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1 2 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: The time is now 3:00 PM, 3 March 20th. I would like to call the Board of Police 4 Commissioners meeting to order. We have an invocation by 5 Deputy Chief James Powell, Madam Chair. 6 7 DR. JACKSON: Madam Chair, please announce that there is no quorum. Thank you. 8 9 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: There is no quorum. I would like to call on Deputy Chief James Powell via Zoom. Are 10 11 you present? 12 DC POWELL: Yes, I am. I'm present. Can you hear me? 13 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Yes. You can go ahead. 14 DC POWELL: Okay, Lord God of grace in the name of 15 Jesus, I asked you just to look down upon this great 16 commission. I asked you, Lord God, just to bless the 17 chair, the assistant and the Board. I asked you just to, Lord, let your blessings be upon them and draw them, Lord 18 God, and bring them with one mind. Look down upon our 19 chief. Look down upon our honorable Mayor. I ask you just 20 to bless, touch and anoint, bless the citizens of this 21 city. I ask you, Lord, just to show your mighty power. I 22 ask you just to give us, Lord God your blessings. And 23 Lord God, continue to help this city to be great. And 24



Lord God, continue to serve the people of this Lord God,

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great city. Bless the commissions Lord God, strengthen them. Give them Lord God's soundness of mind, and let your love and peace be upon them. We thank you Lord God. We magnify your wonderful name and we give you the praise, honor and glory in your wonderful mighty name. Oh, God. Amen.

7 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Thank you. Thank you so8 much.

9 DC POWELL: Thank you.

10 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: We will move forward to oral 11 communications. We do not have a quorum. Please remember 12 to keep your comments limited to two minutes, and please 13 refrain from any inappropriate language or comments that 14 may delay our TV broadcast or video post.

MS. UNDERWOOD: Thank you, Madam Chair. We'll start off with, I'm sorry. We'll start off with Lieutenant Mark Young, then we'll go to Minister Eric Blount, then we'll go with Ms. Brittany Smith.

19 LT. YOUNG: Good evening. A couple weeks ago, I 20 haven't been here for a couple weeks because I had to 21 have some business, so I missed the meetings. But a 22 couple weeks ago, before the Board of Police 23 Commissioners, there was a comment about the contracts 24 that protect the men and women that serve this great 25 city. Those contracts are protective measures, and they



1 have been righteous to a great degree. The men and women 2 of this department face uncertainty every day. 15 seconds don't make them, and 15 seconds don't break them. These 3 individuals are often judged harshly, based on 4 allegations or insinuations to deprive them of due 5 6 process, fairness, and understanding would be unconscionable. I have so much respect for my colleagues 7 for what they face every day that you would never see. If 8 9 you sat in their shoes, you would have a different understanding of what they go through; it's cumulative. 10 11 And they manage it well. I'm not here to say that we're 12 perfect. I'm here to say, you need us; we want to be 13 here. It's very difficult. And if there's no 14 understanding of who we are and what we do, then you 15 don't deserve us.

16 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Thank you.

MINISTER BLOUNT: Good afternoon, board. I'm Minister 17 Eric Bond from Sacred Heart Catholic Church here in 18 Detroit. President Mark Young had a lot of good points, 19 but I disagree on various things with him. One is that we 20 21 don't need bad cops. We do need good ones. Yeah. That we 22 do need, but the bad ones have to be gotten rid of, and 23 how can you do it? It is almost impossible. Yes. With the 24 latest union contract of 2022, an officer's disciplinary 25 history cannot be used in determining whether or not they



1 get promoted. You tell me what other profession in this 2 country has that type of leniency and availability to do something like that. It just doesn't happen. So, these 3 decisions you make are suspended with and without pay. 4 5 Three weeks ago, Mark Young said it again when I brought 6 up the point that so many of these suspensions never really take effect because there's a back door with the 7 8 arbitrators that normally get them off. So, whatever we 9 do, it seems to not matter unless an officer is convicted of a felony. That seems to be the only way we can get rid 10 11 of a bad cop. But there are a lot more things that are 12 bad about some police officers that we never address. OCI 13 Chief Reverend Warfield brought up, I want to say a year, 14 if not two ago, the growing trend about officers 15 handcuffing citizens, but never arresting them. To me, 16 that's a form of terrorism, intimidation. Those are the 17 type of things we should be looking for before a lawsuit comes or a death comes. Thank you. 18

19 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Thank you. Mother Smith, you
20 will be our last oral comment. Oh, you can go ahead since
21 you're at the podium. Thank you.

22 MS. SMITH: Thank you. Can I start?

23 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Yes, you can, ma'am.

MS. SMITH: Okay. Good afternoon to my commissioners and above all to my police. I love you dearly. Last week,



no, it was the week before last, one of your 1 commissioners made a statement that I was no police 2 commissioner. Well, I had to go through my history and 3 let you all know in 1970, I got my notes here in 1973, 4 5 when Coleman Young was elected mayor, there was a 6 committee that listed that we needed a commission, a 7 crime commission, at that time, they called it, and who happened to be on it was Charlie Williams, Larry Simmons. 8 9 Conrad Mallett, Sr. Forrest Sheffield and Nelson J. 10 Edwards, who appointed me to Coleman Young. 11 So, therefore, I do say I may not be a commissioner 12 to some people here, and that's not the name that they 13 used at that time. It was a crime committee. And our 14 first police officer that we had investigated was 15 Sergeant Butler, I think his name was. But anyway, I just 16 want to let you know, and who was on it with me was Joe 17 Madison, Albert Donmar, who was editor of the Chronicle at that time. And then we had the president of the Arabs 18 Association, Grocers Association. Then we had a woman 19 20 that was from Southwest Detroit. And she was the 21 president of the Veterans Association. And then came poor 22 little me who was nominated by the mayor at that particular time, he had a reference from Jack Nelson 23 Edwards, who was president of the UAW at that time. So, 24 25 I'm taking you back to the 70s, guys. So, I want to let



1 you know I am for real. I'm not a phony. I did my job and I loved it at that time. And as far as the police are 2 concerned, there are bad ones and they're good ones. But 3 I want you to know one thing. When they put that uniform 4 on, they're not thinking about themselves. I have said 5 this over and over again, and I'm serious about it. They 6 7 are looking out for every one of you that's out here in the City of Detroit. 8

9 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Oh, thank you for saying.10 That is your time. Thank you so much.

11 MS. SMITH: Already.

12 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: It is. I appreciate you.13 Thank you.

MS. UNDERWOOD: We have more, Madam Chair, or --VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: We're going to --- we now
have a quorum.

17 MS. UNDERWOOD: Yes.

18 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Thank you. Can I please have 19 the introduction of the commissioners?

20 DR. JACKSON: You need to have the adoption of the 21 agenda and approval of the minutes.

22 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: Well, that's going to come 23 after the introduction.

VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: We haven't even started
 DR. JACKSON: I thought you said the introduction of



1	commissioners. My apologies.
2	COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: That's what she said. Go
3	right ahead.
4	COMMISSIONER BELL: Roll call.
5	COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: Go right ahead.
6	MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Smith - Present.
7	MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Bernard - Present,
8	District 2.
9	MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Banks - Present. District
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11	MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Bell - Present, District
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13	MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Burton - Present, District
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15	MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Moore - Present.
16	MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Hernandez - Present.
17	MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Pressley - Here.
18	MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Dewaelsche - Present.
19	MS. GARNIER: Nine present, Madam.
20	VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Thank you.
21	COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: We have a quorum.
22	VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: We now have a quorum. I
23	would like to entertain a motion for the approval of the
24	March 20th, 2025 agenda.
25	COMMISSIONER BANKS: Support.



