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3	PUBLIC MEETING	
4	Thursday, June 18, 2020 7:30 p.m.	
5	(VIA AUDIO CONFERENCE)	
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7	APPEARANCES:	
8	POLICE BOARD MEMBERS GHIAN FOREMAN, President	
9	PAULA WOLFF, Vice President MATTHEW CROWL	
10	MICHAEL EADDY STEVE FLORES	
11	JORGE MONTES	
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13	ANDREA L. ZOPP	
14	ALSO PRESENT:	
15	DAVID BROWN, Superintendent of Police; DANA O'MALLEY, General Counsel to the	
16	Superintendent of Police; SYDNEY ROBERTS, Chief Administrator of the	
17	Civilian Office of Police Accountability; DEBORAH WITZBURG, Deputy Inspector General for	
18	Public Safety; TINA SKAHILL, Deputy Director of the Bureau of	
19	Internal Affairs, Chicago Police Department; MAX A. CAPRONI, Executive Director, Police	
20	Board; MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.	
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Page 2 1 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: My name is Ghian Foreman, and I am the president of the Chicago 2. 3 Police Board, and I am calling to order the 4 Board's June 18th public meeting. 5 To protect the public's health in 6 response to the COVID-19 outbreak, and as 7 permitted by Governor Pritzker's Executive Orders 2020-07 and 2020-39, this meeting is 8 9 taking place remotely. This meeting is open to 10 the public via audio conference and is also 11 being carried live by CAN-TV. Those 12 participating by phone are on mute in order to 13 reduce background noise and interruption. 14 have a court reporter making a transcript of 15 this meeting. 16 I will begin by taking attendance 17 so it is clear who is participating in the 18 meeting. Please say here after I read your 19 name. 20 Police Board Vice President Paula 21 Wolff. 22 BOARD MEMBER WOLFF: Here. 23 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Police Board Member 24 Matthew Crowl.

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1	BOARD MEMBER CROWL: Here.	Page 3
2	PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Police Board Member	
3	Michael Eaddy.	
4	BOARD MEMBER EADDY: Here.	
5	PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Police Board Member	
6	Steve Flores.	
7	BOARD MEMBER FLORES: Here.	
8	PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Police Board Member	
9	Jorge Montes.	
10	He's frozen right now.	
11	BOARD MEMBER MONTES: Here.	
12	PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you. Police	
13	Board Member John O'Malley.	
14	BOARD MEMBER O'MALLEY: Here.	
15	PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Board Member Rhoda	
16	Sweeney.	
17	BOARD MEMBER SWEENEY: Here.	
18	PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Board member Andrea	
19	Zopp.	
20	BOARD MEMBER ZOPP: Here.	
21	PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Superintendent of	
22	Police David Brown.	
23	SUPERINTENDENT BROWN: Here.	
24	PRESIDENT FOREMAN: General Counsel to the	

Page 4 1 Superintendent Dana O'Malley. 2. MS. O'MALLEY: Here. PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Chief Administrator of 3 4 the Civilian Office of Police Accountability, 5 or COPA, Sydney Roberts. CHIEF ADMINISTRATOR ROBERTS: Here. 6 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you. 7 Deputy 8 Director of the Chicago Police Department's Bureau of Internal Affairs Tina Skahill. 9 We'll come back to Tina Skahill. 10 11 Newly appointed Deputy Inspector 12 General for the Public Safety Debra Witzburg. DEPUTY INSPECTOR GENERAL WITZBURG: Here. 13 14 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Congratulations. 15 DEPUTY INSPECTOR WITZBURG: Thank you. 16 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: And Executive Director 17 of the Police Board Max Caproni. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CAPRONI: I'm here. 18 19 Thank you. 20 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: And Tina Skahill. 21 BOARD MEMBER WOLFF: She just entered the 22 chat. She is here. 23 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: We have some Zooming 24 technical difficulties but Tina Skahill is here

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Page 5 1 as well. As we begin this meeting -- this 2 3 evening's meeting, I would like to talk about 4 the recent events in our City and throughout 5 the nation. Each of us has been deeply affected by the murder of George Floyd and the 6 events that followed. 7 8 As you may know, I've experienced 9 firsthand the impacts of the protests here in 10 Chicago. And without getting into a lot of detail, I was, indeed, involved in a situation 11 where I was struck by a police officer in an 12 13 unfortunate situation that took place on the 14 31st and been previously reported. It is an 15 ongoing investigation. I filed a complaint 16 with COPA. And so I actually am kind of going 17 through the process that we the Police Board are typically called upon to make decisions on. 18 19 While I'm not, you know, happy of 20 the fact I am going through this situation, it has allowed me to kind of take a different 2.1 22 perspective and take the perspective of looking

at this -- I think in the moment that we're

looking for right now in terms of what can we

- 1 do to improve the process of accountability
- 2 when it comes to public safety.
- 3 So, you know, I'm looking forward
- 4 to working through the process, to continuing
- 5 to work with members of the public, CPD, and
- 6 the monitor to ensure that we can come up with
- 7 a system that allows us all as residents of the
- 8 City of Chicago to get what we're looking for,
- 9 right? To make sure that we can have a City
- 10 that we're all proud of; that police can be
- 11 treated as professionals, and that they can get
- 12 the resource they need to act very
- 13 professionally.
- 14 And so looking forward to kind of
- 15 working through this process.
- And, again, as I kind of said in
- 17 my statement, we can't allow the momentum of
- 18 the uprisings to be lost by focusing on micro
- 19 incidents, but rather to use that energy to
- 20 demand the accountability that we can see and
- 21 we can feel.
- I want to now turn to the role of
- 23 the Police Board as Chicago moves forward with
- 24 comprehensive police reform.

Page 7 1 First, the Police Board will be at the table with others involved in City 2. 3 policy-making, the Police Department, COPA, the 4 Mayor's Office and City Council, where we as a 5 Board will strongly advocate for policies that bring about meaningful police reform and 6 7 greater accountability. We see this moment 8 offering an opportunity to leverage the Consent 9 Decree, the new Superintendent, the Mayor's 10 long-standing commitment to reform, and the 11 public's clear message about reform to make 12 dramatic changes the way the police 13 accountability system operates in Chicago. Second, the Police Board will be 14 15 bringing to these conversations an independent 16 and community-based voice. We, the Board, are 17 a diverse group of Chicagoans who have a stake in making sure that every person in our City 18 19 receives the most constitutional, respectful, 20 and professional police protection and service 2.1 as possible. 22 And more importantly, we are 23 committed to listening to you and all members 24 of the public that you speak about your

Page 8 1 experiences with the police and your ideas for 2 change. 3 As we discovered during our 4 search for a new superintendent, which led us 5 to recommend now Superintendent David Brown to the mayor, your input is invaluable, and we 6 7 will bring it with us in all our conversations 8 as we come together as a City to heal, 9 reconcile and rise to meet the challenges 10 before us. 11 Now, we'll have comments from 12 Superintendent Brown followed by remarks from COPA, Chief Administrator Roberts. 13 14 Superintendent Brown. 15 SUPERINTENDENT BROWN: Good evening, 16 members of the Chicago Police Board and members 17 of the public that are joining us on this virtual platform. I must begin by wishing 18 19 happy Father's Day to all the dads, all the father figures throughout Chicago. We need 20 21 positive role models now more than ever. 22 want to thank all the men that go out every day 23 and set a good example for our young people. 24 This has been a trying time for

- 1 the Chicago Police Department, as well as
- 2 throughout the country.
- 3 The death of George Floyd was
- 4 both tragic and heartbreaking. People watching
- 5 the video of Floyd's final moments were
- 6 overcome with emotion, as I was. This
- 7 emotional response manifested itself in several
- 8 days of protests. Ten days to be exact.
- 9 Several police officers have been there to
- 10 protect the persons marching in neighborhoods
- 11 throughout the City. Unfortunately, there were
- 12 also those that saw these peaceful protests as
- 13 an opportunity to steal and vandalize property.
- 14 The bulk of the lawlessness
- 15 happened over the weekend that spanned from May
- 16 29th to May 31st. Several police arrested
- 17 1,360 individuals during this three-day span.
- 18 Most of those arrests were related to
- 19 disorderly conduct, charges tied to the period
- 20 of civil unrest. There were also 213 people
- 21 arrested for looting during that two-day
- 22 weekend. Officers worked 12-hour shifts and
- 23 all their days off were canceled during those
- 24 10 days.

