CITY OF CHICAGO POLICE BOARD

PUBLIC MEETING

August 10, 2017

STENOGRAPHIC REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS

had in the above-entitled matter, held at Chicago
Public Safety Headquarters, 3510 South Michigan
Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, at 7:30 o'clock p.m.

POLICE BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

MS. LORI E. LIGHTFOOT, President
MR. GHIAN FOREMAN, Vice President
MS. RHODA SWEENEY, (Via audio conference)
MS. RITA FRY
REV. MICHAEL EADDY
MR. STEVE FLORES
MR. JOHN P. O'MALLEY JR.

ALSO PRESENT:

SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE EDDIE T. JOHNSON
MS. TINA SKAHILL,
Deputy Director, CPD Legal Affairs
MS. SHARON FAIRLEY,
Chief Administrator, IPRA
MR. MAX CAPRONI,
Executive Director, Police Board.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
PRESIDENT LIGHTFOOT: We are going to get started. My name is Lori Lightfoot, I'm the President of the Chicago Police Board. I'm calling the meeting to order.

Board Member Sweeney is unable to attend this meeting in person and wishes to attend via audio conference.

Is there a motion to permit her to do so?

MEMBER FRY: So moved.

MEMBER EADDY: Second.

PRESIDENT LIGHTFOOT: All in favor?

(Ayes in unison.)

PRESIDENT LIGHTFOOT: Any opposed? The motion passes.

The first item of business is approval of the minutes of the Board's regular public meeting held on July 20, 2017.

Is there a motion to approve the minutes?

MEMBER FRY: So moved.

VICE PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Second.

PRESIDENT LIGHTFOOT: All those in favor?

(Ayes in unison.)

PRESIDENT LIGHTFOOT: Any opposed? The motion passes.
Please note our next regular public meeting will be on Monday, September 18, at 7:30 p.m., here at Public Safety Headquarters. That is Monday, September 18 at 7:30 p.m. That is different than our normal schedule.

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

Is there such a motion?

MEMBER FRY: So moved.

MEMBER EADDY: Second.

PRESIDENT LIGHTFOOT: All those in favor?

(Ayes in unison.)

PRESIDENT LIGHTFOOT: Any opposed? The motion passes.

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

The Police Board, as authorized by the Open Meetings Act, has considered in a closed
meeting one disciplinary case. The Board will now
take final action on this case.

   Regarding case No. 16 PD 2919, is there a
motion to find that Police Officer Michael Mette
not guilty of use of excessive force and making a
false statement?

MEMBER O'MALLEY: So moved.

MEMBER FRY: Second.

PRESIDENT LIGHTFOOT: All in favor?

   (Ayes in unison.)

PRESIDENT LIGHTFOOT: Any opposed?

MEMBER FLORES: Aye.

PRESIDENT LIGHTFOOT: So all in favor, Eaddy, Fry, O'Malley, and Sweeney. And those opposed are
Lightfoot and Flores.

   Is there a motion to adopt the written
findings and decision and dissent that has been
reviewed by all Board members who participated in
the case?

MEMBER FRY: So moved.

MEMBER EADDY: Second.

PRESIDENT LIGHTFOOT: All in favor?

   (Ayes in unison.)

PRESIDENT LIGHTFOOT: Any opposed?
All right. The motion passes.

The Board's decision in the case on which we took final action at this evening's meeting will be entered as of today's date, and will be issued to the parties. A copy of the written decision will be posted on the Board's website as required by the Municipal Code of Chicago.

The next item of business, one of the Board's hearing officers, Jacqueline Walker, has decided to retire after nearly 30 years of service. First, let's thank Hearing Officer Walker for her service.

In June the Board began a search for a new hearing officer. We received 29 applications and conducted two rounds of interviews of the top candidates.

Is there a motion to designate Allison Wood as a hearing officer of the Police Board pursuant to Section 2-84-030 of the Municipal Code of Chicago?

MEMBER FRY: So moved.

VICE PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Second.

