POLICE BOARD
CITY OF CHICAGO

PUBLIC MEETING

Chicago Public Safety Headquarters
3510 South Michigan Avenue
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Thursday, July 18, 2019
7:30 p.m.

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APPEARANCES:

POLICE BOARD MEMBERS
GHIAN FOREMAN, President
PAULA WOLFF, Vice President
EVA-DINA DELGADO
MICHAEL EADDY
STEVE FLORES
JOHN P. O'MALLEY, JR.
JOHN H. SIMPSON
RHODA D. SWEENEY
ANDREA L. ZOPP (Via Audio Conference)

ALSO PRESENT:
FRED WALLER, Chief of Patrol, Chicago Police Department;
DANA O'MALLEY, General Counsel to the Superintendent of Police;
MELISSA STAPLES, Chief of Detectives, Chicago Police Department;
SYDNEY ROBERTS, Chief Administrator, Civilian Office of Police Accountability;
JOSEPH LIPARI, Deputy Inspector for Public Safety;
DANA ALEXANDER, Chief of the Bureau of Internal Affairs, Chicago Police Department;
MAX CAPRONI, Executive Director, Police Board.
PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Good evening. I apologize for the delay. I don't know if you noticed, but there's some citizens outside and we wanted to invite them the opportunity to come in if they wanted. Just wanted to make sure that, you know, we have respect for meeting people's conduct in advance to speak, and we want to make sure that everyone has an opportunity to be heard. So I apologize for the delay.

My name is Ghian Foreman. I am president of the Chicago Police Board and I am calling the meeting to order.

Board Member Zopp is unable to attend this meeting in person. Is there a motion to permit remote attendance?

BOARD MEMBER SIMPSON: So moved.

BOARD MEMBER FLORES: Second.

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: All in favor?

(CHORUS OF AYES.)

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Motion passes.

First item of business is approval of the minutes of the Board's regular public meeting held on June 20th, 2019.
Is there a motion to approve the minutes?

BOARD MEMBER SIMPSON: So moved.

BOARD MEMBER EADDY: Second.

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: All in favor?

(CHORUS OF AYES.)

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Our next regular public meeting will be held Thursday, August 15th, at 7:30 p.m. here at Chicago Public Safety Headquarters.

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

BOARD MEMBER SIMPSON: So moved.

BOARD MEMBER EADDY: Second.

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: All in favor?

(CHORUS OF AYES.)

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: The motion passes.

A report of disciplinary actions taken by the Board during the previous month has been available at this evening's meeting.
This report and the Board's written Findings and Decisions are posted on the Board's website.

As announced at our public meetings over the past several months, the Board drafted amendments to its Rules of Procedure, including those in response to the Consent Decree entered in Illinois versus Chicago. The drafts have been posted on our website.

Is there a motion to amend the Board's Rules of Procedure as set forth in the most recent draft of the amendments posted on the Board's website?

BOARD MEMBER SIMPSON: So moved.

BOARD MEMBER SWEENEY: Second.

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Pardon me. Jumped the gun.

Is there a motion to amend the Board's Rules of Procedure as set forth in the most recent draft of the amendments posted on the Board's website, and to have the amendments in Sections 1 through 3 apply to all the cases for which a hearing has not yet taken place,
and the amendments in Sections 4 through 6 take effect immediately?

BOARD MEMBER SWEENEY: So moved.

BOARD MEMBER EADDY: Second.

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: All in favor?

(CHORUS OF AYES.)

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Any opposed?

(NO RESPONSE.)

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Motion passes.

The next agenda item is a report from the Consent Decree entered in Illinois versus Chicago.

The Police Board has made significant progress in implementing the requirements of the Consent Decree. The requirements in 9 of the 13 paragraphs involving the Police Board have been implemented. Implementation of the requirements in the remaining four paragraphs is well underway.

We will post on the Board's website a detailed report of the progress we have made. We have also posted for public review and comment draft policies on hearing
officer selection criteria and training of Board members.