Page 10 1 During those 10 days, also, 538 guns were recovered by our office during a 2. 3 10-day period. 4 CPD also saw more than 200 5 officers injured on duty during the stretch of civil unrest. 6 7 Chicago police officers return to 8 12-hour days tomorrow for the Juneteenth weekend. Also canceled some days off for 10 specific teams on a voluntary basis throughout the weekend. 11 12 I've seen tremendous resolve in 13 our office throughout this trying time, and I 14 have also seen misconduct that is unacceptable. 15 I stripped several officers of their police 16 powers because of this misconduct. 17 officers were spat on, they received verbal abuse, dodged rocks and bottles and bricks and 18 19 maintained their composure but others disgraced 20 the star. 21 This weekend, many of the officers will also be sacrificing time with 22 23 their families to protect the City. And I want 24 to personally thank those officers for their

- 1 commitment and dedication.
- I also want to let the people in
- 3 Chicago know that the loud cries of police
- 4 reform have not fallen on deaf ears.
- 5 The Consent Decree gives Chicago
- 6 an advantage over other cities that also look
- 7 to make meaningful changes to their
- 8 departments. But we do see the Consent Decree
- 9 as a floor, not a ceiling.
- We have a road map for reform,
- 11 and we have already begun our journey.
- Now, changing a police department
- is never easy. You have a long, long road
- 14 ahead, but I am convinced that we can and will
- 15 change for the better.
- 16 Working together I believe this
- 17 City can become the benchmark for others to
- 18 emulate.
- 19 Thank you so much for your time
- 20 this evening. And I look forward to hearing
- 21 from you. Thank you again.
- 22 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you,
- 23 Superintendent. Chief Roberts.
- 24 CHIEF ADMINISTRATOR ROBERTS: As the

- 1 Superintendent mentioned -- and, Mr. President,
- 2 thank you for giving me the opportunity to
- 3 speak. I was one of those people that was
- 4 overcome by what I witnessed. Watching Mr.
- 5 Floyd take his last breath was just heart
- 6 wrenching.
- 7 I saw myself as the mother that I
- 8 am. I saw myself as a minority witnessing
- 9 something that I personally have never
- 10 witnessed before. And in response to the
- 11 aftermath of that, the protests that we saw
- 12 unfolding on a national level and on a City
- 13 level here in Chicago, COPA, we went into quick
- 14 action and formed a specialized team of
- 15 investigators and began reviewing and
- 16 responding to complaints in real-time by early
- 17 Saturday morning. And while we have witnessed
- 18 officers exercising restraint and
- 19 professionalism during these tense
- 20 confrontations, we, too, have witnessed
- 21 officers engaging in behavior, particularly
- 22 uses of force, that appeared excessive.
- Over the two-week period from May
- 24 29th to June 11th, COPA received a total of 591

- 1 complaints.
- Now put this in context. On a
- 3 monthly basis, we receive between 400 and 450
- 4 complaints. In a 10-day period, we surpassed
- 5 that, exceeding 591 complaints. Of those
- 6 complaints, we have identified 371, which we
- 7 believe as reported are protest related.
- 8 Now, of those, approximately 139
- 9 fall within COPA's jurisdiction. And as you
- 10 know, COPA deals with the most egregious uses
- 11 of force, verbal abuse, unreasonable -- I'm
- 12 sorry. Denial of counsel, as well as improper
- 13 search and seizure. The remaining 232 have
- 14 been referred to the Department's Bureau of
- 15 Internal Affairs. The complaints received
- included allegations of excessive force, denial
- 17 of counsel, improper search and seizure and
- 18 verbal abuse. Complaints within the
- 19 jurisdiction of the Bureau of Internal Affairs,
- 20 that included allegations of failure to
- 21 activate body-worn cameras, the absence or
- 22 concealment of name tags, unprofessional
- 23 conduct and other operational violations.
- 24 Specific to the videos that have

Page 14 1 been widely circulated on social media and news outlets, we have received them, and we are 2. 3 investigating them. 4 Unlike many other cities around 5 the country, the breadth of COPA's investigative jurisdiction and the ability to 6 7 independently conduct thorough investigations 8 is what sets us apart from many other cities 9 whose civilian oversight body lacks the 10 authority to actually investigate. In accordance with COPA's 11 12 commitment to transparency, I'm pleased to 13 announce today that COPA has lodged on its 14 website specific protests, complaint 15 information and investigative data.

Once on our website, you can

17 click on case and data on our website tab and

18 scroll down to the data portal, and there you

19 will find information regarding how many

20 complaints we received, how those complaints

21 were distributed, the protests-related

22 complaints.

You will also see the

24 investigative activity that we have taken to

- 1 date.
- 2 Right now we have 139 pending
- 3 protest-related complaints. We have requested
- 4 that in six cases that officers be stripped
- 5 and/or modified of their police powers. To
- 6 date, in two of those cases, approximately
- 7 three officers have been relieved of their
- 8 power.
- 9 We have also referred cases to
- 10 the Bureau of Internal Affairs, and after
- 11 working with both the Cook County State's
- 12 Attorney's Office, as well as the Federal
- 13 Bureau of Investigations in their criminal
- 14 investigations.
- 15 I want to conclude that COPA must
- 16 and will conduct fair, independent objective
- 17 and thorough investigations, of not only these
- 18 complaints, but of all complaints we have
- 19 received.
- 20 I also want to announce that COPA
- 21 is going to continue to forge forward in our
- 22 negotiations with the unions relative to their
- 23 accountability provisions to make some changes
- 24 in the FOP contract.

Page 16 1 COPA is committed to working with the Mayor's Office, the Attorney General's 2. 3 Office, as well as the Office of the Governor 4 to address broader statewide police reform 5 initiatives. And as the Superintendent 6 7 mentioned, COPA, too, believes that the tenets 8 of the Consent Decree are the floor, and we remain committed to surpassing what has been 9 10 asked in complying with the Consent Decree. 11 Finally, I'd like to say to the 12 community and to all those that are listening, 13 if you have been a victim of police misconduct 14 or have witnessed police misconduct, please 15 contact our office at 312-746-COPA or 16 www.ChicagoCOPA.org/compliance. Thank you. 17 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you very much, Chief. 18 19 We will now proceed to other 20 items on the meeting agenda. We'll have time 21 at the end of the public -- at the end of the 22 meeting for public comment. 23 Once again, those participating 24 by phone are currently on mute in order to

Page 17 1 reduce background noise and disruption. When we get to the public comments portion of the 2. 3 meeting, we will unmute each speaker. 4 Is there a motion to approve the 5 minutes of the Board's May 21st regular public meeting? 6 7 BOARD MEMBER WOLFF: This is Paula Wolff. I move approval. 8 9 BOARD MEMBER EADDY: This is Michael Eaddy. 10 I second the motion. 11 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: All in favor, please 12 signify by saying aye and raising your hand. All in favor? 13 14 (CHORUS OF AYES.) 15 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Any opposed? 16 abstentions? 17 (NO RESPONSE.) 18 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Motion passes. 19 The next regular public meeting 20 will be held Thursday, July 16th, at 7:30 p.m. 21 Whether this will be an in-person meeting or 22 remote meeting will be determined closer to the 23 meeting date. The Police Board as authorized by 24

- 1 the Open Meetings Act has considered in a
- 2 closed meeting several disciplinary cases.
- 3 The Board will now take final action on these
- 4 cases.
- 5 Regarding case number 19 PB 2965,
- 6 is there a motion to find Police Officer
- 7 Virginia O'Donnell guilty of being intoxicated
- 8 while on duty, disobeying a direct order, and
- 9 violating medical-roll procedures and discharge
- 10 her from the Chicago Police Department?
- 11 BOARD MEMBER WOLFF: So moved.
- 12 BOARD MEMBER EADDY: This is Michael Eaddy.
- 13 Second.
- 14 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: I will now call on the
- 15 members of the Board for their votes. Wolff.
- 16 BOARD MEMBER WOLFF: Aye.
- 17 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Crowl.
- 18 BOARD MEMBER CROWL: Aye.
- 19 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Eaddy.
- 20 BOARD MEMBER EADDY: Aye.
- 21 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Flores.
- 22 BOARD MEMBER FLORES: Aye.
- 23 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Montes.
- BOARD MEMBER MONTES: Aye.

