POLICE BOARD
PUBLIC MEETING
June 19, 2014

PRESENT:

Demetrius Carney, President;
Ghian Foreman, Vice President;
Rita Fry;
William Conlon;
Michael Eaddy;
Rhoda Davis Sweeney;

Scott Ando, First Deputy Chief,
Independent Police Review Authority;
Donald J. O’Neill, Commander, Chicago
Police Department;
Alfonza Wysinger, First Deputy
Superintendent of Police.
PRESIDENT CARNEY: I think it's time to call the meeting to order. Call the Police Board and calling the meeting of June 19th, 2014, to order. First item of business is approval of the minutes of the Board's public meeting of May 15th. Is there a motion?

MR. FOREMAN: So moved.
PRESIDENT CARNEY: All in favor.

(CHORUS OF AYES.)
PRESIDENT CARNEY: Next meeting will be held here on Thursday, July 17th, at 7:30, here at the office of Public Safety, 35th and Michigan.

At this time, I ask for a motion to close a series of executive sessions for the purpose of considering litigation and personnel matters, as authorized by the Open Meetings Act. All in favor?

(CHORUS OF AYES.)
PRESIDENT CARNEY: A report of disciplinary action taken by the Board for the previous month has been made available at this evening's meeting. This report and the Board's findings and decisions are posted on our
Now, we are required by The Open Meetings Act to take final action on disciplinary matters that were before us at our May 15th meeting, going into our meeting tonight, as well.

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.

When we say final action, that means we bring it before the public, and we vote before you as a public as to the final action on our cases, so that's why we're doing this.

Regarding case number, 13 Police Board 2845, the Superintendent filed charges to discharge Police Officer Michaeline Maciejewski from the Chicago Police Department for submitting false official reports. The Superintendent subsequently moved to withdraw the charges because our Respondent resigned from the Chicago Police Department.
Is there a motion to grant Superintendent's motion to withdraw the charges?

MR. FOREMAN: So moved.

PRESIDENT CARNEY: Second.

MR. CONLON: Second.

PRESIDENT CARNEY: All in favor?

(CHORUS OF AYES.)

PRESIDENT CARNEY: Please raise your hands. Any opposed? Motion passes by unanimous vote.

Next case we have is regarding case number 14 PB, that means Police Board, 2864. The Superintendent filed charges to suspend Officer Venus Rodriguez for 45 days for failing to remain at the scene of her off-duty traffic crash. The Superintendent subsequently moved to withdraw the charges because the officer allegedly filed a grievance prior to filing the charges. By grievance, police officers have a right to grieve decisions under their Collective Bargaining Agreement. So that's what happened here. So it was removed from the Police Board and goes to a grievance
Is there a motion to grant the Superintendent's motion to withdraw?

MR. FOREMAN: So moved.

PRESIDENT CARNEY: All in favor?

(CHORUS OF AYES.)

PRESIDENT CARNEY: Any opposed? The motion passes by consensus.

The Board's orders in these two cases on which the Board took final action this evening will be entered as of today's date and issued to the parties. A copy of the written orders will be posted on our website within ten business days of tonight.

The Superintendent is requesting -- this is a request by the Superintendent to the Board. The Superintendent has requested the Board's permission under Rule 52 of the Department's rules and regulations to solicit donations to offset the cost of hosting the Major Cities Chief and International Association of Police Chiefs conferences here in Chicago in May 2015.

Is there a motion to approve this request?
MR. FOREMAN: So moved.

MR. CONLON: Second.

PRESIDENT CARNEY: All in favor?

(CHORUS OF AYES.)

PRESIDENT CARNEY: Copies of orders issued by the Superintendent during the previous month are listed and available in the blue books on the table in the back.

The next item is the Superintendent's report to the Board. Is there a motion to waive the oral presentation and receive the report in writing?

MS. FRY: So moved.

MR. CONLON: Second.

PRESIDENT CARNEY: One question I would like to ask the Deputy Superintendent. How is the Superintendent doing?

DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT WYSINGER: Mr. President, he is actually on the road to recovery. He actually stopped in this morning for a couple of hours. He went back home to get back in bed. He is on the slow road back to recovery.