We encourage you to review this material and provide your feedback.

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

Also, please note that a draft of the CPD's policy on Firearm Pointing Incidents has been posted on CPD's website for review and public comment.

The Police Board, as authorized by The Open Meetings Act, has considered in a closed meeting four disciplinary cases related to the fatal shooting of Laquan McDonald. The Board will now take final action on these cases.

Regarding case number 16 PB 2909, is there a motion to find Sergeant Stephen Franko guilty of violating Rules 2, 3, 6, 11 and 14 and to discharge him from the Chicago
1 Police Department?

2 BOARD MEMBER SWEENEY: So moved.

3 BOARD MEMBER FLORES: Second.

4 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: By raising your hand, all Board members, any opposed?

5 (NO RESPONSE.)

6 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: I'm sorry. Board Member Zopp?

7 BOARD MEMBER ZOPP: I vote in favor.

8 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you. None opposed.

9 Voting in favor are Board Members Wolff, Delgado, Eaddy, Flores, O'Malley, Simpson, Sweeney, Zopp and myself. Motion passes.

10 Regarding case number 16 PB 2910, is there a motion to find Police Officer Janet Mondragon guilty of violating Rules 2, 3, 6, 11 and 14 and to discharge her from the Chicago Police Department?

21 BOARD MEMBER EADDY: So moved.

22 VICE PRESIDENT WOLFF: Second.

23 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: All in favor by a show of hands?
SHOWING OF HANDS.)

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Board Member Zopp?
BOARD MEMBER ZOPP: I vote yes.
PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you. Voting in favor are Board Members Wolff, Delgado, Eaddy, Flores, O'Malley, Simpson, Sweeney, Zopp and myself. The motion passes.

Regarding case number 16 PB 2911, is there a motion to find Police Officer Daphne Sebastian guilty of violating Rules 2, 3, 6 and 11, and to discharge her from the Chicago Police Department?

BOARD MEMBER SIMPSON: So moved.
VICE PRESIDENT WOLFF: Second.
PRESIDENT FOREMAN: All in favor?

SHOWING OF HANDS.)
PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Board Member Zopp?
BOARD MEMBER ZOPP: Yes.
PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Voting in favor are Board Members Wolff, Delgado, Eaddy, Flores, Simpson, Sweeney, Zopp and myself. Board Member O'Malley dissents. The motion passes.

Regarding case 16 PB 2912, is there a motion to find Police Officer Ricardo

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Viramontes guilty of violating Rules 2, 3 and 14, and to discharge him from the Chicago Police Department?

BOARD MEMBER EADDY: So moved.

BOARD MEMBER SIMPSON: Second.

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: All in favor by a show of hands?

(SHOW OF HANDS.)

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Board Member Zopp?

BOARD MEMBER ZOPP: I vote yes.

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Voting in favor are Board Members Wolff, Delgado, Eaddy, Flores, O'Malley, Simpson, Sweeney and Zopp and myself.

Motion passes.

The Board's decision in this case will be entered as of today's date and issued to the parties. A copy of the written decision is available at this evening's meeting and will be posted on the Board's website this evening.

There are two additional disciplinary matters to announce. Board Members Wolff and Sweeney will report on these matters. Board Member Wolff.

VICE PRESIDENT WOLFF: Thank you, President
Pursuant to Section 2-78-130 of the Municipal Code of Chicago, I considered one matter on which the Chief Administrator of the Civilian Office of Police Accountability and the Superintendent of Police did not agree regarding discipline of a police officer.

Regarding request for review number 19-14, the Chief Administrator recommended that Police Officer Jamie Jawor be discharged from the Chicago Police Department for failing to drive with due regard for the safety of all persons and for speeding. The Superintendent recommended that the allegations be classified as unfounded and exonerated.

In my opinion, the Superintendent did not meet the burden of overcoming Chief Administrator's recommendation for discipline.