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1	PRESIDENT FOREMAN: O'Malley.
2	BOARD MEMBER O'MALLEY: Aye.
3	PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Sweeney.
4	BOARD MEMBER SWEENEY: Aye.
5	PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Zopp.
6	BOARD MEMBER ZOPP: Aye.
7	PRESIDENT FOREMAN: And myself, I vote in
8	favor of the motion.
9	Voting in favor are Board Members
10	Wolff, Crowl, Eaddy, Flores, Montes, O'Malley,
11	Sweeney, Zopp and myself. The motion passes.
12	Is there a motion to adopt the
13	written findings and decisions that have been
14	reviewed by all members who participated in the
15	case?
16	BOARD MEMBER WOLFF: This is Paula Wolff.
17	So moved.
18	BOARD MEMBER EADDY: Michael Eaddy.
19	Second.
20	PRESIDENT FOREMAN: All in favor, please
21	say aye and raise your hands.
22	(CHORUS OF AYES.)
23	PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Any opposed?
24	(NO RESPONSE.)

Page 20 1 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: The motion passes. Regarding case number 19 PB 2957, 2 is there a motion to find Police Officer 3 4 Tabitha Tabb not guilty of making false 5 reports, quilty of disobeying orders regarding 6 secondary employment and to suspend her from 7 the Chicago Police Department for a period of 8 120 days? 9 BOARD MEMBER WOLFF: This is Paula Wolff. 10 So moved. 11 BOARD MEMBER EADDY: Michael Eaddy. 12 Second. PRESIDENT FOREMAN: I will now call on 13 members of the Board for their vote. 14 Wolff. 15 BOARD MEMBER WOLFF: Ave. 16 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Crowl. 17 BOARD MEMBER CROWL: Aye. 18 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: And we have another aye 19 from somebody in the background there, too. 20 Eaddy. 2.1 BOARD MEMBER EADDY: Aye. 22 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Flores. 23 BOARD MEMBER FLORES: Aye. 24 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Montes.

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1	BOARD MEMBER MONTES: Aye.
2	PRESIDENT FOREMAN: O'Malley.
3	BOARD MEMBER O'MALLEY: Aye.
4	PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Sweeney.
5	BOARD MEMBER SWEENEY: Aye.
6	PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Zopp.
7	BOARD MEMBER ZOPP: Aye.
8	PRESIDENT FOREMAN: And I also vote in
9	favor of the motion. Voting in favor are Board
10	Members Wolff, Crowl, Eaddy, Flores, Montes,
11	O'Malley, Sweeney, Zopp and myself. The motion
12	passes.
13	Is there a motion to adopt
14	written findings and decisions that have been
15	reviewed by all Board members who participated
16	in the case?
17	BOARD MEMBER WOLFF: This is Paula Wolff.
18	So moved.
19	BOARD MEMBER EADDY: Michael Eaddy.
20	Second.
21	PRESIDENT FOREMAN: All in favor please say
22	aye and raise your hand.
23	(CHORUS OF AYES.)
24	PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Any opposed?

1	Page 22 (NO RESPONSE.)
2	PRESIDENT FOREMAN: The motion passes.
3	Regarding case number 19 PB 2967,
4	is there a motion to find Police Officer Jose
5	Velazquez guilty of engaging in an unjustified
6	altercation and displaying his weapon while
7	intoxicated and off duty and to suspend him
8	from the Police Department for a period of 180
9	days? Is there a motion?
10	BOARD MEMBER SWEENEY: So moved.
11	PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Who's that? Is that
12	Judge Sweeney? For the record, that was Judge
13	Sweeney. Is there a second?
14	BOARD MEMBER O'MALLEY: Second.
15	PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Okay. John O'Malley
16	with the second. I will now call on members of
17	the Board for their vote. Wolff?
18	BOARD MEMBER WOLFF: This is Paula Wolff.
19	I vote against the motion. I vote to discharge
20	the officer from the Department.
21	PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Crowl.
22	BOARD MEMBER CROWL: Aye.
23	PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Eaddy.
24	BOARD MEMBER EADDY: Aye.

Page 23 1 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Flores. 2. BOARD MEMBER FLORES: Aye. 3 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Montes. 4 BOARD MEMBER MONTES: Aye. 5 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: O'Malley. 6 BOARD MEMBER O'MALLEY: Aye. 7 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Sweeney. BOARD MEMBER SWEENEY: Aye. 9 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Zopp. BOARD MEMBER ZOPP: Aye. 10 11 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: And I vote against the 12 motion. I vote to discharge the officer from 13 the Department. 14 Voting in favor are Board Members 15 Crowl, Eaddy, Flores, Montes, O'Malley, 16 Sweeney, Zopp. Vice-president Wolff and I are 17 opposed. The motion passes. 18 Is there a motion to adopt the 19 written findings and decisions and dissent that have been reviewed by all Board members who 20 21 participated in the case? 22 BOARD MEMBER WOLFF: This is Paula Wolff. 23 So moved. 24 BOARD MEMBER EADDY: Michael Eaddy.

Page 24 1 Second. PRESIDENT FOREMAN: All in favor? 2. 3 (CHORUS OF AYES.) PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Any opposed? 4 5 (NO RESPONSE.) PRESIDENT FOREMAN: The motion passes. 6 7 The decisions in the case on which the Board took final action this evening 8 will be entered as of today's date and will be 10 issued to the parties. The decisions will then 11 be posted on the Board's website. CAN-TV, I'm 12 going to get some water so I don't die on 13 national television. I will be right back. 14 (Brief pause.) 15 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Much better. Sorry 16 about that. I apologize. 17 Next, we have -- I will now call on members of the public who called in in 18 19 advance to speak. I'm sorry. Sorry. Before I 20 do that, I got thrown off a little bit. 21 BOARD MEMBER WOLFF: To close meeting 22 minutes, I think. 23 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Yes. Is there a motion 24 to close a series of executive sessions for the

Page 25 purpose of considering personnel matters in 1 litigation as authorized by Sections 2(c)(1), 2 3 (3), (4) and (11) of the Illinois Open Meetings 4 Act? 5 BOARD MEMBER WOLFF: This is Paula Wolff. I make that motion. 6 7 BOARD MEMBER EADDY: Michael Eaddy. I 8 second. 9 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: All in favor, please 10 signify by saying aye and raising your hands. (CHORUS OF AYES.) 11 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Any opposed? 12 13 (NO RESPONSE.) 14 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: A report of 15 disciplinary actions taken by the Board during 16 the previous month has been made available on 17 the Board's website. 18 Proposed amendments of the Police 19 Board rules of procedure. Last month I 20 announced that the Board plans to consider at a 21 future public meeting several proposed 22 amendments to its rules of procedure. 23 We posted a draft of the proposed 24 amendments on our website for public comment,

