POLICE BOARD

PUBLIC MEETING

April 17, 2014

PRESENT:

Demetrius Carney, President, (Telephonic);
Ghian Foreman, Vice President;
Rita Fry;
Michael Eaddy;
Melissa M. Ballate;
William Conlon;
Susan McKeever;
Elisa Rodriguez;
Rhoda Davis Sweeney;
Eric Muellenbach, General Counsel,
Independent Police Review Authority;
Donald J. O'Neill, Commander, Chicago
Police Department;
Garry McCarthy, Superintendent of Police.
VICE-PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Good evening.

I'm Ghian Foreman, Vice-President of the Chicago Police Board. I'm calling the meeting to order.

Police Board President Demetrius Carney is unable to attend this meeting in person and wishes to attend via audio conference.

Is there a motion to permit President Carney to do so?

MS. BALLATE: So moved.

MR. CONLON: Second?

VICE-PRESIDENT FOREMAN: All those in favor?

(CHORUS OF AYES.)

VICE-PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Any opposed?

Motion passes.

The first item of business is approval of the minutes of the Board's public meeting of March 20th, 2014. Is there a motion to approve the minutes?

MS. FRY: So moved.

VICE-PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Second?

MR. CONLON: Second.
VICE-PRESIDENT FOREMAN: All those in favor.

(CHORUS OF AYES.)

VICE-PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Opposed? The motion passes.

Our next regular public meeting will be on Thursday, May 15th, 2014, at 7:30, here at Chicago Public Safety Headquarters.

At this time, I ask for a motion to close a series of executive sessions for the purposes of considering litigation and personnel matters as authorized by Sections 2(c)(1), (3), (4) and (11) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act. Is there such a motion?

MS. BALLATE: So moved.

MR. EADDY: Second.

VICE-PRESIDENT FOREMAN: The motion passes.

A report of disciplinary actions taken by the Board during the previous month has been made available at this evening's meeting.

This report and the Board's written Findings and Decisions are posted on

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The Board's website.

The Board will now take final action on disciplinary matters.

The Police Board, as authorized by the Open Meetings Act, has considered in a closed meeting several disciplinary cases. The Board will now take final action on these cases.

Regarding case number 13 BP 2837, is there a motion to find Police Officer Marcela Romero guilty of engaging in unjustified altercations with police officers and to discharge her from the Chicago Police Department?

MR. EADDY: So moved.

MS. BALLATE: Second.

VICE-PRESIDENT FOREMAN: All in favor?

(CHORUS OF AYES.)

VICE-PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Any opposed?

Voting in favor are board members Carney, Ballate, Conlon, Eaddy, Fry, McKeever, Rodriguez, Sweeney and myself. The motion passes.

Is there a motion to adopt the
written findings and decision that has been
reviewed by all Board members who participated
in the case?

MS. FRY: So moved.

MR. CONLON: Second.

VICE-PRESIDENT FOREMAN: All in favor?

(CHORUS OF AYES.)

VICE-PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Any opposed?

The motion passes by unanimous vote.

Regarding case number 13 BP 2838,
the Superintendent filed charges to suspend
Police Officer James Booker for 45 days for
driving under the influence of alcohol while
off duty. The Superintendent subsequently
moved to withdraw the charges because the
Respondent resigned from the Chicago Police
Department.

Is there a motion to grant the Superintendent's motion to withdraw the
charges?

MS. BALLATE: So moved.

VICE-PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Second?

MS. McKEEVER: Second.
VICE-PRESIDENT FOREMAN: All in favor?

(CHORUS OF AYES.)

VICE-PRESIDENT FOREMAN: The motion passes by unanimous vote.

Regarding case number 13 BP 2845, the Superintendent filed charges to discharge Officer Michaeline Maciejewski from the Chicago Police Department for submitting false official reports. The Respondent filed a motion to dismiss the charges. Is there a motion to deny the Respondent's motion to dismiss the charges?

MR. EADDY: So moved.

VICE-PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Second?

MR. CONLON: Second.

VICE-PRESIDENT FOREMAN: All in favor?

(CHORUS OF AYES.)

VICE-PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Any opposed?

Voting in favor are board members Carney, Ballate, Conlon, Eaddy, Fry, McKeever, Rodriguez, Sweeney and myself. The motion passes.

