and our community.

9 Thank you.

10 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you.

11 Next speaker.

12 COMMISSIONER CAMILLE: Madam Chair.

13 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Yes, Commissioner
14 Camille.

15 COMMISSIONER CAMILLE: Before we move on, can we
16 just have chief investigator confirm if there is a
17 Complaint in system on this issue?

18 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Yes.

19 CHIEF INVESTIGATOR WARFIELD: Through the Chair.

20 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Yes.

21 CHIEF INVESTIGATOR WARFIELD: We absolutely have
22 that Complaint filed with us and it's currently under
23 investigation.

24 COMMISSIONER CAMILLE: Okay. Thank you, through
25 the Chair.

1 And, chief investigator, I'll be in touch with
2 you. I want to follow that case.

3 Thank you.

4 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHÉ: May we have the next
5 speaker, please?

6 MS. UNDERWOOD: Caller with the last three
7 digits 039, can you un-mute?

8 ZOOM CALLER 039: Now I just got off the Board
9 of Police Commissioners counterparts over there at the
10 Detroit City Council.

11 Y'all all cheating in, every last one of y'all.
12 Janice Winfrey been cheating in elections for years and
13 years, upon years. And I gave the information and I got
14 it directly to Number 47. He know it and he getting ready
15 to come in and get all of y'all together. Absentee ballot
16 fraud is real here in Detroit.

17 Now I heard what the officers said about crime
18 scene analysis. Kaniesha Coleman did not shoot herself.
19 There was no crime scene analysis done at the scene, nor
20 through gunshot wound, no gun stippling on the entry
21 wound. So I'm gon' take legal action, Conrad.

22 Now you was sitting right next to Janice Winfrey
23 when she lied about the voter -- findings on the
24 allegations of voter fraud report on May the 25, 2024, at
25 the Detroit Election Commission Meeting. You was sitting

1 right beside her when she lied and she said that she took
2 the report to every member of council, the mayor's office
3 and the Law Department. You slick, slimy, crimey
4 character.

5 And I want to take my hat off to James E. White,
6 former chief of the Detroit Police Department, because it
7 was him calling in the Michigan State Police that was --
8 allowed me to gain the insight and the evidence to
9 demonstrate that Kaniesha did not shoot herself.

10 Y'all gotta take the tag up off of Nene's momma.
11 That's what she wanted, that's what she wants, what she
12 asked for and requested and deserves.

13 And, Chief Bettison, Rebecca McKay needs to be
14 removed as commander of Homicide Unit. Chief Bettison, I
15 know what I asked you -- (Zoom called ended)

16 (Applause)

17 MS. UNDERWOOD: Our next two callers will be Ms.
18 Taura Brown and Ms. Jawana.

19 MS. TAURA BROWN (ZOOM USER): Good evening,
20 Commission. This meeting has been a lot, but it is what
21 these meetings are for.

22 But I think that there needs to be a discussion
23 around the Detroit Police Department's FOIA process. It
24 is ridiculous how long it takes to get records from the
25 police department, and when you do get those records

1 they're expensive, they're heavily and unnecessarily
2 redacted in spaces. And it's almost like there's a fear
3 of transparency coming out of not only the city, but
4 especially the police department.

5 I find it odd that people that were on the
6 forensic staff and the crime scene staff, who don't even
7 work there anymore, would band together to come here and
8 tell lies on the Forensic Department. Something needs to
9 change. And it is appalling that they're not getting the
10 resources that they need in that department, apparently,
11 and that there's an employee that gets paid \$80,000 for
12 20 hours of work. Yeah, I'm gon' beat that dead horse
13 until y'all figure out a way to better spend this money.

14 And speaking of money, thank you all for the
15 budget presentation, and shout-out to Commissioner Camille
16 because it did not go unnoticed that Commissioner Woods
17 did repeat about that budgetary item that you found in
18 that, I believe it was a budget or a policy meeting, I'll
19 have to go back and look again.