- 1 and we will post an updated draft that has been
- 2 revised in response to the comments that we
- 3 received.
- 4 The general orders and other
- 5 directives issued by the Superintendent during
- 6 the previous month are posted on the Police
- 7 Department's website.
- 8 I will now call upon members of
- 9 the public who signed up in advance to speak.
- 10 Each speaker will be unmuted after I call his
- 11 or her name. I will tell you in advance, we
- 12 have 26 speakers today, so we are going to have
- 13 to stick very firmly to the two minutes.
- 14 The first speaker is Ms. Ofoha.
- MS. OFOHA: Hello. My name is Ngochi
- 16 Ofoha. Resident of the 3rd Ward of Chicago. I
- 17 am here today to speak on the state of police
- in this country and specifically the CPD. I'll
- 19 do that by way of an analogy. On June 13th,
- 20 2020, the United States Department of
- 21 Agriculture published a recall of 42,922 pounds
- 22 of ground beef with possible E. Coli
- 23 contamination. E. Coli is a potentially deadly
- 24 bacteria. They also state that there has been

- 1 no confirmed reports of adverse reaction due to
- 2 the consumption of these specific products.
- 3 This is a very basic and standard approach to
- 4 public health and safety.
- 5 When there is a possibility of
- 6 death, products are recalled. They didn't wait
- 7 for confirmed reports of adverse reaction, they
- 8 issued a recall. They don't know which
- 9 products could potentially cause death, so they
- 10 recalled them all. They don't wait for someone
- 11 to get sick and possibly die. We shouldn't
- 12 wait for the next person to be brutalized or
- 13 killed by the CPD before making a drastic but
- 14 needed change. We need to take the same
- 15 approach as the U.S.D.A. Recall all police
- officers, defund the police, abolish the
- 17 police, abolish CPD. Thank you.
- 18 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you very much.
- 19 Next speaker, Jennifer Ahmed.
- 20 MS. AHMED: Can you hear me?
- 21 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Yes, ma'am.
- 22 MS. AHMED: Hello. Thank you for your time
- 23 and attention today. For five generations, my
- 24 family and I have called Chicago, specifically

- 1 Bridgeport, home. For us, police officers were
- 2 revered. I was taught police unions are vital
- 3 because they protect the officers so that
- 4 officers can protect us all. But we can no
- 5 longer deny reality. FOP's unchecked power has
- 6 gone on too far for too long. We hear about
- 7 bad apples, but the rest of that adage is that
- 8 they spoil the bunch. And so the belief that
- 9 we can reform the system we currently have is
- 10 plainly naive.
- I know it can be hard to face,
- 12 but the current lack of trust in the police is
- 13 a direct result of the police's own respect of
- 14 public outcry for accountability. The police
- 15 and FOP have shook their hands. We know their
- 16 only priority is preserving the institution of
- 17 policing, even if it means hurting the citizens
- 18 or even several officers, all while taking over
- 19 one billion and counting of our taxes, then
- 20 telling us that we should be grateful that they
- 21 even come to work at all. This is the looting
- 22 that we care about. We also cannot continue to
- 23 ignore that many Chicagoans, including myself,
- 24 are not afraid that calling the police could be

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1 a death sentence of an innocent civilian. That

- 2 is no longer an unwarranted fear. This alone
- 3 is completely enough to destroy the credibility
- 4 of this institution. And if it's not, what
- 5 would be?
- In the immediate, we need real
- 7 civilian oversight by CPAC, in addition to
- 8 COPA. We need CPD out of CPS. We need an
- 9 independent public database tracking police
- 10 misconduct, a licensing bureau for police. All
- 11 union contract abil -- accountability provision
- 12 should be determined by a public vote. No more
- 13 taxpayer money to pay for disgraced pensions or
- 14 for brutality and police misconduct.
- 15 If these measures mean officers
- and potential officers don't want to be police
- 17 anymore, then we should be grateful we deterred
- 18 those who would refuse to work in a job that
- 19 requires this type of accountability.
- 20 As crazy as dismantling the
- 21 police sounded to me a few weeks ago and the
- 22 momentous number taken every day, we no longer
- 23 have a choice. We are done throwing good money
- 24 after bad. We need to focus on crime

- 1 prevention, not crime reaction. We have to be
- 2 honest. Policing is not the best solution we
- 3 have. And that is okay, because at the end of
- 4 the day, it's only a job, and we have to
- 5 eliminate what we think (audio distortion)
- 6 society no longer needs.
- 7 We have a chance to (audio
- 8 distortion) in the spirit of Chicago and find a
- 9 new better way forward. Thank you.
- 10 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you very much.
- 11 Next speaker is Courtney Anthony.
- 12 Courtney Anthony has not signed in.
- The next speaker, Sabrina Han,
- 14 has not signed in.
- The next speaker, Jo Ann Dunker.
- 16 MS. DUNKER: Hello?
- 17 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Hello.
- 18 MS. DUNKER: Hi. Jo Ann Dunker. I would
- 19 just like to say that I would like to thank the
- 20 good police officers that chose this profession
- 21 to make a difference. Thank you.
- 22 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you very much.
- 23 Next speaker, Ray Dunker.
- 24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: No comment.

Page 31 1 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Next speaker, Lydia --2. Ms. Lydia I'm going say. 3 MS. MATIUSHENKO: Yes. Good evening. Lydia Matiushenko. Thank you to the Board for 4 5 the opportunity to speak. I'm making the following 14 police reform requests. They will 6 7 also be e-mailed to the Executive Director 8 after this meeting. 9 Number one: Add eight hours of 10 training on community policing and racial biases in order to address police officers 11 (audio distortion) and biases. 12 13 Number two: Issue an apology to the community for the history of biased 14 15 policing in order to restore community trust. 16 Number three: Make police 17 disciplinary records unrestricted in order to 18 hold police officers and their departments 19 accountable. 20 And number four: Replace 21 incentivized ticketing and quotas, another 22 metric of productivity that protects the highly 23 vulnerable in society. 24 Number five: Raise the bar on

- 1 hiring standards by requiring police officers
- 2 to log at least 1,000 hours.
- 3 Number six: Raise the bar on
- 4 hiring by testing for emotional regulation to
- 5 ensure police officers can manage their
- 6 emotions in the heat of the moment.
- 7 Number seven: Raise the bar on
- 8 hiring by giving them a servant leadership
- 9 assessment to ensure they operate with the
- 10 right spirit of leadership.
- 11 Number eight: Raise the bar on
- 12 hiring by giving them a cultural diversity
- 13 assessment. See where they stand in their
- 14 views of cultural diversity.
- 15 Number nine: Raise the bar on
- 16 hiring by offering incoming officers a pay
- increase to attract the highest-quality
- 18 employees.
- Number ten, increase hot spot
- 20 policing to clear out crime in areas that
- 21 produce the most shootings and homicides.
- Number 11: Offer more social
- 23 resources for the economically poor and
- 24 disadvantaged to show you are on their side for

- 1 personal growth.
- 2 Number 12: Partner with local
- 3 spiritual leaders to address and resolve
- 4 community issues together.
- 5 Number 13: Walk the beat or walk
- 6 in the community to add a personal touch and
- 7 build community trust.
- 8 And number 14: Send at least one
- 9 police officer to walk or kneel with protestors
- 10 to show solidarity. Thank you.
- 11 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you very much.
- 12 Next speaker, Kivin Woods.
- MR. WOODS: Hi. If we are going to pursue
- 14 peace in our City and change the way civilians
- 15 and law enforcement interact, we need to start
- 16 by first establishing a relationship.
- 17 African Americans are estranged
- 18 from the Chicago Police Department. We feel
- 19 like targets. And we have seen the pictures
- 20 and read the stories of police around the
- 21 country using mugshots of African American
- 22 males as target practice.
- 23 And through a Freedom of
- 24 Information Act request back in 2018 in this

- 1 very city, the data released by the Chicago
- 2 Police Department showed that over a span of
- 3 only 10 years, 70 percent of the victims of use
- 4 of force by Chicago Police were African
- 5 American.
- In stating that, the intention is
- 7 not to effect rage or hate, but to give context
- 8 on the things that we have come to understand
- 9 about police in the United States and in our
- 10 beloved City.
- Now, we know there has been a
- 12 world leader who encourages to increase the
- 13 amount of aggression and force. And if that
- 14 don't (inaudible) the potential criminals.
- We know that he encourages to be
- 16 rougher and, quote unquote, "tough" like
- 17 immigration and customs enforcement officers.
- 18 But if a stranger approached you dressed in
- 19 black and blue with a badge and feels like a
- 20 natural acquaintance or a friend here to help,
- 21 will that impact their response to their
- 22 presence and purpose, even if they are
- 23 questioning you? What if for once a police
- 24 officer smiled at an African American in this

