CITY OF CHICAGO POLICE BOARD

PUBLIC MEETING

JUNE 15, 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
MR. GHIAN FOREMAN, Vice President
MS. EVA-DINA DELGADO
REV. MICHAEL EADDY
MR. STEVE FLORES
MS. RITA A. FRY
MR. JOHN H. SIMPSON
MS. RHODA D. SWEEZY
MR. JOHN P. O'MALLEY, JR.
MR. STEVE FLORES

ALSO PRESENT:

MR. EDDIE T. JOHNSON
Superintendent of Police
MS. TINA SKAHILL
Deputy Director, Legal Affairs
MS. SHARON FAIRLEY, IPRA
MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
PRESIDENT LIGHTFOOT: Good evening, everyone.

We are going to get started. My name is Lori Lightfoot, I'm the President of the Chicago Police Board, and I'm calling the meeting to order.

The first item of business is approval of the minutes of the Board's regular public meeting held on May 18, 2017.

Is there a motion?

MEMBER SIMPSON: So moved.

MEMBER SWEENEY: Second.

PRESIDENT LIGHTFOOT: Any opposed?

The motion passes.

Our next regular public meeting will be on Thursday, July 20, at 7:30 p.m., 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 personnel matters and litigation, as authorized by Sections 2(c)(1), (3), (4), and (11) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act.

Is there such a motion?

MEMBER EADDY: So moved.

PRESIDENT LIGHTFOOT: Is there a second?

MEMBER FRY: Second.
PRESIDENT LIGHTFOOT: All those in favor?

(Ayes in unison.)

PRESIDENT LIGHTFOOT: Any opposed?

The motion passes.

Earlier this evening the Board, as required by the Illinois Open Meetings Act, met and considered minutes and recordings of all past closed meetings to determine whether the need for confidentiality still exists. The Board members unanimously agreed that it continues to be necessary to keep confidential the minutes recording of its past closed meetings.

A report of disciplinary actions taken by the Board during the previous month has been made available during this evening's meeting. This report 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 one disciplinary case. The Board will now take final action on this case.

Regarding Case No. 16 PB 2914, is there a motion to find Police Officer Aaron Washington guilty of engaging in threatening and harassing
behavior while off duty, and to discharge him from
the Chicago Police Department?

MEMBER SWEENEY: So moved.

MEMBER FRY: Second.

PRESIDENT LIGHTFOOT: All in favor?

(Ayes in unison.)

PRESIDENT LIGHTFOOT: Any opposed?

Voting in favor will be Board Members
Foreman, Delgado, Eaddy, Flores, Fry, O'Malley,
Simpson, 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?

VICE PRESIDENT FOREMAN: So moved.

MEMBER FRY: Second.

PRESIDENT LIGHTFOOT: All in favor?

(Ayes in unison.)

PRESIDENT LIGHTFOOT: The motion passes.

The Board's decision in the case 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 decision will be
posted on the Board's website within ten business
days as required by the Municipal Code of Chicago.
The next item on the agenda is a notice concerning amendments to Article III, Section D, of the Police Board's Rules of Procedure. Notice of the Board's plan to consider these amendments and a draft of the amendments were posted on the Board's website on May 24, 2017, and remain on the website.

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

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

Superintendent.

SUPERINTENDENT JOHNSON: For nearly a year and a half now, the Chicago Police Department has been on the road to reform. It's a path that we have committed to and one from which we refuse to waiver.

Now, I'm not a lawyer, so I won't speak about litigation. But since I've been the Superintendent, I've been working to give better resources to our officers and making CPD a more accessible, more transparent partner with the
communities we serve.

Just this past March we released a framework that dictates the path to reform we intend to take as an agency. While we were building this framework, we didn't wait to begin making changes at CPD. We recently launched our new use of force policy that was built upon input from both police officers and the community in two public comment periods.

We have committed to equip patrol officers throughout the city with body-worn cameras by the end of this year. We've made a department-wide emphasis on de-escalation to reduce the intensity of certain encounters. And our Community Police Advisory Panel continues to work to develop a plan that will be successful in Chicago.

