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CITY OF DETROIT  
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
April 4, 2024 at 3:00 P.M.

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 2 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: The time is now 3:00 PM and  
 3 I would like to call this meeting to order. We will have  
 4 an invocation from Chaplain Mohammed Ali via Zoom  
 5 Chaplain, Ali.  
 6 CHAPLAIN ALI: [Foreign Phrase]. Peace and blessings  
 7 be upon you all, and good afternoon, let us pray.  
 8 [Foreign Phrase]. In the name of God, the most  
 9 compassionate, the most merciful who holds you and me and  
 10 all peoples in a single eternal embrace. Lord, we are  
 11 gathered here today with humble hearts, committed to do  
 12 your work. We praise you, glorify you, and thank you for  
 13 all that you have provided us and blessed us with. As we  
 14 undergo the Holy month of Ramadan, we pray for strength  
 15 and nourishment as we undertake this month-long fast,  
 16 from sunrise to sunset. We pray for physical endurance  
 17 and faith to ease the pain of hunger, and bless us with  
 18 the peace of mind, heart, body and spirit. We pray for  
 19 knowing the joy of the blessings of a loving community  
 20 mutually engaged in the difficult but rewarding work to  
 21 seek God's pleasure. We pray that we all know the  
 22 infinite love and mercy of God who appreciates our  
 23 struggles and sets us gently, yet securely back upon our  
 24 feet.  
 25 Ramadan commemorates the revelation of God's holy

1 words in the noble Quran, and reminds us that we hear God  
 2 most clearly when we stand in unity with those most in  
 3 need. We pray that Ramadan be a time of empathy and  
 4 solidarity, drawing out the depths of human compassion.  
 5 As we gather here today, we remind ourselves of the  
 6 sanctity of every human life, regardless of race,  
 7 religion, or status. We pray for a peace, love, and  
 8 justice amongst us all around the world, especially the  
 9 innocent that are in harm's way, the ones that are in  
 10 hunger, famine, war, and genocide. We pray for peace in  
 11 our most holy places and spaces around the world to allow  
 12 those to worship you in safety and free from harm. We  
 13 praise you, Lord, glorify you, and thank you for all that  
 14 you have provided and blessed us with. We seek perfect  
 15 our worship of you, and teach us how to be grateful to  
 16 you. And finally, we ask you, Lord, to bless this meeting  
 17 and those present here today with guidance, wisdom,  
 18 clarity, and good judgment in our words and actions, and  
 19 to safely return to our homes in peace. For all praise  
 20 and glory is due to you. [Foreign Phrase] to you all may  
 21 be a happy and joyous month. Amen.  
 22 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Amen.  
 23 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: [Foreign Phrase].  
 24 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Thank you. We would now like  
 25 to have an introduction of our commissioners by our

1 Acting Secretary...  
 2 MR. BROWN: Madam Chair, you don't currently have a  
 3 quorum.  
 4 DR. JACKSON: You don't have a form. You can go to  
 5 public comment, or staff reports. VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH:  
 6 Okay, thank you. So at this time, I would like to ask  
 7 Warfield for your community impact report, if there is  
 8 one at this time.  
 9 CI WARFIELD: Ma'am, we do not have a community  
 10 report this time, but I do want to report out to the  
 11 board that the progress on our case management system is  
 12 moving full speed ahead. And certainly I want to give  
 13 thanks to the staff Acting Secretary Brown, as well as  
 14 Mr. Drew Fries who have done just a yeoman's job in  
 15 making sure that we get the answers back to the various  
 16 members of Detroit City Council as it relates to our new  
 17 case management system. And also want to say a great big  
 18 thanks to Commissioner Bell for the outstanding job that  
 19 he continues to do with the new recruits in the academy.  
 20 Had an opportunity to share with him a few times now, and  
 21 it's just been a wonderful experience. Thank you, ma'am.  
 22 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Thank you. We now have a  
 23 quorum. Mr. Brown, could you please proceed with a roll  
 24 call.  
 25 MR. BROWN: Chairperson Pressley asked for an excuse.

1 MR. BROWN: Chairperson Smith - Present.  
 2 MR. BROWN: Commissioner Bernard - Attorney Linda  
 3 Bernard, District 2, present.  
 4 MR. BROWN: Commissioner Banks asked for an excused  
 5 absence.  
 6 MR. BROWN: Commissioner Bell - Present, District 4.  
 7 MR. BROWN: Commissioner Burton - Present.  
 8 MR. BROWN: Commissioner Carter -  
 9 MR. BROWN: Commissioner Moore -  
 10 MR. BROWN: Commissioner Hernandez - Present.  
 11 MR. BROWN: Commissioner Gamble asked for an excused  
 12 absence.  
 13 MR. BROWN: Commissioner Woods said he'll be running  
 14 late.  
 15 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Thank you. We'll now proceed  
 16 to the approval of the agenda of April 4th, 2024.  
 17 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: So move.  
 18 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Second.  
 19 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Hearing no objections to the  
 20 agenda, the agenda is approved. Will now proceed with the  
 21 minutes of March 28th, 2024.  
 22 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Move approval.  
 23 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Second.  
 24 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Hearing no objections, the  
 25 minutes, as presented are approved.

1 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I'm going to object to the  
 2 minutes.  
 3 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Thank you. It's noted.  
 4 DR. JACKSON: He objected. Madam Chair, the only way  
 5 one can object to adoption of the minutes is to have a  
 6 motion to amend them. Does the commissioner have a motion  
 7 to amend the minutes that he's objecting to?  
 8 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Well, there was some...  
 9 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Excuse me.  
 10 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the Chair, there were  
 11 some errors in the minutes, and so for...  
 12 DR. JACKSON: Madam Chair, if there are errors in the  
 13 minutes, this would be the time to point those out.  
 14 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Yes. Could you please point  
 15 out the errors that you have Commissioner?  
 16 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I don't have them.  
 17 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Okay. So we're moving  
 18 forward. Thank you.  
 19 COMMISSIONER BURTON: at this point, but...  
 20 DR. JACKSON: Madam Chair, I just want to...  
 21 COMMISSIONER BURTON: There were some typos in the  
 22 minutes.  
 23 DR. JACKSON: I just want to let you know, you can  
 24 always go back and correct minutes of factual errors at  
 25 any time in the future. So if the commissioner, once he

1 finds those errors, wants to come back and make a motion  
 2 to amend these minutes, he can do so. But the only way to  
 3 object to adopting the minutes is to have a motion to  
 4 amend them. Other than that, the minutes are approved.  
 5 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Thank you. Moving forward,  
 6 we now will have an introduction of the BOPC staff, chief  
 7 of police, elected officials, representatives, and  
 8 community leaders.  
 9 MR. BROWN: Good afternoon, Madam Chair. We currently  
 10 have parliamentary, Dr. Francis Jackson, Chief  
 11 Investigator Jerome Warfield, HR Director, Ms. Katrina  
 12 Patillo, Interim Supervising Investigator Elgin Murphy.  
 13 Ms. Jonya Underwood, Ms. Jasmine Taylor, and Mr. Drew  
 14 Fries. Sitting in for the chief is Deputy Chief Franklin  
 15 Hayes. And Representative Ms. Marie Overall, from State  
 16 Representative Tyrone Carter's Office, and, and, Ms.  
 17 LaDon Davis, from Council member Fred Durhal III, Office,  
 18 Lieutenant Mark Young, LSA president. And Mr. Ron Thomas,  
 19 DPO Vice President.  
 20 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Thank you Mr. Brown. We're  
 21 now moving forward to our Chief of Police report, who  
 22 will be given today by Deputy Chief Franklin Hayes.  
 23 DC HAYES: Thank you, Madam Chair, certainly to this  
 24 honorable body.  
 25 DR. JACKSON: You don't have a quorum.

1 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Oh, I'm sorry. So we have  
 2 lost our quorum and we will move forward to public  
 3 comments. Ms. Underwood, do we have any oral  
 4 communication or public comments?  
 5 MS. UNDERWOOD: Yes, Madam Chair. We have three here  
 6 in the audience. The first would be Gordon Farhat,  
 7 Minister Eric Blount and Chris Gilmer Hill.  
 8 MR. FARHAT: Good afternoon. Named Gordon Farhat. I  
 9 just want to say that I believe it is Detroit Precinct  
 10 number 5, the two ladies that do the crisis over there  
 11 are some of the most amazing people I've ever met. A  
 12 couple months ago, I looked for missing people and  
 13 located one, called them up. She was a 30-year-old, 8/9  
 14 months pregnant girl that suffered from mental illness.  
 15 And when these ladies came over there, it was amazing to  
 16 watch how they reacted with her, got her calmed down, got  
 17 her in the car, and got her some help. And so, I want to  
 18 say they do an incredible job.  
 19 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Thank you. We now have a  
 20 quorum, and I'm asking for our sit in Deputy Chief  
 21 Franklin Hayes to continue with your report. Thank you.  
 22 DC HAYES: Oh, thank you, Madam Chair. And again,  
 23 greetings on behalf of Chief White to this honorable  
 24 body, those in attendance here, as well as those that are  
 25 joining us via Zoom. I'd like to start with our injured

1 officers' report. We currently have no officers that are  
 2 out either disabled or injured recovering from none, or  
 3 on duty incidents. So that is always a good report of  
 4 health. So we certainly are grateful for that. As it  
 5 relates to our crime data, we continue to have favorable  
 6 numbers working together. We understand that we don't do  
 7 this work alone. It is with this community who is tired  
 8 of this violence that we've had previously. And with all  
 9 hands on deck from certainly our block clubs, our  
 10 community groups, our clergy, our CVI groups, this  
 11 honorable body, we are able to have some record numbers  
 12 and certainly there are so many partners that I did not  
 13 mention but they certainly had an impact as well.  
 14 For our homicides, year to date, we are 29% lower  
 15 than we were this time last year, we had 56, and this  
 16 year we have 40. Our non-fatal shootings, we are down  
 17 19%. Last year we had 160 this year, 30 less at 130.  
 18 Robberies, down 25%. This year we had 329, last year we  
 19 had, I'm sorry, last year we had 329, this year we have  
 20 248 and our carjackings are down 31%. Last year, year to  
 21 date, we had 42, this year we have 29. Combined for our  
 22 total part one violent crime, we have a 10% reduction  
 23 where we had a total of 2,743 incidents last year, and we  
 24 have this year, 2,474. As the weather's changing, one of  
 25 the initiatives that we certainly need to set a tone on

1 early, but it's not specific to Detroit, but the lawless  
 2 driving, drag racing and drifting throughout our  
 3 community.  
 4 We have started that detail. And from that, we have  
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 5 investigated so far this year since March 15 , 110  
 6 people, 57 traffic stops, we've issued 26 citations,  
 7 impounded 9 vehicles, recovered 4 stolen vehicles. We've  
 8 made 14 felony arrests and recovered 9 weapons that were  
 9 illegally possessed. We've had 10 police runs. We did  
 10 have one vehicle that attempted to flee. And one of the  
 11 areas that we're focusing on this year to curb this  
 12 behavior is exercising or holding those accountable  
 13 through city ordinance drag racing spectators, those that  
 14 come and watch this event, that too is criminal. And we  
 15 have written 6 tickets for that so far, as well. Some of  
 16 our other initiatives as the first commenter here in that  
 17 brief public comment section talked about, and we are  
 18 truly thankful for the training.  
 19 Mental health is, well, certainly not a police  
 20 issue. It's a matter that the chief is passionate,  
 21 certainly to himself. And he has rolled up his sleeves  
 22 and made sure that we are all training to serve those  
 23 with this mental health issue, in this mental health  
 24 crisis. Just to share our mental health related calls for  
 25 service, our mental nonviolent, year to date, last year