20 And, also, thank you and thank Commissioner
21 Morris for helping me with some issues that I have had
22 cause neither one of you are my distract manager or my
23 district commissioner, so I really appreciate that.

24 Also, shout-out to Scotty Boman for being fair
25 and reasonable with regard to not only his position as

1 commissioner, but his commission on the Zoning Board when
2 he came to District 5 and the Butzel issue. Thank you for
3 asking the questions that you asked and thank you for
4 being fair.

5 Um, that is my time. Thank you.

6 (Applause)

7 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELESCHE: Next speaker.

8 MS. JAWANA (ZOOM USER): Hi, good afternoon. I
9 would like to say -- good afternoon to all commissioners.

10 I would first like to say good afternoon,
11 Commissioner Camille, which is my commissioner in District
12 7 in the Second -- at the Second Precinct.

13 My name is Jawana, Littlefield-Eaton Block Club
14 president. I agree with a lot that was said today. It
15 was very productive and active.

16 Um, I am disappointed with the police. I -- we
17 shouldn't have to beg for communication or relationship
18 with the police officers. I had been asking for police
19 patrol in this area to protect the citizens, the children,
20 what have you.

21 Sunday, me and my family is coming home from
22 Monster Jam. And we get here on Griggs and Fenkell and a
23 man just jot past the stop sign and come straight out in
24 Fenkell, hit our car, spin us around in the middle of the
25 street.

1 My question is what is going on with this tint?
2 He has tint, tinted tint all around his windows, even in
3 the front. He's jumping out, "I can't see." Of course
4 you can't, you have tinted windows all around your
5 vehicle, sir.

6 Then the problem with the police is we sitting
7 there, sitting there. We call -- I called the police soon
8 as I got my son out the car to safety. Call the police,
9 no one shows up. Thirty minutes, I end up calling back.
10 They didn't -- they still didn't show up.

11 A officer pulls down the street riding down
12 Fenkell. My husband in the tow truck, flag him down.
13 Unbelievable. He pulls around and turn around. He wasn't
14 gon' stop. He just kept going. He turns around once they
15 flag him down and say, "Oh, I'm not from this district,
16 I'm not in this area." Well what are you doing riding
17 down Fenkell, sir? Why aren't you somewhere doing
18 something you should -- you supposed to be doing is the
19 question that my -- (Zoom call ended)

20 (Applause)

21 COMMISSIONER CAMILLE: Madam Chair, I'm sorry,
22 I'll be brief.

23 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHÉ: No, go ahead.

24 COMMISSIONER CAMILLE: I'm sorry. Ms. Jawana,
25 thank you so much for calling in. I hope that you and the

1 family are okay after that accident, and I'll be in touch
2 with you to make sure the appropriate filings are made in
3 regards to your experience.

4 Thank you for calling.

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPECTATOR: All right.

6 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you. Next
7 speaker.

8 MS. UNDERWOOD: Former Commissioner William
9 Davis, and then our Zoom caller will be the last callers
10 in Zoom.

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

13 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Can you make sure --

14 FORMER COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Hello.

15 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Please hold on. Can you
16 all freeze the caller?

17 Can you make sure the child is okay back there?
18 What's going on?

19 UNIDENTIFIED SPECTATOR: He's fine. He's fine.

20 COMMISSIONER WOODS: He's good?

21 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Okay.

22 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Okay.

23 UNIDENTIFIED SPECTATOR: He just got stuck.

24 FORMER COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Are y'all ready for
25 me?

1 MR. JAHDANTE SMITH: He can talk. Y'all finna
2 put -- I'm finna start -- I'm finna give y'all a reason to
3 put me out. Keep the meeting going and leave me alone.
4 Keep the meeting going.

5 Go ahead and talk, Willie.

6 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Go ahead, next caller.

7 MR. JAHDANTE SMITH: They trying to be funny.

8 FORMER COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Hello, are y'all
9 ready for me?

10 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Yes. Go ahead.