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1	COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: Discussion?
2	VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Any discussion?
3	COMMISSIONER MOORE: Yes. Madam Chair, I'd like to
4	move to postpone item 8(c) until next week.
5	VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: 8(c). Approval to the
6	minutes of item 8(c).
7	COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: I made a motion.
8	DR. JACKSON: We asked for the approval of the agenda
9	and the commissioner moved to postpone item 8(c). That
10	motion to postpone is of the higher rank and should be
11	handled first.
12	COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Second to the motion.
13	VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Second. So, I was reading
14	it.
15	DR. JACKSON: No, the motion is to postpone item
16	8(c).
17	VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Right.
18	DR. JACKSON: So, you need to state that motion.
19	VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Well, yeah. I was reading:
20	that's what I was saying. I guess I wasn't saying it
21	correctly.
22	DR. JACKSON: No, no, no, no. I was responding to
23	Commissioner Hernandez.
24	VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Okay. Commissioner
25	Hernandez, I'm sorry.



DBOPC 03/20/2025 1 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: So, you're not reading the 2 motion ---3 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: We're postponing 8(c). DR. JACKSON: No, the motion has been made to 4 5 postpone. It needs to be voted on. Hold on. 6 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: We need to vote on it. I'm 7 reading it. 8 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: Any discussion? VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: All those in favor? 9 DR. JACKSON: No. You have to ask for discussion 10 11 first. 12 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Is there any discussion? 13 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: All right. So, there's a motion 14 on the floor?

15 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Yes.

16 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: And was it second?

17 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay. Any discussion? Yes, sir. 18

19 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: I can't ask why, but I'm

interested in knowing why. 20

COMMISSIONER MOORE: I understand that there was some 21 additional information, without going into details, that 22 23 would warrant that. Unless you just want to go through the whole process. 24

25 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: If we go through the process it



1 will ferret itself out.

2 COMMISSIONER MOORE: I'm just trying to save some
3 time, but ---

4 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay. Well, we know we can't 5 discuss anything out here, so we need to go through the 6 process. So, all in favor say aye.

7 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

8 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Any opposed. Any opposition? No 9 opposition? All right. Well, the motion is carried.

10 DR. JACKSON: The motion to postpone is carried..

11 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: The motion to postpone is

12 carried. Right? Okay. Yes.

DR. JACKSON: But you have to adopt the agenda. Now you need to go back to adopt the agenda. Have it amended. CHAIRPERSON WOODS: With the amended item. All in favor, say, aye.

17 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

18 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Let me say, any discussion? All 19 in favor, say, aye. You say it one more time for me.

20 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

21 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Anyone opposed? The motion is 22 carried. Alright. So, we are back on the agenda. Where 23 are we on the agenda?

24 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: Over the minutes, Mr. Chair.
 25 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: I entertain a motion for the



1 approval of the minutes for March 13th, 2025.

2 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: So, moved.

3 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Second.

CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Motion made by Commissioner
Pressley, and second by Commissioner Hernandez. Any
discussion? All in favor, say, aye.

7 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

8 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Anyone opposed? The motion is 9 carried. So, we are going to go to the introduction of 10 BOPC staff and so on and so forth.

MS. GARNIER: The Board of Police Commissioners, 11 12 staff present, Attorney Dante Goss, Chief Investigator 13 Jerome Warfield, sr. Drew Fries, Felicia Tyson, Teresa 14 Blossom, Mary Barber, Candace Hayes, Artemisia Joshua Jonya Underwood. Dr. Francis Jackson, our 15 16 Parliamentarian, DPD, HR Director Katrina Patillo. For Police Chief Todd Bettison is this afternoon, Deputy 17 Chief Franklin Hayes. Our interpreters today are Ms. 18 Yakata and Dr. Stephanie Beatty; court reporter Don 19 Handyside, Andre Jackson for audio visual, and Charles 20 Henry for Media services, video. Elected official 21 representatives, Marie Overall for State Representative 22 Tyrone Carter's Office, Fredia Butler, 2nd Precinct, 23 24 Community Relations president. LaDon Davis via Zoom, Office of Council member Fred Durhal III. Lieutenant Mark 25



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Young, Lieutenants and Sergeants Association. Mr. Ron
 Thomas for DPOA and former Detroit Police Commissioner
 William Davis. Those are all I have registered at this
 time, sir.

5 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay. Thank you very kindly. So, 6 next we have the BOPC officers report. We don't have any 7 report at this time. Chief of Police report.

DC HAYES: Good afternoon to this honorable body. 8 9 Sorry, excuse me. For those in attendance, my name is Franklin Hayes, deputy Police Chief, sitting in for the 10 honorable Chief Bettison. I want to share and start off 11 12 with our crime statistics. Year-to-date, we are down 9% 13 in homicides. Last year we were at 34 at this time, and 14 this year we are at 31 with, again, that 9% reduction or 3 less homicides. Non-fatal shootings, we are down 33%. 15 16 Last year, we were at 102; this year we are at 68. So, that 35 and less non-fatal shootings and 3 less 17 homicides. There are 38 less victims of gun violence here 18 19 in our city, this year compared to last year. We are down in robberies as well, 16%. Last year we had 203. This 20 21 year we are at 170, 33 less robberies. So, our total part 22 one violent crime, we are down 11%.

We had 2090 incidents last year. This year we are at 1,859. And one of those routes, which we continue to trend down is carjacking, where we are down 32%; 25 this



1 time last year, and 17 this year. As far as some of our 2 community updates, this past Saturday, at our training center, we had a one day hiring fair where more than a 3 hundred people applied to become Detroit police officers; 4 5 and another 20 applied to be hired as the professional 6 staff of the police department as well. So, we are 7 excited for the growth. This body's Youth Advisory Panel , Chief Bettison, along with MSP, Colonel Brady, Wayne 8 9 State Chief Anthony Holt, and Chief Shahim from Dearborn, attended the BOPC Youth Advisory Panel event. Great 10 questions were asked about policing and our young people, 11 12 and it was a very beneficial conversation by all those 13 that attended.

Our responsible driving initiative where in traffic 14 enforcement, we work to make sure that those that are 15 16 operating vehicles are operating them within the speed 17 limits. That they're not transporting illegal weapons or narcotics; that the vehicles that they're driving, that 18 they're properly licensed, or whether it be a plate or 19 the paper plate that's on there. This week's initiative 20 in the 12th Precinct drew against responsible driving 21 initiative. We had 26 felony arrests; 1 firearm was 22 recovered. 43 ordinances were issued, including 7 from 23 24 the license plate and 17 for the paper license plate 25 violation. There were some that when stopped, they



literally folded up a piece of paper, wrote a date on
 this blank piece of paper and taped it to the back
 window.

So, again, it is certainly our goal to educate 4 5 before we enforce. But we cannot turn a blind eye again, 6 to those that are irresponsibly operating motor vehicles 7 here in our city. Fox2 highlighted our unsheltered 8 population response team on the 17th, where again, Fox2 9 joined members of our unsheltered population response team to show our outreach efforts in the city. The team 10 made contact with several unsheltered individuals and 11 12 provided them with resources. The officers also checked 13 hotspot and parking structures to check for any 14 individuals that were in need. On Tuesday, March 18th, 15 Senator Elissa Slotkin visited the real time Crime Center 16 for a tour and to discuss our crime reduction efforts and 17 also the needs for the department and our efforts to make this community safe. And lastly, tomorrow, March 21st at 18 10:30 AM at Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church, we have 19 the graduation ceremony for recruit class 2025-C. 22 20 officers will be joining the police department, and 21 22 anyone interested in joining the DPD, can visit, joindetroit'sfinest.org. Honorable body, that concludes 23 my report at this time for the chief; and I will answer 24 25 any questions that I can, at the moment. If I don't have



1 it. I will ask the team to get them.

