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DETROIT BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 2017 at 3:00 PM
DETROIT PUBLIC SAFETY HEADQUARTERS
1301 THIRD AVENUE
DETROIT, MICHIGAN 48226

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COMMISSIONERS:

- RICHARD SHELBY, Commissioner (Dist. 1)
- REGINALD CRAWFORD, Commissioner (Dist. 3)
- WILLIE BELL, Chairperson (Dist. 4)
- WILLIE E. BURTON, Commissioner (Dist. 5)
- DEREK SANDERS, Commissioner

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REPRESENTING THE CHIEF OF POLICE'S OFFICE:
CHIEF JAMES E. CRAIG

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1 Detroit, Michigan

2 April 27, 2017

3 About 3:00 p.m.

4 COMMISSIONER BELL: Good afternoon. And
5 welcome to the weekly afternoon meeting of the Board of
6 Police Commission. I am your chair Willie Bell from
7 District 4. It's good to see all of you here this
8 afternoon. I'm going to call the meeting to order. If
9 commissioner Richard Shelby would be so kind for
10 invocation I would appreciate it.

11 (Invocation given.)

12 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you, Commissioner
13 Shelby. And we're going to let's just say we do not
14 have a quorum at this time but we're going to conduct a
15 rollcall starting with Commissioner Sanders.

16 COMMISSIONER SANDERS: Commissioner Sanders
17 at large.

18 COMMISSIONER BELL: And to my left.

19 COMMISSIONER CRAWFORD: Commission Reginald
20 Crawford, District 3.

21 COMMISSIONER SHELBY: Commissioner Richard
22 Shelby, District 1.

23 COMMISSIONER BELL: And we have excused
24 absence from Commissioner Elizabeth Brooks, also
25 Commissioner Eva Dewaelsche and Ricardo R. Moore, and

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1 Bishop Edgar Vann, commissioner so Mr. Hicks, it's quite
2 obvious that we do not have a quorum.

3 MR. HICKS: Yes, Mr. Chair.

4 COMMISSIONER BELL: So what I would like to
5 do would you introduce the board staff, please.

6 MR. HICKS: Sure. Just to indicate that is
7 typical that before we get to commissioner staff
8 Sergeant Quinn is doing the taping today, media service
9 is doing the audio visual and Caitlyn Mancini is the
10 court reporter for today and then for our staff starting
11 at the first row to my extreme right is Teresa Blossom
12 who is our media outreach person, and Mrs. Johnson who
13 is the fiscal person and then Mrs. White who is the
14 policy person and then we can -- and of course Mr. Brown
15 who's right next to me. Then we can go to Chief Drake
16 for any staff that she has here.

17 CHIEF INVESTIGATOR DRAKE: Pamela Davis
18 Drake, Chief Investigator with us today is supervising
19 investigator Ainsley Cromwell.

20 COMMISSIONER BELL: Good to see the staff.
21 And Chief James E. Craig.

22 CHIEF CRAIG: James E. Craig and staff I
23 would ask that folks be recognized.

24 ASSISTANT CHIEF STAIR: Good afternoon.
25 First Assistant Chief Lashinda Stair.

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1 ASSISATNT CHIEF WHITE: Good afternoon.

2 Assistant Chief White.

3 DEPUTY CHIEF WASHINGTON: Celia Washington,
4 legal advisor.

5 ASSISTANT CHIEF FITZGERALD: Deputy Chief
6 Fitzgerald.

7 CAPTAIN CHAMBERS: Captain Michael Chambers,
8 internal patrol.

9 LIEUTENANT JOHNSON: Lieutenant Johnson
10 (inaudible.)

11 LIEUTENANT HAYES: Lieutenant Franklin Hayes
12 secondary (inaudible).

13 SERGEANT ADAMS: Sergeant Adams, Media
14 relations.

15 MS. GRANT: Kelly Russell Grant, supervisor.

16 MS. JONES: (Inaudible.) Jones AGCFO.

17 MR. PARRISH: Lieutenant Michael Parrish,
18 narcotics.

19 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you, Chief. Thank
20 you, staff. Good to see all of you this afternoon. We
21 appreciate you each and every day. I don't care what
22 the people say. You are dear to my heart. Do we have
23 any elected officials or representative of elected
24 officials in the meeting this afternoon?

25 MR. DIVERS: My name is Arthur divers I'm

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1 the liaison for the honorable George Cushingberry
2 president of Detroit city council.

