CITY OF CHICAGO POLICE BOARD

PUBLIC MEETING

May 18th, 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
- MS. EVA-DINA DELGADO
- REVEREND MICHAEL EADDY
- MR. STEVE FLORES
- MS. RITA A. FRY
- MR. JOHN H. SIMPSON
- MS. RHODA D. SWEENEY (via audio conference)
- MR. GHIAN FOREMAN (via audio conference)
- MR. JOHN P. O'MALLEY, JR.

ALSO PRESENT:
- MR. EDDIE T. JOHNSON, Superintendent of Police
- MS. TINA SKAHILL, Deputy Director Skahill
- MS. SHARON FAIRLEY, IPRA
PRESIDENT LIGHTFOOT: Good evening. I am Lori Lightfoot. I am calling the meeting to order. Board members Foreman and Eaddy and Sweeney are unable to attend in person wishing to attend via audio conference. Is there a motion to permit them to do so?

MR. SIMPSON: So move.

PRESIDENT LIGHTFOOT: Second?

MS. FRY: Second.

PRESIDENT LIGHTFOOT: All in favor?

(Unanimous ayes.)

PRESIDENT LIGHTFOOT: Any opposed? Motion passes.

The first item of business is approval of the Board's regular public meeting held on April 20th, 2017. Is there a motion to approve the minutes?

MS. FRY: So moved.

MR. SIMPSON: Second.

PRESIDENT LIGHTFOOT: All in favor?

(Unanimous ayes.)

PRESIDENT LIGHTFOOT: Any opposed? Motion passes. Our next regular public meeting will be on Thursday, June 15th at 7:30 p.m. here at
Chicago Public Safety Headquarters. Also, please note the regular meeting for September has been rescheduled for Monday, September 18th at 7:30 p.m. We'll of course remind you of the change in schedule as we get closer to the day.

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

MS. FRY: So moved.

MR. SIMPSON: Second.

PRESIDENT LIGHTFOOT: All those in favor?

(Unanimous ayes.)

PRESIDENT LIGHTFOOT: Any opposed? 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. Also, copies of the Board's annual report have been made available. These reports and the Board's written Findings and Decisions are posted on the Board's website.
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 No. 16 PB 2915, is there a motion to find Police Officer Michael Monti guilty of possession of marijuana and making false statements, and to discharge him from the Chicago Police Department?

MR. SIMPSON: So moved.

PRESIDENT LIGHTFOOT: Second?

MS. FRY: Second.

PRESIDENT LIGHTFOOT: All in favor?

Lightfoot, Foreman, Delgado, Eaddy, Flores, Fry, Simpson and Sweeney voted in favor of the motion by raising a hand.

Any opposed?

Voting in favor are Board Members Foreman, Delgado, Eaddy, Flores, Fry, Simpson, Sweeney, and myself. Board Member O'Malley is opposed. The motion passes.

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

MS. FRY: So moved.

MR. SIMPSON: Second.

PRESIDENT LIGHTFOOT: All in favor?

(Unanimous ayes.)

PRESIDENT LIGHTFOOT: Any opposed? The motion passes.

Regarding case No. 16 PB 2904, at last month's meeting the Board granted the Superintendent's motion to withdraw the charges filed against Sergeant James Padar. Is there a motion adopt the written order that has been reviewed by all Board members who participated in the case?

MS. FRY: So moved.

MR. SIMPSON: Second.

PRESIDENT LIGHTFOOT: All in favor? Any opposed? The motion passes.

Regarding case No. 16 PB 2927, the Superintendent filed charges to discharge Police Officer Michael Sanchez from the Chicago Police Department for engaging in a domestic altercation and harassment. The Superintendent moved to withdraw the charges without prejudice
because the respondent resigned from the Chicago Police Department.

Is there a motion to grant the Superintendent's motion to withdraw the charges without prejudice?

MS. FRY: So moved.

MR. SIMPSON: Second.

PRESIDENT LIGHTFOOT: All in favor? Any opposed? Voting in favor are board members Foreman, Delgado, Eaddy, Flores, Fry, O'Malley, Simpson, Sweeney and myself. The motion passes by a unanimous vote.

The Board's decisions in the cases of which we have taken 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 website within ten business days as required by the Chicago Municipal Code.

There is one additional disciplinary matter to announce pursuant to Section 2-78-130 of the Municipal Code of Chicago, one member of the Police Board has considered a matter on which the Chief Administrator of the
Independent Police Review Authority and Superintendent of Police did not agree regarding the discipline of two officers. Case No. 17 RR 01 and 02 involved allegations that Police Officers Chris Hackett and John Valtierra violated an individual's Fourth Amendment right by entering a residence without a warrant, permission, or exigent circumstances. The Chief Administrator recommended sustaining the allegations and suspending both officers for 20 days. The Superintendent recommended that the allegation against each officer be classified as Exonerated.