11 FORMER COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Okay. I think a
12 greater effort should be made to assist the people that
13 come in public that is there. I think we need to make
14 sure the people can feel like they can express themselves.

15 I also think that we need to be doing more to
16 encourage more people to be actively involved in this city
17 and know exactly what the Board of Police Commissioners
18 are doing. I know during the time I was on, um, we did a
19 couple public service announcements. I haven't seen any
20 in years. I think it should have some public service
21 announcements. I think we need to educate the city.
22 Y'all need to maybe do some town halls to let people know
23 what the Board of Police Commissioners is and what they
24 do.

25 And that's all I have for today. Thank you.

1 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you. Next
2 speaker.

3 MS. UNDERWOOD: Zoom user.

4 MR. SLAUGHTER (ZOOM USER): Hello, can y'all
5 hear me?

6 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Yes, we can. Go ahead.

7 MR. SLAUGHTER: Hi, this is -- my name is Jade
8 Slaughter. I'm a Detroit resident, District 5.

9 I'm just calling in to voice my support for the
10 people's body-cam ordinance as put forward by DARPA and
11 CPTA.

12 Thank you.

13 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you. Next
14 speaker.

15 MS. UNDERWOOD: Our next -- our last speaker is
16 Mr. Charles Cousin.

17 MR. COUSIN: Hello, everyone.

18 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Hello.

19 MR. COUSIN: Firstly, I want to thank the Chief
20 of Police. I think he's doing a awesome job. I feel like
21 if every police officer acted and thought like the Chief,
22 there would probably be no complaints. Um, with great
23 power comes great responsibility.

24 **A few weeks ago, I had come into the**
25 **Headquarters to make a -- to speak to an officer about a**

1 situation that I had in regards to a fire being set to my
2 house. And when I met with the arson officer, instead of
3 meeting in private, he insisted on having a conversation
4 in the lobby in front of a whole bunch of people. And
5 while I was giving, well speaking to him trying to gather
6 information, he had abruptly stopped, turned his back on
7 me and threatened to call security on me.

8 And I let the Chief know, you know, because I
9 know he's all about transparency and whatnot, but then I
10 went about it in a way like handling it using proper
11 protocol. So I made a formal complaint against the
12 officer, and I'm here in front of the Board wondering what
13 is your guy's protocol when it comes down to police
14 complaints. Because, you know, a lot of us don't know,
15 you know.

16 And, um, yeah, I'm not really trying to get
17 anyone fired, but, you know, there's been a echo in this
18 conversation about police respecting citizens. And
19 it's -- you know, while there is a lot of great police
20 officers out there who are compassionate and caring, there
21 are a lot of officers -- not, I won't say a lot. There
22 are officers out there who are abusing their powers. So
23 and I'm wondering what you guys are doing about it.

24 I'm also interested in how many complaints you
25 guys get on average a week.

1 Thank you.

2 (Applause)

3 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: One moment. Can
4 OCI Chief speak to that, please?

5 CHIEF INVESTIGATOR WARFIELD: Through the Chair,
6 we do have Mr. Cousin's Complaint and it's currently under
7 investigation.

8 And also, through the Chair, as it relates to
9 how many investigations or citizen complaints we receive,
10 last year we received 2,145 citizen complaints.

11 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Okay. And I think his
12 question was how many a week.

13 CHIEF INVESTIGATOR WARFIELD: I think it varies.

14 MR. COUSIN: On average.

15 CHIEF INVESTIGATOR WARFIELD: On average. I
16 mean you take that 2,145 and you divide it by 52.

17 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Maybe --

18 CHIEF INVESTIGATOR WARFIELD: That would be it.

19 COMMISSIONER CAMILLE: About 41, 42 a week.

20 CHIEF INVESTIGATOR WARFIELD: There you go.

21 About 41, 42 a week.

22 Thank you, ma'am.

23 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Okay.