2 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes.

3 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Through to the Chair. Thank you for the report. We obviously had an incident that 4 5 happened at Clark Park and Southwest Detroit, which I think most of us received the briefing on. But it brings 6 to mind the summer detail and just when that might be 7 activated. I know that obviously, temperatures are going 8 9 up, for folks outside; there is a lot more potential for activity to happen, fortunately. So, if you could speak 10 11 on it.

12 DC HAYES: Through the Chair. Our summer initiatives 13 have started; they will be starting this week. That will 14 include our presence in the downtown area, as well as 15 drag racing and illegal street parties throughout the 16 city. So, those initiatives, being mindful of the weather 17 change, we want to get an early jump on it. Being mindful of what happened last year in our 9th Precinct, we have 18 efforts and again, resources committed starting this 19 week. And we actually had an iteration last weekend as 20 21 well. We addressed those very concerns, sir.

22 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yeah. Let the record reflect that 23 Commissioner Carter, and Commissioner Woods are present. 24 Any more questions? Yes, sir. Commissioner Bell.

25 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you. I just want to commend



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the chief for his traffic enforcement initiative with the 1 City of Detroit. Surely, we all agree it is needed, and I 2 was pleased that it was one of his priorities in terms of 3 addressing that issue. Second, I just want to thank the 4 5 chief for attending the advisory panel. It was excellent. 6 It was a unique forum, and Commissioner Chair was there, Commissioner Carter was there. I want to acknowledge Ms. 7 Blossom and her team; they did an outstanding job for 8 9 this one. Still interacting with young people. DPD leadership. Not just DPD. We had Dearborn, we had state 10 police and, what others 11

12 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Wayne State.

13 COMMISSIONER BELL: Wayne State. So, these are very 14 important for the leadership to engage in terms of young 15 people. They asked them some tough questions, but they 16 handled the questions. Thank you, sir.

DC HAYES: Through the Chair. I will certainly conveythose words of appreciation to Chief Bettison,

19 Commissioner Bell.

20 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes.

21 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I want to follow up on what 22 you said about Ms. Teresa Blossom is a member of the 23 board of police commissioners' staff. Not only did she 24 organize this event, contact Wayne State University, get 25 young people involved, get, I mean, educate them on her



own time, hundreds of hours, quite frankly. She looked at the grant from the Skillman Foundation. She wrote the grant proposal, and she obtained the grant in order to advise the youth in the City of Detroit about the police department. And then get them engaged in the policy making and law making, if you will, of the City of Detroit. She deserves our total appreciation and

8 congratulations.

9 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: So, the Board of Police Commissioners made some powerful decisions. So, we are 10 very, very appreciative of what she did and what this 11 12 whole team and the staff did. It was not only her, but, 13 you know, other staff members that were there. And we 14 also want to highlight, not only to the team, but the 15 Youth Advisory Council itself, because she gave them a 16 lot of autonomy. And so, you know, to be able to create 17 and organize the event themselves; they came up with good questions; a very robust program. So, definitely hats off 18 to them. And I don't want to belabor the point because we 19 have to move on. Anything else before we go to the next 20

21 item? COMMISSIONER BANKS: Yeah, right here?

22 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes, sir.

23 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Did you?

24 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: No, no, no. I was pointing to 25 you, just so he saw you.



1 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Oh, okay. Through the Chair. 2 Deputy chief, I really appreciate you. What you did the 3 other day with that brother you know, what I referred you 4 to? Okay.

5 DC HAYES: Yes, sir. He was having a lot of problems. 6 Nobody wanted to help him, and I appreciate you. He got 7 results because he was calling me constantly, you know, 8 and all I could do was first, refer him to somebody. I 9 appreciate you standing up strong.

10 DC HAYES: Through the Chair, that's what I signed up 11 for, sir.

12 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay. All right. Thank you so
13 much. Let's go to oral communication.

14 MS. UNDERWOOD: Mr. Chair, you have two speakers in 15 the room, and then we'll go into Zoom. Our first speaker 16 will be Ms. Williams. And then after Ms. Williams, Nate Savino. Please forgive me if I mispronounced your name. 17 MS. WILLIAMS: Hello, through the Chair. This is for 18 you, Liberty. Last week, you were like, "I'm so happy to 19 see you, so pleasant." And I said this, "I'm not mean or 20 hateful. I'm just very disappointed when people do not 21 respect their jobs and they play on both sides of the 22 fence." I've been speaking about homeless people, and 23 24 officers in shelters for over 10 months. Like I said, maybe if somebody would've done their job, those two kids 25



would've been alive. It is a coincidence that the deputy 1 chief is here because he made a point to say no one is in 2 the shelters that have badges, period. That's what Chief 3 White said. That's not the truth. It is very unfortunate 4 5 that I sit up here and complain about equality and justice for all. And there are a lot of people in this 6 7 room who do not respect their positions and always want to cover what is really going on. This could not be going 8 on in these facilities, officers or anybody associated 9 with the Detroit Police Department. Either, they are in 10 an academy; they are coming in there with their weapons, 11 12 that's illegal. It's organized. They sit down and execute 13 how they are going to get around the system. And like I 14 said, they meet at the libraries; work with the 15 Manchester Myers Cormier building, both sides to the 16 front, Rosa Park on the buses, places I go when I'm on 17 the bus and I pay attention.

And their coworkers could be in the system. I've 18 been going through this over four years at the corruption 19 of Detroit police officers. I cannot say the whole 20 21 department. And like you said, there are some great officers in this department, but there are a lot of young 22 23 one's you guys are recruiting. Like Linda Bernard says, are they getting any mental evaluation when they smoke 24 marijuana, drinking, and popping pills? These are the 25



1 officers that you give the badges and guns to. It is not accepted, period. I don't know when my time is up, but I 2 know an officer put glass in my shoe this morning at 3426 3 Mack Avenue, and I went to make a complaint on it. It is 4 5 not acceptable when they continue to record me illegally 6 and endanger my life through social media. CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay, thank you. 7 MS. WILLIAMS: Thank you. Have a good day. 8 9 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes. Next speaker. 10 MR. SAVINO: Hello, board. CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Hello. How are you doing? 11 12 MR. SAVINO: Pretty good. How are you guys doing? CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Great. You may be heard. 13 14 MR. SAVINO: My name is Nate Savino. I have been a 15 long-time resident of City of Detroit, and for about the 16 past 17 years, I have been harassed by a neighbor across 17 the street. I've made multiple police reports about it. Didn't know who was doing it until about a year and a 18 half ago. Made a police report about it, and the police 19 have just failed miserably at doing anything about it. 20 I've had this neighbor make hundreds of false 911 calls 21 at my house, fire truck runs, gas leak calls. I made a 22 23 police report about it, nothing was done. He allowed himself to be arrested last year, I believe, in August, 24 25 by coming out of his house. He was immediately out that



same night. In September, he failed to appear for a felony court hearing about it, 7/8 months ago. And nothing has been done about it. He hasn't been arrested. I'm keeping the story very short here, but I don't know what else to do about it. I called the police station about it. I just get nothing but adversarial attitudes and the runaround. Nothing's done, warrants won't be

8 issued. Basically, I've been told by my victim advocate9 that basically nothing will be done.

10 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: What precinct is this?