3 COMMISSIONER BELL: You do an excellent job
4 of liaison person.

5 MR. DIVERS: Thank you.

6 COMMISSIONER BELL: Any other block leader,
7 community leaders or?

8 MS. BUTLER: Lydia KHECK Butler president
9 second precinct.

10 COMMISSIONER BELL: Always good to see the
11 second precinct president at our meeting. Anyone else
12 that we have not -- all of you are very, very important
13 people and thank you for your attendance this afternoon
14 as we move forward. I guess the next item would be
15 reporting out. Item number one as many of you know Vice
16 Chairman Ricardo Moore has resigned from the Board of
17 Police Commission, has taken a job with the Michigan
18 Parole Board. I'm directing staff to prepare an
19 appropriate resolution for his service to the board and
20 congratulate him on his new job. Very important job.
21 We wish him the best in terms of moving on and his
22 service that he has rendered in three and a half plus
23 years and not all -- not just that but he's a former
24 lieutenant with Detroit Police Department so here's to
25 career afterwards.

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1 I'm going to ask item number two the
2 commissioners please mark your calendar for Friday, May
3 the 19th, 2017 starting at 12 noon and Saturday May the
4 20th, 2017 beginning at 8:30 a.m. for the board training
5 program. Our training will take place in the afternoon
6 at...

7 CHIEF INVESTIGATOR DRAKE: Anthenium.

8 COMMISSIONER BELL: Anthesium suite hotel
9 downtown. Next week each member will receive a detailed
10 package of activity we would have guests from the LABP.

11 CHIEF CRAIG: LAPD?

12 COMMISSIONER BELL: Yes, sir. LA board of
13 commissioners.

14 CHIEF CRAIG: Wow.

15 COMMISSIONER BELL: Yes, we have ranks on
16 heavy weights. We'll share some of their experience on
17 police oversight. The session is closed as part of our
18 training program. This session is designed to discuss
19 and set goals for the board of police commission.

20 At our next community on May 11 at 6:30 p.m.
21 we have two presentations the first is from homicide.
22 Second one involved building safety, engineering and
23 environmental department who will update us on medical
24 marijuana. I know all of us have an interest in that so
25 we just going to really profile. BC has a new website

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1 on medical marijuana. That presentation would take us
2 from start to finish and step to opening clinic to
3 public receive answers to the number of legal shops in
4 business in the effort to force compliance with local
5 laws and ordinances.

6 The leadership of the commission is
7 continuing to meet with the mayor and chief of police at
8 our monthly discussion about the progress of the
9 department and the work of the board. We just had a
10 general meeting there was nothing glaring. The mayor
11 reassured us that our OCI facility and power park KHECK
12 should be moving right along. He reassured us that they
13 have a clear understanding it's a mandate, a priority of
14 the mayor to get this taken care of. And basically it
15 was just a general meeting of the mind in terms of
16 progress of the department and I don't really have
17 nothing glaring to report out at this time that I can
18 think of. It was a good dialogue, good healthy dialogue
19 to make sure that we all on the same page as we move
20 forward in terms of the interest of public safety in
21 city of Detroit.

22 I just want one key issue that we talked
23 about was electronic weapons, tasers, but we going to
24 schedule that for next week since we do not have a
25 quorum, we don't have a full attendance. We will share

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1 that with the board members to make them aware that
2 would be on the agenda for next week. It's something
3 that we're going to have the chief report out but we do
4 not want to exercise futility and not have a full board
5 at least make an effort to do that so we have that
6 scheduled for next week and you'll get due notice on
7 that particular item so prep yourself in terms of any
8 other homework or other issues you might have see
9 secretary Mr. Hicks.

10 Later on agenda we're going to have a review
11 of the department third quarter from our fiscal section
12 that's Mrs. Faye Johnson will be presenting at that
13 particular time. So that's basically we have a
14 graduation class that's from the police academy that's
15 going to graduate from police academy tomorrow at 10:30
16 at Ebenezer Church. I didn't say baptist Ebenezer
17 Church and it's going to be at 10:30. And how many in
18 the class?

19 MS. OXENDINE: 31.

20 COMMISSIONER BELL: 31 officer will march
21 down the aisle. To me it's always one of the high
22 points of a commissioner to enjoy that type of ceremony
23 because we need those officer and they have volunteered
24 to serve us and we interact with the class and academy.
25 It was a good exchange so that's one of the things that

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1 we put on our agenda for Chief Investigator Drake and
2 any other commissions. We working up another schedule
3 we'll let you know about that. We also will be visiting
4 the LSA class next Wednesday at I think 1:00.