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Board Member Sweeney will report on the next matter.

BOARD MEMBER SWEENEY: Regarding request for review number 19-13, the Chief Administrator recommended that officer -- Police Officer Dora Fontain be
suspended for five days for handcuffing an individual too tightly. The Superintendent recommended that the allegation be classified as unfounded.

In my opinion, the Superintendent met the burden of overcoming the Chief Administrator's recommendation for discipline. The written opinions in these matters will be posted on the Board's website as required by the Municipal Code of Chicago.

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you, Board Members Wolff and Sweeney.

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

CHIEF WALLER: Good evening, members of the Board, and thank you, President, those members of the public that took time from their busy schedules to join us tonight.

Superintendent Johnson sends his regards as he's attending a funeral tonight.

I'm Fred Waller, Chief of the Bureau of Patrol, and I will give you a few of our updates on some of the initiatives that
we've been going through this past month.

First, CPD welcomed 196 new officers to the rank and file on July 9th at Navy Pier. This graduation ceremony also includes the promotion of new chiefs, deputy chiefs, commanders, lieutenants, sergeants and evidence technicians.

Also, murders are down about 14 percent for the last 28 days ending on July 14th. This figure is compared to the number of murders for the same period in 2018.

Also, robberies, burglaries and shooting incidents are also down by double-digit percentages for this same time 2018 period of last year.

It's worth noting that year to date, overall violent crimes is down by nine percent compared to the same time in 2018.

Robberies and burglaries and motor vehicle thefts are also at their lowest since 2000.

Our officers are busy taking guns off the street. And we want to thank everyone who participated in the gun turn-in last
Saturday at New Life Covenant Church in the Chicago Grand Crossing neighborhood. A total of 389 guns were handed over to the police at this event, making it the largest gun turn-in that we've had so far.

Although there's still room for improvement, and we know that the road to success is always under construction, we strive to be the best department that we can be and that Chicago deserves.

As part of the Consent Decree, 196 of our school resource officers and supervisors are undergoing specialized training conducted by the National Association of School Resource Officers, which is widely recognized as the leader for the instruction of school-based law enforcement.

CPD has also hosted its first of four public input meetings yesterday to review and discuss our SRO policy, and this is something that I personally will attend.

Finally, opened a 15-day public comment period on Tuesday of the draft Firearm Pointing Incidents Policy. The draft policy
provides clear direction for officers on notification requirements to the Office of Emergency Management and Communications each time an officer points his weapon and -- their firearm at an individual in the low ready position. This just dictates what that policy will be and it will be open for public comment. Thank you, President.

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you, Chief.

Last month, the Board put in place a new policy to help ensure responsiveness to community input received at our meetings. Detailed written reports of responses to community input received at last month's meeting have been posted on the Board's website.

Before I call on members of the public to speak, I wanted to make sure to share that I received an e-mail, and I just wanted to make sure that the public received this, that the Community Engagement Team of the Independent Monitoring Team for the Consent Decree, they have a policy posted -- I'm sorry. I apologize. I said this part already.
I wanted to make sure I talked about what's happening in the Consent Decree, so some of that is there -- is listed on the report.

I'll now call on those members of the public who signed up in advance to speak. When your name is called, please step up to the microphone. We ask that you limit your comments to two minutes. We have a lot of speakers today, so we really are going to have to stick to the two minutes today.

First speaker is Jennifer Edwards.

MS. EDWARDS: Good evening. I have a handout for you. The handout is a letter that we sent regarding activity in our area on the south side. We're asking for more police support. Our group is Communities Organized to Win. We have about 30 community groups from 69th all the way on out to the Pullman area. And we're trying to work together on various things. I have a statement. Do you have any questions? No. Okay. We are presenting a letter that was sent to the 6th District
commander. We have also informed Commander Muhammad of our visit to this Board. We would like support from the 6th and 3rd District police departments regarding safety issues in the areas of 87th and the Dan Ryan, to 71st and State, to 69th Street transit corridors.