Is there a motion to adopt the written memorandum and order that has been reviewed by all Board members who participated...
in the case?

MS. FRY: So moved.

MR. CONLON: Second.

VICE-PRESIDENT FOREMAN: All in favor?

(CHORUS OF AYES.)

VICE-PRESIDENT FOREMAN: The motion passes by unanimous vote.

Regarding case 14 SR 2318, is there a motion to not sustain the allegations of Police Officer Lawrence Williams that he violated rules by firing a warning shot and to reverse the 30-day suspension ordered by the Superintendent?

MS. FRY: So moved.

MR. EADDY: Second.

VICE-PRESIDENT FOREMAN: All in favor?

(CHORUS OF AYES.)

VICE-PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Voting in favor are Board members Carney, Ballate, Conlon, Eaddy, Fry, McKeever, Rodriguez, Sweeney and myself. The motion passes.

Is there a motion to adopt the written findings and decision that have been reviewed by all Board members who participated
in the case?

MS. BALLATE: So moved.

MR. EADDY: Second.

VICE-PRESIDENT FOREMAN: All in favor?

(CHORUS OF AYES.)

VICE-PRESIDENT FOREMAN: The motion passes by unanimous vote.

Regarding case number 14 SR 2319, is there a motion to sustain allegations against Police Officer John Sullivan regarding an off-duty domestic altercation and to sustain the 30-day suspension ordered by the Superintendent?

MS. FRY: So moved.

MR. EADDY: Second.

VICE-PRESIDENT FOREMAN: All in favor?

(CHORUS OF AYES.)

VICE-PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Voting in favor are Board members Carney, Ballate, Conlon, Eaddy, Fry, McKeever, Rodriguez, Sweeney and myself. The motion passes.

Is there a motion to adopt the written findings and decisions that have been reviewed by all Board members who participated
in the case?

MS. Fry: So moved.

MR. CONLON: Second.

VICE-PRESIDENT FOREMAN: All in favor?

(CHORUS OF AYES.)

VICE-PRESIDENT FOREMAN: The motion passes by unanimous vote.

The Board's decisions in all cases on which the Board took final action this evening will be entered as of today's date and will be issued to the parties.

A written copy of the findings and decisions will be posted on the Board's website within ten business days pursuant to Section 2-84-030 of the Municipal Code of Chicago.

A panel of three members of the Chicago Police Board, as authorized by the Open Meetings Act, has considered in a closed meeting one matter in which the Chief Administrator of the Independent Police Review Authority and the Superintendent of Police did not agree on regarding the discipline of a police officer.
The members of the panel, Board members Ballate, Fry, and myself, will now take final action on this case.

Regarding case 14 RP 01, which involves allegations of excessive force by Police Officer Donald Klein, is there a motion to find that the Superintendent's response does not meet the burden of overcoming the Chief Administrator's recommendation for discipline?

MS. FRY: So moved.

MS. BALLATE: Second.

VICE-PRESIDENT FOREMAN: All in favor?

(CHORUS OF AYES.)

VICE-PRESIDENT FOREMAN: The motion passes by unanimous vote.

Copies of orders issued by the Superintendent of Police during the previous month are listed in the blue books and are available on the Police Department's website.

The next item is the Superintendent's report to the Board.

Superintendent McCarthy.

SUPERINTENDENT McCARTHY: Good evening. I apologize for being a few minutes tardy. I got
involved in a little bit of a caper with some
shots fired and a vehicle chase.

We're preparing for the summer
right now, as everybody knows. We're going to
make sure that we have a comprehensive plan
moving forward to reduce violence for the
several months.

Obviously, there's more people on
the street and crime conditions worsen as far
as more opportunity for violence. That's been
the focus for the last month or so.

We're recently pleased with the
fact that we're coming through the middle of
April in a better state than we were last year,
because that's always the goal, just keep
moving the needle. And we anticipate that what
we're going to be doing is going to have a
significant impact on what happens on the
streets this particular summer.

Very important summer based on
the success that we've recently had, as far as
reducing gun violence in this City, and we want
to keep it coming. That's been the focus of
what we're gearing up for.
Other than that, it's basically been a lot of business as usual, just busy, busy, busy. Don't have too much to report, and I apologize for that.

VICE-PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you, Superintendent.

I will now call upon those members of the public who signed up in advance to speak.