Page 35 1 City? You see, racism is about 2 3 behaviors, not feelings. And we can work 4 together to stop it if that is truly a goal and 5 a mind-set that Chicago municipalities share with the communities that make up the City, 6 7 filled with minorities that made up the 8 majority of essential workers though the long 9 months of the pandemic. 10 We know that a lot of police in 11 our City immediately relate and are friendly 12 with Caucasians in Chicago. We know that 13 inequality and variability enqulfs us and overwhelms African American communities in 14 15 Chicago for generations. 16 We know that the first thing in a 17 dispatch call of danger and black men in the 18 same sentence, there's a rush of adrenalin that 19 flows through the blood of Chicago police 20 officers. 21 And when you arrive to the scene 22 that you have been summoned to, it generally 23 comes with you. And we even know that you need 24 a certain amount of arrests to support your

- 1 obligation and duty to protect and serve. But
- 2 we still don't know why it is with the power
- 3 you are given by the justice system and by the
- 4 people and the training afforded to you by the
- 5 police academies that you use these powers and
- 6 skills senselessly and consistently murder and
- 7 incarcerate African American United States
- 8 citizens.
- 9 Why are African American citizens
- 10 in Chicago 10 to 14 times more likely to have
- 11 force used against them compared to whites in
- 12 the City? Is it because you hate African
- 13 Americans? Is there an underlying policy
- 14 amongst you that --
- 15 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: I apologize. I'm not
- 16 sure if you could hear me or not, but I
- 17 apologize. We have to stop it at two minutes.
- 18 But I definitely look forward to continuing our
- 19 interaction.
- Next speaker, Matt McKenna.
- 21 MR. McKENNA: Thank you for your time. In
- 22 2019, Chicago's Office of the Inspector General
- 23 found that the Department failed to complete
- 24 required reviews of body camera footage and

Page 37 1 hadn't established a standardized process to do 2. that. 3 I would like the 2020 report to 4 show that the CPD takes these findings 5 seriously. I believe this is mandatory in 6 7 establishing transparency and accountability 8 and professionalism within the Department that 9 Mr. Foreman mentioned at the beginning of this 10 meeting. Thank you. 11 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you. 12 Superintendent, would you like to address that? 13 SUPERINTENDENT BROWN: Yes. We are taking it very seriously. We have implemented the 14 15 requirements, again, as the Consent Decree is a 16 floor and not a ceiling. We are committed and 17 dedicated to ensuring that we comply and that 18 we review all body camera footage. 19 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you. 20 MR. McKENNA: Thank you, Superintendent. 2.1 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Next speaker is

MS. CARRILLO: Hello?

Patricia Carrillo.

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24 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Yes, ma'am.

- 1 MS. BROXTON: Hi. My name is Safrassa
- 2 (phonetic) Broxton. I live in the 24th Ward.
- 3 I'm just calling to give my District 11 Police
- 4 Department accolades. They have been wonderful
- 5 in our community. They work with us. We had a
- 6 tremendous drug problem in our community, and
- 7 without their help, we'd still be going through
- 8 it. We had gunshots every night, guys out here
- 9 partying every night. We have such a great
- 10 relationship with the District 11 Police
- 11 Department. And with everything that's going
- on, I just want to thank them for everything
- 13 they have been doing in our community.
- So, you know, I keep hearing
- 15 everything that's going on in the world right
- 16 now with the police department. Yes, we have a
- 17 lot of bad apples, but we have some great
- 18 police officers also in this Department. And I
- 19 just want to give them praise. They do a
- 20 wonderful job each and every day over here
- 21 where we live, and I thank them very much.
- 22 And Commander Spencer, Sergeant
- 23 Allen, the whole CAPS department at District 11
- 24 have been doing a wonderful job on our block,

- 1 and I just want to say thank you.
- 2 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you very much.
- 3 Next speaker, Hugo Limon.
- 4 MR. LIMON: Hi, everybody. Can you guys
- 5 hear me? Hello?
- 6 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Yes, we can hear you.
- 7 MR. LIMON: Okay. Thank you to the Board
- 8 for letting me speak.
- 9 We want to thank you, the 11th
- 10 District. The 11th District is working really
- 11 hard with us. Item number one in crime and
- 12 drug selling and stuff. But they do their best
- 13 to help our citizens. And I want to thank you
- 14 and (Inaudible) so thank you, everybody, for
- 15 your service.
- 16 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you very much.
- 17 Next speaker, Monte Rollerson.
- 18 MR. ROLLERSON: Hello, everyone. I'm
- 19 presently serving as the (Inaudible) chair of
- 20 the 3rd District. I want to do a special
- 21 welcome to Superintendent Brown. Welcome
- 22 aboard. Can't wait to meet you physically.
- I'd like to share these comments
- 24 at this time to the City of Chicago and the

- 1 Chicago Police Department and petition to
- 2 affirm the following: City of Chicago to
- 3 enforce laws to prevent, abate illegal and
- 4 unwanted partying in our neighborhoods and on
- 5 our residential blocks.
- 6 We, the legal and registered
- 7 residents of dwellings in Wards 5, 6 and 8,
- 8 have lost the ability to peacefully live and
- 9 thrive in our homes and surroundings due to the
- 10 onslaught torment of non-residents, or
- 11 agitants, present on our blocks.
- 12 On or about May 25th, 2020,
- 13 approximately 160 to 300 non-residents,
- 14 agitants again, arrived on the blocks of 7200
- 15 through 7400 South Drexel, Ingleside, Maryland
- and Ellis, to 77th and Dobson areas, with the
- 17 result of an organized effort to assault and
- 18 battery of persons, to illegally use handguns,
- 19 loud talk and use of offensive language,
- 20 prevent the normal flow of street traffic, play
- 21 excessively loud music publicly, execute
- 22 illegal sale of narcotics, promote public lewd,
- 23 physical behavior, place and leave excessive
- 24 debris on the grounds and the streets and

- 1 around homes, urinate and defecate in public
- 2 areas near homes, execute other antisocial and
- 3 disruptive behavior.
- 4 This assault against the peaceful
- 5 abiding residents of the aforementioned areas
- 6 continues.
- 7 I'll turn the next portion of my
- 8 report over to Ms. Lori Burns.
- 9 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Unfortunately, you're
- 10 out of time at this point. So we would like to
- 11 hear from Ms. Burns. Maybe next meeting. Or
- 12 if you want to follow up with Max with an
- 13 e-mail, we can make sure that we get your
- 14 comments. Thank you very much.
- 15 The next speaker is Jennifer
- 16 Edwards.
- 17 BOARD MEMBER WOLFF: Ghian, she is on the
- 18 list. If you want to jump down to her.
- 19 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Okay. Okay. That's a
- 20 good catch. Thank you, Paula. Jennifer, can
- 21 you let Lori --
- MS. BURNS: Go ahead with Jennifer so we
- 23 can keep moving. This is Lori.
- 24 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Go ahead.