PRESIDENT LIGHTFOOT: All in favor?

(Ayes in unison.)
PRESIDENT LIGHTFOOT: Any opposed? The motion passes.

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

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

Superintendent.

SUPERINTENDENT JOHNSON: Just real briefly, I would just encourage members of the public, citizens of Chicago, to try to attend one of the townhall meetings that's coming up regarding the draft policy for the new community policing policy for CPD.

You all are the ones that is going to be most affected by that policy, and as we deal with the use of force policy, we will listen to the input, take your recommendations, and try to incorporate them into the policy. So there are meetings going on right now, but there are two more townhall meetings, and I encourage you all to attend if you can. Thank you.
PRESIDENT LIGHTFOOT: Thank you, Superintendent.

I will now call upon those members of the public who signed up in advance to speak. When your name is called, please step up to the microphone. And we remind you to limit your comments to two minutes so other people who signed up will have an opportunity to speak.

Gwendolyn Moore. Is she here? All right.

Next speaker, Samyra McDonald. Samyra McDonald.

Next speaker, Stacey Liberty. Stacey Liberty.


Next speaker, Panzy Edwards.

Ms. Holmes? I just called your name. Are you ready to speak, or do you need a moment?

MS. HOLMES: A moment.

PRESIDENT LIGHTFOOT: Okay.

Panzy Edwards.

MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC: She's coming in also.

PRESIDENT LIGHTFOOT: I'm sorry?
MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC: She's coming in.

PRESIDENT LIGHTFOOT: William Calloway.

MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC: He's on his way in.

PRESIDENT LIGHTFOOT: Is Mr. Calloway in here?

Crista Noel. Is Ms. Noel here?

Okay. Ms. Holmes, are you ready?

Can you ask her to please come in, because we are going to move the meeting along.

MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC: Did you call Gwendolyn Moore?

MEMBER FRY: Yes.

PRESIDENT LIGHTFOOT: Ms. Moore, are you here?

MS. MOORE: Yes.

PRESIDENT LIGHTFOOT: Please step up to the microphone. Good evening, Ms. Moore.

MS. MOORE: Good evening. My name is Gwendolyn Moore. I am the mother of Jamaal Moore that was killed by the Chicago Police 7/15/2012. I've been coming to these meetings and speaking several times, and I believe I spoke with Sharon, and then one time her assistant when she wasn't here, and I've been waiting to get some information since Jamaal's death.

I really believe if action had been taken
and investigations had been promptly executed or investigated by the authorities, I believe that we would have kind of got a handle on the police shootings. It's very hard waking up every day knowing that your son is not here, and then you see the Chicago police who is serving and protecting us -- not saying they're all bad, because they are aren't -- but I guess some bad apples are just there.

It's going on the fifth year that I've been trying to get some justice for Jamaal. I still have no answers. I have letters written from people saying we're investigating, with no specifics on what they are investigating. And it's very hard.

And since then, and in January 2016 Jamaal lost his father. I lost my husband. So that's tragic for me to be without my loved ones, waking up every day without them there.

I stand here today and I plead to folks, Ms. Jones, the entire Board, Sharon, it's coming up on that fifth mark, and I don't want it to be a point where, oh, we tried to look into Jamaal's case. We tried to find some answers. I don't know
what's happened with the police officer, and that's
not my case. I'm looking for justice. I'm looking
for some accountability.

When we as citizens in the community
don't uphold the law, we are held accountable. And
I'm just asking that this Board does the same thing
with the police officer that killed Jamaal Ramone

PRESIDENT LIGHTFOOT: Thank you, ma'am.

Ms. Holmes, are you here?

One moment.

Please proceed.

MS. HOLMES: Good evening. I'm the mother of
Ronald Johnson who was murdered October 12, 2014.
And every day now it's been new evidence coming out
regarding to my son's case, and one of them was
that he was unarmed at the time of his death when
he was gunned down by George Hernandez. And I'm
still fighting.