1 we had 810, this year we are at 913. So we've serviced a  
 2 hundred more mental nonviolent calls this year than last  
 3 year. Mental violence. Last year we had 349. This year we  
 4 had 333 mental, violent, and not armed. Last year we had  
 5 1,399, this year we are at 1,333. Our suicides in  
 6 progress. We were at 351 last year, this year we are at  
 7 352. And suicide threats we had 740 last year and 719  
 8 this year.  
 9 Summing all those numbers up, last year we answered  
 10 3,649 calls, this year we answered 3,650. So we're right  
 11 in the same area as we look for a solution, but yet we're  
 12 still committed to having trained officers getting those  
 13 in need the help that they need. Just talking about a few  
 14 significant incidents. I want to talk about a fatal  
 15 stabbing that happened Wednesday, April 3rd at  
 16 approximately 9:30 AM in the 15,000 block of Mack Avenue,  
 17 where officers arrived at the location and observed a 40-  
 18 year-old male victim with multiple stab wounds to his  
 19 body. His vehicle was also discovered missing. The victim  
 20 is 50-year-old, and a 51-year-old neighbor has been taken  
 21 into custody for this incident. And as we look into the  
 22 investigation, anyone that has any additional  
 23 information, while we certainly have a suspect in  
 24 custody, any eyewitnesses as well that may have seen  
 25 anything, they can contact 1800 SPEAKUP, Crime Stoppers

1 or Detroit Rewards TV.  
 2 I also want to talk about a quintuple, non-fatal  
 3 shooting that happened at the 8,200 block of West Chicago  
 4 when a large fight with shots were fired. When officers  
 5 arrived and talked to witnesses that stated several  
 6 people were shot, but all had fled the location. Four  
 7 victims had privately conveyed themselves to the  
 8 hospital, and the fifth was unable to drive himself,  
 9 flagged down a scout car for assistance, and then the  
 10 officers transported him to the hospital. All victims  
 11 were listed in stable condition. We were able to identify  
 12 a suspicious person on the hospital property, and he was  
 13 taken into custody to the DDC. This investigation is  
 14 still ongoing. Anyone with information on this incident,  
 15 please call Crime Stoppers or 1800 SPEAKUP. I would be  
 16 remiss if I left out Chief White's 12 point strategy,  
 17 which talks about venue responsibility.  
 18 And if there's a venue that's operating that  
 19 criminality has happened that now has the attention of  
 20 the Detroit Police Department, you'll get our full focus.  
 21 From that, this business was shut down for operating  
 22 outside of what they're licensed to do. And again, they  
 23 have a responsibility to patrons to foster a safe  
 24 environment and again, operate within the confines of  
 25 their permits. So this is our, our wraparound and our

1 commitment to holding those accountable, certainly those  
 2 businesses as well as criminals and, and perpetrators  
 3 throughout our city for incidents of crime. A fatal  
 4 shooting that happened on April 2nd at 12:30 AM in the  
 5 18,000 block of Clinger, where officers made the location  
 6 and found the victim lying on the porch, suffering from a  
 7 gunshot wound. A witness stated that she was inside the  
 8 location when she heard one gunshot.  
 9 The victim walked out to the front porch where he  
 10 collapsed. Per the witnesses at the scene, the firearm  
 11 was being played with, and one of the people present  
 12 accidentally shot the victim. Homicide is currently  
 13 investigating interviewing witnesses, and this is still  
 14 an ongoing investigation. And talk about a fatal shooting  
 15 that happened March 28th at 3:00 PM in the 14th thousand  
 16 block of Griggs. When officers arrived, they observed the  
 17 victim lying inside the location for multiple gunshot  
 18 wounds. Medics transported the victim to the hospital  
 19 where he was pronounced deceased. A witness stated that  
 20 two males were observed fleeing the location and got  
 21 inside of a white vehicle, after hearing five to six  
 22 gunshots fired. A search warrant was executed at the  
 23 home, and evidence has been recovered but this  
 24 investigation is ongoing as well. So, again, anyone with  
 25 any information regarding this incident, please contact

1 Crime Stoppers at 1800 SPEAK UP or Detroit Rewards TV.  
 2 Just to share a few positive highlights here.  
 3 Domestic Violence Awareness Night happened on Monday,  
 4 April 1st at Detroit Public Safety Headquarters. We are  
 5 in partnership with the Pistons. This donation drive we  
 6 were able to give out some Pistons tickets and some gifts  
 7 as well. And ultimately there were some donations to the  
 8 Detroit Public Safety foundation as well to further our  
 9 efforts to educate the community during awareness events  
 10 just like this. Tomorrow, Friday, April 5th is Detroit  
 11 Tigers opening day where DPD will have a large presence  
 12 in the footprint in surrounding areas to help direct  
 13 traffic and ensure that all attendees enjoy the day  
 14 safely. This Sunday, April 7th Powell will hold a cheer  
 15 competition at 11:00 AM at Cass Technical High School.  
 16 And then as far as one of the commitments or the charge  
 17 given from this body was that our command officers be  
 18 visible, be engaging in, talk with the constituents in  
 19 their district slash precincts.  
 20 The 10th Precinct held its monthly coffee with the  
 21 cop this past Tuesday, and the 5th Precinct held its  
 22 community meeting this past Wednesday as well. Lastly,  
 23 there were some action items requested from this body or  
 24 a member of this body at the last meeting, and would just  
 25 like to provide an update on it. Commissioner Burton had

1 requested information on data sharing agreements with  
 2 other agencies and the department's recovery process for  
 3 missing persons. Data sharing agreements were already  
 4 provided to this body. It was done during the time, I  
 5 actually provided them during our freeway camera efforts  
 6 when we were going through the procurement process with  
 7 that. So this board already has those documents, so if  
 8 there's something missing, we can certainly add them, but  
 9 they have been provided to the board already.  
 10 And then when a person is reported missing, these  
 11 are the following steps used to, excuse me, our recovery  
 12 process. We first search the premises where they were  
 13 last seen. Anywhere the size of the missing person could  
 14 be concealed. Sometimes with small children, they could  
 15 be hiding in a closet or under a bed. So literally no  
 16 drawer unopened. Just to make sure that we've done a  
 17 thorough check of the origin of the missing. That would  
 18 also include yards, cars, vacant nearby homes, lots. And  
 19 again, any rooms inside the recently cleaned where we may  
 20 smell an odor of strong bleach or chemical smells or any  
 21 disturbed yard or ground, excuse me, on that property or  
 22 curtilage, just because we know what the possibilities  
 23 are. So that is one of our steps. One of our first steps  
 24 when we address any missing.  
 25 The next step is the missing is then search for

1 using multiple law enforcement databases to see if there  
 2 has been contact with an outside agency. Sometimes  
 3 someone may be, perhaps in an accident, excuse me, they  
 4 may be in custody, and that is why they've been reported  
 5 missing because they have not been in contact with their  
 6 loved ones. This would also include a search of their  
 7 vehicle and their vehicle information. We also check with  
 8 the hospitals and the morgues to see if perhaps we have  
 9 someone by that name or perhaps the John or Jane Doe that  
 10 they currently have in their possession to see if this is  
 11 perhaps the missing person. Yeah, we talked about that  
 12 canvas area, but then we would transition to digital,  
 13 excuse me, I'm sorry, for digital evidence.  
 14 Residential cameras, neighborhoods interviewed  
 15 cameras of businesses at the nearest main roads  
 16 confirmation, thank you confirmation that the missing has  
 17 attended, work or school. So we would utilize that,  
 18 obviously reaching out to relatives and friends, social  
 19 media to see if there are any activity on their accounts.  
 20 Then if they have their bank cards, or their financial  
 21 instruments, whether it's a bank card, a bridge card, a  
 22 social security card, we're checking to see if there had  
 23 been any activity on that as well. Then Arlene or NCIC to  
 24 include, we put that message out that, again, this person  
 25 is missing, certainly after our efforts are to locate

1 them and, and find them. If we're not, then we're putting  
 2 this out through other law enforcement agencies in the  
 3 region through this national database to just put this  
 4 out.  
 5 So if anyone comes in contact with them, we can  
 6 certainly return them and get them to their loved ones.  
 7 We have incidents of those that may have mental health  
 8 issues, perhaps stages of, of physical health or ailments  
 9 that can affect their, their mind, such as dementia which  
 10 they don't know where they are or have gotten lost. So  
 11 putting this information out to our other law enforcement  
 12 partners again, all in our efforts to return this person  
 13 to their loved ones. And then the media release obviously  
 14 using our partners in the media as well again, to get  
 15 this person home. And then once they are reported, once  
 16 they have been returned or they have been located, then  
 17 we still go out and visually verify them. If someone is  
 18 attempting to conceal a nefarious act, they may say, oh  
 19 no, they're home. We're good. You don't have to worry  
 20 about it. But if we get a call saying that someone has  
 21 returned home, I tried, sorry, one second, then we will  
 22 send our officers out, or if they're in another agency or  
 23 another state, we will still have that agency physically  
 24 lay eyes on them for their physical mental health as well  
 25 before we remove them from our missing database. That

1 concludes my report, and I will gladly answer any  
 2 questions this body may have.  
 3 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Thank you for your report.  
 4 Are there any questions from the commissioners?  
 5 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the Chair.  
 6 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Commissioner Burton.  
 7 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Chief, this data's sharing  
 8 agreement that I'm looking at right here, it's not the  
 9 data sharing agreement that I...  
 10 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Microphone.  
 11 COMMISSIONER BURTON: The data sharing agreement that  
 12 I just received here, a hand copy here just at my desk,  
 13 is not the data sharing agreement that I initially  
 14 requested. The data sharing agreement that I requested  
 15 was based on an article that was released in the Wire  
 16 pertaining to ShotSpotter. And so I like to reiterate  
 17 what I asked for just to be crystal clear here today as I  
 18 have been in previous weeks, is that I'm looking for a  
 19 data sharing agreement with ShotSpotter with those other  
 20 cities. This one here talks about license plate readers.  
 21 It's not what I ask for. I do see the cities here, but  
 22 I'm looking for the one for data sharing agreement  
 23 pertaining to ShotSpotter, based on an article that was  
 24 released in the Wire. We're talking about microphone  
 25 sensors that're sensible enough to pick up conversations

1 from this ground level up. We also know that ShotSpotter  
 2 has a multimillion dollar lawsuit...  
 3 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Excuse me, commissioner.  
 4 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Point of order, and point of  
 5 information.  
 6 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Excuse me, commissioner.  
 7 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Point of order.  
 8 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Excuse me, commissioner. You  
 9 ask for information that they gave you. You're...  
 10 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Point of point of order.  
 11 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: These are none of the things  
 12 that you gave before.  
 13 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Point of order. I've been  
 14 raising a lot of these concerns way before some of you  
 15 arrived on the board. Point of order, and chief there is  
 16 a...  
 17 DR. JACKSON: Madam Chair. Madam Chair, the point of  
 18 order has been raised. You need to rule on whether the  
 19 point of order is well taken or not. If you rule that the  
 20 point of order is well taken, you need, first of all, the  
 21 commissioner needs to state what rule has been violated.  
 22 So when you raise a point of order, you need to say this  
 23 rule has been violated. After that, then you would rule  
 24 on whether or not the point of order is well taken or  
 25 not. So the commissioner needs to tell you what is this

1 point of order, what rule has been violated? That's what  
 2 point of order means. There's been a violation of a rule,  
 3 a law, a policy, or a parliamentary rule.  
 4 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Thank you, ma'am.  
 5 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Commissioner Burton, your  
 6 point, what are you trying to say?  
 7 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the Chair and fellow  
 8 commissioners and listening audience, what I'm raising  
 9 here is that I requested something on the behalf of  
 10 residents of the City of Detroit for weeks now, for over  
 11 10 weeks approximately, and more like eight weeks  
 12 pertaining to this article that was released in the Wire.  
 13 But I also asked for other specifics like how many, you  
 14 know, lawsuits that are pending. And in the total of  
 15 those lawsuits we see where in Chicago, ShotSpotter  
 16 misidentified Michael Williams.  
 17 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Okay, listen...  
 18 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Point of order is still on the  
 19 subject of.  
 20 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: No, we're not getting ready  
 21 to talk about Chicago because we're talking about  
 22 Detroit. We're not getting ready to do it.  
 23 COMMISSIONER BURTON: It's all part of this whole  
 24 conversation. So point of order.  
 25 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: And they gave you your