PRESIDENT CARNEY: Guys like him have a
hard time getting sick. So hoping he takes it easy and watches his signs.

DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT WYSINGER: Yes, sir.

PRESIDENT CARNEY: Tell him the Board wishes him well and a speedy recovery.

DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT WYSINGER: Will do.

PRESIDENT CARNEY: I will now ask those members of the public who signed up to speak in advance, when your name is called, please step up to the microphone.

Tina James. Welcome.

MS. JAMES: Hi. I'm Tina James from New Light Community Church. We wanted to come and introduce ourselves to you this evening.

New Light Community Church is a church in the City of Chicago. We are one church with 20 locations across the City. We started with four members. We're now 4700 on a weekly basis with an annual budget of 4.5 million. We have very many concerns across the City as you can imagine. Most of our congregants are not feeling safe altogether, and we want to come today and say we're here, were we're in the City. We appreciate all the
hard work that all the officers are doing. We know there's a lot going on. We want to be more involved in whatever we can be. Some of our constituents just have an overall sense of not feeling safe where they live.

I personally live in Chicago Lawn, and there's a lot going on in my community. A lot of gun violence, a lot of concerns. Some of our businesses in particular have issues and concern. We have some on 63rd Street. One in particular, 2439 West 63rd, LMB Food Mart that we're having a lot of difficulties with. We would love to see some movement on. We're not sure what it is you would like for us to do moving forward. We've had conversations with the commander. We've had conversations with our local alderman. We've spoken with both of them.

Yeah, as a church community we are just here. We want to say we're in the City, we're concerned, we want to be partners with you. We want to move forward. We appreciate your hard work. What else would you like for us to do going forward to tackle these
kinds of issues?

PRESIDENT CARNEY: Mr. Deputy Superintendent, can you speak to someone after the meeting about the whole CAPS program?

DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT WYSINGER: Sure, I will see what -- get your contact information where you can contact the Eighth District CAPS office and I can give you a bit more information after the meeting.

MS. JAMES: Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT CARNEY: If you want to get involved.

MS. JAMES: We have been attending CAPS meetings. We know it's a new commander. We appreciate the opportunity to meet the new commander and find out what his desire is for our area. And I do appreciate that opportunity. We would love to have an opportunity as a church community to do more. So we just want to put that out there.

We will be back again if we feel the need. Thank you.

PRESIDENT CARNEY: Thank you.
Perryman. Everybody from the 11th District can step up. We have a new commander in the 11th District. Is it getting any better?

MS. CZAPKOWSKA: Not yet. I'm coming tonight regarding my situation what happened in February. So one of the people, she's under 16, and I cannot get an order on her because she is too young. So the detective, he advised me to tell police when I see her and they will arrest her. So I do it. But on weekend I saw her on the street walking around and I called cops, they showed up. And they spoke with her family before. And later they wanted to talk to me, and they said that I am causing problem in neighborhood, and I'm acting like animal because I cannot talk to people in human being way. So they refuse to arrest her. And they said they're not going to arrest her anyway. So I made complaint, and --

PRESIDENT CARNEY: Why did you want her arrested? You wanted -- why did you want the lady arrested?

MS. CZAPKOWSKA: Because she pushed me down when I was with the baby. We both fell down.
PRESIDENT CARNEY: So that was --

MS. CZAPKOWSKA: Back in February.

PRESIDENT CARNEY: With your husband with the police officer.

MS. CZAPKOWSKA: Yes. And from the street he said that 11th District, he is not -- because I indicated -- and I have 50 people, even, besides me. And even if it's hard to believe in this, he is not -- he gave me another reason why they're not going to arrest her. He said even if they arrest them, they going to let the people -- going to get upset, going to do something for me, and that's the reason that the district is not helping me with this.

So my question is: Is it make final decision? Is it right decision? Or is any chance to review and pick up case again from someone else?

DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT WYSINGER: I'll let you have the detective handling your case, Detective Callahan.