Page 42 1 MS. BURNS: I'm on for a later portion. Τ 2. don't want to lose my spot. 3 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Okay. Jennifer 4 Edwards. 5 MS. EDWARDS: Can we revisit our January 16th report where we summarized our activities 6 7 in 2019 to bring suggestions to the Police Department to improve community policing --8 9 policing in our area? 10 We mentioned a few proposals, the 11 expanded cadet program, a good business 12 neighbor product, a safety centered backyard 13 conversation, coffee with the captain. 14 We were told we would be 15 connected with the Public Safety Department in 16 the City, but we were never contacted. 17 We recognize the critical times 18 in our City and across the nation and hope the 19 urgency of working with our community is 20 realized as a priority. 2.1 The reconnecting of communities 22 and policing should begin with the common 23 strategy of community policing in all districts 24 rather than leaving the structure up to the

- 1 various districts. Civilian police personnel
- 2 should be supported as well as increasing their
- 3 numbers.
- 4 Training should be constant,
- 5 consistent and comparable for the cultural
- 6 interactions and cross-training of police
- 7 policies and directives. An example of this is
- 8 the trespassing affidavit which is processed
- 9 differently in different districts. We also
- 10 suggest implementation of many of the items
- 11 mentioned in the community conversation, beat
- 12 integrity, foot patrol, alternate setting og
- 13 community beat meetings and monthly beat
- 14 meetings, strategies that can be implemented
- 15 without extra cost and should support
- 16 communications to increase community police
- 17 trust.
- 18 Our new strategy will be to
- 19 explain the idea of outposts in our community.
- 20 These can be treated -- be created by using
- 21 cadets and community officers to free up some
- 22 of the duties of police officers. The outpost
- 23 can be acquired from the City's numerous old
- 24 abandoned buildings in our areas.

Page 44 1 Lastly, we ask for a meeting with Superintendent Brown and the south side 2 3 community group president to conclude --4 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: I apologize, but 5 because we do have such a long list today, I know you're going to get me later, I had to 6 mute you. But absolutely. Superintendent 7 8 Brown, I'll ask Max to make sure that we get a 9 copy of the recommendation that was presented. 10 It was well thought through. They met with the 11 community, met with some of your officers, came 12 together as a group to try to see how their 13 organization -- multiple organizations, how 14 they can come together to be helpful to CPD. 15 We'll make sure you get a copy of some of their 16 recommendations and try to make sure that we 17 can set a time where you can get a chance to 18 meet with their group. 19 I got a chance to meet with them. I found it very informative. And a group of 20 residents who are absolutely willing to be 21 22 partners in helping to improve the community. 23 Next speaker is June Norfleet. 24 MS. NORFLEET: Well, good evening,

- 1 neighbors and colleagues. I come to you live
- 2 from a police positive loitering that's
- 3 happening on 71st Place and Woodlawn.
- We're going to talk about the
- 5 cadet program. We must continue our advocacy
- 6 of the cadet program which features the
- 7 following: Our suggestions for expansion are:
- 8 First, it is the policy and the program that's
- 9 outlined in the employee resource EOS-29 that's
- 10 effective February 21st, 2019. This cadet
- 11 program is an elected program that should be
- 12 available to high school juniors aged 17 with a
- 13 2.0 GPA, attendance record of 85 percent or
- 14 better. It is a program which provides for
- 15 ongoing assessment and audits of their
- 16 performance. Training will begin from the
- onset and will last until the cadet's 23rd
- 18 birthday or until they transition to another
- 19 assignment. It is a program that advocates for
- 20 classes which are accredited by the Illinois
- 21 Board of Education and will be counted toward
- 22 their graduation or diploma. It is a program
- 23 which provides intern work with the CPD. It is
- 24 a program which transitions into full-time

- 1 employment via the Department's community
- 2 policing program. It is a program which
- 3 requires advanced college-level training, at
- 4 least a minimum of 60 hours. It is a program
- 5 that could transition into a position of
- 6 community resource officers or community aid,
- 7 which we will talk about, Members of Community
- 8 Organized to Win, at our next Police Board
- 9 meeting.
- 10 Upon graduation, any cadet that
- 11 continues employment through this program
- 12 should receive the following: A full-time
- position compensated at \$41,600, adjusted to
- 14 future rates. The program will reflect the
- 15 population demographics in the City.
- I now turn my time over to my
- 17 colleague Lori Burns.
- 18 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you very much.
- 19 Ms. Burns.
- MS. BURNS: So the program is commensurate
- 21 with healthcare benefits. The program begins
- 22 with a minimum of 100 cadets. The program
- 23 directly reports to either the Superintendent
- 24 or his or her designee. The program is

- 1 marketed as an elite status position and
- 2 creatively marketed within our school. Why,
- 3 you may ask. Because African Americans are 32
- 4 percent of the City's population but only 19
- 5 percent of our police force. We want robust,
- 6 intelligent public guardians. Those who are
- 7 informed in protecting and respecting the laws
- 8 of this land.
- 9 To discuss this plan in more
- 10 detail, we are asking that the Board and
- 11 Superintendent Brown meet with south side and
- 12 far south side residents now. Thank you very
- 13 much. And attached is the original proposal
- 14 that we discussed at previous Board meetings.
- 15 Thank you.
- 16 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you very much.
- 17 Next speaker, Matt Brandon.
- 18 MR. BRANDON: Good evening, President
- 19 Foreman, members of the Board, Superintendent
- 20 Brown and staff. Communities Organized to Win
- 21 does not support the current calls to defund
- 22 the police.
- Our position, we believe, is not
- 24 contrary to the request to reexamine ways to

- 1 reallocate funding within the Department, but
- 2 has taken cognizant of the need for a
- 3 respectful security component that is both
- 4 responsive to and takes responsibility for the
- 5 consequences of their actions in our
- 6 communities.
- We oppose the proposed school
- 8 resource officer strategy and stand with the
- 9 Chicago Teachers' Union on using those
- 10 resources instead for hiring nurses and
- 11 counselors and social workers, professionals
- 12 capable of providing services so desperately
- 13 needed for our children and their families. We
- 14 oppose qualified immunity.
- We understand the dangers that
- 16 police officers confront on a daily basis, but
- 17 believe that the City of Chicago's
- 18 indemnification of officers for actions taken
- 19 that are legal and compliant with the
- 20 Department policies, procedures and general
- 21 orders is sufficient.
- We oppose choke holds, period.
- 23 We oppose the elimination of residency
- 24 requirements, not only for police officers, but

- 1 for all City employees.
- 2 The violence exhibited by police
- 3 across this country against black men and women
- 4 is not a result of inadequate training, but
- 5 rather a result of the systematic racism that
- 6 stains our nation's history to this day.
- 7 COW will make a presentation at
- 8 the next Board meeting that is intended to
- 9 address the need for the CPD to reflect the
- 10 communities it serves.
- We again extend an open
- 12 invitation to Superintendent Brown to meet with
- 13 community leaders from the south and far south
- 14 side. Thank you very much.
- 15 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you. Next
- 16 speaker is John Perryman.
- 17 MR. PERRYMAN: Hi. Good evening. I
- 18 would -- I'm talking about a problem that I
- 19 brought up last month. I want to thank the
- 20 Superintendent for meeting with me yesterday
- 21 with the commander of the 11th, even though it
- 22 took a little bit of cajoling.
- I do want to talk about that
- 24 conversation. It seems that in the 11th,

- 1 Commander Spencer is continuing to use poor
- 2 strategies that simply don't work. We were
- 3 talking about a specific drug market that's
- 4 impacting the use of the actual park, Garfield
- 5 Park.
- 6 Commander Spencer thinks sending
- 7 tactical teams just to arrest a bunch of people
- 8 for possession works. That does not work.
- 9 Tactical teams are essentially another gang on
- 10 the street. And arresting people for
- 11 possession doesn't really deter anything. What
- 12 we really need is troubled buildings to
- 13 activate and be much more thorough. Troubled
- 14 businesses. There's a business there that's
- 15 had many problems, yet they still stand. Also,
- 16 we need undercover vice so we get the right
- 17 people, because often the tactical will just
- 18 grab whoever, and that's creating a big
- 19 problem.
- 20 Another problem from this meeting
- 21 is that the CAPS program is in disarray in the
- 22 11th.
- 23 Sergeant Allen is a very nice
- 24 man, but it's not going well. He doesn't seem