1 information.  
 2 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Please have respect. I'm a  
 3 senior statesman on this board, and I'm the top go getter  
 4 on this board. Please have some respect and please have  
 5 some class.  
 6 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Excuse please, sir.  
 7 DR. JACKSON: Madam Chair, when you raise the point  
 8 of order, you have to state what rule is being violated.  
 9 It seems to me from listening, the commissioner is saying  
 10 that he has requested information, he's not received.  
 11 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Thank you.  
 12 DR. JACKSON: That does not rise to a point of order.  
 13 So there is no pending valid point of order. I believe  
 14 Madam Chair, what you may be trying to get to is, this is  
 15 a point for asking questions and it appears that the  
 16 commissioner is engaged in a platform statement and those  
 17 two need to be separated.  
 18 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Thank you, ma'am. There is  
 19 no platform here. These are questions to be asked...  
 20 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Point of order. And for a point  
 21 of information, I raised information on the behalf of the  
 22 citizens of Detroit, on the behalf of those that wake up  
 23 every day in poverty that doesn't have the resources for  
 24 a good legal offense. We see in Chicago where  
 25 misidentified a black man who served a prison sentence,

1 and that was later exonerated for a crime he didn't  
 2 commit. His name is Michael Williams.  
 3 DR. JACKSON: Madam Chair, at this point, we need to  
 4 allow the deputy chief to respond.  
 5 DC HAYES: Thank you. If I may, Madam Chair, with the  
 6 specificity mentioned at this point, if that request can  
 7 be put in writing, we will respond accordingly to the  
 8 commissioner's request  
 9 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the Chair. Chief, you  
 10 have you top heavy back there. Majority of the audience  
 11 back there is law enforcement.  
 12 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Commissioner, you are out of  
 13 order. As usual, you are out of order. You were asked to  
 14 ask the questions.  
 15 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Point of order. My request is  
 16 in order because I raised it on the behalf of the  
 17 citizens of Detroit and I raised it approximately 10  
 18 weeks ago.  
 19 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: And they have given you  
 20 that information.  
 21 COMMISSIONER BURTON: This is not their <crosstalk>.  
 22 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: They have given you your  
 23 information. I don't know why you like to get up here and  
 24 show out every time. I'm not getting ready to go back  
 25 and... COMMISSIONER BURTON: Point of order. Point of order.

1 DR. JACKSON: Move on to the next commissioner, Madam  
 2 Chair.  
 3 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Thank you, ma'am. So we're  
 4 now moving on Ms. Underwood to oral communications. Thank  
 5 you. Do we have any oral communications?  
 6 DR. JACKSON: You need to ask whether commissioners  
 7 have questions.  
 8 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: No. Excuse me. Well, I  
 9 asked, do any other commissioners have any questions?  
 10 There are no questions? Moving forward, please, Ms.  
 11 Underwood, can you please move on to oral communications?  
 12 MS. UNDERWOOD: Yes, Madam Chair. Our next speaker  
 13 will be Minister Eric Blount, Chris Gilmore Hill, and Ms.  
 14 Bernice Smith.  
 15 MINISTER BLOUNT: Good afternoon board. I'm Minister  
 16 Eric Blount from Sacred Heart Catholic Church here in  
 17 Detroit. The corruption in this space borders on a cult  
 18 because each of you know that the main focus and the  
 19 critical work of this board is police officer misconduct.  
 20 But you let the chief's office just ramble on about crime  
 21 and incidences of crime and crime statistics. So you just  
 22 avoid it. But it has to be intentional. You know what  
 23 you're doing. You are smart people. So the stuff you put  
 24 up with Commissioner Burden, in many ways I have trouble  
 25 with him, but in many ways I don't blame him. I'd go

1 crazy too if I had to sit here and listen to crime  
 2 statistics, when we are here for police officer  
 3 misconduct and there's more than enough evidence to show  
 4 that police officer misconduct is rampant in this police  
 5 department. We can tell by the lawsuits, we can tell by  
 6 the number of citizens that are falsely arrested. We can  
 7 tell by the number of citizens that are falsely  
 8 imprisoned, but no.  
 9 Commissioner Bell, we're glad to see you back.  
 10 Whatever facts and information come out, we all need to  
 11 know it in its entirety. Speaking of facts, anyone under  
 12 the sound of my voice, especially those in the  
 13 investigative realm, the Auditor General and the  
 14 Inspector General, if you need to know specifics, I will  
 15 tell you. The things I have talked about, Commissioner  
 16 Bernard doing as being very, very wrong, is from the  
 17 transcripts of March 2nd, 2023, page 37, starting at line  
 18 9, but I'll start at line 16C and I quote, commissioner  
 19 Bernard. "You ladies and gentlemen." Those are the people  
 20 she just promoted. "I am Attorney Linda Bernard, if  
 21 there's anything I can do for you as a lawyer,  
 22 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: That's your time, sir. Thank  
 23 you.  
 24 MINISTER BLOUNT: For personal or professional  
 25 reasons, please feel free to contact me."

1 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I'd like to respond if I may.  
 2 Just quickly, Madam Chairperson. Minister Blount has come  
 3 to these meetings for more than two years now, indicating  
 4 that he is a man of Christian faith. Yet in the past  
 5 three years or so that I've been here and listened to  
 6 him, he has consistently and hatefully come to this  
 7 meeting, most weeks to personally attack me, rather than  
 8 address any of the issues of the day or on the day's  
 9 agenda. You must stop attacking me, Minister Blount, I've  
 10 told you this before; you are acting like a petulant  
 11 child. We all know that you want to be on the Board of  
 12 Police Commissioners. We also know you have proven that  
 13 you do not possess the character, temperament, or  
 14 civility to sit here as a representative of our community  
 15 or anyone other than yourself. So please stop.  
 16 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Let the record show that  
 17 Commissioner Darryl Woods is now present. Thank you Ms.  
 18 Underwood. Any more oral communications?  
 19 MR. HILL: Good afternoon. My name is Chris Gilmer  
 20 Hill. I'm a lifelong resident of the Second District.  
 21 First and foremost, I am here to support Commissioner  
 22 Burton, and ask the rest of this board, please take  
 23 action on the ceasefire resolution that has been brought  
 24 before you time and time again. I'm aware that the  
 25 leadership of this board has consistently failed to

1 provide it to you, to put it on the agenda, et cetera. At  
2 this point, that is not an excuse. You all know about  
3 this resolution, and you all know about the vital  
4 importance of passing this and ensuring that the  
5 technology being tested on civilians, on the streets of  
6 Gaza does not wind up here at home. There was just an  
7 article released by an Israeli technology reporter  
8 showing that the technology being developed in Gaza, not  
9 only is being created by these like startups in  
10 preparation for sale internationally, the technology is  
11 truly evil.

12 There was a program called Daddy's Home that the  
13 Israeli military uses to target the homes of Palestinians  
14 and try to find the times when these men are home with  
15 their families with the specific intent of bombing them  
16 at home and not just while they're out doing any sort of  
17 military operation. That is evil that is genocide. And  
18 Commissioner Burton has consistently brought a  
19 resolution. I would thank him and Commissioner Bernard  
20 for their efforts to bring this forward. The rest of you  
21 need to do something. I'd also like to address the  
22 conduct of this Board's leadership during this meeting.  
23 To be blunt, the conduct of the acting Vice Chair is an  
24 embarrassment to my city. We are going to talk about  
25 Chicago. We are going to talk about Gaza. We are going to

1 talk about human rights and civil liberties for the  
2 people of Detroit. And we are not going to stop until we  
3 achieve justice everywhere. I would thank Commissioner  
4 Burton, the repeated and unjustified interruption of his  
5 questions to the chief, absolutely do rise to a point of  
6 order. The department has not provided the specifically  
7 requested information about ShotSpotter, and we should  
8 keep asking for it until they do so. Thank you  
9 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: And thank you, sir. In  
10 response, when this honorable board has been presented  
11 with the same resolution that was submitted by the City  
12 Council, then we'll review it. Until then, we won't.  
13 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Point of order...  
14 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Anything that will be added  
15 or subtracted from what they presented I have, sorry...  
16 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I'd like to make a motion at  
17 this time that we remove the chairperson, because her  
18 statements are definitely out of order. Do I have a  
19 second from any colleagues? I'm making a motion that we  
20 remove the chairperson for today's meeting.  
21 DR. JACKSON: The commissioner must first be  
22 recognized, Madam Chair, before he can make a motion.  
23 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the Chair. As someone  
24 that's sitting in as a chairperson owes the public  
25 apology. You owe this man a sincere apology.

1 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Madam Chair...  
2 COMMISSIONER BURTON: The statement that was made to  
3 him...  
4 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Madam Chair may I be recognized?  
5 COMMISSIONER BURTON: That was out of order.  
6 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Excuse me.  
7 COMMISSIONER BURTON: And therefore, I'd like to make  
8 a motion at this time.  
9 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Commissioner Woods, you are  
10 recognized.  
11 COMMISSIONER BURTON: That we remove the chairperson  
12 at today's meeting.  
13 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Thank you for recognizing me. We  
14 are here for the citizens of the City of Detroit. We are  
15 not here for any slideshows. We're not here for anything.  
16 But for the people of the City of Detroit, our city needs  
17 our help and they need our leadership. And so I encourage  
18 all commissioners to stay focused on the agenda at hand,  
19 which is making sure that all of the needs of the city  
20 are being met. So I'm asking you guys to lower the  
21 temperature, and let's focus, because this is the time  
22 for citizens to be able to speak. And I think we should  
23 hear from all citizens and we need to debate some things.  
24 That's one thing. So please, let's move on. Thank you.  
25 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Thank you, sir.

1 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Madam Chair, if I just may  
2 quickly?  
3 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Yes, ma'am. The gentleman  
4 that just spoke, I think we were all listening intently  
5 to you and of course to Commissioner Burton as well. I  
6 think we can, or the Chair can make a decision, but she  
7 can, at this meeting in order to put together perhaps a  
8 subcommittee to address your concerns regarding the  
9 ceasefire. The resolution doesn't have to be exactly like  
10 the City Council. Ours could be bigger or less because we  
11 are an independent body. But I understand that you want  
12 us to address this as a priority. I think our Chairperson  
13 recognizes it well because it's a matter of life and  
14 death for a lot of people. And it's important that we, as  
15 a body, weigh in on this issue about what's happening  
16 with the war. So we can do that with your permission and  
17 we can meet and come up with something for you, if that's  
18 okay.  
19 COMMISSIONER WOODS: And Madam Chair, may I be  
20 recognized?  
21 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Go right ahead.  
22 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Yes. And when you are looking at  
23 all of this, this is not a pure ceasefire resolution. For  
24 us to look at a resolution it has to, you know, be a  
25 resolution like everybody around the country has done.



1 And then also when you want to look at some things, I'm  
2 thinking about the black children in Haiti as well that's  
3 suffering and dying over there. Who is going to give a  
4 resolution for them? Who's going to give a resolution for  
5 the children in Africa and throughout the diaspora? So  
6 this is not to go tit for tat, but there's a lot of  
7 suffering going on around the world, and my heart bleeds  
8 for the people of Haiti.

9 My heart bleeds for the people in Israel as well as  
10 in Gaza. But these ceremonial resolutions do nothing to  
11 stop the hatred or the violence that's going on in the  
12 City of Detroit. I'm happy to do a pure resolution and  
13 support a resolution that doesn't have politics attached  
14 to it. We are not here to play politics, we are here to  
15 do something meaningful and significant for the citizens  
16 of the City of Detroit, first and foremost. But if we  
17 want to pass resolutions, let's do one that's going to  
18 be, because if you want to talk about technology, a cell  
19 phone is technology, a MacBook is a technology. You know,  
20 you have all types of technology issues. And so we can't  
21 just be willy-nilly about this, you know, let's do this  
22 with pure hearts and pure intention. And I'll stop  
23 pontificating.