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPECTATOR: Too many.

25 MR. COUSIN: Thank you.

1 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: I'm sorry, Commissioner
2 Boman.

3 COMMISSIONER BOMAN: Okay. As a follow-up, and
4 perhaps this would even, um, more satisfy our guest here
5 regarding his concerns, what will you estimate the number
6 of complaints are closed per week?

7 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: I'm sorry, could you
8 repeat the question?

9 COMMISSIONER BOMAN: A number of those
10 complaints being closed each week.

11 CHIEF INVESTIGATOR WARFIELD: We were averaging
12 about 100 to 120 complaints that were being investigated
13 and closed on a weekly basis.

14 COMMISSIONER MORRIS: Through the Chair.

15 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Commissioner Morris.

16 COMMISSIONER MORRIS: How many of those
17 complaints are from 2026? Where are we at with 2026
18 closures?

19 CHIEF INVESTIGATOR WARFIELD: With 2026 closers
20 (sic), we have approximately 400 -- as of last Friday, we
21 had approximately 400 and I believe five 2026 complaints
22 that came in.

23 As you know, Commissioner, we have 90 days to
24 investigate those complaints. There are a number of
25 complaints from 2026 that have been investigated and

1 closed, as well as a number of certainly 2025 complaints
2 that are still in that 90-day window that are being
3 investigated and closed as well.

4 If you want the specific, the specific numbers,
5 I can certainly e-mail that information to you.

6 COMMISSIONER MORRIS: Please do.

7 CHIEF INVESTIGATOR WARFIELD: Yep.

8 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHÉ: Thank you. Any other--

9 COMMISSIONER CAMILLE: Madam Chair, yes.

10 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHÉ: Commissioner.

11 COMMISSIONER CAMILLE: I just want to go back to
12 one thing that Mr. Cousin mentioned as well was the
13 question around like what happens with those complaints.
14 Like what is done to hold the officers accountable?

15 And so we can let chief investigator, if you'd
16 like, to share more about the process itself. But I would
17 encourage everyone in the public if you see any concerns
18 regarding activity by the police department to file that
19 Complaint. Don't be concerned about, well, I don't want
20 to get somebody in trouble or anything.

21 Our -- our investigators are going to evaluate
22 that against the policy and determine if policy was
23 violated or not. And even if policy wasn't violated, we
24 get insights from those complaints on how to improve
25 policy and improve how we recommend that DPD interact with

1 the public. So those complaints are very important,
2 regardless if they land on discipline or not.

3 In addition, my colleague Commissioner Jones
4 leads the Citizen Complaint Committee, and so watch the
5 website for those meetings. If you would like to provide
6 additional insight, there is an opportunity for public
7 comment as well there. But the Citizen Complaint process
8 is a very critical process in the Board of Police
9 Commissioners and we encourage everyone to participate in
10 that.

11 MR. COUSIN: Thank you.

12 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you,
13 Commissioner.

14 Any other questions? All right. Thank you,
15 sir.

16 Next speaker.

17 MS. UNDERWOOD: Madam Chair, that was your last
18 speaker.

19 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Okay. Thank you.

20 At this time, we'll have the report by the Board
21 Secretary Ms. Garnier.

22 SECRETARY GARNIER: Madam Chair, excuse me,
23 through the Chair, under your tab six, Board Members.

24 But before I do that, one other person that was
25 registered that is in attendance today is Mr. J.G. Love

1 who's representing City Council Member District 5 Renata
2 Miller. We did want to acknowledge him.

3 The weekly reports, Facial Recognition and Shot
4 Spotter, are under Tab 6 for your convenience and for your
5 review.

6 And the announcements for the week are as
7 follows: On next week, Monday, March 30th, 5 P.M., the Ad
8 Hoc Committee For Bylaws and Standard Operating Procedures
9 of the Board of Police Commissioners will be held at
10 5 P.M. here at Detroit Public Safety Headquarters in the
11 Woodward Room.