When your name is called, please step up to the microphone. We ask that you limit your comments to two minutes.

Godfrey Lawson.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good evening, everyone. Again, we are from the Greater Roseland Chamber of Commerce, and we want to -- just want to report back to you guys about the progress that we have made within our community. And we want to thank all of you for hearing our concerns, and not only hearing them, but actually helping us to implement some changes.

I can proudly report that our new Fifth District focus group, which involves the
chamber and Commander Watson and his team,  
Glenn Brooks, and the other guys there are  
doing a phenomenal job of working with us and  
addressing our concerns.  

We're just working as a team,  
community effort for all of us.  

We're addressing the needs of the  
issues that plague our community, namely  
signage, prostitution, nuisance businesses,  
loose cigarettes, quite a few things. But  
we're working together as a team.  

I put together a packet of  
information with some of the things that we  
have accomplished since our first meeting, a  
letter of acknowledgement to you guys thanking  
you for your support, and we'll continue to  
report to you our success and hope that  
we -- as we are -- our slogan is we are working  
as one for a greater Roseland community. So we  
consider you guys as part of our team. Thank  
you very much.

VICE-PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you.

Robert More.

MR. MORE: Robert More speaking on behalf
of Michael the Archangel. It is Holy Thursday, April 17th, 2014.

I'm addressing a number of issues here. I was trying to address -- I don't know, didn't have enough time, but during that issue before I was cut off at the -- 35 seconds before my two minutes were up. I'm at 19 seconds right now.

The history of the project is conveyance of concerns can be assessed at thirstforjustice/tablecontents-HGM (inaudible) or at the same domain name DYSDOCK.HTML, if anyone is actually seeing this off of Youtube.

For historical record,

Mr. Superintendent McCarthy, why were you absent for the past five -- not the past five meetings, the five meetings previous to March of 2014? I'm seeking -- either you are not going to answer the question --

SUPERINTENDENT McCarthy: I'm not going to answer.

MR. MORE: Is there a reason?

SUPERINTENDENT McCarthy: Yeah, because I don't recall. I'm pretty busy.
MR. MORE: Would you have any objection to my coming sometime and asking that question with an opportunity to recollect your memory?

SUPERINTENDENT McCARTHY: I'm not going to go through the exercise. I'm sorry.

MR. MORE: Next issue: What is the present status of the Bland, Young and Spencer murder investigations?

SUPERINTENDENT McCARTHY: No clue.

MR. MORE: You have no idea at all?

SUPERINTENDENT McCARTHY: I have no idea what you're talking about.

MR. MORE: Mr. Price, the attorney next to the Superintendent, are you --

COMMANDER O'NEILL: Commander O'Neill.

MR. MORE: There's no counsel?

COMMANDER O'NEILL: I am counsel.

MR. MORE: You are a licensed attorney?

COMMANDER O'NEILL: Yes.

MR MORE: Okay. Got you. Are you familiar with present status of the Bland, Young and Spencer murder investigations?

COMMANDER O'NEILL: No, I am not.

MR. MORE: No knowledge.
For the record, I have a proposed stipulation. City of Chicago Police Department will not have any objection to appointing a special prosecutor regarding the probability of prosecution for official misconduct in regard to the non-investigation of Bland, Young and Spencer murders via 720.CFR (inaudible) /33-3, nor investigation and/or prosecution pursuant to the provision of 18 U.S. 242, 241, 1346 and 1961. Two seconds. Can you address that issue? Do you have any objection?

So I take this to the judge, Judge Biebel, any objection from the City of Chicago to that appointment?

VICE-PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you, Mr. More.

At this time, all those persons who signed up in advance to speak have been recognized.

Is there a motion to adjourn?

MS. FRY: So moved.

VICE-PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Second?

MR. CONLON: Second.

VICE-PRESIDENT FOREMAN: All in favor?
(CHORUS OF AYES.)

VICE-PRESIDENT FOREMAN: The motion passes. The meeting is adjourned. Thank you very much.

(WHEREUPON, the proceedings were adjourned at 7:50 p.m.)
MAUREEN A. WOODMAN, C.S.R., being first duly sworn, says that she is a court reporter doing business in the City of Chicago; that she reported in shorthand the proceedings had at the meeting of said cause; that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of her shorthand notes, so taken as aforesaid, and contains all the proceedings of said meeting.

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