MS. CZAPKOWSKA: He said there is a number, 911, that they open seven days a week, 24
hours, 365 days per year, and they will help me
to solve the problem.

DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT WYSINGER: I'll let
you talk to the chief detectives tomorrow, see
if we will drill down and find out what the
hang-up is with this case.

MS. CZAPKOWSKA: Yes. But there is another
situation. I've already made complaint against
Officer Ray who was on the scene back in
February. I feel like other officers, they
don't want to cooperate with us and we
cannot -- we do have -- because of this, like
we made complaint against them.

So we notice that we do have
walking patrol on street during the week, but
there's no one helping with the worse situation
coming our way, 100 people. So every Friday,
Saturday and Sunday I have like 40, 60, 70
people around my house drinking, selling drugs,
and we just don't feel safe, you know. I am in
the corner house. They can easily reach my
windows. And now because they are so upset and
police is so upset, it's not -- so my question
also like is there a chance if you or some of
you made a call to 11th District and like point them, you can give us some support from like -- you give us one person that we can trust and they can take care of us, because there's some of us. I have two kids. They have three kids. I have four more people in my building, they have more ten more people. We have another Polish family on our block. And it just -- just doesn't work out.

And we've been coming here for three years, three years. And, you know, if you ask for help, it's -- it's not sign of weakness. We are so strong. We're ready to cooperate, but it just doesn't work. And believe me, you have no idea why not.

PRESIDENT CARNEY: You show tenacity.

Keep on coming.

MS. CZAPKOWSKA: Every time we be here, you say keep coming, keep coming. It just doesn't work. So my question is why not.

And last meeting, he said it's different culture. I'm from different culture. My culture is completely different. And I like --
PRESIDENT CARNEY: Have you had a chance to meet with the new commander?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I've asked them to meet and he sidesteps.

PRESIDENT CARNEY: I thought at the last meeting the Superintendent had indicated that he was going to have this community here meet with the new commander. That was one of the reasons he took them out of Woodlawn and put them in the 11th District.

DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT WYSINGER: I'll see if I can facilitate.

PRESIDENT CARNEY: Probably sooner than later. I think these people need to speak with him because they were promised a meeting. I remember the meeting and it was packed with the folks from Woodlawn.

DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT WYSINGER: It will happen before the next Police Board meeting.

PRESIDENT CARNEY: Who can they follow up with? When they come back, I would like to say they met -- even if no new results, at least they met with the new commander.

DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT WYSINGER: They can
follow up with me. I will ensure that he does
meet with them before the next Police Board
meeting. I'll take their numbers after the
meeting, and I'll have someone reach out to
them to make sure this meeting takes place.

PRESIDENT CARNEY: I want to assure you
before the next Board meeting you will meet
with the new commander, because I think the new
commander has to hear your concerns before any
action to -- trigger any action.

MS. HODOWANY: I just wanted to say that
since this happened to Anna in February and
nobody got arrested, we are -- our life became
hell, because now the people know that there's
no consequences, they can just push us around.
They just destroyed the flowers we planted on
the ground. It's hell right now.

PRESIDENT CARNEY: So I mean you see the
Deputy afterwards. You have to meet with the
commander.

Thank you, folks.

MR. FOREMAN: For the purpose of the
record, state your name.

MR. HODOWANY: Alexandra Hodowany,
MR. PERRYMAN: I just have two quick stories I think that illustrate a point. About six weeks ago, some people started selling drugs out of the house on our block. And our block we cleaned of drugs for quite awhile. It is very noticeable. Some neighbors came up to me and we talked about it. So we started calling 911 like we're supposed to. Nothing happened. Same people, same thing, day after day out of a house. The guy was under house arrest. We even said that. I said that he is under house arrest. He is dealing out of his house. I had to email the commander and CC the Deputy Wysinger. And after I did that, problem solved the next day.

Now, it was amazing. I guess I'm trying to figure out why do I have to go all the way up to the top brass in order to get this. It doesn't make sense to me.

If Deputy Wysinger has to intervene on every drug house, that explains why there's so many drug houses.
Now, currently at California and Monroe, it's happened again, and we cleared that corner. And as soon as it starts, we try to stomp it out so it doesn't get an established drug market.

