CITY OF CHICAGO POLICE BOARD

PUBLIC MEETING

APRIL 20, 2017

STENOGRAPHIC REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS

had in the above-entitled matter, held at Chicago
Public Safety Headquarters, 3510 South Michigan
Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, at 7:30 o'clock p.m.

POLICE BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

MS. LORI E. LIGHTFOOT, President
  (via audio conf.)
MR. GHIAN FOREMAN, Vice President
MS. EVA-DINA DELGADO
REVEREND MICHAEL EADDY (via audio conf.)
MR. STEVE FLORES
MS. RITA A. FRY
MR. JOHN P. O'MALLEY, JR.
MR. JOHN H. SIMPSON
MS. RHODA D. SWEENEY

ALSO PRESENT:

MS. CHARISE VALENTE, General Counsel
MR. FRED WALLER, Chief of Patrol
MS. SHARON FAIRLEY, Chief Admin. IPRA

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
VICE PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Okay. We're going to get started. Good evening. I'm Ghian Foreman, Vice President of the Chicago Police Department Board, and I'm calling the meeting to order.

President Lightfoot and Reverend Eaddy are unable to attend the meeting in-person and wish to attend via audio conference. Is a motion to permit them to do so?

MS. FRY: So moved.

MS. DELGADO: Second.

VICE PRESIDENT FOREMAN: All in favor?

(Ayes in unison.)

VICE PRESIDENT FOREMAN: None opposed. The motion passes.

The first item of business is the approval of the minutes of the Board's regular meeting held on March 16, 2017.

Is there a motion to approve the minutes?

MS. FRY: So moved.

MS. DELGADO: Second.

VICE PRESIDENT FOREMAN: All in favor?

(Ayes in unison.)

VICE PRESIDENT FOREMAN: The motion passes.

Our next regular public meeting will be
held on Thursday, May 18, at 7:30, here at Chicago
Public Safety Headquarters.

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

Is there such a motion?

MS. FRY: So moved.

MS. DELGADO: Second.

VICE PRESIDENT FOREMAN: All in favor?

(Ayes in unison.)

VICE PRESIDENT FOREMAN: None opposed. The
motion passes.

A report of disciplinary action 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 the Board's web site.

The Police Board, as authorized by the
Open Meetings Act, has considered in closed meeting
several disciplinary cases. The Board will now
take final actions on these cases.
Regarding case No. 14 PB 2874, on May, 2015, the Police Board finds Police Officer Eugene Posey not guilty of all charges pertaining to an off-duty altercation. The Superintendent appealed this decision. The Circuit Court reversed the not guilty finding and remanded the case to the Board, ordering the Board to decide the appropriate discipline to Officer Posey based on the evidence presented in the record.

After re-considering this matter in response to the Court's order, is there an motion to order a sixty-day suspension as penalty as recommended by the Superintendent?

MS. FRY: So moved.

MS. DELGADO: Second.

VICE PRESIDENT FOREMAN: All in favor by raising of hands? None opposed. Voting in favor are Board members Lightfoot, Delgado, Eaddy, Flores, Fry, O'Malley, Simpson, Sweeney, and myself. The motion passes by unanimous vote.

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

MS. FRY: So moved.
MR. O'MALLEY: Second.

VICE PRESIDENT FOREMAN: All in favor?

(Ayes in unison.)

VICE PRESIDENT FOREMAN: None opposed. The motion passes.

Regarding case No. 16 PB 2904, the Superintendent filed charges to discharge Sergeant James Pader from the Chicago Police Department for recording an absent officer present for duty. The Superintendent subsequently moved to withdraw the charges because discipline was ordered and accepted prior to the filing of the charges.

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

MS. FRY: So moved.

MR. O'MALLEY: Second.

VICE PRESIDENT FOREMAN: All in favor by a show of hands. None opposed.

Voting in favor are Board members Lightfoot, Delgado, Eaddy, Flores, Fry, O'Malley, Simpson, Sweeney, and myself. The motion passes by unanimous vote.

Regarding case No. 16 PB 2917, the Superintendent filed charges to discharge Police
Officer Carl Belaschky from the Chicago Police Department for making false reports regarding doctor's appointments. The Superintendent subsequently moved to withdraw the charges without prejudice because the Respondent is on inactive status and has not been served with the charges.

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

MS. FRY: So moved.

MR. O'MALLEY: Second.