11 MR. SAVINO: 3rd Precinct. Okay. Chief.

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DC HAYES: Through the Chair. Mr. Savino, this is the 12 first time I'm hearing about this. What you described is 13 14 not the level of service that we strive to provide for 15 each and every member in this community, whether they're 16 a resident or whether they're visiting. I have Officer 17 Nelson here who will step out in the hallway. He will get all the pertinent information for me to look into this 18 matter. And I will follow up with you within 7 days with 19 a plan of action to inform you of everything that's going 20 21 on and what any potential next steps would be.

22 MR. SAVINO: I've heard that exact same story 23 multiple times, sir. I came here last year, maybe in 24 August, spoke to an Officer Moore that was outside. Same 25 kind of thing. Oh, I'm going to take care of it. Turns



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into getting a run around. No response. Nothing. But
 nothing but nothing.

3 DC HAYES: Unclear.

MR. SAVINO: I've spoken to Deputy Chief Williams; I 4 spoke to in the past. I've spoken to the police chief. 5 6 Everybody you could possibly imagine, the commander there. I finally made out a chief investigator's report 7 about a week ago. But I didn't want to really do that, 8 but I was left with no other recourse. How many felonies 9 do you have to commit in the city to actually get 10 arrested? How many decades do you have to deal with a 11 12 neighbor doing this? Seriously, it's beyond ridiculous. What else can I do other than move out of the city? The 13 14 goal is to get everybody to move out of the city. That's 15 the only thing that makes any sense. The two minutes are 16 up?

17 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: They are going to get your 18 information, and follow up some more, you know if you're 19 saying it's going through the court process already, it 20 is under the jurisdiction of the prosecutor.

21 MR. SAVINO: Well, to go through the rest of the 22 court process, they would have to arrest him and keep him 23 in jail and make him go to court.

24 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay. I don't know the nuance out 25 of that, but ---



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1	MR. SAVINO: Everybody tells me it's somebody else's.
2	Oh, you have to deal with the court, you have to do that.
3	Oh, the police have to
4	CHAIRPERSON WOODS: It's possible. You know, and so,
5	he can help you with whatever is in the jurisdiction of
б	the Detroit Police Department to handle, we expect that
7	to happen.
8	DC HAYES: Mr. Chair, the actions that I take, I will
9	report back to you within 7 days when I lokk into this
10	matter.
11	COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the Chair.
12	CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yeah.
13	COMMISSIONER BURTON: I'd like to be included in that
14	as well. Deputy Chief Hayes. This is one of my
15	constituents in District 5. So, the 3rd Precinct is
16	definitely in District 5.
17	CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay.
18	COMMISSIONER BURTON: And I'd like to give you my
19	card.
20	MR. SAVINO: That'd be great, because I've been
21	dealing with this for approximately 17 or 18 years.
22	CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Go ahead.
23	MR. SAVINO: I was in my early 30s when it started,
24	and now I'm in my early 50s.
25	CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Chief Investigator point



1 order, sir.

2 MR. SAVINO: Yeah.

3 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Chief Investigator.

4 CI WARFIELD: Sir, as of last week, we did receive 5 Mr. Savino's complaint, and we do have a senior 6 investigator assigned to his complaint.

7 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay. So, your OCI claim is 8 received by this office, and that will be investigated on 9 my end as well, and you will get direct service from us 10 for sure. 1000%. And Deputy Chief Hayes has made his 11 commitment, we expect an answer within 7 days.

12 MR. SAVINO: Okay? Thank you, sir.

13 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: All right. Thank you.

MS. UNDERWOOD: Mr. Chair, we're going to go into Soom. Our first speaker will be former Commissioner William Davis. After former Commissioner Davis will go to Mr. Jadante Smith and Ms. Taura Brown, and we have others.

CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay. All right. Commissioner
 Davis.

21 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Can I be heard?

22 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: You may be heard, sir.

MR. DAVIS: Okay, certainly. Good. I was wondering, have you all backlogged cases decreased? I would think that they have, and you all should be given like, say



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1 maybe at least monthly or quarterly updates on the backlog and making sure it's going down. Especially, as I 2 understand it, that Detroit's going to have to be more 3 responsible for holding prisoners. Because I know at one 4 time Detroit got in trouble with the Justice Department. 5 6 I don't know if they are in trouble with them now with the injustice in that Department, but I was more closely 7 associated with the Justice Department in the back 8 9 because I was a part of the Justice Department task force under Obama and Trump for his first term. And I think we 10 should make sure that we are doing more, especially with 11 12 the backlog. And you all should start thinking about how 13 you all are going to approach or what language I might 14 need to do as it relates to Detroit starting or will be 15 restarting to house its own prisoners. Also, I think a 16 greater incentive needs to be made to make sure more people are there on time; more commissioners are there on 17 time, or at least give notice that they're going to be 18 late, or not showing up. Thank you. 19 20 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Thank you. 21 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: Through the Chair.

22 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes, sir.

23 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: To respond to his first 24 inquiry, related to the backlog. As you know we do have 25 the dashboard that is available on the Board of Police



Commissioner's website, but as we integrate that technology there is data being input that's making it a bit difficult for us to have a strong number for the month of March. But our expectation, through the Chief Investigator's Office that we'd be able to update those numbers in ---

7 CI WARFIELD: About the first week of April. COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: The first week of April. And 8 9 so, we'll be able to present that, not only through the dashboard, but also here at the board of police 10 commissioners meeting, so that the citizens know where we 11 12 are up to date. But we can say confidently that the OCI 13 staff has been working diligently getting cases done. I'm 14 looking at several now. And so, we are confident that we 15 are putting a dent in the cases that are coming in for 16 investigation. Thank you. Chair?

17 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes. Next speaker.

MS. UNDERWOOD: Our next speaker is Mr. Jadante
Smith. After Mr. Smith, it would be Ms. Taura Brown and
Demeeko Williams.

21 MR. SMITH: Good afternoon. May I be heard?
22 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes, sir.

23 MR. SMITH: Did you guys miss me? I'm going to start 24 off with that. I also want to say very, very much a shout 25 out to the BOPC staff. Ms. Underwood, not Jonya



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1 Underwood, I'm sorry. The lady who does the youth council, did an excellent job with that program. Tamara 2 Liberty Smith, I'm going to let you slide because it's 3 Women's History Month. You know exactly what you've done, 4 5 especially in coming to my church and talking to people about me. Not a nice move, not a nice thing to do. But I 6 do want to talk about Commissioners Hernandez and 7 Pressley. You guys have, along with the Chair, stopped a 8 lot of motions. You guys have caused a lot of confusion 9 on the board and done a lot of things to negatively 10 impact citizens' complaints, citizens' comments. Also, 11 12 Chief Hayes, I hope you actually follow up with this 13 complaint, because when I had my complaint, you told me 14 something that was very, very, very incorrect about my 15 situation. So, I hope you actually help this guy. 16 And that level of service that this gentleman is 17 getting today is not typical of general complaints when citizens have complaints. So, hopefully he gets some help 18 or something. But usually, we don't get that type of 19 service from anybody in the department. Also, we have 20 great leadership in the department now, but officers 21 still need to work on things, especially stealing shoes 22 from each other. I think that's kind of a negative factor 23 in, you know, having faith. Also, I would like to get an 24 25 apology from Lieutenant Brandon Cole, since he has



sneakily come back on the force and would've never been
 publicized had we not figured it out.

Shout out to Taura Brown, my girl. She's an 3 analytical whiz. That's my only thing. If I don't get an 4 5 apology from him and he doesn't go through DEI training, 6 I'm going to file a complaint. I'm going to stay on this until we get some action out of this. Because if he's 7 over protest and he has the power that he had before, 8 9 nobody who protests is safe. That man said racist comments to me. He had political views he was spewing at 10 11 me, and he didn't even have a body camera on. How do you 12 have a lieutenant with 25 years on the force who doesn't 13 have a body camera on at a protest?