5 CHIEF INVESTIGATOR DRAKE: 1:30.

6 COMMISSIONER BELL: So if any commission
7 want to attend that would be another interchange with
8 them so it's good to see that we are promoting people so
9 as we move right along. We have addendum item third
10 round promotion from the chief of police. Mr. Hicks, is
11 that something that's in the package?

12 MR. HICKS: Yes, Mr. Chair, that is in the
13 package. This does require a vote.

14 COMMISSIONER BELL: Okay we won't address
15 that.

16 MR. HICKS: Either we can wait until we get
17 a quorum today or put it over to the next meeting.

18 COMMISSIONER BELL: Yes, sir, we have no
19 choice. Okay thank you. And now we'll hear from the
20 chief of police, Chief Craig.

21 CHIEF CRAIG: Good afternoon. A third round
22 promotion? I'm sure curious on that.

23 MR. HICKS: Yeah, through the chair it was
24 an individual as an amendment on your third round --

25 CHIEF CRAIG: Oh yes, I know the one. I'm

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1 clear. Thank you very much. Yes, briefly this as
2 reported out graduation tomorrow 10:00. I think it's
3 the 9th installation of our DPDTV on the west side in
4 12th precinct, 11:30 on the Avenue of Fashion. Several
5 businesses will be in attendance.

6 And lastly our crime stats year to date
7 overall violent crime we're down 9 percent. Overall
8 property crime down 5 percent with property crime
9 sitting at roughly 6 percent so we are trending and
10 continue to trend in the right direction. And that
11 concludes mine.

12 COMMISSIONER BELL: Is that it, Chief?

13 CHIEF CRAIG: That's it.

14 COMMISSIONER BELL: Okay.

15 COMMISSIONER CRAWFORD: Brief and to the
16 point.

17 COMMISSIONER BELL: Any remarks for the
18 chief?

19 COMMISSIONER CRAWFORD: Yeah, I just had one
20 question, excuse me, through the chair. Chief, on the
21 Sergeant Collin Rose's murder is there any update on
22 that? I know everything was -- the investigation and
23 supposed to be sent to the prosecutor's.

24 CHIEF CRAIG: Still in the prosecutor's
25 office.

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1 COMMISSIONER CRAWFORD: Okay, sir, thank
2 you.

3 COMMISSIONER BELL: Yeah any other
4 questions, comments?

5 COMMISSIONER SHELBY: Yeah, through the
6 chair.

7 COMMISSIONER BELL: Yes, sir.

8 COMMISSIONER SHELBY: I'd like to
9 congratulate the police department on the Green Light
10 initiative. There's one location close to my district
11 where a lot of drug activity was taking place in the
12 parking lot and it was on a daily basis. I mean you go
13 by there in the day and there was a large crowd out
14 there. You've had robberies there, shootings there.
15 Since they put the Green Light up a lot is clear.
16 Nobody's out there. So, Chief, I thank you for that
17 initiative.

18 CHIEF CRAIG: Through the chair thanks.

19 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you. And I want
20 to say Mr. Hicks thanks for keeping us posted because
21 that's a hot item in the community and they want them on
22 every other block if not two or three on a block now.
23 That's the big push is when they going to come to the
24 neighborhood.

25 CHIEF CRAIG: Well, we're starting our first

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1 business district I know we're in the process of
2 lighting up Michigan Avenue over I think that's
3 Corktown. There's a lot of interest on the Livernois
4 corridor. We'll be having our installation DPD TV so
5 we'll be setting up Green Light there as well.

6 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you. I want to
7 acknowledge Deputy Chief Washington and A.C. White thank
8 you for preparing to present this afternoon and on the
9 short notice but we looking forward for you to bring
10 forth the item on the agenda next week. Yes?

11 DEPUTY CHIEF WASHINGTON: Thank you, Mr.
12 Chair. Thank you for that acknowledgement we appreciate
13 that through my chief. What we do have the -- we have a
14 draft, a revised draft that A.C. White prepared that
15 incorporates the recommendations of this body into the
16 policy and it may be helpful. We do have that today for
17 the homework that you mentioned.

18 COMMISSIONER BELL: Yes.

19 DEPUTY CHIEF WASHINGTON: For the
20 commissioners' review in preparation for next week.

21 COMMISSIONER BELL: That would be very
22 helpful and we appreciate that. Okay. Well do we have
23 any standing or ad hoc committee reports? I don't see
24 the ad hoc committee here this afternoon so we can move
25 right along since we don't have -- Mr. Hicks.