VICE PRESIDENT FOREMAN: All in favor by a show of hands. Any opposed?

Voting in favor are Board members Lightfoot, Delgado, Eaddy, Flores, Fry, O'Malley, Simpson, Sweeney, and myself. The motion passes by a unanimous vote.

The Board's decision in the cases on which we took final action this evening will be entered as of today's date, and will be issued to the parties. A copy of the written decisions will be posted on the Board's web site within ten business days as required by the Municipal Code of Chicago.

The general orders and other directives
issued by the Superintendent of Police during
previous month are listed in the books made
available at this evening's meeting, and are posted
on the Police Department's web site.

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

CHIEF WALLER: I apologize for the
Superintendent not being able to attend tonight,
and I welcome you all.

In the spirit of honest and open
dialog -- forgive me. I'm Chief of Patrol Fred
Waller, for those of you who don't me. As I said,
in the spirit of open dialog, honest dialog, and
open forum where your voices can be heard, I
encourage you all to continue to participate in
forums such as this, but also to participate in the
table top discussions that we have. We had one
this past Tuesday at Westinghouse, and we will have
one this Tuesday coming up on the 25th at Sullivan
High School.

It's not this type of forum, but it's
where we sit down at tables and we have some open
discussion and open dialog with each other to have
suggestions for what we want CAPS to look like
going forward.

So I thank you all for coming and I encourage you to come to that forum. Thank you.

VICE PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you. 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.

The first speaker is Gregg Greer.

MR. GREER: Good morning, everyone. Good afternoon, evening, I guess it's still evening.

A week ago there was a gentleman by the name of Shawn Brider, and I am here because the case of Mr. Brider is a myth to the public. We need information on the death of Shawn Brider.

I'm a representative, I'm the president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference of Chicago. And I tell you what, Chicago police, you asked about CAPS, Mr. Fred, you asked about CAPS. I'm going to tell you, if you want to spend a lot of money on CAPS, start working on public trust. Because we don't trust the police. There is a high level of mistrust. We need to turn that around. And the first thing that you can do is when we have
high profile case like Shawn Brider, find a better way to communicate that to the public.

To date there hasn't been anything said to the public about the death of this gentleman, his family, it's immense. They don't know what happened. They have to deal with burial and bereavement. No information. It's a public disservice. We need to change that.

And I'm also asking for, in the death of Kujaun Raye, that John D. Poulos, a sergeant who was promoted in 2015, with a lengthy file, questionable file, multiple disciplinaries, including a murder in 2013, was promoted. He needs to be terminated. He is on City payroll as we speak.

John D. Poulos owns a bar on the north side of Chicago in Lincoln Park, which is against protocols for Chicago. Correct me if I am wrong, it's against your protocols. That investigation started in 2013. Guess what? That's still open.

We need the investigations closed. We need police officers who act outside of public interest, we need them terminated. This has to end. If you want to get public trust back, this is
what you got to do.

And last thing, we know that the consent
decree from the DOJ is pretty much in the air under
Judge Sessions. But we would ask, again, for
public trust to happen, we would ask for Chicago
police, the brass, to consider abiding by that
consent decree now. All right? Thank you.

VICE PRESIDENT FOREMAN: The next speaker is
Joseph Pughlsley.

MR. PUGHSLLEY: My name is Joseph Pughlsley, and
before I get to my comments, I want to say that I
look at this Board and it's a distaste and a
disgrace that I ever seen in my life. This is a
disgrace. You all should be ashamed of yourself,
every single last one of you.

With that being said, I want to talk
about John Poulos. That's the first one I want to
talk about. Why is John Poulos has not been
convicted? Why did he shoot that boy behind his
back? I'm talking about Kujaun Raye. And he was
promoted as sergeant? Why? We need answers, and
we're not going to tolerate this no more. That's
the first question.

Number two, I don't know why ain't
Johnson here, but I want you to relay this message. Why do we not have no report of Shawn Brider? First of all, why was he pulled over to begin with? Just because he was sleeping in his car with a daughter? Why was he being bothered with? See, this Police Department has a history of pulling people over for no apparent reason and it has to stop.

So what are you going to do about it? What are you going to do about it? You all about to be -- see, Mr. John Poulos (inaudible). This is unacceptable to the highest degree.