12 The Policy Committee will be meeting on Tuesday,
13 March 31st at 3:00 P.M., here in the Woodward Room at
14 Detroit Public Safety Headquarters.

15 The next Board Meeting is next Thursday, April
16 2nd, 3 P.M., Detroit Public Safety Headquarters.

17 And the April Community Meeting is on Thursday,
18 April 9th. It will be at the Ninth Precinct at the City
19 of Detroit Hellmann Recreation Center located at 19601
20 Brock Avenue in Detroit.

21 And those --

22 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Okay. Wait a minute.

23 SECRETARY GARNIER: I'm sorry.

24 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: No. Could we just have
25 it quiet in the audience, please?

1 All right. Go ahead.

2 SECRETARY GARNIER: And those are the
3 announcements and report for today, Madam Secretary.

4 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you.

5 All right. Under Item 7, we have unfinished
6 business.

7 The Chief of Police Recommendation to Appoint to
8 the rank of captain Lieutenant John Gardner.

9 Is there a motion?

10 COMMISSIONER MORRIS: A motion to approve the
11 chief of police recommendation to appoint Lieutenant John
12 Gardner to the rank of captain.

13 COMMISSIONER WATTS: Support.

14 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Okay. It's been --

15 COMMISSIONER BOMAN: Motion.

16 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Okay. Wait. It's been
17 moved by Commissioner Morris, seconded by Commissioner
18 Watts. Is there any discussion?

19 Go ahead, Commissioner Boman.

20 COMMISSIONER BOMAN: If I recall, I believe we
21 had postponed that from last week in closed session with
22 the belief that we needed to discuss it further in closed
23 session.

24 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: No, I don't -- go
25 ahead.

1 COMMISSIONER MORRIS: We postponed it because,
2 um, the timing that we received the information, just so
3 that we could take a deeper dive into the information.

4 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Right. I do recall
5 that.

6 COMMISSIONER SCOTT BOMAN: Can it -- would it be
7 in order to move to go into closed session to discuss some
8 of that information that we have?

9 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Through the Chair, the
10 member would have to request that.

11 COMMISSIONER CONRAD MALLET, JR: That's right.

12 COMMISSIONER WOODS: That's not our --

13 COMMISSIONER BOMAN: Okay. Yeah, would it be in
14 order for me to discuss a concern regarding some
15 information I see here in my binder?

16 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Corporation counsel,
17 you were gonna say something?

18 Okay. Go ahead, Commissioner.

19 COMMISSIONER BOMAN: Okay. Yeah, I'm -- my
20 concern here is regarding the -- on July 1, 2009,
21 regarding a plea of guilty for failure to properly search
22 a prisoner who -- and the prisoner then was able to have a
23 handgun go into the -- into a cell block; that seems
24 very-- a dangerous situation resulted. And I had, was
25 wondering, you know, given that the Chief's recommendation

1 is to promote, how that figured into it and whether or not
2 how that was -- if there is some feeling that somehow the
3 problems this person had then were somehow resolved. I'm
4 not really sure.

5 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: So your question is to
6 the Chief or to the lieutenant?

7 COMMISSIONER SCOTT BOMAN: I guess since you're
8 right here, you made the recommendation, yeah.

9 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: The lieutenant is here,
10 correct?

11 CHIEF OF POLICE BETTISON: Yeah.

12 COMMISSIONER BOMAN: Yeah, I'm just -- either
13 one of you could, if you could justify why we should
14 proceed with the promotion in light of that.

15 CHIEF OF POLICE BETTISON: Yes, absolutely.

16 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Chief.

17 CHIEF OF POLICE BETTISON: John K. Gardner on
18 September 11, 2023, he was promoted to the rank of
19 lieutenant.

20 The former complaints, and when I look back at
21 his disciplinary record, it's not remarkable. The things
22 are old and it's not extensive.