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1 MR. HICKS: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

2 Mr. Chair, listed on the agenda --

3 COMMISSIONER BELL: I'm sorry I'm out of
4 order. I'm out of order. As I mentioned to you I don't
5 have my reading glasses. Let's move on to OCI report
6 Pamela Davis Drake, I apologize. Okay. I know you're
7 prepared and you ready. As always.

8 CHIEF INVESTIGATOR DRAKE: I try.

9 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you.

10 CHIEF INVESTIGATOR DRAKE: Good afternoon
11 everyone. For the record Pamela Davis Drake, Chief
12 Investigator. The report for March 2017 is as follows:
13 We currently have 192 open cases. We have 7 cases that
14 have been either placed in my box or a supervisor's box
15 for review pending closure and we have no cases over 90
16 days. The statistics that are in your packet again for
17 March 2017 we have a total of 90 cases that came into
18 our office which is about a 7 percent increase from this
19 time last year. Overall 6 percent increase. This is
20 about the time when the cases do start increasing so
21 it's not a surprise there.

22 At the end of March we had 168 open
23 investigations, 254 cases were filed, and 260 cases were
24 closed. As you can see just as we're getting them in
25 we're closing them out so the staff is doing a

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1 tremendous job in closing those cases and conducting
2 thorough and timely investigations. Of the 90 cases
3 that were filed in March 31 percent involved unknown
4 officers. Just as a point of reference and this
5 Commissioner Crawford will probably be excited to hear
6 this in January we actually had 41 percent unknown
7 officers. In February 34 percent and this month this
8 past in March 31 percent so that's a gradual decrease in
9 the number of unknown officers, which is always good to
10 see. I'm hoping that that will continue to be the
11 trend.

12 One of the factors may very well be the fact
13 that we now have body cam footage to review. And that
14 body cam footage is crystal clear. It is wonderful. We
15 are happy to have it. Let's see 90 cases were filed in
16 March there were 145 allegations. The leading areas of
17 concern: 28 percent demeanor, 25 percent procedure,
18 service was at 15 percent, and harassment was at 9
19 percent. Now I want to go back to the body cams, too I
20 think it's noteworthy that now I believe 6 precincts are
21 currently outfitted with body cam footage. The 4th,
22 5th, 6th, 7th, 9th, and 11th, and please correct me if I
23 am wrong or others have been added but by the end of the
24 year I think the plan is to have everyone outfitted with
25 the exception of specialized units. Is that correct,

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1 sir?

2 CHIEF CRAIG: Yeah I think SRT --

3 ASSISTANT CHIEF WHITE: SRT are going up and
4 we'll be there well before the end of the year. We'll
5 be there about August.

6 CHIEF INVESTIGATOR DRAKE: Okay wonderful.
7 Well it's certainly helpful. We appreciate getting --
8 having access to that footage. Let's see. 79 cases
9 were closed in March. The allegations, I'm sorry, they
10 involved allegations where the findings were as follows:
11 Not sustained 37 percent, administrative closures 24
12 percent, exonerated cases 14 percent, and sustained
13 cases at 12 percent. The leading areas of concern in
14 those 79 cases were procedure and demeanor, which always
15 are at the top, 33 percent and 26 percent respectively,
16 and service and force at 17 percent and 6 percent. And
17 that concludes my report. I will welcome any questions.

18 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you. Commissions?
19 Let the record reflect that Commissioner Burton joined
20 us about three, four minutes ago. Good to see you this
21 afternoon.

22 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Good to see you,
23 Mr. Chairman.

24 COMMISSIONER BELL: Commissioners any
25 questions or concerns to the chief investigator?

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1 COMMISSIONER CRAWFORD: I'll just through
2 the chair.

3 COMMISSIONER BELL: Yes, sir.

4 COMMISSIONER CRAWFORD: I have a question in
5 reference to the the body cam and I'm so glad they're
6 all coming online because that's a two way street, you
7 know, in terms of like you said you're able to view now
8 both ways the citizen in terms of the complaint and also
9 the officer so we get a look at both. Also too did I
10 hear that correctly that August? Assistant Chief?

11 ASSISTANT CHIEF WHITE: Yes, sir.

12 COMMISSIONER CRAWFORD: The entire --
13 because I know we were talking about the 12th precinct
14 in December so you're saying in August we'll be?

15 ASSISTANT CHIEF WHITE: Yeah, we've had
16 significant success over the past few weeks and we are
17 targeted to be completed in August. The last report I
18 got as of Monday we should be finished out with the
19 round of deployed by late August.