There have been numerous shootings, panhandling, buck boys, peddlers without licenses on this corridor on a daily basis.

We are especially concerned about the new prospective high school opening in the fall of 2019 at 86th Street near the Dan Ryan and how the continued police issues will affect the students in this area.

We asked for a safety plan that could include high-definition security cameras, expanded violence prevention and law enforcement measures. We ask that you reinstate the 606 queen car on 87th Street. You remember that. And expand it to include an additional car on 79th Street and 71st Street.

In addition, we ask for intermittent posting of squad cars to protect the transit stops,
commuters, employees and bystanders in the prospective student areas.

We have informed the commander of the 6th District of our intent for the support of the 6th District. We have also informed Alderman Brookins, 21st Ward, Alderman Beale, the 9th Ward, and Alderman Sawyer of the 6th Ward of our intent.

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you, ma'am.

Appreciate it.

Next speaker, Octavia Mitchell.

MR. MITCHELL: You all know my name's Octavia Mitchell. I first want to speak on Ms. Roberts did let me know that they did get the chain of command of the DNA. So therefore with that being said, the CPD never turned the DNA in, and also my transcripts with them under oath lying saying that that DNA was submitted to Illinois State Police Department. I want them to be held accountable. Okay?

I have handouts also. I was arrested April 13th, handcuffed. Officers told me that my license was suspended. Told me that my license was suspended. I was scared for my
life because I knew my license was not suspended. My lawyer put in a FOIA. I guess I'm not a citizen of this country, because whenever I put in a FOIA, they ignore me. My lawyer put in a FOIA for Dan O'Malley, the City of Chicago, to release that video to me. I hadn't received it. Three times the Attorney General had told them to give my attorney that video, and I still have not received it. I want to know who is responsible making these thugs do what they supposed to do.

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Chief Roberts, I'm going to probably ask you this question about the FOIA and how does she get access to the video?

MS. MITCHELL: Because they gangster. They don't care who say what. Three times -- you have all three times that the Attorney General --

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Excuse me one second.

CHIEF ROBERTS: Ms. Mitchell, I don't believe that you have sent our office an --

MS. MITCHELL: Yes, I have.

CHIEF ROBERTS: Oh. Have we responded to
your FOIA request?

MS. MITCHELL: I've been speaking with Ms. Edy.

CHIEF ROBERTS: Okay. Then can I ask that you guys speak again this afternoon?

MS. MITCHELL: Okay.


So I'm going to call on the next set of speakers. Just want -- please be advised when we're making decisions in disciplinary cases, the Board's decision must be based solely on the evidence presented at the hearing of the case. As a result, when deciding cases, the Board cannot and will not consider comments made at public meetings relating to pending disciplinary matters.

So the next speaker is Crista Noel.

MS. NOEL: You trying to tell me something, Ghian?

Okay. Well, you know, I'm always going to be here for Bettie. I just want to say that this isn't about Rialmo. This is
about Bettie. This is about a mother of five and a grandmother being shot and killed by the Chicago -- by a Chicago police officer.

I don't want you to take into consideration all the good things that were said about him at that meeting, because you know what? You didn't call me to talk about Bettie's family and the pain that they've experienced. So those meetings -- those hearings that you're talking about, Ghian, they're not fair. They're not fair, because I would have been called, other people, Bettie would have been called. Nobody who knew Bettie was called, you know? So when thinking about this -- and I know I'm not supposed to influence you at all, but when thinking about this, I want you to think about Bettie.

Everybody here to represent Bettie, can you please stand? This is Bettie's people. This is Bettie's family, you know. So when you're taking into consideration -- everything that you have to take into consideration when police officers kill people, take into consideration their families and the
people who care about them, you know, and their
daughters and sons and grandchildren, take that
into consideration. Okay?

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you.