In the opinion of the Reviewing Member, Board Member Eaddy, the response of the Superintendent does not meet the burden of overcoming the Chief Administrator's recommendations for discipline.

A copy of the written opinion will be posted on the Board's website 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 are posted
on the Police's Departments website. The next
item is Superintendent's report.
Is there a motion to waive the oral
presentation and receive the monthly report in
writing?
MS. FRY: So moved.
MR. SIMPSON: Second.
PRESIDENT LIGHTFOOT: All in favor? Any
opposed? The motion passes.
I will call upon members of the public who
signed up in advance to speak. When your name
is called, please step up to the microphone.
First speaker is Lavonta Burks.
MR. BURKS: I need about two hours for all
of this. I want to say that I came today to
say that the police department been lying on me
since I was 12 years old. They set me up to
fail. They ran me over with police cars when I
was 14 years old. I got two GEDs from 51st
Street police station changing my name to make
sure I stay in the penitentiary. I caught a
case when I was 12. The case happened when I
was 12. They waited until I was 13 to charge
me as an adult, because my family did not know
about the laws. I can prove with my paperwork
that this department, some people, somebody in
this department don't like me and you have been
setting me up since I was a kid, since I was a
runaway. I reported I was a runaway at the
hospital when I was a kid. No one helped, but
you come out and arrest me for things I didn't
do that someone else did. And I am just saying
I need some help. You have helped destroy my
life with a lot of the things you done to me.
I missed my mother funeral because I was in
jail because of this -- these names that they
gave me. I can prove it. I been trying to go
to the news. I been trying to go to the world.
I want to go to the United Nations, because I
been speaking up about this since I been home
for a while now. I seeming not to get no help.
I spent from 12 to 25 in jail, but I been out
16 years. I was an honor roll student. I won
a drawing contest every year in grammar school.
Somebody don't like me. I would like to
know -- I am from Rockwell Gardens with the
Black Panthers before I was born. When I was a kid I be walking down a street and a white cop come, put his hands in my pants and squeeze my private parts and say, I hope you never (inaudible) black motherfucker. So I been through Hell, excuse my language, from this department. I haven't been through none in a while, they pulled me over for a DUI when I was a limo driver, they found 20,000 in the limo, locked me up for DUI. I go to court for 16 months. They dropped me for the speeding ticket and DUI everything, what am I to do? If they want to kill me, just kill me then, get it over with. I got nothing to live for. You took my life, all my young hood, everything.

PRESIDENT LIGHTFOOT: Mr. Burke, I am sorry to interrupt you, but if you'd like to file a complaint, we'd be happy to hear your story. So we'd be happy to talk you --

MR. BURKS: Who do I file a complaint with? I went to the Clerk's office, I called senators. I've been with Lisa Madigan office.

MS. FAIRLEY: You can file a complaint with the Independent Police Review Authority.
There's several ways to do it, on line, you can call us, you can see me afterwards, we'll review the information to file a complaint.

MR. BURKS: Thank you, ma'am.
PRESIDENT LIGHTFOOT: Thank you, sir.

Next speaker is Crista Noel?

All right. We'll move on.

Queen sister?

QUEEN SISTER: I don't even have the energy to give you a hard time this evening. I want you to know the documents that we spoke of regarding the initiative you have not received yet, because I knew you were going to take them to Washington to stand on. It will be in your e-mail as of tomorrow. We are approaching another season and accumulations of the dead black body's but they're closer than ever to my residence. Reggie was killed in a drive by on the next block in back of my house on 160th and Parnell. There was a shooting and it was roped off at 107th and Normal and Parnell two weeks ago. We got just the other day, Mother's Day, in broad daylight mind you but just the other day Friday we lost Tatiana Lewis and China
Stapleton, both of them which I am very familiar with because my circle is tight. I know my community, because I am in these streets, Lord. I want to know what it is you are going to tell her father because he's one of your very own, and I haven't been to see him, because I am at a loss for words and don't know what it is to say to him.

Again, the public participation portion is not showing up in the transcripts. That promotes deceptive practice and needs to be looked into. I think that they should be available in the Blue Book for everyone to see.

PRESIDENT LIGHTFOOT: Are you talking about the transcripts?

QUEEN SISTER: Yes. Because you memorize them and summarize them. Then when you go to the website to the transcripts, they're omitted, which appears deceptive because we speak for the individuals that can't make it in the room.

MR. SIMPSON: I believe they're on the website and complete.

QUEEN SISTER: I got screen shots to prove
to you they are not. So what is your name, Mr. Simpson?