20 COMMISSIONER CRAWFORD: Okay that's great.
21 That's great to hear. We're ahead of the timetable so
22 to speak. Thank you.

23 CHIEF INVESTIGATOR DRAKE: Thank you.

24 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you, chief
25 investigator. And next item would be from our budget

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1 third quarter overview by Ms. Faye Johnson, please.

2 MS. JOHNSON: Faye Johnson executive fiscal
3 manager for the board of police commissioners. I'm here
4 to report on third quarter for DPD as much as I can say
5 it hasn't changed significantly from the second quarter.
6 There's still a lot of work that needs to be done within
7 DPD. I have been focused on the board of commissioners
8 cost center because that's where our costs lie. And at
9 least we're not showing a deficit in third quarter as we
10 were previously because there are a lot of adjustments
11 that are necessary that still need to be done, and I'm
12 pushing as hard as I can to get this information done
13 but unfortunately once I do get access to the system,
14 I'll only have read only access so I'm unable to do any
15 corrections on my own in our cost center or any cost
16 centers. So we have to rely on DPD finance to get them
17 done.

18 There's a lot of classification and posting
19 errors I find not only within the commission cost center
20 but also in the DPD cost centers so at this point
21 there's only two years left in this -- I mean two months
22 left in this fiscal year, which is very tight because
23 then we'll be starting a new year, new fiscal year July
24 1st, and all this stuff supposed to be done before the
25 end of the year, which if it is done it could actually

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1 show how much money we have left to spend. But with the
2 way the items are appearing in the financial records you
3 really have no clue, you know. So all I can say is that
4 still waiting for corrections to be done in May.

5 I'm not reporting on the police grants
6 because there's a lot to it and I found that out going
7 down to grants management, grants administration, and
8 they're going to come and walk me through what their
9 process is so I would be able to better understand what
10 they're doing in regards to the grant and give you more
11 thorough report in regards to any grants that they're in
12 currently and that may roll over, et cetera. So at this
13 time I didn't want to report anything on the grants at
14 this time and misspeak on those.

15 Drug forfeiture fund. I think 63 percent of
16 the cost center within net fund have no activity at all
17 but they have budget and I did give you supporting
18 schedules which show what that is in terms of dollars.
19 Other than that if you have any questions or comments.

20 COMMISSIONER BELL: Commissioner Sanders?

21 COMMISSIONER SANDERS: One reason that I
22 haven't put out a report yet because of the work that
23 Ms. Johnson was doing and I was trying to give people
24 that was working with her a chance so we can straighten
25 out some of these matters but it seem like to me that

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1 peoples really slacking in getting the information that
2 we need. You know, as you know we are the oversight for
3 the Detroit Police Department budget and we also look at
4 controlling and taking care of our own budget but if
5 we've got missed information or information's not there
6 how can we report accurately? So we really need people
7 to step up and help us to get this corrected. And, you
8 know, earlier I talked to Chief Craig and he is willing
9 to have somebody to help us out and I would appreciate
10 that. I really would.

11 CHIEF CRAIG: Through the chair.

12 COMMISSIONER BELL: Yes, sir.

13 CHIEF CRAIG: I'd like Lisa to come and
14 report out. There have been some assertions made that
15 there's been a lack of corporation and I need you to
16 address those issues, please.

17 MS. JONES: Good afternoon. Lisa Jones,
18 ACFO. We have been working closely with Ms. Johnson to
19 correct the issues that were identified and particularly
20 in the board's budget year to date. We do have a cost
21 center clean up issue and it's throughout the
22 department. We've discussed this in previous meetings.
23 And we started with the board because I understand the
24 importance for you all to know exactly where your
25 spending is. It has taken several weeks for us to

1 identify all of the issues with the board's cost center
2 to even get you to showing the surplus of over a million
3 dollars. There is still more work to do. Because all
4 of the expenses have not yet been moved but I think we
5 have it in such a place that we've also identified the
6 issues by object code with Ms. Johnson so she knows what
7 the next steps are for each of those errors in the
8 budget.

9 So for example, the police personnel charges
10 that are being charged to the board's cost center we do
11 know that we need to move out all of those expenses.
12 Subsequently, all of the employee fringes associated
13 with that will also be moved so those deficits will turn
14 into -- they will net out, right? You're not supposed
15 to have a budget there or they will go into a surplus
16 and so I have reassigned my staff realizing that the
17 original person I assigned just did not have the time.
18 We are short staffed in my shop and just this week I did
19 get permission from the deputy CFO Pamela Scales to hire
20 temporary staff come in just to clean up the cost
21 centers because at this point based on the work that we
22 did on the board's cost center we are unable to do that
23 right now and also do our day to day work.