MS. NOEL: One more thing. I got to
correct the record. It was something saying
that it was inaudible, I said Campbell
plaintiffs. Campbell plaintiffs are the people
who sued for the Consent Decree. And Women's
All Points Bulletin is part of that group.
It's Campbell plaintiffs. Thanks.

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you. Next
speaker is Latoya Jones.

Zyron Washington.

MR. WASHINGTON: Yes, I'm speaking to you
tonight on behalf of the Bettie Jones Family
asking for some resolution. What I have to say
is there is no ill intentions or malice toward
the Chicago Police Department. But I feel that
in order for justice to be served, we must
address the injustice that has been dealt the
Jones Family.

At this point, we are asking that
this officer, Rialmo, be relieved of his
duties, not reassigned or put on desk duties,
relieved of his job from the Chicago Police
Department.

Part of the CPD mission statement
is to serve and protect if I'm correct. But
yet they took out a mother of five. We want
some justice. That's all we ask for, some
justice. The same justice that we as fathers,
our mission statement is to serve and protect.

I speak on behalf of the mothers,
the fathers, the aunts, the uncles, the sisters
and brothers who have lost somebody to the
hands of somebody that was supposed to protect
them. We just asking that you all do your job.
And with that, thank you.

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you.

Next speaker, Frank Chapman.

Next speaker, Patrick Murray.

MR. MURRAY: My name is Patrick Murray,
First Vice President of the FOP. The officers
in this case did their job. They responded to
a call in unbelievable circumstances. Did what
they were asked to do.

There was no evidence that these
officers intended to obstruct or engage in any conduct that they were involved in a conspiracy to help another officer.

This case from its inception has been riddled with unfounded accusations and has been led with a false narrative.

Your job is not to fall to the pressure of the media or the radical police haters, but to rather give us and each officer a fair hearing.

You are not a political forum. This is a forum where justice is served.

It is obvious that this Police Board has outserved its usefulness.

The FOP has made it our top priority this Board be dissolved. We do not have to agree to participate in this type of process, as labor law allows us to proceed by way of arbitration.

Police discipline should be determined by arbitrators, not by politically appointed members who do not speak for the Department members and citizens but rather the radical elements of our society.
I will just -- I will just say
one thing --

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Excuse me. Can we
please have order. Everyone should have an
opportunity to speak. Crista.

MS. NOEL: He called us names and he's
lying.

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: We can disagree. Let's
let him have his time to speak. He didn't
disrupt when you were speaking. Let's give him
an opportunity to speak, please.

MS. NOEL: I'm going to disrupt him.

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Then I'm going to have
to ask you to leave.

MS. NOEL: He better stop calling us names.

We didn't get up there calling cops -- can I
say killer cops?

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Crista, I'm going to
have to ask you to leave if you don't allow him
to finish. Thank you.

I'm sorry, please.

MR. MURRAY: Sergeant Franko, who I worked
for in the 1st District, and all these officers
I know personally, they're all good people.
And they're taking the brunt because of what happened. You know what? They did their jobs the best way they could. And, unfortunately, we all know what happened. The bottom line is, these four people are unfortunately getting fired because of what other people did or didn't do. And these police officers did their job the way they were supposed to do it and they should not be fired.

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you, Mr. Murray. I'm going to -- make sure to see Max because we have written copies of our decision, so I would like for you to make sure you read it. If you want to give me a call, let's talk about it after you read it. I would love to hear your feedback.

MR. MURRAY: Okay. It is a little late now.

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Come up on, Martin Preib.

MR. PREIB: Your ruling today is so contrary to the verdict against the officers criminally charged in this case, Daphne, Walsh and Marsh, destroys the reputation and careers
of three excellent police officers. 

It will no doubt lead to more violence in the City and quite likely more violence against the police, because officers understand that by your ruling, an officer can be fired or indicted for merely responding to a job. They know that somehow, some way the so-called civilian oversight agencies, whatever their latest acronym, will build a case against them.