MR. SIMPSON: John.

QUEEN SISTER: Let's proceed accordingly.

MR. SIMPSON: We will get that fixed if they're not there.

QUEEN SISTER: That's what should have been done the last time I was here.

Now, December, the Caucasian guy stood here and asked you clearly that the Chicago police have been guarding the Archdiocese for seven years --

PRESIDENT LIGHTFOOT: Your time is up.

QUEEN SISTER: He said who is footing the bill. That is not in the transcripts, nor is there a response. I am saying people got a right to inquire. We have a right to know.

PRESIDENT LIGHTFOOT: Again, that surprises me. You can see to your right there is a court reporter who sits here every week -- every month meeting, takes down verbatim everything that is said. I believe that a verbatim transcript, a complete transcript is put up on our website but we'll look into it.
Everything that is said is recorded and available for all to read.

QUEEN SISTER: For a copy of the transcripts, who do I see? You don't respond to your --

PRESIDENT LIGHTFOOT: You should contact Mr. Caproni at the office.

QUEEN SISTER: Is he here?

PRESIDENT LIGHTFOOT: He is not here, but you know very well --

QUEEN SISTER: We have done that. This is all I am saying. We can't get ahead in the rear-view mirror.

PRESIDENT LIGHTFOOT: Our next speaker is EvAngel YHWHnewBN.

MS. YHWHNEWBN: Good evening all. Superintendent, I am glad that you are back. I don't know if I got to say happy new year to you since you been back, but I am glad you are here.

I have a message for macho, bottle throwing, fist slinging soldier who said he was sorry for the three counts of assault. If you are sorry, plead guilty. My question is this,
I wanted to know if all human beings are entitled to the sanctity of human life. Every time there is a homicide victim, we hear the narrative, he was a documented gang member. I have never heard the narrative he is a undocumented alien. I have never heard the he is a convicted child molester. So when it comes to the so-called documented gang member, he is obviously not entitled to the sanctity of life.

Now, Jeffrey Dahlmer killed people, masturbated with their organs and ate them but he was always Mr. Dahlmer. He was entitled to be respected as a human being. So I would like to stop hearing that narrative promoted, because Alderman Lopez is now -- his life is being threatened because he has followed the Superintendent's lead and said at a memorial there are no victims here. Whenever somebody becomes a homicide victim, it is the people versus the State of Illinois against that person. They are entitled to the rule of law. No one should be above the law and no one should be beneath the law and I am --
PRESIDENT LIGHTFOOT: Your time is up.

Thank you. Our next speaker is George Blakemore. Mr. Blakemore?

Our next speaker is Robert More.

MR. MORE: It is Thursday, May 19th of 2017. Robert J. More speaking (inaudible) administrative assistant. This is -- can you identify what this is, Superintendent Johnson? This is a picture of a fireball on one of the towers on September 11th. And I just -- anything to spare people grief and shield them from harm, I can't afford James 213 for those of you who have shown mercy shall have no fear of judgment. I can't afford not to do that because it's a terrible thing to fall into the hands of a living God. What happens is the able-bodied people who don't respond to this type of thing and do what is necessary to prevent it, I am really afraid that is where I am going to end up. So I got to move on. What are the causes -- so that is whatever I have to do that causes you grief or affliction or anyone else, if I would not have to do that, I certainly wouldn't. I would do what I have to
do to procure deliverance from evil for myself
and whoever else is interested.

I want to know what the causes are of your
last four absences? Every time you are absent,
it's going to generate paperwork to find out
what the cause of the absence to determine what
priorities are considered more important than
the providing of means for the citizens to
control the presentation of the state of mind
of the chief policymaker regarding any given
activity conducted under his authority, okay.
That is critically important. We get a
videotaped record of your response and reaction
to various questions and off of that with a
sufficiently vigilant informed citizenry
committed. We can keep moving the ball so that
the individuals who are behind these things
can't get enough control of the presentation of
the state of mind of the people they need to
push the buttons, to pull the strings that
they're confident they can pull it off, they
keep kicking it back and in the meantime we can
come in and get the technology and throw off
this beast. I get cut off if I make references
specifically to beasts because the First Amendment isn't recognized here and George Bush said --

PRESIDENT LIGHTFOOT: Your time is up.

MR. MORE: Thank you.

PRESIDENT LIGHTFOOT: At this time all persons signed up in advance to speak have been recognized. Is there a motion to adjourn?

MS. FRY: So moved.

MR. SIMPSON: Second.

PRESIDENT LIGHTFOOT: All those in favor? Any opposed? The motion passes. The meeting is adjourned. Thank you all.
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I do hereunto set my hand
at Chicago, Illinois, this 14th day of June, 2017.

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