While all this has been going on, countless conversations have taken place between the department and the public on how we can work together, united as a city, for a common cause.

Beyond our labels as police officers, activists, or elected officials, we all share one common label, and that's Chicagoans. We all share
the same love for this city and want this
department to be better for everyone. Not just for
the officers, but for the citizens that we serve.

   While there were differing opinions on
how to go about implementing these reforms, we
share a common end goal. And that is meaningful,
tangible, and long-term sustainable positive
reform. It won't happen overnight because we want
to get it done right, not quickly and not
carelessly.

   I made a promise when I became
Superintendent that I will work every day to make
this agency better. I plan on keeping that
promise, and I'm making my commitment again today
that we will not waiver from this path.

   Thank you.

   PRESIDENT LIGHTFOOT: 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. And, again, consistent with Board
Rules, we ask you to limit your comments to two
minutes so that folks who are coming behind you
have the opportunity to speak.

Our first speak is Pamela Hunt. Pamela Hunt.

Our next speak is Crista Noel. Crista Noel.

Good evening.

MS. NOEL: Good evening. How are you?

PRESIDENT LIGHTFOOT: Every time it's a different microphone.

MS. NOEL: Okay.

PRESIDENT LIGHTFOOT: I don't know who is controlling the volume. Can you turn up the volume?

MS. NOEL: Okay. How are you doing?

MEMBER FRY: Good. How about you?

MS. NOEL: Things are going.

Hey, Eddie, how are you doing? Haven't seen you in a while. Looks like you lost some weight.

SUPERINTENDENT JOHNSON: Twenty-four pounds. Thank you.

MS. NOEL: It looks good on you.

SUPERINTENDENT JOHNSON: Thank you.

MS. NOEL: I know you didn't expect this job to
be what it is, right? It will make you lose weight, right?

SUPERINTENDENT JOHNSON: No, I'm trying to. This is intentional.

MS. NOEL: And I heard that you weren't doing too well as far as --

SUPERINTENDENT JOHNSON: No, I'm good. I don't know who told you that.

MS. NOEL: All right. All right. You know they having the greatest alumni over at Corliss. Are you in the running?

SUPERINTENDENT JOHNSON: Yes, I am.

MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC: All right. I'm giving you my vote.

I was thinking the other day about top shelf, right. You know, top shelf, and how that's what we want for the city, right. The top shelf. And I thought about how, when something is on the top shelf, how you have to reach for it, you know. And you have to stretch sometimes, you know, and really get up on your toes and reach for it, you know.

And I don't know if we're stretching far enough and reaching for it. I think we're kind of
being conservative in our views and we kind of get stuck there, right. You know, we kind of start thinking that it's okay to do this and it's okay to do that. And what I know the community is saying is that it is not okay to shoot and kill people.

Now, I want to say something. The other day you had a young woman. Well, it really wasn't the other day, it was a few days ago, you had a young woman. I believe she was accused of attempted murder or something like that, and she shot a police officer and the bullet was caught in his vest. Or shot at, that's the alleged, okay. And you all shot her, but you didn't kill her.

And you know what, little things like that I appreciate, okay. I appreciate. I appreciate when you can shoot people and not kill them, you know. And I think that's the end goal, you know.

I know that police officers put up with a lot of stuff out there, and I know that we got a lot of post-traumatic stress on the street. That I know we got a lot of, period, stress on the street. And I know that they see things that I would never in my life want to see, okay. So I understand
that. And I understand that there are situations that are very, very dangerous for police officers. But I'm still asking to go top shelf in everything that you do. To think top shelf. To think that we have to reach for that shelf. It ain't right here. What we got to do ain't right here, okay. What we got to do is way up. And I expect the culture of the Police Department to be in that mode, top shelf, okay.

VICE PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you.

PRESIDENT LIGHTFOOT: Thank you very much, Ms. Noel. We always appreciate your comments.

Our next speaker is Queen Sister. Queen Sister, are you here?

Our last speaker is Robert More.

Mr. More?