That's a dangerous reality for police officers and for our citizens, especially the City that often experiences 40 plus shootings on a weekend.

I doubt you will ever acknowledge the role of your decision today in fulminating crime and violence, just as you have ignored the evidence that the officers who responded to the Laquan McDonald shooting were set up by someone in IPRA who illegally released the existence of a witness to fiercely anti-police journalists but kept the same information hidden from investigating detectives. Too bad we couldn't have talked about that earlier.
Probably nothing expresses the hollowness of your ruling today more than the fact that the top officials of the Police Department reviewed the video of the McDonald shooting shortly after it took place and all agreed it was justified, according to testimony of a lieutenant who was there. What happened to them?

Your verdict today no doubt thrills many of the so-called journalists here tonight. They have created a large mythology out of this shooting and were clearly devastated when the three officers who were criminally charged were wholly acquitted.

They need this mythology because the FOP has so successfully revealed that they have not been telling the truth about police misconduct for decades, and they, like you, will not face this truth. What a lifeline you provide to each other.

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you. Your time is up. Thank you. Your time is up.

The next speaker. Your time is up. Next speaker.
MS. NOEL: Snatch the microphone out of his hand.

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Next speaker, John Perryman.

Crista, I'm going to have to ask you to leave.

MR. PERRYMAN: Good evening. I'm here again to talk about a troubled business we have in our community. I've talked about it at this meeting previously. I've been told for the past six months the police are doing a major investigation. I was told repeatedly, Trust us. We're doing something big. This is going to be big, Mr. Perryman. I heard that repeatedly.

In May they made a bust. And I talked to Glen Brooks, my liaison to the Superintendent's Office. He said, We made a big bust. They're shutting down this business. I said, What's the next steps? Because I know they're going to reopen that business again. Glen Brooks called me, Don't worry about it, Mr. Perryman. That building is going to be closed a long, long time. Two weeks later, I
think we know where this story is going, they were open. And during the two weeks they were closed, they were doing business out of the back of the store.

So it's very frustrating that I have to come here for something so basic to get some help.

So my question is for Chief Waller. I'm asking the Superintendent's office to use their authority to shut down this troubled business. Can you help us with this?

CHIEF WALLER: I know that some arrests were made at that business. I know that it was closed for a period of time and reopened.

MR. PERRYMAN: Two weeks.

CHIEF WALLER: Right. We can speak after the meeting about it.

MR. PERRYMAN: Also, I would like a new liaison to your office, because Glen Brooks is not being responsive. I've asked him for information about the history of all infractions, building and police, otherwise, he will not give it to me. I've asked it over two months ago. He's not responsive. He is giving
me partial information. So, Glen Brooks, I do not trust him. He is the head of CAPS, but I do not feel he is responsive or sees the urgency in this, so may I have a different liaison to someone in the Superintendent's office?

CHIEF WALLER: We'll speak after the meeting.

MR. PERRYMAN: All right. And, lastly, to the Police Board, can you please pressure the Superintendent to start taking action? It's frustrating to get any advocacy.

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you, Mr. Perryman.

MR. PERRYMAN: Will you please do that for me?

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Yes, we will.

Next speaker is Matthew Brandon.

MR. PERRYMAN: Thank you.

MR. BRANDON: Good evening. And, first of all, I want to compliment this fine young sergeant over here who understands how to interact with the community. Thank you, Sergeant. You were very great today.
I came here today -- I'm a former police officer. I've got history with the Department and with the City. And as I've listened to some of the people, it's disturbing that people still feel they need to reach out for justice because of things that the Police Department has done.

I know you all take your job seriously. You should definitely take that seriously.

As to any who have lost family members at the hands of police officers, my heart goes out to you.