14 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Thank you. Next speaker.

15 MS. BROWN: Good afternoon, commissioners.

16 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Good afternoon.

17 MS. BROWN: I want to keep it light today, because I see you all got a lot of stuff coming at you, but I just 18 19 wanted to say, you all, please try to be mindful of your attendance. And I say that I know things happen. I know 20 work happens. I know a lot of things happen, but you all 21 are determining who we're going to have on the Board of 22 Police Commission later on. If people get mad enough 23 about your attendance, we might get some of these people 24 25 who are running right now. And yeah, some of them are



excellent, but then some of them are not the best. As a matter of fact, one of them, I believe, had court today for a B&E. So, again, we need you all here because you represent these districts. And even as recent as yesterday, I'm out of District 5, and apparently the Ethics Commission hauled my commissioner in about attendance.

And you all are getting a letter about attendance. 8 9 So, please, please be mindful about your attendance. On another note, please also make it a point to find out 10 what is happening with Mr. Savina's case. I don't know 11 12 him. We live in the same district. But yeah, what he's 13 talking about is very concerning, as is what Jadante was 14 just talking about with his issue with Brandon Cole. 15 Again, you all please follow up on these issues. Don't 16 just leave it to the commissioner whose district is in, 17 because if they forget and the police don't follow up, it's all gone. Thank you for your time. Have a great 18 19 weekend.

20 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Thank you so much. Next speaker.21 Next speaker.

22 MR. WILLIAMS: Yes, can you hear me?

23 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes, sir. I can hear you.

24 MR. WILLIAMS: Yes. Hi, Demeeko Williams, private 25 citizen. I'm also a resident, taxpayer, and legacy



Detroiter. And I just want to call and say I'm very 1 disappointed with this board allowing Brandon Cole to get 2 back on the force. I'm still traumatized from what he did 3 outside Black Lives Matter. By him putting my picture in 4 a racist discord chat to go to white supremacist to do 5 God knows what to me. I'm still shocked and traumatized 6 7 by the Black Lives Matter protest in which former chief James Craig is running today. I'm still traumatized by 8 9 Mayor Duggan, running for governor. There's not a true squad or a fact squad to tell what's been going on. And 10 also, why are you all continuing to hire these cops that 11 12 are accused of misconduct indemnifications that are not 13 explained at City Council when they come to the Internal 14 Affairs to be approved for private settlements that we 15 don't have the money for. If those officers are in bad 16 shape, they should be cut. And I'm still upset from what 17 happened back then. My reputation was almost destroyed. And you allowed Todd Bettison to become the chief without 18 giving me an actual apology for arresting me at a charter 19 meeting that I had nothing to do with. I'm a victim. I'm 20 a traumatized victim, innocent under this roque police 21 force, and I'm sick and tired of it. 22

23 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay. Thank you so much. So, we 24 are going to go to the presentation to the board, the 25 Human Resource Director, Katrina Patillo.



DIRECTOR PATILLO: Good afternoon. Through the Chair.
 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Good afternoon.

3 DIRECTOR PATILLO: I'll be presenting the Human 4 Resource report for the month of February. So, the 5 department, at the end of February, was currently filled 6 at 97%. For sworn, we were 98% filled. We had 2,621 7 police officers, with 52 vacancies. So, a vacancy rate of 2%. For civilians, 92% were filled. Vacancies, we had 67 8 9 at the end of the month, 8% vacancies. For police assistance, we were at 91% filled and 29 and 32. There 10 11 were 3 vacancies, that was 9%. For sworn, recruiting, 12 beginning at the fiscal year, we had a total of 1,277 13 total applicants. 502 were in process. 1 withdrawn 245 that was archived. We hired 96 within a timeframe. 87 14 15 were disgualified, 66 currently disgualified, and 280 was 16 waiting on MCOLES. For the physical agility and written 17 agility for the month of February. For the written test, 18 we had 164 that were scheduled. 94 appear. 65 passed. 29 19 failed. We had 70 no-shows. But the physical agility, we 20 had 169 that were scheduled. 111 that appeared, 77 that passed 34 failures and 58 no shows. 21

For academy graduates, we did have a class that graduated with 24. For new hires, we had a total of 52. So, 23 sworn police officers, 29 civilians. For Detroit residency, the breakout is, for Detroit, 607, 430



1 civilians and 15 police assistants. For none Detroiters, 2014 were sworn, 325 for civilians, 14 for police 2 assistance. And of those numbers for the February new 3 hires, we have 13 Detroit residents for civilian 4 5 professional staff. And 6 were sworn for the police 6 academy. For attrition, we have a total of 35, 19 sworn, 15 civilians, 1 police assistant. And then for the legal 7 action were sworn. FMLA continuously, we had 14 8 civilians, 3 FMLA intermediate, we hired 14 civilians, 58 9 10 were paid parental leave, we had 11 sworn, 1 civilian on medical leave, 1 civilian, 6 restricted, 2 for sworn, 9 11 12 for civilian professional staff, 21 disabled for sworn, 3 13 for civilians and 25 for sworn, 3 for civilians.

14 For sworn suspensions, we had a total of 12, 11 15 police officers, 1 sergeant. And then for a monthly 16 preparation for February, we had a total of 19. The 17 breakout was 13 police officers, 1 investigator, 3 sergeants, 1 lieutenant, 1 captain. And then for our drop 18 deferred program, we have a total of 496. And then just 19 to go over some other numbers. When we look at our 20 21 calendar year from January, 2024 to the present, we have a net gain of 126 million professional staff. And looking 22 at that number from January, 2025 to the present, we have 23 a total net gain of 11 thus far. And then for sworn, when 24 25 we look at the numbers from January, 2023 through the



1 present, we have a total net gain of 343 police officers. And then for the calendar year as of right now, we have a 2 total of net gain of 5. So, 300, and assist. So, pretty 3 much since the contract, 343 net gain. Currently, right 4 5 now we have six classes in the academy totaling 156 students. And as the Deputy Chief has already said, we 6 have a class that graduates this coming Friday. Are there 7 any questions? That concludes our presentation. 8

CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yeah. Commissioner Dewaelsche. 9 10 Yes, thank you for that report. I just have a quick 11 question on the demographic report pages. You have one 12 for the total numbers, and then you have one for the age 13 of sworn members by race and sex. Are those numbers 14 supposed to add up? I mean, I'm sorry. Are they supposed to be the same in each category? Because I'm looking at, 15 16 for instance, the total demographic report of Hispanic males says 120, and then on the age of the officers on 17 the Hispanic male column, it says 118. 18

19 DIRECTOR PATILLO: So that could be a variation of 20 what those reports were equal.

21 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHE: So, each one of the columns 22 is like two or three off compared to the total. And so, 23 you're saying, I guess I'm not understanding why that 24 would not be the same.

25 DIRECTOR PATILLO: I can dig into it more, but what



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03/20/2025 1 I'm saying is the demographics could have been pulled a 2 different day than the other report. 3 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHE: Oh, okay. All right. DIRECTOR PATILLO: But I will go back and verify. 4 5 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHE: Yeah, it just seems, if 6 you're comparing reports, the numbers should be the same. DIRECTOR PATILLO: I'll go back and verify. 7 8 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHE: Thank you. 9 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay. Please report to Commissioner Dewaelsche that information. 10 11 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHE: Thank you. 12 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Commissioner Hernandez, and then 13 Commissioner Bell. 14 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Thank you. Through the 15 Chair. Is there an update on the officer? I think there 16 were initially around 30 who were waiting for MCOLES 17 certification? You know the case that I'm referring to?