23 When you're searching, and we have searched, if
24 you've conducted a search you can miss something.
25 Nobody's perfect.

1 And so when I look at his record and what he's
2 accomplished and how he's served the citizens of Detroit
3 since, and looking at the record, I'm highly confident in
4 his ability to continue to do more even at a elevated
5 rank.

6 And as -- and in going through, just looking at
7 it, since he's been promoted to lieutenant he's been
8 assigned to the Ninth Precinct as a lieutenant. He
9 investigated violent gang crime, implemented strategies,
10 operational plans, target reduced violent gangs. His
11 efforts resulted in a 10 percent drop in criminal
12 homicide, 50 percent drop in non-fatal shootings when he
13 was over there. He oversaw the Ninth Precinct Shot
14 Spotter Enforcement. We saw a 29 percent drop in gunfire
15 incidents compared to the previous year.

16 When you look at his resume, right now what he's
17 doing as a police lieutenant, he oversees a total of seven
18 units, all of which are joint operations with the Wayne
19 County Sheriff Office, the ATF, the FBI. He supervises
20 and monitors seven sergeants, seven detectives, 27 police
21 officers, six civilian intelligence specialists.

22 Last year, with the FAST as far as apprehensions
23 of individuals with outstanding warrants that we have to
24 search for, in 2025 it was 1,117 felony arrests made,
25 total arrests 1,164 arrests made. And so he's been doing

1 a outstanding job for being in his current rank.

2 (Applause)

3 CHIEF OF POLICE BETTISON: And so when I look
4 back at his disciplinary history, and for something of a
5 minor infraction like that, if I was to hold that against
6 him and all members of the Department, I would not be able
7 to promote nobody.

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPECTATOR: Thank you. Thank you.

9 (Applause)

10 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Okay.

11 COMMISSIONER BOMAN: Okay. Thank you.

12 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you, Chief.

13 Commissioner Woods.

14 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Well, I share those
15 sentiments. We've been able to taken a deep dive.

16 This -- we -- well, what I look for is someone
17 who have committed force and on -- on citizens unwantedly;
18 that, you know, have disrespected citizens. And we don't
19 see that in Lieutenant Gardner's record.

20 Actually, you know, he has an impeccable record
21 when it comes to his policing here in the city of Detroit.
22 You know, and so we did take a look through and through of
23 his entire record because we always want to be careful.

24 So there is no impediment from my standpoint of
25 promoting him to the rank of captain.

1 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Any other -- any
2 other-- go ahead, Commissioner Jones.

3 COMMISSIONER JONES: I'd like to call the
4 question.

5 COMMISSIONER CAMILLE: Madam Chair.

6 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Go ahead.

7 COMMISSIONER CAMILLE: I'd like -- I'd like my
8 colleague to consider that I have a question for the
9 candidate, before calling for the question.

10 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Okay. Go ahead.

11 COMMISSIONER CAMILLE: Thank you so much, Madam
12 Chair.

13 I have a question for the candidate Lieutenant
14 Gardner.

15 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Is he here? Yes.

16 COMMISSIONER CAMILLE: Thank you so much for
17 being here today.

18 So just taking a look, and I believe my
19 colleague raised a very valid question in regards to just
20 some mistakes that have happened. And we're all human,
21 everybody makes mistake.

22 So can you just talk about as a lieutenant and
23 then if you're promoted to captain how mistakes that
24 you've made in your career help you to be a better leader
25 and to teach those that are coming up under you.

1 LIEUTENANT GARDNER: Yeah, for sure. When
2 that-- when that incident did occur, I, you know, I was
3 fairly young on the job. It was a comedy of errors. I
4 did acknowledge my -- my part in that.

5 As I've been promoted and even as a police
6 officer, I try to lead by example. I feel like training
7 and thoroughness is very important, and just oversight.
8 And where you notice gaps in training, make sure those are
9 addressed and supervise and lead by example.