So what are you going to do? Is John Poulos going to be terminated? And is you all going to give what we want in Shawn Brider's report? That's all we want. We don't want nothing more, we don't want nothing less. We want the public to know that you are protecting us, and we are not getting the protection.

We want the justice that we deserve. These cops should not be out on the streets. They should be terminated to the highest degree. So, what, you all looking crazy. You all look like I don't know what I'm talking about. You better do
your job or we going to do our job. We going to
continue to protest. We going to continue to shut
down stores. We going to do all these things until
you do your job.

    If we don't get it, shut it down.

    (Chanting by audience.)

VICE PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Eric Russell.

MR. RUSSELL: My name is Eric Russell, I'm the
president of the Tree of Life Justice League of
Illinois. I'm a spokesman for the Baby Jones
family, Jose Nueves'(phonetic) family, and just a
host of other families that have been murder,
tortured, and brutalized by the Chicago police.

    Earlier this week I had the misfortune of
attending an event for -- I had to attend the event
for the Unwanted Sisterhood. When I first received
the invitation from the Unwanted Sisterhood, I
thought maybe it was something that was affiliated
with me, by me being a fraternity. I'm a member of
Kappa Alpha Psi.

    But when I arrived, the Unwanted
Sisterhood is 30 black, Hispanic, and Latino women
whose children have been murdered by police. And I
secreted my sincerity as a member of my fraternity.
But these women was forced into this bond by murderous police.

What I'd like to say is that this week I had the displeasure to witness the deposition of Officer Rialmo. And we watched as this Chicago police officer had this grin on his face like he was the cat that swallowed the canary. This racist killer cop should have been indicted for murder. Now the blood of Baby Jones is now on your hands.

Because we are outraged as a community, because, but for the grace of God, Bettie Jones could have been any of our mothers. When we as activists say indict, convict, send those killer cops to jail, the whole damn system is guilty as hell. I swore an oath to the children of Bettie Jones that I would speak their words, that I would advocate on their behalf, to my great get up in the morning day, or there was justice for Bettie Jones.

Bettie Jones did not deserve to die. You had a mountain of evidence. You didn't even -- you had surveillance cameras.

VICE PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Mr. Russell, can you conclude, please.

MR. RUSSELL: I'm going to wrap it up. I'm
going to wrap it up.

    I don't understand how it is that the
State's Attorney, Kim Fox, she takes a job for the
firm that sued the City, and now she rescues
herself.

    VICE PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Mr. Russell, thank
you.

    the next speaker is Pamela Hunt.

    MS. HUNT: I'm going to start, as I do usually,
and say that Rahm is a racist and Rahm needs to
resign. And I'm not -- I've already stated why.
Rahm is a racist and he needs to resigned.

    And to you sitting in place of
Superintendent Johnson, here is the problem. We
now have a racist regime and control of the White
House. You have a top cop, Sessions, who is a
racist. And if you don't believe it, I recommend
everybody read Coretta Scott King's letter stating
what a racist pig he is.

    So now here we are. We don't have a
consent decree. So I wanted to ask Superintendent
Johnson, because it was reported on Channel 9 that
he went to Sessions and asked that they not pursue
the consent decree. So I want to know is that
true? Because if that is indeed the case, then trust is out of the window.

Let me speak to the FOP and Dean Angelo. One of your problems, that poster right there, "Chicago Police Generations, a Proud Family." What if you're hiring a generation of racists? Has anybody even looked at that?

Dean Angelo has two family members on the police force. Channel 11, Dean Angelo's words, "The mistrust the black community has for the Police Department is caused by the elected officials who are promoting it." As if to discount the fact that we have been -- I've complained about the police, put in a complaint, other people had family members murder. Is Dean Angelo crazy? So now I don't know what leadership is now taking over the FOP.

Shawn Brider, if he was a white man sitting in his car, asleep, you know what that would happen? "This is a wellness check. Are you okay, sir?" "Well, wake up, sir, so your baby will be safe." He doesn't get arrested. He doesn't go to jail. He doesn't die in jail of supposedly a cardiac arrest.
You know what, Eddy Johnson, be the change, he wants black people be on the force, be the change. What changes are you really going to bring? I asked you at the last meeting, what change are you all asking of the white community? What are you asking? It's their burden to end racism. These are their murdering brothers, sisters, fathers, aunts, and uncles.