I'm here to talk about some of the problems that we have in our communities, attuned with communities organized on the south side of Chicago, southeast side. We're reaching out to the west side and the north side where we want to connect communities, because we all have the same problems, it's crime. And one of the problems in our community -- in the black community is that our community is not reflected by the officers who serve it. Okay? And I do think that most
police officers out here want to do a good job.
I really believe that. Of course, like every
job, you have some bad apples and you got to
deal with them. But one of the main things
about our community is when you have new police
officers -- and they use our communities as
training districts, the 3rd District, the 6th
District, the 7th District, and you rush police
officers through there to train them in
high-crime areas. And they're there because
they have a hunt mentality at that point,
because that's what you teach them in the
academy.

What we want to do is talk and
get to a point where at least until our police
department reflects its community of service,
that we have beat integrity. We need beat
integrity. We need to get these young officers
to stay on the same beat every day so that
these people who see these police officers out
there know them and can gain a trust with them.
Okay?

So please consider beat
integrity. And I will be back next month
PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Next speaker, Carolyn Ruff.

MS. RUFF: Hello, everyone. I'm here to speak on behalf of Kierra Coles. I'm just wondering why you all stopped trying to locate her. It's been nine months already. She and her baby have not been found. And I'm just wondering why we don't have detectives out there investigating on Kierra Coles so we can -- so her family can rest.

Now, we were passing out fliers on Saturday to ask people to please help us locate, find this beautiful young lady. She worked for the post office, and I'm surprised that the post office don't have -- I'm talking about all the post office, don't have her picture posted on their doors or their wall.

So I'm standing on behalf of Kierra Coles' family to ask you all to please, please help us find Kierra Coles and her baby. Thank you.

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you.

Next speaker, Ellen Corley.

Next speaker, Mark Clements.
MR. CLEMENTS: You know what you all look like? A wonderful group of clowns that's sucking up a lot of taxpayers' dollars. I don't care how much you like it. But let me tell you, there's individuals, 100 torture victims still in prison. And let me tell you, y'all did take this. And on this other side is another group of clowns. When are we going to get down to the justice? You got Reynaldo over there. Framed what? 50, 60 people, that's all. But they're not your children.

I'm looking at two of the same names here. I wonder if you all related. That's wrong.

So James O'Brien and Halloran, y'all give them medals of honor. Another two clowns.

Then you have Michael Tillman, who lost his life righteously from cancer, taking people down to police stations and torturing them until they confessed.

Kenneth Boudreau, another clown. Worked with, guess who, the Bureau of Investigations.
Man, let me tell you, y'all better start to take people serious. Please, do. Due to the fact, guess what? Each and every one of you are in those positions by the grace of God. And let me tell you, it's an honor to have those positions. And if you misuse it, you lose it.

It's no common sense for us to have an African American over here and you don't know who Guevara is. And you do not have to move towards me.

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Next speaker, Robert More.

MR. MORE: It is July 18th, if my memory isn't totally deadened by the fluorinated water that Donald Trump hasn't eliminated yet -- corrected.

I'm preparing a response, an expression of disappointment for Superintendent Johnson for all of these -- people die. There's going to be like 168 people are going to die between now and by the time my 120 seconds are up, who are likely going to end up in hell almost. And there's so many people
that die and other things that happen. And all
of these take a higher priority than his being
here.

And it's my understanding -- I
have to make a number of errata here, and I'm
going to include the errata in the website
because, you know, every time -- St. Philip
Neri, when he was a young man, he became ill.
He prayed that God would let him live longer so
he can do more good in God's children. When he
became ill as an old man, he prayed that God
wouldn't let him live anymore -- let him live
longer so he couldn't do any more harm in God's
children.

So there's many errata. But the
big thing is that we're not trying to control
the state of mind of anyone. We have to
control the presentation of the state of mind
of people like in the position of
Superintendent Johnson by the button pushers
and string pullers who are above the clouds.
It's their presentation and state of mind.
They're trying to control the state of mind of
everybody. We're not -- only God gives people
freewill, so we can't control the state of mind.