24 So I can keep you posted as to when that
25 additional staff will come on board. This is a lengthy

1 process for a lot of reasons. I know we had several
2 challenges in cleaning up the board. Some of it was
3 more obvious than others. Unfortunately, we had -- we
4 identified a situation where another department's costs
5 were hitting our cost center so it wasn't even internal.
6 Those -- that kind of investigation just takes work. It
7 does. And I've had at least three of my staff working
8 on this project. We are readily available to
9 Ms. Johnson and the board whenever, you know, we need to
10 be. We've tried to explain to the best of our knowledge
11 what it is that we're sending her so that she
12 understands it. I can't -- I can't change what comes
13 out of the system but I can do my best to explain what
14 it is that you're seeing.

15 So we are making every effort to work with
16 the board. We want nothing more than to work with the
17 board on this and make sure that you're comfortable with
18 the numbers that you're seeing not just for the board
19 but also for the department and the chief as well. And
20 so, you know, if there are any other questions I'm happy
21 to answer them.

22 COMMISSIONER CRAWFORD: Through the chair.
23 Ms. Jones and Ms. Johnson will we be able to get this
24 done in two months before the fiscal?

25 MS. JONES: So my goal was always by the end

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1 of the fiscal year and like I addressed to Pam the only
2 way I can do that is if I have people that can focus on
3 this. It is a matter of matching cost centers with
4 payroll because payroll is 85 percent of the
5 department's budget and then, you know, working through
6 all of the operating expenses and making sure that
7 everything is hitting where it's supposed to go. We did
8 an exercise yesterday on commodity codes which is a
9 breakdown of the object codes and we realize there are
10 some issues there so we have expenses that we're
11 charging to a particular object code but the commodity
12 codes do not match, which would then make those expenses
13 hit another object code.

14 I mean, you know, we have several layers of
15 complexity here. I don't want to sound like a broken
16 record when I say we have system issues but we do.
17 Right? And I also understand that you have, you know,
18 you are waiting approval on your budget amendments. We
19 do everything that we can just as we do on behalf of the
20 department to push through their budget amendments; we
21 do the same thing for the board. I have reiterated the
22 importance of that budget amendment moving quickly. I
23 have a meeting with budget after this meeting as a
24 matter of fact and I will do the same.

25 COMMISSIONER CRAWFORD: Yes. My concern is

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1 that the commission and the department remain within
2 budget and not go over budget and also know just what we
3 have.

4 MS. JONES: Absolutely, sir. On a monthly
5 basis we are responsible for providing a budget to
6 actual projection through the end of the fiscal year to
7 the office of budget which is also shared with the
8 department and the mayor. And so we are projecting a
9 surplus that is part of my discussion this afternoon as
10 a matter of fact so we don't expect to be in an overall
11 deficit but what it looks like on paper, you know, I can
12 honestly say it is going to look different until the
13 clean up is complete.

14 COMMISSIONER CRAWFORD: Thank you.

15 MS. JONES: Yes.

16 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the chair.

17 COMMISSIONER BELL: Yes, sir.

18 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I just want to add
19 that, you know, since I've been on the commission for
20 the past four years is that the department has been very
21 helpful in providing whatever information that the board
22 has requested and it's been doing a great job in doing
23 that. Also, you know, when it comes to fiscal Ms. Jones
24 you've been very helpful working closely with this
25 board. The only problem I have is, you know, why did we

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1 went ahead and hired a CPA in the first place? You
2 know, to me I just think we had a really great auditor
3 when you was our auditor and, you know, I don't want to
4 see this board put pressure on fiscal saying we want
5 this now; we want this now.

6 I understand that you guys are working hard
7 on your end. You all have always been helpful as far as
8 providing information for us that we request but the
9 question I have why did we hire a CPA? We got a 3.5
10 million dollar budget. To me, you know, I just think
11 we're just throwing away solid -- throwing away money
12 into salary. I think we raised up our salary positions
13 by, what, four, five hundred thousand dollars but I just
14 want to say I commend for the work you're doing over in
15 fiscal and I just don't want this board putting any
16 pressure on your office saying we need this now; allow
17 your team to, you know, to work the, you know, to get
18 that information and, you know. But, you know, I just
19 want to say keep up the good work over in fiscal.