Superintendent Johnson, he saw what happened in Mt. Greenwood. He saw the anger and the racism, and then you all flooded over there to shut it down and keep it quiet.

VICE PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Your time is up.

Thank you.

MS. HUNT: Well, I'm asking how much more do you all think black people are going to take? How much are black going to take? I want to tell Rahm Emanuel and Superintendent Johnson if they request that Sessions stop the pursuit of that consent degree. Because all bets are off if you're talking about trust of the police.

VICE PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Mark Clements.

MR. CLEMENTS: Hello, and good evening. First of all, my name is Mark Clements, and I see Rita
here, I see Sharon.

Let me tell you, Kujaun Raye. This was a
child. Do you know what his mama got for
Thanksgiving? A dead son. Okay? Now, here it is,
the City of Chicago did one of the largest hunts in
history. As a matter of fact, it made history.
They searched from 65th and Ashland all the way to
the Dan Ryan for a gun. You didn't find it. You
got two videos, it shows a young man running. No
gun. This is a no brainer. You got to give us
one.

And let me tell you about being a no
brainer, here it is. I have been before you people
I can say for the last six years, and let me tell
you, you don't respond to our questions. What are
you doing? Is this something just for a show? Is
this just for a show? Here it is, right now today,
the City of Chicago got one hundred Burge victims
still in prison. The man confessed, tortures occur
in police station.

Here it is, a Chicago Police Department
that beats the heck of out of people, children,
ever called in the Illinois Department of Children
and Family Services. Now we want to sit up here
and we want to try to make it look like we are standing for justice.

I think that Rita may know me a little bit more than all of you. I'm not afraid of anyone who wear a suit. Okay? You locked me up in prison for 28 years of my life. You let the killer stay out here in society. Why should I not be mad? Why in the hell should not I not be mad?

Now you have a different police detective, retired of course, with his whole goddamn full pension. And guess what? You got all of them victims over there at 26th and California, you're trying to play games. Because, guess what? The judge didn't die for a goddamn robbery. Let's tell it right. He died for a goddamn rob. Let's tell it right. See, so now you want to go and snatch this black man and lock his ass up in prison and the facts ain't there.

VICE PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Mr. Clements, your time is up.

MR. CLEMENTS: Tell the facts the way they need to be told.

VICE PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Please conclude.

MR. CLEMENTS: Mr. Foreman, this isn't right.
VICE PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you.

The next speaker is a Crista Noel.

MS. NOEL: Good evening, everyone. I was looking at the definition for the serial killer. The Federal Bureau of Investigation says that the definition of a serial killer is the unlawful killing of two or more victims by the same offender in separate events.

So I have a question. How many serial killers are on the Chicago police force? How many Chicago police officers have killed two or more people in separate events? I know Rialmo killed two in one event. And I still, I just still have a problem with the fact that his 6 -- you know what I mean by his 6? 12, 3, 6, got your back, right? Tapped him on his shoulder and told him to watch out.

Now, you can't tap me on my shoulder if a bat is getting ready to hit me on my head and you got my 6. You have a gun out ready to shoot them right away because they getting ready to hit me in the head with a bat. So you can't tap me on my shoulder and say watch out.

So if you can tap me on my shoulder and
say "watch out," then I wasn't close enough to hurt you. Because you telling me, hey, look up and get out the way.

But Rialmo decided to shoot. Not his six, not his back up, Rialmo decided to shoot and he killed Bettie. And I don't care what you say, that was murder, because he should not have shot at all. Surgeon shouldn't have shot when Ratino (phonetic) was around or anyone else was around, Rialmo should not have shot when he saw a Bettie in that door.

And I totally disagree with the State's Attorney on not indicting him. He could have been indicted for involuntary manslaughter, I don't care. He could have been indicted for something.

Now, I got a problem with Michele Robey, too. Michele Robey was the woman that had the psychosocial disability that was running around the CVS about five, ten minutes with a knife threatening people and all the rest of the stuff. And everybody in that CVS did no have a weapon. And yet they were able to -- she was able to walk out of that CVS with no one harmed, and within three minutes of the police arriving with weapons,
she was shot and killed.

    Now, I don't understand how I can run
around a CVS with a knife threatening people, get
out of there, no one's harmed, but when the police
are involved, I'm killed.

    Now, here is the real problem I have
with Michele Robey. Michele was after Quintonio.
And Quintonio, this was this whole big thing about
how everything everybody is going to be trained on
dealing with psychosocial disabilities, and right
after Quintonio you go and shoot Michele. It
doesn't make any sense.