24 DR. JACKSON: Madam Chair. You have this elderly lady  
25 who's been standing there and I'm concerned.

1 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: One second, please.  
2 MS. SMITH: I don't mind. Go ahead Ms. Smith.  
3 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Excuse me. Madame  
4 Parliamentarian. You know, this is the Board of Police  
5 Commission and she's the Chairperson. And we are the  
6 commissioners here and we can run this meeting.  
7 MS. SMITH: Thank you.  
8 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Thank you, Commissioner  
9 Woods.  
10 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the Chair?  
11 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: I have Ms. Smith. Ms. Smith,  
12 can you go ahead please. I'm sorry. Thank you for your  
13 patience.  
14 MS. SMITH: Good evening, everybody. I didn't come  
15 last week because I was still upset with the commissioner  
16 lying on me about my cane. I have never, and God knows, I  
17 have never hit anybody with my cane, let alone him. So I  
18 want to let the commissioners know and the public know he  
19 lied on me. I went to my attorney to talk about it and he  
20 said it's not worth it. So I just want to let you know  
21 because I was ready to fight him all the way to the end.  
22 Now my thing is this, I was raised by a mother who didn't  
23 allow any disrespect in her home whatsoever. And I did  
24 the same with my 5 children. I got 5 children, 5  
25 grandchildren, and 5 great grand. And they're all decent,

1 respectful children. I have one that just retired from a  
2 Ford after 39 years.

3 Another one is PNC with the bank executive. I have a  
4 postmaster daughter in the suburbs and I have another son  
5 who retired from Cadillac 2 years ago. So I have raised  
6 my children. Then I got grandchildren. One's a doctor out  
7 of Michigan State, she graduated from. And I got one from  
8 Alabama, who is an engineer that doesn't want to come  
9 back to Detroit. She loves down there. Then I got another  
10 one that's a caterer. So don't dare embarrass me before  
11 the public and tell me that I'm hitting somebody with a  
12 cane. If I have to do that, then I don't need to come  
13 here every week. You need to take care of your problems  
14 that you have here and that problem is your commissioner  
15 over there. He is disgusting, he's dishonorable and he  
16 doesn't care what he says to anybody here. Then you have  
17 the minister, as you stated, doesn't respect anybody.  
18 This is a city that we have to respect each other besides  
19 stop killing each other and try to make amends to get  
20 along with somebody. My son has us over to his house  
21 every Sunday, and it's 10 of us. And believe me, we get  
22 along. We don't drink and act the fool or anything. We  
23 get along with each other and we talk about this Police  
24 Commissioner.

25 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Thank you. That was your

1 time.  
2 MS. SMITH: Thank you. Take care, and God bless  
3 everybody.  
4 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Thank you.  
5 MS. UNDERWOOD: The next three speakers will be Ms.  
6 Elena Herrada, Russ Bellant, and Michelle George.  
7 MS. HERRADA: Good afternoon, honorable commission.  
8 Thank you for allowing us to speak. I would like to lend  
9 support to the resolution for ceasefire in Gaza,  
10 immediate and permanent ceasefire, and also support the  
11 disinvestment of surveillance by Israeli technology. I  
12 ask you to really, truly consider the human rights  
13 violations that are going on and the amount of money that  
14 the portfolios of major municipalities, particularly  
15 police departments, are putting into it. Thank you.  
16 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Thank you.  
17 MR. BELLANT: I don't think I need my full two  
18 minutes, but I want to restate what I said a little  
19 differently than what I said at the last meeting  
20 concerning technology companies that are involved in  
21 gathering data that gets used in ways that are in gross  
22 violations and murderous violations of human rights. I  
23 gave an example right from Detroit, when IBM organized  
24 all the data on a contract with the Nazi party in 1933,  
25 when Hitler came to power, they organized all the data

1 for the Holocaust, put all the data together, and they  
2 knew who it was. The whole book has been written, based  
3 on US government documents and others that talks about  
4 how that was done. They even organized the railroad lines  
5 that ran into the death camps. We can't assume because  
6 somebody has a reputable name that they're acting  
7 reputably. When we saw those food delivery workers, which  
8 the White House had just called out and called for a  
9 ceasefire because of the killing of those workers, that  
10 data was collected through surveillance intelligence  
11 gathering. The technology companies don't pull the  
12 trigger. They create the targets for the people who do  
13 pull the trigger. And if they are doing business in  
14 Israel, it's in connection with the war and the  
15 systematic genocide that's going on today. If they're  
16 doing business there, they should not be given any  
17 business. There needs to be accountability in the  
18 marketplace. There needs to be accountability in the  
19 world, and we can't honor them with a contract or doing  
20 any kind of business that ignores the role they're  
21 playing today.

22 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: That is your time. Thank  
23 you.

24 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the Chair.

25 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Go ahead, sir.

1 COMMISSIONER BURTON: While the next speaker comes  
2 up. I just want to just say that this genocide that's  
3 happening right now over in Gaza is wrong and many  
4 families across the country are in pain. And also the  
5 surveillance piece that's over in Gaza is also wrong.

6 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Can't understand you.

7 COMMISSIONER BURTON: And it's unconstitutional. And  
8 anyone you know who has a heart should want to do the  
9 right thing by adopting a ceasefire surveillance  
10 resolution from this board, because it's the right thing  
11 to do. And we all should say Free, free Palestine. Free,  
12 free Palestine.

13 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Thank you. Go ahead please.

14 MS. GEORGE: Alright. Good afternoon, everyone to the  
15 honorable board, Deputy Chief Hayes. I want to just make  
16 a comment. I know there has been a lot of tension among  
17 this board. And I'm hopeful because I did apply as a  
18 police commissioner, but hopefully you all can get  
19 yourselves together with conflict because we know  
20 throughout the years I've been coming to the meetings,  
21 there has been a conflict. But I just hope when I was in  
22 DC a month ago, they were talking about oversight and  
23 police boards. It's not making it a bad thing. It is to  
24 investigate citizens' complaints. It's nothing against  
25 the police. I do want to congratulate the Woman of

1 Excellence that won an award at the Michigan Chronicle  
2 the other week, last week. But it's all about just  
3 getting together just like Commissioner Woods stated.  
4 Now I'm here to talk about the children. I do want  
5 to thank the Chair, I thought that you were looking for a  
6 13-year-old. But we have a lot of missing children that  
7 have, I mean twins, even if the child runs away, and  
8 Deputy Chief Hayes, if you could take this note for Chief  
9 White. I'm going to send out an email to all of the Board  
10 of Police Commissioners of all the children who have been  
11 missing in the last three months, even if the child has  
12 run away, we have to report that. It's been the 16-year-  
13 old. There are children walking in the ED. We understand  
14 a lot of runaway children, 10 and 11 years old. But what  
15 we need to do is to find these missing children because  
16 that 13-year-old, when we get so lax, I'm talking about  
17 lax as a city.

18 We get so lax to not finding these children, then we  
19 have somebody like the 13-year-old that's missing. That  
20 was at the bus stop that Detroit DPS was slowly to the  
21 school system to report on. So what we're going to do as  
22 citizens, we're going to put it in our hands. We are  
23 going to get this across the country. We have got to find  
24 these missing children. If they're runaway reported, I  
25 will write to the mayor. I'll get to the mayor because I

1 got to do a proposal for him, for a mental health  
2 hospital. I'll get to the mayor, but we have to report  
3 the missing children that are occurring in this city.  
4 I'll be in New York next week. They will be discussing  
5 it. So that's why I want us to get on with doing that.  
6 Thank you very much.

7 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: That's your time. Thank you.

8 MS. GEORGE: Thank you.

9 MS. UNDERWOOD: Madam Chair, the next speaker will be  
10 Ronald Foster, and after Mr. Foster, Lieutenant Mark  
11 Young. And then we'll go into Zoom.

12 MR. FOSTER: Oh, good evening. Through the Chair. The  
13 first thing I just want to come down this evening, just  
14 remind our community as a whole this is sexual awareness  
15 month. That's the first thing. I know a lot of our  
16 children come here and the youth panel has spoken up, and  
17 that's one of the things that they wanted to be included  
18 in weekly reports with sexual assaults within the city.  
19 The impact of it is so significant. I only have two  
20 minutes. I cannot describe how those crimes affect our  
21 communities. Lack of response or closures. And so just  
22 moving forward, sexual awareness month, human  
23 trafficking, and now bringing these things up, because we  
24 have an NFL draft coming here. The way we conduct  
25 ourselves is not going to be just seen here in this city,

1 but we need to start conducting ourselves in a more  
 2 fashionable manner for this nation to see this is, and  
 3 that's really where we had to have more cohesiveness in  
 4 whatever we do.  
 5 Now, whether we are spiritual or not, I know the  
 6 Bible where it says that God is not the author of  
 7 confusion. And so if there is anything that's confusion  
 8 where one can humble themselves to get rid of confusion,  
 9 then it is not of God. And so I'm not God, and I'm not  
 10 judging anybody, but I'm making that word very clear. And  
 11 one thing he said is, my word will not come back void.  
 12 Okay? And so I could preach with the best of them, but  
 13 then it is not about preaching. It's about having the  
 14 best of them walking with you while you're preaching.  
 15 It's about having the best of them teaching with you  
 16 while you preach. As long as you got your own funky  
 17 attitudes, you won't be in a position to teach anybody  
 18 anything. And so we all have a lot of crime over the  
 19 weekend. We have to focus more on being a collective city  
 20 as a whole and find out how to address resolutions as  
 21 opposed to arguments.  
 22 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Thank you.  
 23 LT YOUNG: Much respect to you, Madam Chair.  
 24 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Thank you.  
 25 LT. YOUNG: Past, present, and future. I've lived

1 here all my life and I've never been more proud to be a  
 2 member of the Detroit Police Department or a citizen of  
 3 this city. See, because I saw it. I watched it.  
 4 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Excuse me. Could you say  
 5 your name please? LT. YOUNG: Lieutenant Mark Young.  
 6 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Thank you.  
 7 LT. YOUNG: I've never been prouder of my city. We  
 8 just had company and we are about to get company again.  
 9 But it's not about the company that we are getting. It's  
 10 about what these men and women do out here every day. I  
 11 ask the board as calmly as I can today because I could be  
 12 just as angry as everybody else. Don't compare my  
 13 department to other cities because you have no idea.  
 14 Other cities are looking at our department right now and  
 15 praising us. Other cities are looking at our city right  
 16 now and praising us.  
 17 I remember the days of rubble. I remember the days  
 18 where we had to block our part of woodwork to shame  
 19 ourselves from the embarrassment of the blight. As I  
 20 drove by the train station today, I had tears in my eyes  
 21 seeing from rubble to greatness. Don't compare my  
 22 department and my city to nobody else. Injustice. Some  
 23 individuals were passing out flyers, an injustice to the  
 24 men and women of the Detroit Police Department who give  
 25 their heart souls and sacrifice for the city. If you have

1 never been in their shoes, don't even judge them. Don't  
 2 discuss them because they deal with more than what you  
 3 know, what you see on TV. They live it, nightmares,  
 4 wingspan. If you know anything about leadership,  
 5 leadership is wingspan. It's what you could reach out,  
 6 what you could grab, what you could touch. My heart goes  
 7 out to the people of Israel, Gaza, and Africa, all around  
 8 this world. But right now, my concern is the people of  
 9 the City of Detroit, which I'm willing, my colleagues are  
 10 willing to give and risk their life for. Let's stay  
 11 focused. That's what our mission is. Our city came from  
 12 rubble and is coming to greatness. Let's stay focused on  
 13 that.  
 14 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Thank you.  
 15 MS. UNDERWOOD: Madam Chair, we have 5 speakers on  
 16 Zoom. Our first speaker will be Malik Shabazz, the next  
 17 would be, one of the coldest, and the third one would be  
 18 Marguerite Maddox. Mr. Shabazz.  
 19 MR. SHABAZZ: Yes. Thank you. Give an honor to God,  
 20 to this honorable body and to everyone who is watching  
 21 through Zoom or whatnot. I want to pick up on what the  
 22 lieutenant was just saying. I think we have the finest  
 23 police department in the country. Wasn't always that way,  
 24 but I think that's where we are now. And the police have  
 25 worked with the community, and the community has worked