- 1 to be very supported and there's no real
- 2 strategies.
- 3 The community policing should
- 4 drive the strategies, instead it's kind of an
- 5 afterthought.
- 6 So I want to put it out there. I
- 7 still have not received the strategy for how
- 8 they're policing the park. It's been over a
- 9 month, which makes me think there is no
- 10 strategy, which is a major problem.
- 11 And I will wrap up with asking
- 12 the Superintendent what kind of follow-through
- 13 I can expect from his office going forward on
- 14 these specific issues?
- 15 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Superintendent?
- 16 SUPERINTENDENT BROWN: Yes. As we spoke on
- 17 yesterday, we'll have a written response to the
- 18 11th District in the park, Garfield Park
- 19 specifically, to you a week from yesterday, as
- 20 we discussed.
- 21 MR. PERRYMAN: A week from yesterday?
- 22 Okay. And what about the open-air drug market,
- 23 any update on that? Because there's a big
- 24 problem we have is that police will come in,

- 1 arrest a bunch of people for possession, which
- 2 does not work, and then they walk away saying,
- 3 We did our job and the problems persist. So
- 4 what follow-through can we get on that issue?
- 5 SUPERINTENDENT BROWN: The same as we
- 6 mentioned yesterday on our call. We'll have
- 7 responses to you on each of the items you
- 8 brought up in our meeting yesterday.
- 9 MR. PERRYMAN: All right. One week from
- 10 yesterday. I look forward to it. Thank you.
- 11 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you. Next
- 12 speaker is Brad Redrick.
- MR. REDRICK: Good evening. And thank you
- 14 to the Police Board for letting us speak.
- 15 Welcome to Superintendent Brown.
- I want to piggyback a little bit
- 17 on a problem that was mentioned earlier about
- 18 this midnight block party caravan that's going
- 19 on. It's been moving around. The behavior
- 20 that was described, what was left out was that
- 21 we had strippers that have been unemployed by
- 22 the COVID-19 shutdown and so that's part of the
- 23 activity. There's, you know, money being made.
- 24 They're selling guns. They're selling stolen

- 1 stuff that probably was looted from the stores
- 2 in the back of trucks. So this is a caravan of
- 3 about 300 to 500 kids moving around between
- 4 districts. So in some situations -- I know
- 5 some people who in a different district -- when
- 6 they left our area, they went into their area,
- 7 and the police were called for five hours and
- 8 did not show up. This activity has been going
- 9 on over the last three weeks solid. And last
- 10 weekend we had somebody that got shot. It had
- 11 something to do -- it was one of the leaders of
- 12 this group. So it's a very dangerous activity
- 13 that's going on. And the kids are clever.
- 14 They're using their smartphones.
- So I just want to point out that,
- 16 perhaps, the Department can come with a
- 17 strategy that can address the fact that
- 18 they move -- how they move around, when they
- 19 leave one district, they go to another, how
- 20 they can be followed or maybe tracked on social
- 21 media so that this problem can be done away
- 22 with.
- 23 My other concern is with
- 24 community policing. We understand that CAPS --

- 1 they're trying to push CAPS out, but community
- 2 policing is the only way to police.
- 3 So the relationship building
- 4 that's done through beat integrity and foot
- 5 patrol and bike patrols, we need for that to
- 6 happen.
- We've been given a lot of excuses
- 8 and, perhaps, you can work on that,
- 9 Superintendent Brown. You are supposed to be
- 10 the community policing specialist that was
- 11 brought in.
- 12 My last point has to do with
- 13 answering the phone at the districts. The
- 14 officers really need for somebody --
- 15 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: I apologize. Because
- of the time constraints right now, I can't
- 17 allow you to go over the time constraint, but
- 18 the director, you can follow up with Max, and
- 19 we can make sure we get those comments to the
- 20 Superintendent, and, Superintendent, we can
- 21 follow up with you.
- Next speaker, Regan Peabody.
- MR. PEABODY: That's me. Thank you very
- 24 much. Thank you very much, Foreman. First, I

- 1 would like to say hello to Superintendent
- 2 Brown. Superintendent Brown, I would say your
- 3 resolve is beyond reproach if you can make it
- 4 through this. You've been put into a
- 5 firestorm, and that is not lost on the people
- 6 of Chicago. You were put into a mess that we
- 7 have never seen before.
- 8 Second of all, I would like to
- 9 congratulate the chairman and the co-chairman
- 10 Wolff. Now you're telling me this officer
- 11 brandishes a weapon while he was inebriated,
- 12 yet you're keeping him on the force. That is
- 13 not a policy violation. Tucking in your shirt,
- 14 Rule 37, not identifying yourself to any member
- of the public or any CPD employee on or off
- 16 duty is a policy violation. That's a criminal
- 17 violation. That man should be fired.
- 18 I have video at
- 19 DisorderlyProductNews.com of officers urinating
- 20 on buildings, Commander Spencer spitting on me
- 21 when he was a lieutenant. He got two merit
- 22 promotions because he couldn't pass the
- 23 sergeant's, nor could he pass the lieutenant's
- 24 exam. And he assaulted and battered me. And

- 1 in the middle of an internal affairs
- 2 investigation, right after that -- got rid of
- 3 merit promotions, they put him up to commander.
- 4 Without merit promotions, he would still be an
- 5 officer.
- Now, I want to give my hope and
- 7 trust into Mr. Brown. I understand you've come
- 8 into a firestorm that nobody's ever seen the
- 9 likes of. But the man urinating on the
- 10 building. The people in 11 watched me get
- jumped by a mob because they don't like my
- 12 reporting on DisorderlyProductNews.
- Now, the stuff I have on
- 14 DisorderlyProductNews that I caught officers
- 15 doing, it pales -- it makes the guy giving two
- 16 fingers look like a nun. But that doesn't make
- 17 the news. So there's no big Bobby Rush
- 18 scandal. Go to DisorderlyProductNews and see
- 19 what's going on on the streets.
- 20 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you very much.
- 21 Next speaker is Tim Compton.
- MR. COMPTON: First, to the Board, thank
- 23 you for your service. My name is Tim Compton.
- 24 I'm a Chicago resident of ten years, an

- 1 executive at a local tech company and a father
- 2 of two children that currently attend CPS.
- 3 Like so many Americans, I've been
- 4 deeply disturbed by the recent events against
- 5 African Americans that have been brought to
- 6 national attention.
- 7 This led me to review my own
- 8 City's police force and the Police Board that
- 9 monitors it. I truly appreciated the data
- 10 that's available on police performance and
- 11 discipline action through the Board website and
- 12 encourage all Chicagoans to review the material
- on the website; however, this information on
- 14 discipline, impressed more importantly delay of
- 15 discipline, is incredible. I simply don't know
- 16 how it can take up to two years to reprimand an
- 17 officer for egregious performance.
- 18 An organization that needs two
- 19 years to terminate an employee who shows up
- 20 drunk can never be a high-achieving
- 21 organization. Perhaps I'm being naive thinking
- 22 a person who carries a gun every day can be
- 23 terminated immediately when they show poor
- 24 judgment.

Page 58 1 In my efforts to see how this can be -- how this can continually -- in my efforts 2. 3 to see how this can be, continually led to the police union contract and the protections it 4 gives police officers at the detriment of 5 6 people they are supposed to protect. 7 I ask the Board and all those who 8 influence over contract negotiations to push 9 out a contract that allows fair and immediate 10 discipline like every other functioning 11 organization in this City. I speak of the residents, business leaders and fathers. Thank 12 13 you for your time. 14 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you very much. 15 Next speaker, Jairo Dossantos. Jairo 16 Dossantos. 17 Next speaker, CPD Transparency. 18 CPD TRANSPARENCY: Good evening. We don't 19 need a new cop academy. We need new cops. 20 Rahm Emanuel and Ed Sisco were using the new 2.1 cop academy for only one reason, reelection. 22 Rahm and Ed sacrificed everything and everyone 23 in their failed campaign. 24 I FOIA'd some of CPD's training