20 COMMISSIONER CRAWFORD: Through the chair.
21 Commissioner Burton I don't believe we raised all the
22 budget by no four or five hundred thousand dollars, one.
23 Two is we are within budget as was stated. There's a
24 surplus. Also too, yes, we do need a budget person.
25 Ms. Jones is not -- she does not represent the

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1 commission, okay, so she can't possibly advocate or I
2 mean it's great, I mean, as to what's going on or should
3 be going on in terms of the information and we've heard
4 this before about the systems and having issues but, you
5 know, we need our own budget person. So, you know, it
6 is appropriate for us to have the staff to look into
7 particular areas that we lack expertise. Thank you.

8 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the chair.

9 COMMISSIONER BELL: Commissioner Burton,
10 pause. Commissioner Sanders.

11 COMMISSIONER SANDERS: As you may know we
12 hired Ms. Johnson because we had people that we needed
13 to go through and she a professional one and she works
14 for the board, you know. As of last year since I've
15 been here and since I've been chair of the subcommittee
16 we had a deficit of a million dollars but didn't nobody
17 know that because we didn't have the right person to go
18 through the cost centers for us to know. I'm not a
19 professional. We got a professional and that's what we
20 hire them for and thank God that we have her here to
21 look out for our best interest.

22 COMMISSIONER BELL: Commissioner Burton.

23 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Yeah, Mr. Chair, you
24 know, I just don't, you know, I don't -- you know, I
25 don't like the relationship the board is having on

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1 fiscal asking -- demanding. I mean, it's not even a
2 simple request anymore from this board it's coming off
3 more like demanding. I need this now. That should not
4 be the direction of the board especially when we sit
5 here and we say we serve in a oversight capacity.

6 You know, I mean my whole thing is nothing
7 wrong with submitting something in a simple request but
8 give them time research it. Give them time to put a
9 package together information and present to the board.
10 We have never had a problem with fiscal whenever we
11 needed something or needed to the bring somebody from
12 fiscal and speak with us they always been accessible,
13 always been there and they still here. They here today
14 but going back to Crawford we did raise salary position.
15 We hired our policy person, we brought on a community
16 person when you got 11 commissioners here so basically
17 those commissioners are that community person out in the
18 community.

19 What do we need a community person for? The
20 board only meets once a week. What do we need a CPA
21 when we only dealing with, what, a 3.5 million dollar
22 budget when we had -- when we was working closely with
23 fiscal down on the 6th floor. To me I think the board,
24 you know, and the board has been without an attorney for
25 the past six months but we bring on a paralegal. To me

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1 this is backwards. But, you know, I yield.

2 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you Commissioner
3 Burton. Quite obviously you do not speak for the board
4 and majority are really pleased with where we are with
5 this whole process. If you read your charter one of the
6 mandates of this charter is indicating that we have
7 responsibility for the budget oversight and we present
8 out to the council in terms of particular matters to the
9 mayor so it's a spirit of cooperation. There's no
10 adversary here. We're just trying to get to the bottom
11 of where we stand and we have the proper staff to
12 initiate that.

13 The same way that the department function.
14 Each department function, all 20 departments in the city
15 of Detroit function in a certain manner about budget.
16 If you can't track the money, then you are not in the
17 business of providing service for that particular
18 department and I know the mayor just went in front of
19 the governor, I mean not the governor but in terms of
20 presenting out that we should be on the federal review
21 of the financial body oversight so that's going to
22 happen soon. So I think we on target. We are pleased
23 with the work of the staff and that's basically how we
24 going to continue to operate in terms of majority. I
25 really think the ten commissioners on board in terms of

1 supporting of the efforts so we appreciate your
2 comments.

3 Thank you for all the comments. Thank you,
4 Ms. Jones. Thank you for your cooperation and definite
5 with Johnson because without that we would not be in
6 this position in terms of knowing what's what. As we
7 move on.

8 MS. JONES: Thank you board.

9 LIEUTENANT JOHNSON: I've never demanded
10 anything from DPD finance. Ms. Jones and I have been
11 discussing the issues I've had with the information ever
12 since I came so it's nothing new to her. You know, we
13 keep in constant contact it's just trying to get the
14 information done and I cannot do it because they're
15 never going to give me the ability to do any journal
16 entries or anything in the system because I'm oversight
17 so I have to DPD finance in order to do it and I'm just
18 in my mind assisting them of the issues that this
19 financial information is showing. So, you know.

20 COMMISSIONER BELL: We appreciate it.

21 COMMISSIONER CRAWFORD: Yes, Ms. Johnson I
22 believe there always is in the spirit of cooperation.
23 Maybe sometimes a lack of understanding of something
24 things but I think I personally feel, you know, and then
25 maybe Mr. Burton's perception there hasn't been been but

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1 that perhaps is Commissioner Burton's perception but
2 thank you for this.