1 with the police to improve, to grow, to be better, and to  
 2 be more responsive. So I just want to say thank you to  
 3 all of the Detroit police officers. As far as any bad  
 4 ones, God will weed them out, and we'll help the Lord to  
 5 weed them out, constitutionally we'll help them. But this  
 6 is a constitutional police force that we have. And again  
 7 in many ways, we are lightyears ahead of other  
 8 municipalities. And as far as the abuse and terrorism  
 9 that our people, black people are going through across  
 10 the country, we've turned that road, we cut that corner  
 11 here. We don't have to worry about that here. So thank  
 12 you all and a special shout out to my good friend Linda  
 13 Bernard, love you.  
 14 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Love you more.  
 15 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Thank you.  
 16 MS. UNDERWOOD: One of the coldest.  
 17 ONE OF THE COLDEST: Can everyone hear me, clearly?  
 18 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: You can be heard.  
 19 ONE OF THE COLDEST: In Detroit, we have a very  
 20 serious problem with elections. Every elected position in  
 21 the City of Detroit is now highly, highly suspect, in  
 22 question. In question, because we have absentee ballot  
 23 voter fraud. A case, one case, was demonstrated on the  
 24 28th of February, right after the presidential primary  
 25 election, the United States Presidential primary election

1 was held. You can view the video on Facebook, Detroit  
 2 Unity page or Instagram, Detroit Unity page, or either X  
 3 Detroit Unity page. Now commissioner Bernard, I heard  
 4 what Minister Erica Blount said, and I believe it was  
 5 factual what he was stating for you to say what you said  
 6 about him. I think that's really highly, highly  
 7 inappropriate. So that's why I'm going to say to you  
 8 Kaniesha Coleman, DPD case number 20-1112. You were  
 9 there. Willie Bell was there as a Michigan State Police  
 10 report, now being profit, returned over to the Detroit  
 11 Police Department last year in 2023 with their findings  
 12 from a review of the investigation of that case number.  
 13 I'm going to ask you, Linda Bernard, now, since you were  
 14 there to make a motion today that that report be  
 15 presented to the Board of Police Commissioners with every  
 16 view, so you guys can know exactly what I've been saying  
 17 since 2020. Now, Willie Bell, I don't know what you think  
 18 you going to do, but you got to go. You got in the way.  
 19 You were in the way, now you have to get out of the way.  
 20 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Thank you.  
 21 MS. UNDERWOOD: Ms. Marguerite.  
 22 MS. MARGUERITE: Good afternoon.  
 23 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Good afternoon.  
 24 MS. MARGUERITE: Please take the time to listen and  
 25 to respect, because we need to respect others' opinions

1 with respect. How are we going to be able to communicate  
 2 with each other, I am sick and tired of coming on when  
 3 some members are arguing. Come on now, we need to focus  
 4 on what is important. Like I said to the city council  
 5 member, it means we are wrong to put [unclear]. We must  
 6 be able to find a way to get along, and to communicate  
 7 with each other [unclear] the animal is out again. I am  
 8 done. Thank you very much.  
 9 MS. UNDERWOOD: The next caller with the last three  
 10 numbers, 124, and then former Commissioner William Davis  
 11 will be the last speaker.  
 12 CALLER 124: Yes. Good afternoon. May I be heard?  
 13 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: You can be heard.  
 14 CALLER 124: Okay. Thank you. I do support the  
 15 police, but there is some house cleaning that needs to be  
 16 done or assistance for people to step up their game. I  
 17 spoke before about a property crime situation that  
 18 escalated, now even worse than when I brought it up  
 19 before a neighbor of mine caught a guy stealing off his  
 20 porch on camera six times, and the police didn't do  
 21 anything about it. Then this gentleman became emboldened  
 22 and he torched a few houses. He was prosecuted for one or  
 23 two of them. The neighborhood was concerned. He tried to  
 24 plead insanity, but he didn't get that. And the neighbor  
 25 said, you know, he does have issues, but he does know

1 right from wrong. And so he's at team Wellness, they're  
 2 going to release him with a tether. People are very upset  
 3 about it. And then guess what they did?  
 4 They pushed the city to demolish the family member's  
 5 house. And then they demolished the house last week.  
 6 There were five cop cars there, and I heard the news  
 7 trucks were called, then I heard helicopters from like  
 8 12:30 AM to 3:30 in the morning. People are still  
 9 concerned. Now, this is not a house problem. Mike Duggan  
 10 and all these demo demo demo people. We cannot demolish  
 11 our way out of societal problems. But I do view this as a  
 12 police bill because had there been earlier intervention,  
 13 if there had been, then perhaps the number of people  
 14 wouldn't have had their houses torched, and this lady  
 15 wouldn't be getting a \$45,000 I heard demolition bill.  
 16 And so yes, this is an intersection of mental health, but  
 17 again, I believe had the police intervened if they would  
 18 take property crime seriously. And I got a situation,  
 19 member Burton, they still are not helping me out in that  
 20 situation about the people that ripped me off. The  
 21 investigator doesn't seem to want to help tell me stuff  
 22 that Michigan State Police and other DPD officers told me  
 23 is not true. So, you know, if all these higher incomes  
 24 earn that Mike Duggan's so happy about...  
 25 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Excuse me, DC Hayes, is it

1 possible that we can look into this caller's complaint...  
 2 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Along with OCI.  
 3 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the Chair.  
 4 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Permission.  
 5 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the Chair. I actually  
 6 agree that the OCI office is very capable of looking into  
 7 this. Have they had the opportunity to look into this?  
 8 I'm not sure if it's been brought to them yet, but I do  
 9 know that this is a District 5 resident. This is one of  
 10 my constituents. And they come before this board often  
 11 about many of their concerns about the police and their  
 12 behavior and how the police enter all in the community.  
 13 But they also bring other concerns. They support the  
 14 police on one hand, but when the police are wrong, they  
 15 share this in the board meeting. It'd be nice if the  
 16 department can look into this as well. But also since  
 17 they brought their concerns to the board, OCI got an  
 18 opportunity to reach out to this person and get their  
 19 full story, and begin to work on that because we still  
 20 have 700 cases that's confiscated by the City Inspector  
 21 General, and there can be other voices that's unheard of  
 22 too. And we need to really listen to Detroiters, when  
 23 they come into these meetings, express their concerns,  
 24 and we understand that they are in pain and that they  
 25 want answers. And this board right here is very capable

1 of helping them get closure. And I know that the chief  
2 investigator has a hardworking team. I know he's very  
3 hard on the job. And I'm not sure if this case has  
4 arrived to him since he's been there, but the department  
5 has heard this concern from a District 5 resident over  
6 and over and over. And I like to hear from the department  
7 on how are you going to help this District 5 resident get  
8 closure? Because she's bringing her concerns week after  
9 week. And then she may skip some weeks, but she always  
10 brings the same concern.

11 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Thank you, commissioner.  
12 We're going to move forward to have OCI Warfield. And are  
13 there any more?

14 MS. UNDERWOOD: Our final speaker is former  
15 Commissioner William Davis. Please go ahead, Commissioner  
16 Davis.

17 MR. DAVIS: Hello. Can I be heard?

18 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: You can be heard. Go ahead,  
19 please.

20 MR. DAVIS: Okay. I'd like to start off by saying  
21 that I also strongly believe that this board should do a  
22 ceasefire resolution. That's like what the president is  
23 also calling for an immediate ceasefire. What makes it  
24 even more egregious about this, because I'm an all-around  
25 activist, is the fact that our dollars, our defense

1 department is sending stuff over that's killing women and  
2 children. You know, I'm a Christian. I know some of you  
3 all may not believe in God, but I think this is just  
4 morally wrong. And our dollars are helping to kill  
5 thousands of people, women and children, and aid workers.  
6 This is unconscionable. And, you know, if anybody in good  
7 conscience should recognize this and be willing to stand  
8 up for it. Also, as it relates to Ms. Smith talking about  
9 Commissioner Burton, I was at the meeting when she did  
10 swing her cane and almost hit Commissioner Burton, and  
11 Commissioner Brown and former Deputy Chief Todd Bettison,  
12 who's now deputy mayor. And also at that time they asked  
13 Commissioner Burton, he was asked whether or not he  
14 wanted to press charges on her. Perhaps he should have  
15 then, perhaps she wouldn't be making so many comments and  
16 acting the way she does sometime. But, you know, she did  
17 attack him in a meeting and, you know, no one's supposed  
18 to publicly attack a public official. That did happen. I  
19 am a witness to that. Also, I believe this board's budget  
20 should go up and the staffing for investigators should go  
21 up when a major number of police officers are added to  
22 the force. And it's when they get different tasks and  
23 different responsibilities. You know, like the ones  
24 that's going to be working with DLT now. So more  
25 complaints are going to go up. We need more

1 investigators. Thank you.

2 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Thank you. We will now move  
3 forward to our presentation to the board.

4 COMMISSIONER BELL: Madam Chair, I think I raised my  
5 hand.

6 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Oh, I'm sorry. I'm sorry,  
7 sir. Commissioner Bell.

8 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you, ma'am. I just want to  
9 respond to cease fire. I support it, but this is not the  
10 proper form. The Chair has stated this is not the proper

11 forum for us to take a political issue. That is not the  
12 proper form. So we just have to, if you need a legal  
13 opinion, we need to have that opinion. But this is not

14 the proper forum for this body to entertain that type of  
15 resolution on ceasefire. Secondly, IEG, I mean, IG report  
16 came up. I had talked to the Corporation Council,

17 Mallard, and this body needed to entertain him to come to  
18 this body, even a public or enclosed session to discuss  
19 that matter because they have the opportunity to make a

20 decision as a prosecutor and as Supreme Court. And you  
21 have no challenge to that. But I think this board needs  
22 to be enlightened in terms of what actually happened with

23 that report, 38 pages. And there was no reprimand of  
24 anybody on that indictment, so-called, but we were  
25 encouraged to be retrained. And as we all know, we had

1 never been trained in reference to. That is the key  
2 point. And so out of that, they came out retraining for  
3 myself, and Commissioner Carter. But there has been no

4 training for this board since I've been on the board  
5 since 2014. Simply put. So I put this arrest, we need to  
6 bring it out and deal with it, because I've taken three,

7 four weeks. You haven't even talked about it, but you  
8 took action against myself and Commissioner Carter  
9 without any input, without any dialogue. But this board

10 has a history of engaging that type of conduct. So we  
11 need to end that process. We need to be fair to the  
12 public, also to commissioners. We give more rate to the

13 police department than we do for our own body. I think  
14 I've been an honorable member of this board for quite  
15 some time, but I continue to be embarrassed of how we

16 conduct our business in terms of that whole process. I  
17 want to state it, especially for you, Commissioner,  
18 because you have no idea what has transpired over the

19 years. But you need to enlighten yourself to get some  
20 background, some facts. Thank you, Madam Chair.

21 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Thank you, sir. Commissioner  
22 Woods.  
23 COMMISSIONER WOODS: I'll wait until new business. Go  
24 ahead.

25 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Move the agenda.