- 1 materials. They're written at a sixth-grade
- 2 level. Maybe third grade.
- 3 One very important question about
- 4 CPD engaging with the community, just as there
- 5 are trained fighters, there are those trained
- 6 in rational argument. CPD can't win these
- 7 fights ever. How is CPD going to handle that
- 8 truth now that there are cameras? We know how
- 9 CPD handled it before cameras. Why does CPD
- 10 insist all internal investigations be kept
- 11 hidden, dragged out for years until the public
- 12 grows forgetful.
- The Consent Decree has an
- 14 inherent contradiction. The Consent Decree
- 15 makes leading by example the byword for police
- 16 reform.
- 17 At his retirement press
- 18 conference, Eddie Johnson said, Now, the
- 19 example has been set. He meant by him. He
- 20 also said he was reading the Book of Job when
- 21 he decided to retire.
- Leading by example is an ancient
- 23 idea. The Greco-Roman moralists taught it and
- 24 free competition of ideas is essential. The

- 1 Greeks and Romans attacked Charlatans.
- 2 Charlatan was their term.
- If leading by example is the
- 4 byword, CPD needs to stop attacking cameras in
- 5 the First Amendment and CPD needs to start
- 6 attacking its many Charlatans.
- 7 There's a no-tell motel just
- 8 north of CPD headquarters. Has anyone inquired
- 9 why Eddie Johnson's wife was made commander?
- 10 Don't build Rahm Emanuel's new
- 11 cop academy. It is a monument to himself. His
- 12 new cop academy was to make voters forget what
- 13 he did with Laquan McDonald.
- 14 If you want to reduce police
- 15 misconduct, train a camera at them. Make that
- 16 new cop academy spartan as hell. Okay.
- 17 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Okay. Thank you. Next
- 18 speaker is Flora Suttle.
- 19 MS. SUTTLE: Good evening. I'd like to say
- 20 hello to everybody there on the Board and
- 21 welcome Superintendent Brown. I am not anti
- 22 police. I'm anti vigilante police, such as the
- 23 police strategies and the message that has been
- 24 used during the Jon Burge arraignment are still

- 1 around.
- 2 Let me read something for you
- 3 here. Derrick Suttle was shot multiple times
- 4 by an off-duty police officer. That officer
- 5 was black. You didn't hear anything about
- 6 that. That was February 12th, 2011. He was
- 7 black. This officer was in uniform. He
- 8 confronted Derrick in the alley. He -- Derrick
- 9 was driving a van, and the officer shot him,
- 10 then he killed him. The officer handcuffed
- 11 Derrick, shackled his arm to the damn steering
- 12 wheel of the vehicle that Derrick was in.
- The officer stated that he was in
- 14 fear of his life. After Derrick maneuvered his
- 15 vehicle, the officer fell. IPRA investigated
- 16 for 19 months. They justified it. They used
- 17 the officer's wife as a witness. Her name is
- 18 Nashon Vaughn. And the officer's name is Ward
- 19 Vaughn. He is assigned to the 9th District
- 20 still working.
- 21 I'm asking Superintendent Brown
- 22 to look into this case of Derrick Suttle. COPA
- just agreed with IPRA. I'm asking that you
- 24 contact the State's Attorney's Office, the FBI,

- 1 the Illinois Attorney General, the DOG, to
- 2 investigate and prosecute Police Officer Ward
- 3 Vaughn for wrongdoing in the death of Derrick
- 4 Suttle. I'll finish this by saying what our
- 5 our family has been doing --
- 6 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Sorry, Ms. Suttle, your
- 7 two minutes is up. I apologize.
- 8 The next speaker is Samuel Day.
- 9 MR. DAY: Hello. I want to thank the Board
- 10 for having this opportunity to speak and also
- 11 to listen to the concerns of the other citizens
- 12 here with your heartfelt and (technical
- 13 distortion) can relate to. I'm from Nobel
- 14 Neighbors. It's an organization in West
- 15 Humboldt Park, and we worked with the 15th,
- 16 25th and 11th Districts. Our contact has been
- 17 good. With the 11th District CAPS, they've
- 18 been responsive and very creative. I sent a
- 19 letter to Max Caproni that I'd like to make
- 20 part of the record. It is too long and
- 21 detailed. But I want to speak about one
- 22 strategy and one initiative that's recent.
- The strategy is basic. We talk
- 24 about the problems and what we can do. But the

- 1 strategy that we pursued and the support of the
- 2 CPD is to build relationships. That's the
- 3 bottom line. To do that takes time, but it
- 4 takes structure. A hundred blocks, a hundred
- 5 churches is the most structurally participated
- 6 in. We have meetings monthly. We have
- 7 something called Tuesday Breakfast. These are
- 8 periodic constructive contexts in which people
- 9 meet and come to know each other as
- 10 individuals.
- 11 The initiative I wanted to speak
- 12 about is something called The West Side Talent
- 13 Show. This is an initiative of a variety of
- 14 organizations but with a strong support of the
- 15 11th District CPD, Sergeant Allen and Velda
- 16 Brunner.
- 17 What it is is a virtual concert
- 18 free and featuring local talent. People tune
- 19 in every Friday at 7:00 o'clock. And this
- 20 Friday we're going to be celebrating
- 21 Juneteenth. And we get together. And my hope
- 22 is that this can lead to something bigger. And
- 23 all who are listening to this can join us. If
- 24 not this Friday, then the Friday after,

- 1 whenever, at 7:00 o'clock. Link can be found
- 2 in the CPD 11th District Nobel Neighbors. And
- 3 it's a chance to get to know people, not just
- 4 once a year, but to build relationships. And
- 5 it's to entertain, so it is not exactly a
- 6 discussion like we're having here tonight, it's
- 7 more for entertainment.
- Anyway, that's my report. A
- 9 creative initiative that is due to the Chicago
- 10 Police Department --
- 11 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you very much.
- 12 Appreciate it.
- 13 The next speaker is Robert More.
- MR. MORE: Yeah. Mr. Foreman, can you hear
- 15 me? It is Robert More.
- 16 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Yes, sir, Mr. More.
- 17 MR. MORE: First of all, did you get my
- 18 e-mail from Director Caproni? Mr. Foreman?
- 19 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: I'm not sure if I got
- 20 your e-mail. It's been a long month.
- 21 MR. MORE: All right. I only ask -- I
- 22 asked him four times to send it to you. I'll
- 23 try again.
- 24 But it's noted that your efforts

- 1 to keep the balls in the air and enable the
- 2 participation in the meetings is --
- 3 notwithstanding the fact that I'm a contester
- 4 of the continued existence of the charter of
- 5 the City of Chicago, are the most impressive
- 6 things I've seen in a long time. I don't get
- 7 the impression you are just going through the
- 8 motions. So it's a qualified negative
- 9 endorsement. I find nothing wrong in your
- 10 conduct and much of it is very impressive.
- 11 On to the next issue.
- 12 Superintendent Brown, is your e-mail address D,
- 13 as in David, N, as in Nancy, B as in best, at
- 14 and then CityOfChicago, whatever is to the
- 15 right of the A? I sent you an e-mail today. I
- 16 sent it to Director Caproni. It is about a
- 17 number of different petitions to various grand
- 18 juries which I am inviting you to join me in or
- 19 to simply initiate yourself. Please provide me
- 20 your e-mail address. Hello?
- 21 SUPERINTENDENT BROWN: Yes, sir. We did
- 22 get this message.
- 23 MR. MORE: Okay. My communication was
- 24 received?

Page 66 1 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: We will make sure that whatever you sent to Max, that I get a copy of 2. 3 it and the Superintendent gets a copy. I don't 4 want to use up all your time. 5 MR. MORE: Okay. Thank you. PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Mr. More? 6 7 Okay. At this time -- at this time, all speakers who signed up in advance to 8 9 speak have been recognized. 10 Is there a motion to adjourn the 11 meeting? 12 BOARD MEMBER WOLFF: This is Paula Wolff. 13 I move to adjourn. 14 BOARD MEMBER FLORES: I second. 15 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: All in favor? 16 (CHORUS OF AYES.) 17 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you very much. Really appreciate the public participation. 18 19 Thank you, all. Everyone please stay safe and 20 please spread the word. We look forward to 2.1 next month, increased participation. Thank you 22 very much for CAN-TV. We are going to continue 23 the effort to bring the Police Board meetings 24 to the public by partnering with CAN-TV to make

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