So all the neighbors are calling police, giving good information, descriptions, license plates, you know, again and again very specific descriptions, but the same people are dealing drugs day after day, wearing the same clothes and exact same spot doing the same thing day after day.

So here we are again, I have to talk to the Deputy Wysinger and say we need help again.

I have emailed the commander. It seems like there's just no strategy. And it starts to become very clear to me that this is why it is such a problem. When there is a drug house, there's no strategy. There's no flow chart that says we're going to do this and then this. If that doesn't work, we're going to come around. No strategy. It seems like a shrug of the shoulders, yeah, one more drug
house on the west side. You know, it's frustrating. I feel like there's no strategy. And I just don't know how to communicate that we will refuse to live and allow this in our neighborhood. I refuse to live in a place where people get to deal drugs flagrantly and the good citizens are reporting it and nothing happens.

So I would like a response why is there no strategy? Why do these drug dealers get to keep dealing the same way, wearing the same clothes, day after day? How are the police not getting these guys?

DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT WYSINGER: We do have a comprehensive strategy to address the narcotics problem.

In your particular area, since January we made 16 arrests for narcotics alone. Two search warrants within the last month, 2900 Wilcox, one on the 22nd of May with two arrests, and we came back on the 30th of May and did another search warrant with two arrests. So we are in the area. We are making arrests.
MR. PERRY: That's one house. We were calling about two other locations.

If you feel like that one house showed success, then I have to wonder at your definition of success, because there's a lot of houses and there's -- where drugs can happen.

I gave my contact information every time. Guess how many people contacted me for follow-up to try to fix this problem?

DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT WYSINGER: That was not a definition of success, Mr. Perryman, that was letting you know that we are in the area, we are working.

Success is when there are no more drug houses on the west side, then we will consider that success. Until we can reach that point, we are going to knock these houses down one at a time.

MR. PERRYMAN: But how do we to that? How do we contact? Do I have to email you every time, is that what we have to do?

DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT WYSINGER: After you have the meeting with the commander before the next Police Board meeting, you will have direct
contact with the person who is responsible for
helping you eliminate the problem.

MR. PERRYMAN: I've already emailed him. I
have called his office.

PRESIDENT CARNEY: We're going to try --

DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT WYSINGER: You will
have a face-to-face meeting with the commander.

MR. PERRYMAN: Thank you.

PRESIDENT CARNEY: Thank you.


And Mr. Robert More.

MR. SARTORE: I'm sorry. I'd like to
reserve my right to repeat this when the
Superintendent's here in the future. When I'm
done, I'm hoping for a detailed recorded
response from the CPD on how to prevent this
victimization of a 63-year-old me in the
future, including whether CPD will give me
video of the second battery. On April
11th -- on April 11th, 2014, 6:00 p.m., 1941
West North Avenue, a stranger hit me in the
head, which sent my glasses flying into
traffic. I asked 911 to send police to make an
arrest for battery and property damage, and
while I was talking to 911, the stranger yelled into my phone that they hit me because I called them a blank blank, leaving out that they started the assault. Stranger also yelled to 911 they were a kid, which was off by 20 something years, more like 30 something. Officer Saria and that's star number 16495, Officer Eaton, star number 13975, so I'm told, of the 14th District showed up and accused me of starting a fight and refused to write any report of battery, et cetera.

I used freedom of Information to get a copy of the criminal's tape recorded confession. I then told people I would be here at the Police Board with my evidence. That's when a series of attacks on me began, the worst of which was when I biked through Wicker Park, and a young man, again a stranger to me, chased me and knocked me off the bike and sent me flying through the air. This took place in front of a blue light security camera in the park. I told him he would be arrested for battery. I then asked Chicago Police Department Officer Jenny Warnecki,
W-A-R-N-E-C-K-I, of the 11th Police District to help me. She was standing by the fountain 20 feet away. And I called 911 to have them send a police car to arrest him. While on the phone with 911, Warnecki, who was talking with my attacker -- now talking with my attacker, waved good-bye to him and he slowly walked out of the park. I told 911 I'd file -- he lost me so I returned to the park to wait for the police car when I again saw Officer Warnecki, so I asked her if she had at least ID'd him, she indicated no, so I told her I'd complain about her. When she then said I was permanently banned from Wicker Park, could never come back.