1 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Okay. So we're moving  
 2 forward to the board presentation from Mr. Fries.  
 3 MR. FRIES: Madam Chair.  
 4 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Thank you, Mr. Fries.  
 5 MR. FRIES: Commissioners of the board, I come to you  
 6 today to present the budget actuals for February for the  
 7 Board of Police Commissioners. I'm going to pause, I just  
 8 want to make sure I can see it up on the screen for the  
 9 public. Awesome. Go to the next slide, one more.  
 10 For the month of February, the budget actualized at  
 11 \$226,037 compared to the February budget of \$291,332.  
 12 This represents an actualization of 78%. We have a  
 13 surplus of \$65,295. The rationale here is that the BOPC  
 14 team still has some vacancies and also still the Merrill  
 15 Plaisance construction not being completed and the rent  
 16 not being able to be paid. Turning the page here. As we  
 17 look to fill these vacancies, we have just posted 6 BOPC  
 18 investigators. The secretary of the board interviews are  
 19 to be set for April 18th. The executive manager assured  
 20 that policy is in the process of being posted and the  
 21 attorney is currently on hold. Go to the next page. Go to  
 22 the next page. I think we're just going to look at the  
 23 last page.  
 24 What has been most relevant for my role is the  
 25 submission and budget hearing of the fiscal 2024 through

1 2025 budget. Our hearing for this budget took place  
 2 Monday, March 25th at 2:30 PM, led by Chairman Pressley.  
 3 And since we have been fielding inquiries by council  
 4 members, specifically, Council Member Calloway, Council  
 5 Member Johnson and Council President Sheffield. So big  
 6 thanks to the BOPC staff, the Chairman, and the  
 7 commissioners for the background here to field these  
 8 inquiries. Going into next year, the spirit of our BOPC  
 9 budget is to increase. We submitted a significant  
 10 increase. The mayor has proposed a significant increase  
 11 for the Board of Police Commissioners, and that is really  
 12 to increase the headcount of the OCI team. So, former  
 13 Commissioner William Davis spoke on that. And that is  
 14 exactly what's happening as we move into the next year,  
 15 is to increase the size of the OCI team, as well as make  
 16 their work more effective and more efficient, giving them  
 17 a new case management system. That concludes my  
 18 presentation.  
 19 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Thank you.  
 20 MR. FRIES: Thank you.  
 21 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Are there any questions in  
 22 regards to the budget from any commissioners  
 23 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the Chair.  
 24 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Go ahead.  
 25 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Question for our Fiscal Manager

1 Mr. Drew Fries, and also, I guess this question can also  
 2 go to our chief investigator. First I will go to the  
 3 chief investigator and then to Mr. Drew Fries, but it's  
 4 really the same question, but this wording is slightly  
 5 different. Chief Investigator Warfield if, looking at  
 6 your manpower right now over at OCI what would you like  
 7 to be staffed at, as far as manpower, far as working on  
 8 citizens' complaints backlog has been an ongoing issue  
 9 for years prior to your arrival. But you're the right man  
 10 to turn things around. And I know you have done your  
 11 homework as far as assessment or where you would like to  
 12 be or like to see your office. And we are all happy that  
 13 you are on the job because you know, if anybody can turn  
 14 it around, you can. But the question is, what would you  
 15 like to be? It is like we budgeted for investigators at  
 16 one level, but where would you like to take that number  
 17 up where we would be able to focus on a backlog as well  
 18 as any new current cases that could be arriving at OCI.  
 19 CI WARFIELD: Through the Chair, and thank you for  
 20 the question. It is my assessment as we look at the  
 21 number of CCRs that are continuing to come into the  
 22 office, and they're tracking around the same pace that  
 23 they did last year, and last year was a historic number  
 24 for us. We are looking to get to a level that, well, I  
 25 would believe would set us to handle all the complaints

1 that are coming into the office, plus the back law cases  
 2 that we still have there. Idealistically, we need 25  
 3 investigators, we need 5 senior investigators, and we  
 4 need 4 supervising investigators. We need an additional  
 5 administrative assistant to handle the cases, to handle  
 6 the processing of those cases that are coming in as well.  
 7 So those are the staffing levels that I believe we need.  
 8 In addition to this, and this is not something we've  
 9 discussed, but I am in 100% favor of us exploring a  
 10 deputy position for the office of the chief investigator,  
 11 because when a chief investigator comes to this position,  
 12 there has to be some significant transference of skills  
 13 and knowledge because the person coming in from the  
 14 outside, not knowing this organization will be completely  
 15 lost. And a deputy will give the foundational support  
 16 that that office needs, even when the chair or the chief  
 17 investigators seek changes individuals. And hopefully in  
 18 the future, that's a discussion that we can have moving  
 19 forward in the future. But immediately we believe that 25  
 20 investigators, 5 seniors, 3, I'm sorry, 4 supervising  
 21 investigators, and another person added to our  
 22 administrative staff would suffice it  
 23 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the Chair. Now I'd like  
 24 to take that question and move it over to our fiscal  
 25 manager. Mr. Drew Fries, thank you for a great report

1 that you always provide to this board and also to our  
2 listening audience. Listening to our chief investigator  
3 mentioned 25 investigators, where you like to see, and he  
4 also mentioned 4, is it 4 senior, 5 senior, and 4  
5 supervising investigators. And so we looked at 34  
6 individuals...

7 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: 35.

8 COMMISSIONER BURTON: 34 minus the deputy position.  
9 So I'm looking at the investigator's positions for now.  
10 And thank you to Commissioner Bernard. Can you look into  
11 those numbers at a later time to see where those numbers  
12 would be and see how we can work that with the City  
13 Council?

14 Because I think that's the level we all want to be  
15 on, where we can operate in a capacity, where we get  
16 these complaints you know worked on within 60 days, which  
17 is the charter sets, but then there's another 30 days  
18 there, which is 90 days. But I believe with Chief  
19 Warfield, what he just mentioned will raise the  
20 expectation of this board to where we should want to be,  
21 you know, going, thinking of the future. And we didn't  
22 have that report a few years ago when the question was  
23 raised at the table. And so I'm glad that Chief Warfield  
24 was able to step in and get the work right away and make  
25 that assessment. And so we need to be where Chief

1 Warfield just mentioned at 34, 35 individuals over there.  
2 I do have a concern about the deputy because the deputy  
3 position was something that had been straight down by  
4 this board a couple of different times. But what if it  
5 was a chief of staff person, Chief Warfield, that's the  
6 35th person.

7 CHIEF WARFIELD: Through the Chair. I don't want to  
8 necessarily get into the semantics of the title of the  
9 position. However, there needs to be a staff person there  
10 of senior level that is able to provide continuity in  
11 between changes within the chief investigator. I won't be  
12 there forever, and when I do leave I want to make sure  
13 that there's continuity, that the things that have  
14 already been accomplished and the path that we're moving  
15 in continues because there's a senior level  
16 administrator, whether you call them chief of staff,  
17 whether you call them deputy, I know in most departments  
18 in the city for instance, if you look at the Ombudsman's  
19 department they have a deputy and that deputy forms, or  
20 performs that type of duty to make sure that there is  
21 continuity of transition for the head position. So you  
22 can call it whatever you want to, but I think the  
23 continuity of, of transition and moving forward is what's  
24 most important.

25 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Thank you. And Mr. Drew Fries,

1 will your office be able to look and see how that will  
2 look on the budget? And perhaps this budget can go back  
3 before the Council. I don't know what the timeframe is to  
4 negotiate, you know, raising that even more. So we have  
5 more investigators over there and have the size team that  
6 Chief Warfield likes for OCI.

7 MR. FRIES: Through the Chair. Commissioner Burton,  
8 thank you for asking that question. And it's been through  
9 the partnership of Secretary Brown, and Chief  
10 Investigator Warfield, those numbers are exactly what  
11 we're working on right now. It is a bit of a moving  
12 target as we consider that some of these are union  
13 negotiated salaries. So we're anticipating these salaries  
14 to come up moving into next year, but with this  
15 consideration and with these numbers that we've been  
16 working very hard on the budget office is absolutely  
17 working on that.

18 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Thank you.

19 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Madam Chairperson.

20 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Yes.

21 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: May I be recognized. Thank  
22 you. A good report Drew, just really one quick question.  
23 Where are we on hiring a policy administrator for the  
24 board because I'm losing my mind doing 10 things?

25 MR. FRIES: Through the Chair. It is in the process

1 of being posted. A BOPC staff member, Jasmine, just asked  
2 me about this inquiry. I think on your behalf,  
3 Commissioner Bernard, that the official title is  
4 executive manager of policy. It's in the process of being  
5 posted and through that process, resumes will be  
6 collected, interviews will be conducted very soon here.  
7 But I agree, it has been too long but the role needs to  
8 be filled, both on the budget standpoint of we need to be  
9 spending the dollars that have been budgeted as well as  
10 the work that needs to be done.

11 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Thank you.

12 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the Chair. One final  
13 question for the fiscal manager.

14 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Commissioner Burton.

15 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Mr. Drew Fries, do you feel  
16 that your office could use an additional staff person,  
17 like an assistant or something of that nature?

18 MR. FRIES: Through the Chair, I would say not at  
19 this time.

20 CI WARFIELD: Praise the Lord.

21 MR. BROWN: Madam Chair, can I expound on that  
22 question?

23 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Go ahead.

24 MR. BROWN: I do believe that the policy division  
25 needs an extra person. Their work is overwhelming when

1 policies are coming in twofold for one person to handle  
2 that.  
3 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Commissioner Woods.  
4 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Yeah. You'll have that posted  
5 very soon, right? That'll be posted, the policy?  
6 MR. FRIES: Through the Chair. I think what standing  
7 Secretary Brown is saying is that on the policy side,  
8 currently we have no one. That role needs to be filled.  
9 The executive manager of policy. In addition to that,  
10 what is not currently budgeted is a policy assistant. The  
11 amount of work on the budget side, I think is handled  
12 well with one person. On the policy side that work  
13 eagerly needs to be worked on. And there is almost a  
14 backlog of policy work that has been built up. And so I  
15 don't want to speak for him, but what Secretary Brown is  
16 saying is that I think there does need to be an assistant  
17 on the executive manager of policy side.  
18 COMMISSIONER WOODS: So you're saying you need 2  
19 people?  
20 MR. FRIES: On the policy side? Yes.  
21 COMMISSIONER WOODS: On the policy side. And are we  
22 budgeted for that?  
23 MR. FRIES: Through the Chair. Right now, we're  
24 budgeted for one. Moving into next year through the  
25 negotiations that are happening right now with the City

1 Council, we are hoping to get another position budgeted.  
2 COMMISSIONER WOODS: So that's something futuristic.  
3 Alright. So right now, as it relates to the policy  
4 manager that would be posted very soon, right?  
5 MR. BROWN: Through the Chair.  
6 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Go ahead, go right ahead.  
7 MR. BROWN: Commissioner Woods, the position has to  
8 go through a process. It's already been put into neo gov.  
9 There are 4 people who has to approve it in order for it  
10 to get posted. Currently we're keeping our eye on the  
11 approval process, but as we speak, that position has been  
12 put into neo gov., which is the HR system for the city.  
13 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Okay.  
14 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Through the Chair, could I?  
15 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Yes, go ahead.  
16 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: In regards to the policy  
17 manager position, I've yet to come forth with a motion on  
18 that one. But the iAdvantage firm that's supporting the  
19 board's secretary vacancy is also willing and prepared to  
20 support with filling the vacancy of the policy manager as  
21 well. So, we can entertain, or we can post, but I'm not  
22 prepared to make any kind of motion right now on that.  
23 There are additional details that need to happen as well.  
24 So I'm just putting that out there for awareness more  
25 than anything else.