3 LIEUTENANT JOHNSON: Thank you.

4 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you. We can move
5 on to...

6 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Mr. Chair, I just
7 wanted to say, you know, I just left Martin Luther King
8 High School and today was career day and I saw so many
9 young talented minds and, you know, if you saw the
10 amount of hands that went up that's interested in
11 pursuing a career in law enforcement and it's because we
12 got an excellent police chief. You know, so the kids
13 was saying a lot of great positive things about you
14 Mr. Chief over at King High School and you had the young
15 guy Jaylin Harris, you know, is a student over there
16 and, you know, so many kids were like yeah I want to do
17 this; I want to go into law enforcement but, you know, I
18 think Detroit Police Department is setting a fine
19 example, you know, to our youth, to members in the
20 community.

21 I remember my seniors once saying in the
22 senior citizen building like, you know, our area
23 downtown is much safer today because of your police
24 chief. The kids over at King High School about five,
25 six years ago probably none of -- probably almost none

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1 of them probably or maybe few probably would have been
2 interested in considering a career in law enforcement.
3 Today just speaking over there at career day a lot of
4 them are really thinking about pursuing a career in law
5 enforcement. You know, starting pay went from 31
6 thousand to 36 thousand; getting two percent pay
7 increase if they got two years of college under their
8 belt and they can further their education. You know,
9 why are they, you know, serving on the department. I
10 mean you got a lot of talented minds over there.

11 I met a young lady that actually has --
12 speaks three languages, a senior, speaks three languages
13 and not sure where she wants to go. And I said, you
14 know, Detroit could really use you. So she's interested
15 in pursuing her options with the city of Detroit and I'm
16 just going to close on that. Mr. Chief, you know, I
17 will be saving some names of some students that's
18 interested in doing some things with DPD.

19 CHIEF CRAIG: Through the chair thank you
20 Commissioner Burton for those comments and certainly we
21 would be interested in some interns and particularly
22 interested in the young lady who speaks three languages
23 so we can certainly connect her in with Todd Bettison
24 our shop neighborhood policing. There's a lot that we
25 can do so thank you for that.

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1 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Thank you.

2 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you, Commissioner
3 Burton for the career day. And we give recognition to
4 Chief Craig and Detroit Police Department. There's no
5 doubt about that. That we agree on. So Mr. Hicks.

6 MR. HICKS: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Under
7 report from the board of secretary there's seven items
8 that are communication items and what -- as we explained
9 several meetings ago what we had done is that as items
10 come into our office we are listing them on the agenda
11 as items that come into the office. That does not --
12 these items A through G does not mean that these are
13 necessarily action items. As you can see in some cases
14 they're already items in which you've covered on your
15 agenda at different points so this what you will
16 continue to see is a typical listing each board meeting
17 of items that have come into the office and we either
18 then those items would cause us to do certain things
19 including ask questions of the department or complete or
20 distribute information to the commissioners in the case
21 of for example the Green Light report and things like
22 that. So you have those items there so that all
23 commissioners will know at all times that the same
24 information that's being shared with one commission is
25 being shared with all commissions.

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1 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you. Appreciate
2 it. Any question or concern for Mr. Hicks? Okay we can
3 move on to old business. Any new business?
4 Announcement next meeting would be next Thursday May the
5 4th at 3 p.m. at public safety headquarters and item B
6 would be at our next community meeting would be on May
7 11 at 6:30 p.m. in the 8th precinct at Harvard's
8 Christian Church at 24400 West 7 Mile Road. And that's
9 in 8th precinct so that will be the next community
10 meeting.

11 At this time we have oral communication from
12 the audience please give your name and your comments
13 limit to two minutes and be respectful and I'm going to
14 ask Mr. Brown do we have any?

15 MR. BROWN: We have none, sir.

16 COMMISSIONER BELL: Wow, thank you. If
17 there's no other business that we can take care of at
18 this time, the chair -- Chief, you have anything else?

19 CHIEF CRAIG: Nothing else.

20 COMMISSIONER BELL: Commissioner, chair will
21 entertain a motion for adjournment.

22 COMMISSIONER SANDERS: So moved.

23 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Support.

24 COMMISSIONER BELL: Support. Those in
25 favor?

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ALL: Aye.

COMMISSIONER BELL: We don't have a quorum
so the chair can adjourn it anyway. Thank you.

(Meeting concluded at 3:45 p.m.)

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