DIRECTOR PATILLO: Yes. So, there were initially 32 18 and then 4 more were added. So, where we are right now 19 20 all officers have reported back to the street except for 5. Of that number 2 of the 5 resigned a couple months 21 22 ago. But we still have to process their paperwork and get 23 it up to MCOLES. And then we have 3 that we're working with right now to finalize their paperwork. 24

25 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Thank you.



CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay. Commissioner Bell.
COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you, Mr. Chair.
CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes, sir.
COMMISSIONER BELL: Director, 2014, all the way to
2023 or 24, we had a tremendous issue in terms of
recruiting and hiring. Do you recall when you came on
board?
DIRECTOR PATILLO: Yes. So, I've been here for
approximately 4 years. March of 2021, I believe.
Approximately over 330 vacancies with sworn police
officers.
COMMISSIONER BELL: And where are we now?
DIRECTOR PATILLO: As of Monday, we're at 38
vacancies.
COMMISSIONER BELL: Tremendous job in terms of
recruiting, and hiring, and I know Chief White was
impressed and the mayor was impressed. We were impressed
with your due diligence in terms of working this up, and
we just see that all over the place in terms of you out
there. And thank you for your service.
DIRECTOR PATILLO: Thank you. It is a team effort
collectively; it takes everyone to.
CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Any further questions? Okay. We
have a hot agenda today, so thank you so much. And thank
you for the work, and just get the update to Commissioner



1 Dewaelsche.

2 DIRECTOR PATILLO: Yes.

3 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: All right. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: Mr. Chair. I do have a 4 5 question for you though, or maybe the department, because 6 we know that there were some gaps that needed to be identified relative to how there were officers who were 7 certified through MCOLES. And I know there was some 8 9 conversation about an investigation being done, and I just wanted to know who's doing that investigation and 10 11 what timeline we can expect to figure out that those gaps 12 have been closed.

13 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Internal Affairs is doing that, 14 and they're going to defend this answer that the 15 concierge went and had a conversation with the deputy 16 chief.

DC HAYES: Yes. Through The Chair, as indicated by the Chair, Internal Affairs is handling that investigation. And it is my understanding, this is just brief, that they're wrapping that up. So, you should have it very soon, as to the findings of that, and also a solution, and what has been put in place. So, we never revisit that again.

24 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: Thank you. Thank you, Chair.
 25 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Thank you. Great question.



1 Alright. Yes, sir.

2 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Through the Chair. This is for3 the deputy chief though.

4 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay. Alright.

5 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Is that okay?

6 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: You are good. Now, you are good 7 with her?

8 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Yeah. I'm fine with the

9 director.

10 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Thank you, director. Go ahead.

COMMISSIONER BANKS: Deputy Chief, back in January of 11 12 2025, there was a young man who was shot, 19 years old on 13 St. Mary's Street, for blocking, I know he was blocking a 14 driveway and the police officers, the Detroit Police 15 Department was saying that they were going to shoot him. 16 This took place on St. Mary Street, and the mother is 17 very traumatized. Is there any way, or I could see a video cam on that to make sure that the Detroit Police 18 Department follows procedure with this act? And also, can 19 you reach out, possibly to the parents, the mother? I'm a 20 21 shoulder that they can lean on. I'm also a chaplain and I have a degree in grief counseling and chaplaincy, and I 22 23 can help the parents out.

DC HAYES: Through the Chair. So, we see behind me, Captain John Whitmer, who oversees our family unit, who



has the outreach that you just mentioned. So, postmeeting, I will get the particulars on the incident. We will certainly reach out to the family. And as far as what happened that day, I need to familiarize myself with it and then make sure that I get that video that you're looking for, and make sure that it is available for this

8 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Thank you, Deputy Chief, sir.
 9 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: All right. Thank you. Madam
 10 Secretary.

body's review.

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MS. GARNIER: In your packets, Commissioners today 11 12 are the various documents and communications, the 13 announcements for today are listed; next board meeting, 14 next Thursday, March 27th, 3:00 PM here at headquarters. 15 Our next community meeting is on Thursday, April 10th, 16 6:30 PM in the 9th Precinct at Ford Community Center, which is located at 15491 Madeline Street. The next 17 18 committee meetings, Budget meets April 1st at 4:00 PM, here at Headquarters in the Woodward conference room. And 19 also, the same day the Policy Committee will meet 20 21 Tuesday, April 1st, 5:00 PM in the Woodward room here in 22 Public Safety headquarters. As we spoke about the YAP 23 meeting on Saturday, as all have noted it was well 24 attended. There is some further information for 25 commissioners under your FYI tab. That ends the report,



1 sir.

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2 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay. Thank you. I have the 3 positions posted for the administrative assistant 4 positions.

5 MS. GARNIER: The one position, I think Commissioner 6 Hernandez, you want to speak to it. It was posted, but 7 we've noticed that there are a couple of typos.

8 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Typos, okay.

9 MS. GARNIER: And absent that, that one is posted. 10 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: So, we have two. One is posted 11 and one is being straightened out.

12 MS. GARNIER: Yes, sir.

13 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay. And so, for the public, 14 look on our website, right or the City of Detroit 15 website.

16 MS. GARNIER: The City of Detroit's website.

17 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: And if you know anybody who's 18 looking for some employment, who has the skills to be 19 able to help us continue to do the work, please apply. And so that we've been getting a lot of good responses in 20 21 the past, you know, so we encourage you to look at the City of Detroit website and Commissioner Hernandez. 22 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Through the C chair. We'll 23 actually share out both links directly with all 24



commissioners, so that you can distribute out to your

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1	communities, churches, universities, whoever you might
2	know. But yeah, both positions are under review for
3	accuracy, and we're working diligently with HR to make
4	sure that those positions get posted very quickly.
5	CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay. So, we have to make sure we
6	do a deeper dive and make sure we don't have those
7	mistakes. Okay. Thank you. And thank you for your
8	leadership in getting that straightened out. Yes, sir.
9	COMMISSIONER BELL: This concerns the board
10	secretary. When can we anticipate your assessment of your
11	job and also of the staff? I assume that you've been on
12	the job X number of months, but how can we anticipate in
13	terms of reporting out to the entire board in reference
14	to your experience of being a board secretary?
15	COMMISSIONER BERNARD: What report?
16	COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: Through the Chair?
17	CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes.
18	COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: If I may. I mean, I think
19	that can be something that could be scheduled through
20	your prerogative. I mean, as we see fit to make those
21	values is necessary. I mean, to ask the secretary that, I
22	think might be a bit premature, just ensuring what your
23	schedule and priorities might be.
24	CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Absolutely. Commissioner

25 Hernandez:



1 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Yeah. I actually think that's inappropriate. Two weeks ago, we made a vote. This 2 body made a vote to send that particular item to my 3 committee, Personnel and Training. And that's exactly 4 5 what we're doing. What the priority item is right now is 6 getting the two postings up and handled. And we have a timeline to be able to do that, but we will gladly take 7 that item on. Obviously, the vote, and the board voted to 8 do that. So, we'll do that. 9

10 COMMISSIONER BELL: What is the timeline, and posting 11 is very easy, but what would be the terms ---

12 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: It would be the prerogative of 13 the chair, the Personnel and Training Committee.

14 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: I'll do a report out on what 15 that timeline is. And I'll even invite you up to the 16 committee if you're available, because I still don't know 17 the particulars of what you're even asking. That's not a 18 matter that we're going to take off ---

19 COMMISSIONER BELL: The secretary's assessment of her 20 job and also assessment of the staff that she's 21 overseeing.