1 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Through the Chair.  
2 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Commissioner Woods.  
3 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Yeah, you know, I would like to  
4 see that happen sooner than later. And then also as it  
5 relates to going to a search firm for that particular  
6 position, I don't think I'll be in favor of that. And I  
7 believe that we could post that position just like we  
8 post all other positions so that we could be able to take  
9 a look at these resumes.  
10 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the Chair.  
11 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Commissioner Burton.  
12 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Question for Mr. Robert Brown.  
13 Mr. Robert Brown, is the board attorney present today?  
14 MR. BROWN: No, she's on vacation.  
15 COMMISSIONER BURTON: She's on vacation. Okay.  
16 Through the Chair, you know, this board is desperately in  
17 need of our attorney. We need someone who's going to, you  
18 know, really care about this board, but also care about  
19 the residents of Detroiters that come to the board. There  
20 are oftentimes, over the years, that this board has  
21 needed an immediate opinion on something. And with not  
22 having a board attorney present at every meeting it  
23 really set the board back, further behind in regards to  
24 getting an immediate opinion on something. I do recall  
25 when Attorney Linda Bernard, who happens to be our fellow

1 commissioner, and still happens to be attorney, but when  
2 she was our attorney to the board, Commissioner Bernard,  
3 she often gave a legal opinion you know, immediately. We  
4 didn't have to wait for a legal opinion for something in  
5 order for the board to do its business. So that's a  
6 disadvantage that we are in right now, compared to like  
7 City Council or the County Commissioners or other  
8 government boards and bodies.  
9 They are in a position where they can get an  
10 immediate opinion. We are at a disadvantage. And so I'd  
11 like to make a motion for the board to post the legal  
12 attorney position. I do like that to go before the  
13 policy. I mean, not the policy, but the personnel and  
14 training. But I'd like to make a motion that we do post  
15 that and that, you know, the personnel and training  
16 committee review that because we need an attorney at this  
17 time. And so I don't know if any commissioners feel that  
18 way or like to second a motion at this time that we post  
19 the board attorney's position.  
20 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: So your motion is?  
21 COMMISSIONER BURTON: For the board to post the board  
22 attorney's position, the attorney to the board for us to  
23 post that position.  
24 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I'll second.  
25 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Any discussion?



1 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Is there any discussion?  
 2 DR. JACKSON: State the motion, ma'am.  
 3 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Sorry. So the motion is that  
 4 you would like to post the secretary position?  
 5 COMMISSIONER BURTON No, not the secretary position,  
 6 board attorney.  
 7 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: I'm sorry. The board  
 8 attorney position. And there is a second by  
 9 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Me.  
 10 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Is there any discussion?  
 11 Commissioner, you want to go first.  
 12 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Well, I currently have an  
 13 attorney. And you know that we're not abandoned, we have  
 14 an attorney. And as long as...  
 15 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: You have an attorney, an  
 16 effective attorney.  
 17 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: May I comment, Madam Chair.  
 18 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Go ahead.  
 19 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: We have an attorney out of the  
 20 Office of Corporation Counsel. Many times the interests  
 21 of the board are in opposition to that, quite frankly, of  
 22 corporation counsel. That attorney works for us, "part-  
 23 time." And she was only going to be an attorney for 9  
 24 months. Our Chairperson would need to be here. He  
 25 brokered this deal because we hadn't had an attorney for

1 so long. And I believe that that 9 months is going to be  
 2 up pretty shortly. So therefore, it is appropriate for us  
 3 to advertise for our own full-time attorney, which the  
 4 board has always had their own lawyer sitting upstairs in  
 5 the office, so you can go ask questions to, and whose  
 6 attendance and Board meetings are mandatory. So it's it  
 7 for me, it's a no-brainer. But it's up to the board, of  
 8 course.  
 9 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Commissioner Bell.  
 10 COMMISSIONER BELL: We have already discussed this  
 11 issue in detail about attorneys to the board, and we  
 12 reached agreement with the Corporation Council that they  
 13 are attorneys of record, regardless of what you have  
 14 opinion from in-house. And so we don't need to revisit  
 15 that. We have an understanding of that process.  
 16 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: May I respond? The Chief of  
 17 Police has a legal department that costs \$1.4 million a  
 18 year. His corporation counsel is Mr. Hall. Every major  
 19 department in the city of Detroit has its own in-house  
 20 lawyers. We had one traditionally for years, we don't  
 21 now. The motion was simply for us to have our own in-  
 22 house attorney, like other majors if you will, though  
 23 leaders and progressive departments in the city have.  
 24 That's all.  
 25 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the Chair. Since we are

1 still in discussion.  
 2 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Go ahead, Commissioner  
 3 Burton.  
 4 COMMISSIONER BURTON: So Madam Chair, I know you just  
 5 recently arrived to the board, and I just want to just  
 6 talk a little bit more about the history and I would be  
 7 as concise as possible. The board has 50 years of police  
 8 oversight here in Detroit. The board of Police  
 9 Commissioner has always had its own attorney, in-house  
 10 attorney. And since I arrived here a little over a decade  
 11 ago on this board. I was the youngest police commissioner  
 12 in the country. And when I arrived here, we had our  
 13 attorney. We had Aliyah Sabree, who happens to be Judge  
 14 Aliyah Sabree, was the honorable attorney to this board.  
 15 And now she happens to be our honorable judge, a great  
 16 leader right here from the Board of Police Commissioners.  
 17 We also had another great leader, attorney on the  
 18 board since I've been here, Jermaine Wyrick.  
 19 But then we also had another great leader, an  
 20 attorney who won three cases in the Michigan Supreme  
 21 Court. The first woman to do so to have a master's in law  
 22 from the University of Pennsylvania. And always given the  
 23 board a legal opinion whenever a legal opinion was  
 24 raised. Now these individuals are great attorneys, as far  
 25 as their experiences here are concerned in the board, the

1 board's business, great attorneys that we have always had  
 2 a little over a decade that I've been here. The board has  
 3 always had its own attorney. Attorney was never just  
 4 assigned to us, but we want someone who wants to be here,  
 5 who has a stomach for the job to help the board move  
 6 along when it comes to providing a legal opinion. A legal  
 7 opinion is something that this board ought to rely on,  
 8 especially when we have closed door hearings, closed door  
 9 sessions, we should have an attorney that represents this  
 10 board in those closed door sessions. Commissioners, it is  
 11 one thing when we take notes, it's another thing when we  
 12 hear the various conversations and the various arguments,  
 13 but we don't walk out of a closed door session without  
 14 having a legal opinion from our licensed attorney that  
 15 can really direct this board and the path that we should  
 16 go.  
 17 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Thank you, commissioner,  
 18 thank you.  
 19 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Chair.  
 20 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Commissioner Carter.  
 21 COMMISSIONER CARTER: At this time, I think that the  
 22 motion is out of order in that we have an attorney. There  
 23 is no vacancy at this time, so we can't post something if  
 24 there's no vacancy. And there's no pending vacancy.  
 25 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Out of order for point of

1 information with the...  
 2 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Excuse me. Excuse me. So at  
 3 this time, I'll call for the question if we must take a  
 4 vote, and Commissioner Hernandez.  
 5 DR. JACKSON: That motion has to be seconded. She  
 6 made a motion call for the question. There needs to be a  
 7 second in order for it to be valid.  
 8 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Second.  
 9 DR. JACKSON: It's not seconded. It's lost for want  
 10 of a second.  
 11 It's second. She second.  
 12 DR. JACKSON: Okay. It's a non-debatable motion.  
 13 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: then the vote is on for the...  
 14 DR. JACKSON: The motion to call for the question  
 15 ends the debate. It's non-debatable, so you don't ask if  
 16 there's any debate, you go immediately to the vote. Roll  
 17 call, vote for those in favor of calling the question.  
 18 You're not voting on the motion now, you're voting on the  
 19 motion to end debate. Call the question. Thank you.  
 20 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Okay. The motion to end the  
 21 debate?  
 22 DR. JACKSON: Yes, ma'am.  
 23 MR. BROWN: Vice Chairperson Smith - Yes.  
 24 MR. BROWN: Commissioner Bernard - Yes.  
 25 MR. BROWN: Commissioner Bell - Yes.

1 MR. BROWN: Commissioner Burton - No. For the end of  
 2 the debate, madam.  
 3 MR. BROWN: Commissioner Carter – Yes.  
 4 Commissioner Hernandez - Yes.  
 5 Commissioner Woods - Yes.  
 6 MR. BROWN: Madam Chair, there was 6 yes, and 1 no.  
 7 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: So that motion is...  
 8 DR. JACKSON: So immediately go to the motion, which  
 9 is to post the position for an attorney. No more debate.  
 10 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Okay. So we have one more  
 11 debate.  
 12 COMMISSIONER WOODS: No more debate.  
 13 DR. JACKSON: You're voting on the motion, which was  
 14 to post a position for the attorney. You can't debate it  
 15 anymore, you just adopted a motion to end debate.  
 16 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: So we're voting on the  
 17 motion to post the position for the attorney.  
 18 DR. JACKSON: Yes, ma'am. All those in favor?  
 19 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: All those in favor?  
 20 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Roll call vote, Madam Chair.  
 21 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Roll call please, Mr. Brown.  
 22 DR. JACKSON: It doesn't require a roll call.  
 23 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: No, it doesn't.  
 24 DR. JACKSON: But you can certainly do one, Madam  
 25 Chair if you feel the outcome may be uncertain.

1 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Well, I just requested  
 2 because the commissioner just ask for a roll call, so to  
 3 please him, we'll do a roll call. Thank you.  
 4 MR. BROWN: Vice Chairperson Smith – No.  
 5 MR. BROWN: Commissioner Bernard – Absolutely, yes.  
 6 MR. BROWN: Commissioner Bell - No.  
 7 MR. BROWN: Commissioner Burton - Yes.  
 8 MR. BROWN: Commissioner Carter - No.  
 9 MR. BROWN: Commissioner Hernandez - No.  
 10 MR. BROWN: Commissioner Woods - No.  
 11 MR. BROWN: It was 2 yes votes and 5 no votes. 7,  
 12 yeah. 5 no votes.  
 13 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Thank you. So that motion  
 14 has failed.  
 15 COMMISSIONER BELL: Madam Chair.  
 16 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Commissioner Bell.  
 17 COMMISSIONER BELL: I just want factual that the two  
 18 great attorneys that he mentioned, Commissioner Burton,  
 19 we fired both of those great attorneys.  
 20 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Thank you, commissioner. So  
 21 we're moving on, please.  
 22 COMMISSIONER BURTON: That's inaccurate. That's not  
 23 totally true. That's not true.  
 24 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Okay. Thank you Mr. Burton.  
 25 We're moving on.

1 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: He got sued for it and had to  
 2 spend hundreds of thousands of dollars. So if he was  
 3 correct, he would've won the lawsuit.  
 4 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Okay. Thank you,  
 5 commissioner. We're moving forward to Mr. Brown for the  
 6 secretary report.  
 7 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the Chair, Attorney  
 8 Linda Bernard...  
 9 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Pardon me.  
 10 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Was one of the best attorneys.  
 11 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Let him, let him...  
 12 COMMISSIONER BURTON: She also could have sued for  
 13 hundreds of thousands of dollars, but she didn't. And  
 14 this board has never taken a motion to have Attorney  
 15 Linda Bernard or anybody else...  
 16 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Or anyone else.  
 17 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Or anybody else removed.  
 18 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Thank you. Thank you  
 19 Commissioner.  
 20 COMMISSIONER BURTON: For point of information.  
 21 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Mr. Brown.  
 22 COMMISSIONER BURTON: All three of these were great  
 23 attorneys for this board.  
 24 DR. JACKSON: Madam Chair, you have to close out  
 25 Fries' budget report.