But I also bring a distinction. When I used the term world jewelry, I meant world Jewish supremacism. Because no one can control the religion of his parents. And Acts 10:34, God respects the person, but he accepts all who fear him and do what's right. And so we are in no way antipathetic to anyone who is born into any type of family, because no one can control that. It's only on people's activity where the activity comes to be seen as being what it is, enormously destructive, and necessary to identify the causes. And that's a very important point.

The other thing is Superintendent Johnson referenced that they will -- the obligation is to try to save the soul. That has nothing to do with this. He has to bear the burden of the office. And if he can't, then we have to use the criminal law to get that --

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

VICE PRESIDENT WOLFF: So moved.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: What do you all do with our comments? Do you all use them or is this a joke?

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: That's a great question. Part of what we've been doing now is we take the comments that are available on the website -- what the public doesn't get a chance to see, there's a question, it goes to Chief Roberts or to the Superintendent's office. We follow up to ensure what was done about issue 1, 2, 3 that was spoken about last month. It's on the website, and we're able to go back and forth. We're going to report on it -- here's a great example. Ms. Mitchell, she left. So she was speaking with COPA. She's spoken with our office. We've been going back and forth with her. She doesn't have resolution, but we've been able to make progress. This is the reason why we think this forum is so important, because we want to make sure that we have a dialogue going back and forth; that we can get to a point where we can start to answer some of
your questions. And this is not just you coming to talk to us for two minutes, we leave, next month you talk two minutes. We want to make sure that we get to a resolution.

BOARD MEMBER SIMPSON: This gentleman said he signed up.

MR. BIELECKI: Ms. Boatman took my name yesterday before 4:00 o'clock. Lee Bielecki.

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: I don't have it, but we'll allow it. Please.

MR. BIELECKI: Good evening, members of the Board. Lee Bielecki, and I'm a retired Chicago police officer. I was a Chicago police officer in the City of Chicago for 27 years. I retired in 2012. My last year of assignment being the 8th District. This statement is not about me or my career. It is about the careers of Sergeant Steve Franko, Officers Daphne Sebastian, Janet Mondragon and Rick Viramontes.

When I came to the 8th District upon being promoted to sergeant and ending up on the midnight shift, I was fortunate to work alongside these officers.

Sergeant Franko was extremely
helpful. And Officer Sebastian and Mondragon were also the two best officers on the midnight shift. They showed compassion, dedication to duty and were there for fellow officers as well as never shying away from tough duty. Officer Viramontes also displayed the same attributes.

This case has changed and affected so many. Policing in Chicago has been altered because of it. Policies were changed. Community police relations are not at an all-time high. Officers are routinely called out on the street because of it.

I'm also sad for Laquan McDonald as well. A young man who never had a chance because of his childhood. Born to a mother who was 15, raised by a great grandmother, abused and a ward of the state several times.

Society has to take responsibility for that as well because there are other Laquans out there. Hopefully their futures will be addressed by restoring programs in our schools, by addressing the mental health need in the communities, supporting parenting classes and educating young people.
The powers that be must be held responsible for that. It's time for us to end the us versus them mentality between community and the police. Unfortunately, your decision here today does not do that.

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you.

MR. BIELECKI: I stand with them today. I will stand with them always.

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you.

I'm going to do something a little different. We're going to adjourn the meeting. And, I'm sorry, Mr. Lee, what was your last name? I want to make sure we get it on the record.

MR. BIELECKI: B, as in boy, I-E-L-E-C-K-I. Thank you for allowing me to speak.

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Don't leave. At this time, all those persons who signed up in advance to speak have been recognized. Is there a motion to adjourn?

BOARD MEMBER SIMPSON: So moved.

BOARD MEMBER EADDY: Second.

PRESIDENT FOREMAN: All in favor?

(CHORUS OF AYES.)
PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Motion passes. Meeting adjourned.

(WHEREUPON, the proceedings were adjourned at 8:22 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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