10 COMMISSIONER CAMILLE: Thank you, Madam Chair.

11 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Any other questions?

12 COMMISSIONER MORRIS: Chair.

13 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Commissioner Morris.

14 COMMISSIONER MORRIS: I'm looking here to
15 whereas he was a lieutenant at the Ninth Precinct, which
16 is in my district.

17 From 2023 to 2025, in that two-year period as
18 part of Special Operations, which is a proactive unit --
19 you know, they out there to kind of for crime
20 prevention -- under his leadership, there was a 10 percent
21 drop in criminal homicide during that time. There was a
22 58 percent drop in non-fatal shootings.

23 He has quite a bit awards for perfect
24 attendance, citations, chief units award, as well as his
25 extraordinary service that he provided on behalf of the

1 police department for the funeral services of the
2 legendary Rosa Parks.

3 So thank you for your service.

4 LIEUTENANT GARDNER: Thank you, sir.

5 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you,
6 Commissioner.

7 COMMISSIONER WATTS: Madam Chair, can we come
8 back to Commissioner Jones' request?

9 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Yes.

10 COMMISSIONER JONES: Call the question.

11 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Call for the question.

12 All those in favor, indicate by saying aye.

13 COMMISSIONER MEMBERS: Aye.

14 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Opposed? The motion
15 carries unanimously.

16 Thank you.

17 LIEUTENANT GARDNER: Thank you.

18 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: And congratulations.

19 (Applause)

20 COMMISSIONER BOMAN: Point of order. I believe
21 that a -- when someone calls a question and there is a
22 vote, that vote was to end debate. And so now the vote
23 would be on whether or not to approve the recommendations.

24 The parliamentarian can correct me if I'm wrong.

25 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Is she here?

1 COMMISSIONER CAMILLE: Madam Chair, I think
2 that's correct, if that was a vote to call the question.

3 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Okay. We'll do it
4 again.

5 All those in favor of the motion, indicate by
6 saying aye.

7 COMMISSIONER MEMBERS: Aye.

8 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Opposed? The motion
9 carries unanimously.

10 Thank you and congratulations. Do you want to
11 say a few words, captain?

12 CAPTAIN GARDNER: Thank you. Through the Chair,
13 I appreciate everybody. Thank you for this opportunity.

14 Thank you, Chief Bettison, I really appreciate
15 your support, as well to First Assistant Chief Fitzgerald,
16 and Deputy Chief Sloan. She's guided me along the way for
17 many years, so I thank, thank you so much.

18 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you, sir, and
19 congratulations.

20 (Applause)

21 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Next we have a motion
22 by the Board to submit a memorandum to the city council
23 requesting they revisit the ordinance related to the
24 release of police video footage and to support the
25 proposed language from CPTA and DARPA for amending the

1 ordinance.

2 Is there a motion?

3 COMMISSIONER MORRIS: Yes. My concern with
4 this --

5 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Well, first, don't we
6 have to have --

7 COMMISSIONER MORRIS: I have to make the motion.

8 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Make the motion and
9 support. You're making the motion?

10 COMMISSIONER MORRIS: Yes. The motion is to
11 send this to the Policy Committee to review and make a
12 recommendation to the full Board.

13 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Okay. So there isn't a
14 motion to do this then. That's to send it to the Policy
15 Committee.

16 COMMISSIONER LISA CARTER: Support.

17 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: And it's supported by
18 Commissioner Carter.

19 Is there discussion? All in favor, indicate by
20 saying aye.

21 COMMISSIONER MEMBERS: Aye.

22 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Opposed? The motion
23 carries. Thank you.

24 Our next item under new business is we're going
25 to be going into closed session pursuant to Section 8(f)

1 of the Open Meetings Act, MCL 15.268(f). Candidate Noel
2 Morales for the Board -- for the Board to consider
3 disqualified applicant appeal from DPD hiring process.