1 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: I'm sorry.  
 2 DR. JACKSON: Close out the budget.  
 3 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Oh, I'm sorry. Mr. Fries.  
 4 You were standing there for a very long time. So thank  
 5 you for your report and thank you for the information and  
 6 we're moving forward. Thank you. Mr. Brown, as we move  
 7 forward to your report.  
 8 MR. BROWN: There are currently several incomings,  
 9 and I won't go through all of them because of time, but a  
 10 couple of them. We have two administrative leave without  
 11 pay that came in today from the chief's office, along  
 12 with the facial recognition policy that they just  
 13 submitted as well. That was the presentation last week.  
 14 And Madam Chair, I'll stop there.  
 15 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Thank you, Mr. Brown. So do  
 16 we have any announcements?  
 17 MR. BROWN: Madam Chair, the next BOPC community  
 18 meeting is Thursday, April 11th, 2024 at 6:30 PM with the  
 19 9th Precinct hosting at Ford Resource and Engagement  
 20 Center. That address is 15491 Madeline Street, Detroit,  
 21 Michigan 4205. And then the following community meeting,  
 22 Thursday, May 9th, 2024, 6:30 PM with the 8th Precinct  
 23 hosting and the location is forthcoming. And Madam Chair,  
 24 monthly committee meetings scheduled for April, 2024.  
 25 Policy Committee meeting Tuesday, April 16th, 2024 at

1 5:00 PM Citizen Complaint Committee meeting, Tuesday,  
 2 April 23rd, 2024 at 5:00 PM. And also, again, the Policy  
 3 Committee meeting will be Tuesday, April 30th at 5:00 PM.  
 4 And Madam Chair, all those committees can be, it's  
 5 located here at Detroit Public Safety Headquarters and  
 6 also could be viewed on Zoom.  
 7 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Thank you, Mr. Brown. So  
 8 we're now moving on to new business.  
 9 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: New business, Madam  
 10 Chairperson. I'd like to respond to the concerns of our  
 11 community, specifically with regard to the Kaneisha  
 12 Coleman State Police report. I'd like to request that  
 13 Deputy Chief Hayes provide a copy of that report from the  
 14 State Police to this body. The gentleman that calls in  
 15 frequently has raised this. I think it's important. It's  
 16 the State Police report. If you can provide that to us, I  
 17 would appreciate that.  
 18 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Go ahead.  
 19 DC HAYES: I will take that back. I will take that  
 20 request back to the Office of the Chief.  
 21 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Thank you. You let us know at  
 22 the next meeting.  
 23 DC HAYES: Yes. Thank you, Deputy Chief Haynes.  
 24 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the Chair.  
 25 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Commissioner Burton.

1 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the Chair, for new  
 2 business, you know, many of our Detroit residents in the  
 3 City of Detroit have called for a durable and sustained  
 4 ceasefire in Gaza. Many of our Detroit residents feel  
 5 that we need to pass a resolution from this honorable  
 6 board in support of the free, free Palestine. And so I'd  
 7 like to make a motion at this time on behalf of our  
 8 Detroit residents who have been very vocal in these  
 9 meetings. So I move that we passed a ceasefire  
 10 surveillance resolution that was introduced to this  
 11 board.  
 12 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Madam Chairperson.  
 13 COMMISSIONER BURTON: It's a second.  
 14 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: No. Can I suggest a friendly  
 15 amendment?  
 16 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Through the Chair. Language is  
 17 with the attorney right now. So I think that we need to  
 18 wait for the attorney to draft the language, for the  
 19 motion for the resolution with regards to the ceasefire  
 20 resolution before we vote on anything else. Commissioner  
 21 that resolution was given to the attorney for her to look  
 22 over it and she would get back with us.  
 23 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the chair. The  
 24 resolution...  
 25 DR. JACKSON: Madam Chair, was there a second to that

1 motion?  
 2 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: There actually...  
 3 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Yes. Commissioner Bernard  
 4 second that.  
 5 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: No. I was asking for a point  
 6 of clarification because I thought that the board should  
 7 draft its own resolution regarding the ceasefire and the  
 8 surveillance. And we can use your motion as a base for  
 9 that.  
 10 COMMISSIONER BURTON: But you second it last week, a  
 11 week before you...  
 12 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I'll second it, I'll second  
 13 it.  
 14 DR. JACKSON: Madam Chair, that motion is not before  
 15 the board.  
 16 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: It's not before the board. I  
 17 remember you said that there was not...  
 18 COMMISSIONER BURTON: She just second it.  
 19 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: There was not a resolution  
 20 that it was resolved because it didn't.  
 21 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I guess my...  
 22 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Attorney had to look it  
 23 over.  
 24 COMMISSIONER BURTON: She just seconded it, and the  
 25 board has seen this resolution.

1 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Discussion.  
 2 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Is there a discussion?  
 3 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Or you have to... parliamentarian.  
 4 DR. JACKSON: If the motion has been properly  
 5 seconded, then you need to state what the motion is and  
 6 then open up the floor for debate.  
 7 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: So your motion.  
 8 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Okay, so should I read the  
 9 resolution?  
 10 DR. JACKSON: No.  
 11 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: No.  
 12 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Okay. So the resolution is  
 13 calling for a ceasefire and surveillance resolution in  
 14 Gaza. So it was a resolution that was passed.  
 15 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: What is your motion?  
 16 COMMISSIONER BURTON: It's for the board to approve  
 17 the ceasefire and surveillance resolution.  
 18 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: So we are asking that this  
 19 motion is for the board to approve the ceasefire  
 20 resolution for ceasefire in Gaza. Is there...  
 21 COMMISSIONER WOODS: The ceasefire and surveillance.  
 22 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: And surveillance in Gaza.  
 23 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Through the Chair.  
 24 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: What you said?  
 25 COMMISSIONER BURTON: And it was seconded, properly

1 seconded by Commissioner.  
 2 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Discussion.  
 3 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Commissioner Hernandez.  
 4 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Thank you.  
 5 COMMISSIONER WOODS: But see, you stated and you  
 6 second it and now you are opening it for...  
 7 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Is there any discussion?  
 8 Commissioner Hernandez. COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Thank you  
 9 so much.  
 10 I think it's ridiculously premature given that we  
 11 have a motion that was provided by the commissioner  
 12 that's under review by our attorney. I think it's  
 13 entirely premature for us to even be in a position to  
 14 vote. I know that the outcome of this vote is not  
 15 reflective of our stance. And I want to make that  
 16 entirely clear for the public and for anyone in the media  
 17 that might be here. It's completely irresponsible to even  
 18 suggest that we present a motion when there's work behind  
 19 the scenes going on. So I ask that we actually table and  
 20 I'll make a motion that we table this for two weeks until  
 21 we have that response from the board attorney.  
 22 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Okay.  
 23 DR. JACKSON: Madam Chair.  
 24 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Yes.  
 25 DR. JACKSON: Was there a motion to refer the

1 resolution to the lawyer?  
 2 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Yes.  
 3 DR. JACKSON: If there was a motion to refer the  
 4 resolution to the attorney, then this current motion is  
 5 not in order because the board has referred this matter  
 6 to the attorney. And so unless you want to rescind the  
 7 motion to refer it to the attorney, you cannot make a  
 8 motion that is essentially hijacking the motion you made  
 9 last week. That would not be in order. Now, if the board  
 10 has changed its mind about referring it to the attorney,  
 11 then the board can rescind the motion to refer to the  
 12 attorney and then vote on this motion. But the motion to  
 13 refer to the attorney means that you have asked for an  
 14 opinion and that matter is still under the control of the  
 15 board. But you can't have both motions.  
 16 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: And we did send it off for  
 17 her to look at.  
 18 COMMISSIONER BELL: Madam Chair.  
 19 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Yes, Commissioner Bell.  
 20 COMMISSIONER BELL: You can set a rule that the  
 21 motion's out of order and we can move on.  
 22 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Okay. Commissioner Woods.  
 23 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the Chair.  
 24 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Commissioner Woods.  
 25 COMMISSIONER BURTON: For point of information.

1 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Commissioner Burton, you  
 2 have not been recognized.  
 3 COMMISSIONER BURTON: When was the resolution emailed  
 4 to the attorney? Was it an email? When was it emailed?  
 5 What day? What time? This is information that we need to  
 6 know for point of information.  
 7 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Excuse, excuse me.  
 8 COMMISSIONER BURTON: And also look at the attorney's  
 9 attendance. Let's look at her attendance. When...  
 10 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: You are out of order,  
 11 Commissioner Burton.  
 12 COMMISSIONER BURTON: When has she had legal opinions  
 13 and when has she not been able to give a legal opinion  
 14 for the board to be...  
 15 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Is it out of order effectively?  
 16 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: It's out of order.  
 17 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Okay, all right. So, if it's out  
 18 of order, it's out of order.  
 19 COMMISSIONER BURTON: It's not our order for point of  
 20 information.  
 21 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Commissioner Burton, you  
 22 haven't been recognized to even speak.  
 23 COMMISSIONER WOODS: It has to be respect in decorum  
 24 here. I understand where you, commissioner, through the  
 25 Chair, Commissioner Burton, I know where you're trying to

1 get to. It's all about decorum. It's all about...  
 2 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Thank you. And I understand  
 3 your passion. I'm not against what you're trying to do,  
 4 but please respect me. I understand what you're saying.  
 5 We have had this board. We had the resolution. The  
 6 resolution was sent to the attorney. The attorney is not  
 7 here.  
 8 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the Chair, please have  
 9 some class, and please have some respect for the senior  
 10 statesman on this board. You know, I'm  
 11 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: I need you to have class and  
 12 respect.  
 13 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I've been here over a decade.  
 14 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: I'm respecting you...  
 15 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I know this resolution can be  
 16 brought up, it can be brought up each week under new  
 17 business, and I still stand...  
 18 COMMISSIONER WOODS: I like to make a motion....  
 19 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Still stands for the ceasefire  
 20 resolution, calls for a ceasefire resolution, and free,  
 21 free Palestine. Free. Free Palestine.  
 22 COMMISSIONER WOODS: I would like to make a motion to  
 23 censor Commissioner Burton for his disrespect and his  
 24 disregard of the process. And so I'm making a motion that  
 25 we censor Commissioner Willie Burton for his utter

1 disrespect and disregard of the process, over talking,  
 2 and this being his posture and his demeanor is negative  
 3 and it's terrible and it's an affront to the citizens of  
 4 the City of Detroit. And so I ask that this board... I made  
 5 a motion that we censor him.  
 6 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ Second.  
 7 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: We have a motion to censor  
 8 Commissioner Willie Burton. Is there a second?  
 9 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Second.  
 10 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Madam Chair.  
 11 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Is there any discussion?  
 12 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Yes. First of all, I'm not  
 13 sure that our bylaws, I have looked at them, gives anyone  
 14 the right to censor elected members of a board?  
 15 COMMISSIONER WOODS: It does, it does.  
 16 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: We'd have to, first of all,  
 17 you'd have to reference that bylaw that does that. And  
 18 also find out what percentage of a vote you would need to  
 19 do that. So I guess to me, you have to table that motion  
 20 at that point because I don't know the rules and I don't  
 21 think anyone... I know Robert's Rules gives you the right  
 22 to censor and I appreciate it, but I don't know what our  
 23 bylaws say.  
 24 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Our bylaws say very, very  
 25 clearly, I read...

1 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Chairing this meeting, you  
 2 know, I do demand respect. I respect each and every  
 3 commissioner, all of my colleagues, and you timely just  
 4 continue to disrespect me. I address you in an  
 5 appropriate manner, but you over talk me, and because you  
 6 feel that you are the senior person on this board, or you  
 7 may feel that you know more than me, you feel that  
 8 there's a reason for disrespect towards me. COMMISSIONER  
 9 BERNARD: We don't have a quorum, Madam Chairperson.  
 10 DR. JACKSON: Madam Chair. Article 10 of the BOPC  
 11 bylaw states the following. Once the chairperson declares  
 12 a breach of order, a penalty may be imposed by a majority  
 13 vote to require the non-compliant board member to leave  
 14 for the meeting.  
 15 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: And we don't have a quorum  
 16 anymore for the meeting.  
 17 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: We don't have a quorum  
 18 anymore.  
 19 DR. JACKSON: Well, you don't have a quorum, so you  
 20 can't vote on anything.  
 21 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Motion to adjourn?  
 22 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Motions to adjourn.  
 23 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Yes.  
 24 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Second.  
 25 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I'll do that report.

1 DR. JACKSON: You have to pronounce it, the meeting  
 2 is...  
 3 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: The meeting is adjourned.  
 4 Thank you.  
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 6 (Meeting Adjourned at 4:54 p.m.)  
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