22 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay. Well, let us ---

23 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Again, we're taking that 24 item up. We've done it before. I mean, we've done it for 25 the OCI chief, we've done it for passport secretaries.



It's a common practice. I'll just remind everyone that for the city, we run on a fiscal calendar, not January to December. So, it's commensurate with that timeline, which I follow city HR and legal, And I'll report. I'm more than happy to do that. CHAIRPERSON WOODS: You do a phenomenal job in that COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: I just want to make sure we are doing it the right way. CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Great, great leadership, and it's been refreshing what you have brought. And I think we have strong committee chairs, and participants in these committees who are doing God's work, you know? So, thank you. Let's move on. So, we have new business. Is that your motion? COMMISSIONER BERNARD: My motion? CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yeah. Is it for the policy or

17 18 should I --- I need to entertain this motion. Okay. So, 19 it's not a report. Okay. I entertain a motion to adopt as policy director 201.6, stolen and wanted motor vehicles. 20

DR. JACKSON: Mr. Chairman, the chairman of the 21 committee needs to make the motion first. 2.2

23 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay.

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DR. JACKSON: Thank you, sir. 24

25 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: So, I entertained it, so she can



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1 make it now.

2 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I ask that the board entertain 3 the motion.

4 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: No, you make the motion.

5 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I mean, entertain as a motion,6 the approval of its two (unclear)

7 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: A point of information. I
8 don't know which one. Just make sure this is by direction
9 of the Policy Committee, or is this just being brought by
10 ---?

11 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: That's why I'm confused.

12 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Please go ahead. I was reading 13 the case that we're getting ready to hear. I'm sorry.

14 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yeah. I'm confused in terms of -15 -

16 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: It should have gone through 17 the Policy Committee.

18 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: And it did.

19 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: Okay. So, then that means

20 that the chair of the Policy Committee

21 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Talk to us.

22 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: The Policy Committee should

23 be providing us, by recommendation of the Policy

24 Committee. That's the only thing I was trying to clarify.

25 It sounded as if Commissioner Bernard was making the



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1 motion as a commissioner, which would require a second in 2 discussion, as opposed to it being by direction of the 3 Policy Committee. 4 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: It's the motion -- here? 5 MS. GARNIER: There is a policy memorandum

6 highlighting the activity of the committee in incoming 7 correspondence, as the parliamentarian has advised us the 8 motion is to be made under tab A, 8(a) and 8(b); the 9 first motion on the policy that was recommended out.

s intermetion on one points chat was recommended out.

10 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Listen, listen, listen. Her

11 report should be in here, and it should be by

12 recommendation of the Policy Committee that we approve

13 that report. You know, and that's how I suppose it had

14 been written up. Are the minutes or the report prepared?

15 Is it in our package?

16 DR. JACKSON: Mr. Chairman, the board doesn't approve 17 the minutes.

18 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Right? The I'm talking about the 19 report.

20 DR. JACKSON: The board also does not approve ---

21 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: By recommendation of the report 22 about a recommendation of the policy committee, we are 23 going to approve the report, right?

24 DR. JACKSON: No, sir.

25 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: As we usually do.



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1 DR. JACKSON: No.

2 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Where is the report?

COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: Mr. Chair, if I might clarify 3 before this gets even further confusing. What you have 4 requested is actually in the binder, just kind of hidden 5 here. And so, it is right before tab A but again, this is 6 a memorandum that comes from the Policy Committee, a 7 meeting that was held on March 18th, 2025. And in these 8 minutes are the two policy directives that are on our 9 agenda. And so, if Commissioner Bernard as the chair of 10 that committee can locate that in her binder. And again, 11 12 just by recommendation of the Policy Committee give us 13 the first directive and then the second I think we can 14 move forward. Mr. Chair.

15 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Amen.

16 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: Thank you.

17 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Okay. First of all, attending 18 the committee meeting for myself and Commissioner ---

19 COMMISSIONER BELL: Microphone.

20 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Oh, I'm sorry. You know me. 21 God no. Attending the committee meeting where myself and 22 Commissioner Eva Dewaelsche, along with Commissioner

23 Parish and persons from his office, Felicia Tyson ---

24 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Deputy Chief Parish.

25 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Oh, Deputy Chief Parish. I'm



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1 sorry.

2 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: I mean commander.

3 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I said Commander. But anyway, CHAIRPERSON WOODS: You said, commissioner. 4 5 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I meant commander. I'm sorry. 6 Our policy assistant Felicia Tyson from the board, Commander Michael Parish, you said that from the 7 Professional Development Bureau Rosetta Stroud, the DPD, 8 Planning, Research and Development Lieutenant Michelle --9 - my eyes are very bad today. I'm sorry. It's difficult 10 to see. Michelle Averell, DPD, Planning, Research, and 11 12 Deployment. Victoria Camille from the Coalition for Police Transparency and Accountability, and Molly 13 14 Moening, the graduate student from Wayne State University 15 Law School. We had a spirited discussion about two 16 issues, and then one that we've deferred. The first was the Directive 201.1 uniform patrol. The directive was 17 held for further revision to ensure compliance with 18 current laws and best practices, and to incorporate input 19 from the Detroit Police Department and our community 20 21 stakeholders. There had been some changes, and everyone wanted to look at it again. A future presentation for 22 23 this memo will be determined. The second out directive 24 was policy directive 201.6, stolen and wanted motor vehicles and 401.4 unconfirmed members. These directors 25



1 were approved by the committee and we are now forwarding 2 them to the full board for a vote. So, I moved those two 3 policies by recommendation of the committee that those 4 two policies be approved by the board.

CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Any discussion? There being no 5 discussion? There is no objection. This will be approved. 6 Okay. All right. So, let's go into the Closed Session, I 7 guess. We're going to (d). I entertain a motion to go 8 9 into Closed Session pursuant to Section 8(a) of the Open Meetings Act, MCL 15.268(a). The department's request for 10 the board to consider administrative leave without pay, 11 12 but with medical benefits for the Police Officer Sterling 13 Lacey, Badge number 1718, assigned to the 3rd Precinct. 14 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: So, moved.

15 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Second.

16 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Moved by Commissioner Pressley, 17 and second C Hernandez. Any discussion? All in favor? 18 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Anyone opposed? The motion is
 carried. This is a three-minute recess.

(Whereupon the Board Entered into Closed Session)
CHAIRPERSON WOODS: It is March 20, 2025. It's 4:33.

23 The Board of Police Commissioners is back in open

24 session. Please call the roll.

25 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Woods - Present.



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1	MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Smith - Present.
2	MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Bernard - Present.
3	MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Banks - Present.
4	MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Bell - Present.
5	MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Burton - Present.
6	MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Carter - Yes.
7	MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Moore - Present.
8	MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Hernandez - Present.
9	MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Pressley - Here.
10	MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Dewaelsche - Present.
11	MS. GARNIER: 11 present, sir.
12	CHAIRPERSON WOODS: What is the pleasure of the
13	board?
14	COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: Mr. Chair?
15	CHAIRPERSON WOODS Yes, sir.
16	COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: I move that we accept the
17	department's recommendation to suspend Police Officer
18	Sterling Lacey? Badge number 1718 without pay, but with
19	medical benefits?
20	COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Second.
21	CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Motion made by Commissioner
22	Pressley and second by Commissioner and Hernandez. No
23	discussion, right, or any discussion.
24	COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: But it should be limited
25	discussion. No discussion. All in favor, say, aye?