    It's like nothing works here. We hear a
lot of talk and nobody does anything.

VICE PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you. The next
speaker is Queen Sister. Queen Sister.

    The next speaker is EvAngel YWHNewBN.

MS. YWHNewBN: Greetings. Two things.
Superintendent is absent again, so I can't address
my questions to him so I'll address it to you.

    He went to Springfield lobbying because
he wanted stiffer sentences for gun violator
repeats. Now, he has the jurisdiction over the
police officers, but what is his plan, or what is
your plan, for repeat officer offenders such as Evans. I understand this Board recommended that he be fired. But after he went on trail for his DNA being found on the barrel of a suspect's -- that was found on the barrel of his gun, it made sense that he jammed it down his throat and that's how it got there. And he was recommended for firing.

But the Superintendent, who is campaigning all over America for stop these gun repeat offenders, but up in his nose, he's here protecting the officer repeat offenders. So I want to know what are you going to do about that? You are all sitting on the Board, and what are you going to do about that? You need a plan to deal with that. Otherwise, there will be no trust, because that's a deal breaker.

So number two, every week when you have those little blue books, she sits over there and transcribes every word that somebody says. And then you put under certain names, like mine and others, "They spoke on various matters." "They spoke on different issues."

The point of the matter is you've got two minutes, you don't have time to speak on no
different issues. Do your jobs. Not that complicated. Write down what we are saying, or either write down the questions. Do your job. Don't just give us this book with this easy way, "I'm ignoring you and maybe you will go away." We are sick of that attitude.

And if you don't stop it, we will.

VICE PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you. The next speaker is Robert More.

MR. MORE: It is the 20th of April of 2017. I'm Robert J. More, speaking on behalf of (inaudible) of the archangel, the executive committee, and the first question is what is the basis of the Superintendent's absence from the meeting today? Let the record reflect there is no answer to that question.

CHIEF WALLER: He's out the town.

MR. MORE: He's out of town again, okay. And he also missed the last meeting as I understand. The thing is is what I don't get into the records before I get cut off to quote the first four genesis.com, all lower case, eliminate spaces, ismacdpolbdmtg031617.html.

The purpose I can't now get into
(inaudible) to move on to operation, keep the Willis Tower standing. Here's the question. What could have been done in May of 2001 to ensure that, number one, the World Trade Center would never have been demolished; number two, if the World Trade Center was demolished and no first responder could have been legitimately sanctioned for refusing to enter the building based on the past track records, seeing what happened in Oklahoma City and other events; and number three, to secure the evidence of the cause of this atrocity in order that an adversarial adjudication of the cause whereof might have been accomplished.

This is a gigantic issue. It's my understanding there is no way, we're looking back 15 years, this is a world-changing event what happened on September 11. And if we go into that, they have to control not the state of mind as I said at a prior meeting, I move to have that stricken from the record, but they had the control -- the global plantation owners had to control the presentation of the state of mind of at least ten or eleven different individuals, including the slave master in chief George Bush and
then Cheney, and then rest of them down the line, see head of CIA and FBI.

What I'm talking about is the New York City police superintendent Kerik. If they were not confident that they could control the presentation of the State of mind to a critical mass of the public, and that includes voters, consumers, potential posse members, grand jurors.

VICE PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Your time is up, Mr. More. Your time is up.

At this time all those persons who signed up in advance to speak have been recognized. Is there a motion to adjourned?

MS. FRY: So moved.

VICE PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Is there a second?

MR. O'MALLEY: Second.

VICE PRESIDENT FOREMAN: All in favor?

(Ayes in unison.)

VICE PRESIDENT FOREMAN: The motion passes and the meeting is adjourned. Thank you.

(Which were all the proceedings had in the above cause this date and time, ending at 8:06 o'clock p.m.)
STATE OF ILLINOIS

COUNTY OF COOK

April T. Hansen, being first duly sworn on oath, says that she is a court reporter doing business in the City of Chicago, and that she reported in shorthand the proceedings of said meeting, and that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of her shorthand notes so taken as aforesaid, and contains the excerpts of proceedings given at said meeting.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF: I have hereunto set my verified digital signature this 12th day of May, 2017.

April T. Hansen
Illinois Certified Shorthand Reporter