When the 911 CPD car arrived, they wrote up my report of the battery and then told me I am never to return to Wicker Park per Warnecki. I asked OEMC, the people who run 911 and have -- I'm told there's a fee from the blue light camera in the park to OEMC, park department and police. I have asked OEMC and park department through the Freedom of Information for a video of my attacker and Warnecki, they both refused.

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-(312) 368-1228-
So will CPD give me the videos from the park from 8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on May 14th per battery report RD number HX255389? I have Black's Law Dictionary with me if you care to see the definition of chain of conspiracy. If you want to refer to it yourself, I'm sure that would be faster. But Black's Law Dictionary under chain of conspiracy explains the type of the criminality we're talking about here.

I have the audiotape and Freedom of Information Act letters and crushed glasses and Black's Law Dictionary and police report, et cetera, here with me now for you to see.

Can one CPD officer permanently ban/trespass me because another CPD officer says so without even bothering to accuse me of anything?

PRESIDENT CARNEY: Have you filed a complaint with the Independent Police --

MR. SARTORE: Where -- excuse me. It escapes me. I can't think -- I stopped using IPRA about probably three, four years ago. I got about 50 complaints with them in the first
ten years I was here in Chicago. And about
three years ago I just stopped using them. I
consider them above -- protect the police
department.

What happens, if you make a
complaint against the police department,
internal affairs should handle it. That's the
police department. Then if they botch the job,
you would still have a complaint against the
police department. But when IPRA botches the
investigation, now you have a complaint against
IPRA which is -- I don't even know why they
exist. Now you no longer have a complaint
against the police department. I've got wise
to that scam. I did that about 50 times. I
probably got the record in ten years for
turning -- I only turned over the cream of the
cream of my victimization to IPRA. But they
were all good complaints. Never accomplished
anything.

I can tell you some of the scams
they have working there. I mentioned some last
time. I believe the individual here said that
I was wrong with the information I gave here in
the -- recorded in front of the Board, and when
we got back and talked about it, I believe he
indicated that I was exactly right. So I don't
want to deal with IPRA.

I've actually asked Mr. Marconi
when I made the appointment. Well -- and I
tried to make the appointment two months ago,
which apparently I didn't end up on the list.
But I did two months ago tell Mr. Marconi who
runs the Police Board that I didn't have any
intentions on ever speaking with the
Independent Police Review Authority in the
future. Thank you.

PRESIDENT CARNEY: Thank you.

MR. SARTORE: I glad I got an opportunity.

So I'd like to hear from the police. I wish
there was someone from the Mayor's Office or
anything, but the police department would be
wonderful to get a response from. And if you'd
like to take it under consideration, look into
it -- I have stuff that you can -- some things
I even have copies that you might get a
photocopy of. I certainly have the RD numbers.
And if I can get a response from -- the
Superintendent's here in the month.

You can see this is a big deal to me. And, you know, it's not so much I'm in a rush, I'd rather some quality response rather than a fast response.

I've lived in this world for -- since I've been back in Chicago for 12 years now.

PRESIDENT CARNEY: Is there a response?

MR. SARTORE: They're discussing it.

DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT WYSINGER: We're going to have General Counsel look into this matter for you and have a response by the next Police Board meeting.

MR. SARTORE: On the response?

MR. O'NEILL: On the Freedom of Information --

MR. SARTORE: Oh, that would be very helpful, the Freedom of Information. There's several issues but that would be a great one.

MR. O'NEILL: If you have a copy of the request, could you leave it with the officer?

MR. SARTORE: I certainly could. I got a copy of the ones I've given OEMC and park
department and that would suffice for you guys.

MR. O'NEILL: Did you give one to the police department?