- 1 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.
- 2 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Roll call.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON WOODS Yep. Start the roll.
- 4 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Woods Leave me last.
- 5 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Smith Yes.
- 6 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Bernard No.
- 7 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Banks Yes.
- 8 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Bell Yes.
- 9 MS. GARNIER Commissioner Burton No.
- 10 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Carter Yes.
- 11 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Moore Abstain.
- 12 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Hernandez Yes.
- 13 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Pressley Yes.
- 14 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Dewaelsche Yes.
- 15 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Woods Yes.
- 16 MS. GARNIER: 7 votes, nay.
- 17 COMMISSIONER I counted 8.

18 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: Yeah. 8 nay votes.

19 MS. GARNIER: I'm sorry. 8 votes. 2 nay, and 1 ---

- 20 oh, I'm sorry.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: An abstention, and a yep.
- 22 MS. GARNIER: 3 nay votes.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: All right.

24 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: Now you have to say what 25 happened.



1 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Excuse me. Now the department's recommendation is approved. Okay. let's go to the ---2 3 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Through the Chair. 4 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes. COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: I'll make a motion to go 5 6 into Closed Session pursuant to Section 8(a) of the Open Meetings Act, MCL 15.268(a), the department's request for 7 the board to consider administrative leave without pay 8 with medical benefits for Police Officer Salahadin 9 Alawie, Badge 28, assigned to the 4th Precinct. 10 11 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: Second. 12 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Motion made to go into Closed Session by Commissioner Hernandez, and second by 13 14 Commissioner Pressley. Any discussion? All in favor say, 15 aye. 16 COMMISSIONERS: Aye. CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Anyone opposed? The motion is 17 carried. This is a two-minute recess. 18 19 (Whereupon the Board Entered into Closed Session) 20 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: It is March 20th, 2025. It is 4:49. The Board of Police Commission is back in open 21 session. Please call the roll. 2.2 23 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Woods - Present. MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Smith - Present. 24 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Bernard - Present. 25



1 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Banks - Present.

- 2 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Bell Present.
- 3 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Burton Present.
- 4 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Carter Present.
- 5 Commissioner Moore Present.
- 6 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Hernandez Present.
- 7 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Pressley Here.
- 8 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Dewaelsche Present.
- 9 MS. GARNIER: 11 present, sir.

10 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Thank you very kindly. What is

11 the pleasure of the board?

12 COMMISSIONER BANKS: I move that we go back into open

13 session pursuant ---

14 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: No, no, no, no. We're in an open 15 session.

16 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Okay. I am sorry about that.

17 Open session pursuant section ---

18 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: No, no. We're in an open session 19 here. Are you making a motion as it relates to this 20 incident?

21 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Yeah. I'm with the officer, you
22 know, calling out the officer's name.

23 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay. Go ahead. Help me frame

24 that if you could.

25 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: What is it that you want to



1 do?

2 COMMISSIONER BANKS: Oh, okay. I move that we accept Chief White, I mean, Chief Bettison's recommendation to 3 suspend Police Officer Salahadin Alawie, Badge 28, 4 5 without pay. 6 COMMISSIONER BELL: Second. CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Motion made by Commissioner Banks 7 to accept the chief's recommendation, and second by 8 Commissioner Bell. Any discussion? No discussion. Please 9 call the roll. 10 11 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I think it's inappropriate to 12 consider 13 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Be careful. COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Consider the recommendation at 14 15 this time because the officer is injured. 16 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: No, no, no, no, no, no. COMMISSIONER BERNARD: What do you mean, no. I can 17 make a recommendation. 18 19 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Where is the lawyer? 20 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Nothing wrong with that 21 recommendation. 22 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Is he on point. I just want to make sure we are good. 23 ATTORNEY GOSS: Commissioner, you cannot discuss 24 anything that was discussed in the Closed Session. So 25



1	that was brought up in Closed Session.
2	COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I apologize for the comment,
3	but I do not accept the recommendation.
4	CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Okay. Well, we're voting also.
5	So, call the roll, please.
6	MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Smith. Commissioner Smith.
7	Oh, I'm sorry. Come back.
8	MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Bernard - No.
9	MS. GARNIER: Commissioner. Banks - Yes.
10	MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Bell - Yes.
11	MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Burton - Yes.
12	MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Carter -
13	MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Moore - Yes.
14	MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Hernandez - Yes.
15	MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Pressley - Yes.
16	MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Dewaelsche - Yes.
17	MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Smith - Yes.
18	MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Woods - Yes.
19	MS. GARNIER: 10 Yay. Votes 1 Nay.
20	MS. GARNIER: Okay. And so
21	DR. JACKSON: Announced the motion is carried.
22	MS. GARNIER: The motion is carried.
23	DR. JACKSON: Thanks, sir.
24	MS. GARNIER: Yes, sir.
25	COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Through the Chair, I'll make



03/20/2025 1 a motion to move into Closed Session, pursuant Section 2 8(a) of the Open Meeting Act MCL 15.268 (a). The department requested the board to consider administrative 3 leave without pay, but with medical benefits for Police 4 5 Officer Ariana Lewis, Badge 2657, assigned to the 11th 6 Precinct. 7 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Motion made by Commissioner Hernandez to go into Closed Session. Anyone? Second? 8 9 COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: Second. CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Second by Commissioner Pressley. 10 11 Any discussion. All in favor say, aye. 12 COMMISSIONERS: Aye. CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Anyone opposed? The motion is 13 14 carried. This is a two-minute recess. 15 (Whereupon the Board Entered into Closed Session) 16 CHAIRPERSON WOODS: It is March 20th, 2025. The Board of Police Commissioners meeting is back in open session. 17 Please call the roll. 18 19 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Woods - Present. 20 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Smith - Present. MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Bernard - Present. 21 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Banks - Present. 2.2 23 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Bell - Present. MS. GARNIER: Commissioner. Burton - Present. 24 MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Carter - Here. 25



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1	MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Moore - Present.
2	MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Hernandez - Here.
3	MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Pressley - Here.
4	MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Dewaelsche - Present.
5	MS. GARNIER: 11 present, sir.
6	CHAIRPERSON WOODS: We have a quorum. What is the
7	pleasure?
8	COMMISSIONER BANKS: I move that we accept Chief
9	Bettison recommendation to suspend Ariana Lewis without
10	pay, but with medical benefits. Badge number 2657.
11	COMMISSIONER BELL: Second.
12	CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Motion made by Commissioner Banks
13	to accept the chief's recommendation, and second by
14	Commissioner Bell. Any discussion? All in favor say, aye.
15	Oh, it is a roll call vote? Call the roll, please?
16	MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Smith - Yes.
17	MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Bernard - No.
18	MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Banks - Yes.
19	MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Bell - Yes.
20	MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Burton - Yes.
21	MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Carter - Yes.
22	MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Moore - Yes.
23	MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Hernandez - Yes.
24	MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Pressley - Yes.
25	MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Dewaelsche - Yes.



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1	MS. GARNIER: Commissioner Woods - Yes.
2	MS. GARNIER: 10 Yay votes, 1 Nay.
3	CHAIRPERSON WOODS: So, the motion is accepted and it
4	go to, where are we at now, please?
5	COMMISSIONER MOORE: Motion to adjourn.
6	COMMISSIONER PRESSLEY: Second.
7	COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHE: Support.
8	CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Made by Commissioner Moore to
9	adjourn and supported by Commissioner Dewaelsche. Any
10	discussion? All in favor say, aye.
11	COMMISSIONERS: Aye.
12	CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Anyone opposed? The motion is
13	carried. We are adjourned.
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16	(Meeting Adjourned at 4:55pm)
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