MR. MORE: It is June 15 of 2017, Robert J. More speaking on behalf of the institute of St. Michael, the archangel, executive committee. This is the Chicago Police Board component of the --

PRESIDENT LIGHTFOOT: Excuse me, you have to turn off the light.

MR. MORE: Pardon me? Oh. Let me start again.
We are now starting over here again. I was interrupted. I think that's kind of the time here as far as I know, and I can't justify it because of the time.

This is post stair re consideration, remission for June 2017. First of all, I have the general disclaimer that I speak here with either not in any way reinforced the continued existence and operation of this entity or any other entity under the nominal United States of America. The whole thing is an abomination of the Lord.

Not withstanding that fact, I have to continue to conduct the activity in circumstances that exist, not in King St. Louis IX of France. So I just put in the disclaimer in so there is nothing I do that constitutes any type of apprehended legitimately (sic) endorsement of anything that's going on in this country. But -- so it's not on my record of activity.

The other thing is, this is a government interaction disclaimer. And I'm speaking very loud, I realize that, because I have a completely plugged ear and I don't know how loud I'm speaking.

But anyway, meeting with 32nd Ward
Alderman, and, first of all, I screamed bloody murder about it makes a reference to the sanctity of the human life in that document use of force. How can an idiot protect clinics, Chambers, that murders the preborn, possibly make the claim to be concerned about the sanctity of human life.

If they're really concerned about the sanctity of human life, they should just stand down and we can drop all those abominations into the footprint and then we can protect the sanctity of life.

But to use that type of language, that is an abomination of the Lord. And I'm convinced that a (inaudible) of darkness, John 2:18 and it's John 8:44, and it's skull and crossbones.

So it's my burden to help you flush out that skull and crossbones the demonic needs activity so that it can then be seen on the Capital steps in the noonday sun in the presence of the AR15 (inaudible) component of the population that is still is not -- not seen to recognize the true sanctity of human life, and we can get rid of it. We can extricate that.

Another thing, talking about the City of
Chicago Police Department as a force for good.

VICE PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you, Mr. More.

Thank you for your time.

MR. MORE: I can't hear. Anyway, I'm only going as far as I can through this.

PRESIDENT LIGHTFOOT: Mr. More, your time is up.

MR. MORE: Thank you.

PRESIDENT LIGHTFOOT: Thank you.

We actually have one more speaker.

Pastor Charles Davis. Good evening, sir.

REV. DAVIS: Good evening. Thank you so much for permitting me to address the Board.

My name is Dr. Charles Davis. I'm the senior pastor of the Pentecostal church here in Bronzeville. It just happens to be the best church in this neighborhood. And there's a few of us who have come tonight, because we understand it to be our responsibility as citizens of the city, as well as people of faith, to be present here to remind you that he who is good and righteous cares about justice.

I attended one of these meetings last year and was broken in my heart to see the families
and the mothers that are bleeding, that were
hurting. And I asked our church to stand with us
every month to help you. That's really why we're
here. Not to be adversarial.

So part of my question to you would be
how do you see young people of faith in this
neighborhood helping you to achieve your job of
building better trust between the police and our
community.

Our second question is how can we help
you, I guess, in the contractual work between the
Fraternal Order of Police. We want to be sure that
we're doing all that we can to stand as a bridge
with you. Not to fight you, and not to fight our
community, but to help in any way we can.

Thank you, President Lightfoot, for
giving me a chance to speak to you all. And we
look forward to seeing you again.

PRESIDENT LIGHTFOOT: Thank you. And we can
talk off line with respect to your questions.

MS. FAIRLY: I will be happy to talk with you
about it as well.

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

MEMBER FRY: So moved.

VICE PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Second.

PRESIDENT LIGHTFOOT: All those in favor?

(Ayes in unison.)

PRESIDENT LIGHTFOOT: The motion passes and the meeting is adjourned. Thank you all.

(Meeting adjourned at 7:49 o'clock p.m.)
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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 hereunto set my verified digital signature this 19th day of June, 2017.

April T. Hansen
Illinois Certified Shorthand Reporter