MR. SARTORE: I have not. I though I'd ask first. Because I tried it through the other two and getting letters saying things like we don't have camera equipment. I didn't ask for camera equipment I asked -- I'm told they have a fee. I didn't say they owned the camera. So I'm not getting a responsive answer. I thought if I went on record first, maybe I would get a better response when I tried the police department. That would be my third try for the same tape.

MR. O'NEILL: If you submit Freedom of Information -- if there was a Freedom of Information request to the police department, we would be able to handle that.

MR. SARTORE: Would you like me to do that now? That will be fine. And then we can discuss it in a month perhaps.

MR. O'NEILL: Yes. Thank you.

MR. SARTORE: They have five days, so I'll probably have a --
PRESIDENT CARNEY: Thank you.

MR. SARTORE: Thank you.

PRESIDENT CARNEY: Mr. More.

MR. SARTORE: But it's the other issues we want to discuss more than the Freedom of Information.

MR. MORE: It is the -- let's see, 19th of June of 2014. This is the Chicago Police Board meeting, 3510 South Michigan, Chicago, Illinois.

For the record, this is the -- that is the Board members here on this date. The Superintendent once again absent.

(Unintelligible) Robert J. More is at the June meeting demanding a reason for the absence of the police Superintendent from the June 2014 meeting. Why is he not here today? Let the record reflect that there's no response.

PRESIDENT CARNEY: Have you been reading the paper?

MR. MORE: With whom?

PRESIDENT CARNEY: Have you been reading the paper? Everybody here --
MR. MORE: He said he was going -- I don't read the paper at all. I don't watch the news. He was in the hospital I understand. It said on June 7th he was going to be out. Is this the explanation for his absence, physical incapacity to participate in the meeting, is that the official explanation?

PRESIDENT CARNEY: He's out ill. Keep going.

MR. MORE: So he is not -- I have an answer.

The next issue, so now -- we covered that.

Notice: Robert J. More is going to (unintelligible) the City of Chicago with regard to every Police Board meeting in which the Superintendent is absent. And secondly, in regard to each and every meeting in which RJM, Robert J. More, has not received notice that he's going to be absent. This is not a justified expenditure of non-unlimited time and resources as well a break of martial law for me to have to come down here when he's not here.

That's other thing, because that
defeats the whole purpose of why he's supposed
to be here, and so there will be fewer
violations, transgressions of constitution
protected liberty (unintelligible) just by the
City of Chicago Police Department, because he
will have to stand there and a jury will see
that he was put on notice. Now it makes it
more difficult for a plaintiff to prove that in
a civil case or for a prosecutor to prove in a
criminal case.

RJM demands a proper disposal
regarding Bland, Young and Spencer murders.
What's the present status of the Bland, Young
and Spencer investigation? Let the record
reflect there is no response.

RJM demands a response regarding
whether the Superintendent will wear a wire in
order to diffuse or otherwise counter the
claim --

PRESIDENT CARNEY: You got 30 seconds.

MR. MORE: To the ongoing defraudment of
legitimate (unintelligible) perpetrated under
the color of law, an action (unintelligible)
242 and 7020 ILCS 5/33-3.
I got more two more things, Mr. Carney. Since the April meeting, RJM has been preoccupied with the restoration -- the issue of the restoration of the independent federal Grand Jury, specifically in regard to crimes perpetrated in South Bend, Notre Dame, Indiana, Chicago, Illinois, regarding statute of limitations. So for those following this coming off the Internet, that's the reason there hasn't been more progress with regard to those three murders and regards to wearing a wire.

The petitions for indictment for federal Grand Jury, regard to denial of independent --

PRESIDENT CARNEY: Thank you, Mr. More.

Thank you.

Okay. All those who have signed up to speak have been called upon. Now I will entertain a motion to adjourn.

The meeting is adjourned. Thank you.

(Whereupon, the proceedings were adjourned at 8:02 p.m.)
MAUREEN A. WOODMAN, C.S.R., being first duly sworn, says that she is a court reporter doing business in the City of Chicago; that she reported in shorthand the proceedings had at the hearing of said cause; that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of her shorthand notes, so taken as aforesaid, and contains all the proceedings of said hearing.

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