4 Is there a motion to go into closed session?

5 COMMISSIONER WOODS: So move.

6 COMMISSIONER JONES: Support.

7 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Commissioner Woods made
8 the motion, supported by Commissioner Jones.

9 Any discussion? All in favor indicate by saying
10 aye.

11 COMMISSIONER MEMBERS: Aye.

12 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Opposed? We have two
13 minute recess.

14 Motion carries.

15 (Off the record for the closed session.)

16 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: All right. Okay. It's
17 okay.

18 We're going back into open session, and I'm
19 gonna call the meeting to order.

20 Madam Secretary, can you do the roll call?

21 SECRETARY GARNIER: Commissioner Dewaelsche.

22 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Present.

23 SECRETARY GARNIER: Commissioner Woods.

24 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Present.

25 SECRETARY GARNIER: Commissioner Boman.

1 COMMISSIONER BOMAN: Present.

2 SECRETARY GARNIER: Commissioner Camille.

3 COMMISSIONER CAMILLE: Present.

4 SECRETARY GARNIER: Commissioner Carter.

5 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Here.

6 SECRETARY GARNIER: Commissioner Ivey is

7 excused.

8 Commissioner Jones.

9 COMMISSIONER JONES: Present.

10 SECRETARY GARNIER: Commissioner Morris.

11 COMMISSIONER MORRIS: Here right next to Carter.

12 SECRETARY GARNIER: Commissioner Watts is

13 excused.

14 Commissioner Williams.

15 COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS: Present.

16 SECRETARY GARNIER: Eight present, Madam Chair.

17 COMMISSIONER DEWAELESCHE: Okay. Thank you.

18 What is the pleasure of the Board?

19 COMMISSIONER LISA CARTER: Madam Chair, I move

20 for adjournment.

21 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Second.

22 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELESCHE: Okay. Wait. Motion

23 has been made to adjourn. Seconded by Commissioner

24 Carter. Is there --

25 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Woods.

1 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Oh, I thought you --
2 okay. Commissioner Carter made the motion, seconded by
3 Commissioner Woods.

4 Is there any discussions, Commissioner Boman?

5 COMMISSIONER SCOTT BOMAN: Yeah, there is. I
6 would like to make a motion regarding the thing we went
7 into open session over.

8 COMMISSIONER LISA CARTER: I paused so that --
9 to give people time to make that motion, Madam Chair,
10 through the Chair, and there was nothing said.

11 So the next thing is for us to adjourn, to
12 adjourn so.

13 COMMISSIONER BOMAN: I'd like to move to amend
14 by substitution.

15 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Okay. What is your
16 motion?

17 COMMISSIONER SCOTT BOMAN: Okay. I'd like to
18 substitute for the motion to adjourn a motion to approve
19 the appeal of our previous applicant that we went into
20 closed session for.

21 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Okay. The motion is to
22 consider disqualified applicant appeal.

23 COMMISSIONER SCOTT BOMAN: Right, to substitute
24 that.

25 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Okay. And what you

1 want to do is -- state the motion, cause I'm not clear on
2 what you're making.

3 COMMISSIONER BOMAN: Okay. The appeal -- I'm
4 sorry, I've got to look at the person's name again.

5 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Morales.

6 COMMISSIONER BOMAN: Huh?

7 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Morales, his last name.

8 CHAIRMAN BOMAN: Okay. Yes, to approve
9 Mr. Morales' appeal is what I'd like to substitute as the
10 motion.

11 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Okay. There is a
12 motion to approve Candidate Morales' appeal.

13 Is there a second? Is there a second?

14 Okay. Hearing none, the motion fails.

15 Now all in favor, indicate by saying aye for
16 adjournment.

17 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Aye.

18 COMMISSIONER MEMBERS: Aye.

19 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Opposed?

20 COMMISSIONER BOMAN: Nay.

21 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: The motion carries.

22 There's one opposition.

23 Thank you all for being here.

24 (The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 P.M.)

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