It's going to be three years. I'm
letting you all know I'm not going nowhere, and
more and more is going to come out. And I'm also
asking for a special prosecutor in his case also.
And when that's done, Sharon Fairley, you just as
guilty as those police officers are, because that case shouldn't have been closed as quickly as it's been closed. When they came to my house and killed me dog and you said you was going to get back in touch with me about that incident, I haven't heard about that either, and it's getting ready to be two years for that also. And enough is enough.

I'm not going nowhere. My son ain't here to speak for his self, but he got a fighting mama, and I'm not giving up. Ain't enough money in this world going to bring me happiness, going to bring him back. For the record, I'm going to keep on fighting.

And, Eddie Johnson, since the last Police Board I attended, you supposed to have contacted me, and I haven't heard from you either. So you ain't no (inaudible) Rahm Emanuel either.

And you talk about tougher gun laws? Tell these police to stop killing our kids. Then maybe you can get trust back in our communities. Because right now you ain't got no trust in none of these communities. I got more trust in the community than you got, and you supposed to be the top person of the Police Board to get trust back in
these communities.

But no one trusting you all because of the stuff that the people that's working for you still doing. How can you hire more police officers and you still got crooked officers that still on the force? That's not going to mix. That's going to cost a whole lot of chaos. And Trump starting a war, so that's all you going to start, a war with the citizens.

And that's all I have to say. And I ain't going nowhere.

PRESIDENT LIGHTFOOT: Thank you.

Ms. Panzy Edwards. Ms. Panzy Edwards here?

Crista Noel.

MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC: She's here.

PRESIDENT LIGHTFOOT: Panzy Edwards? Okay. Come on to the microphone, ma'am.

MS. EDWARDS: Hello. My name is Panzy Edwards.

PRESIDENT LIGHTFOOT: Good evening. Can I ask you to tilt it up there. Thank you.

MS. EDWARDS: I'm coming to you about my son Dakota Bright. He was killed November 8, 2012. November 8 will be five years since he was killed,
which we got word it was unjustified. I'm the --
I'm excited about that, but I still got a long road
ahead of me.

And I just want you all to know that you
all here for the police, and I'm here for my child.
And all police aren't right. I know they got to be
defended, but what about our kids that's being
taken? They deserve some defense, too.

So is you all looking at my son's case?
I want you all to look at it and look at it without
having the police back, without having his back.
But put blinders on you and look at it as a human.
And look at it like right is right and wrong is
wrong.

My son was 15 years old, shot one time in
the back of his head. He didn't deserve to die,
and he deserve justice. We all -- we all deserve
justice, but it's tearing my up. I've been sick
since this happened because the way this world is,
people don't get justice. So I'm so scared that my
son is not going to get the justice he deserve.

And I'm now just asking everyone who look
at it, or everybody who come in contact with it, to
just look at it. And look at the facts. Don't
look at it because it was a police officer and he's always right in his job. Because no human is always right.

So I just want everybody to look at it the right way, not through the police eyes. Thank you.

PRESIDENT LIGHTFOOT: Thank you.

Will Calloway. Is Mr. Calloway here?

Crista Noel?

Well, Ms. Noel, do you want to speak or not?

MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC: He's coming. All right.

MS. NOEL: Is that true, that Dakota was found was unjustified, Sharon?

MS. FAIRLEY: Our summary report went out tonight, yes.

MS. NOEL: Oh, great. Well, that is positive news. It's five years, that's not good, but we'll take it. We'll take it.

And I do have another question for you about Betty. Do you know when -- the report did not go up on Betty?

MS. FAIRLEY: Not yet.

MS. NOEL: I was going to check in on that.
Rita, this is it?

MEMBER FRY: It is. It's been a slice.

MS. NOEL: It sure is. How long has it been?

MEMBER FRY: Seven years.

MS. NOEL: Seven years, so you started when I started.

MEMBER FRY: Yes.

MS. NOEL: All right. Well, we have been in this together. I'm sorry to see you go, but you look beautiful tonight.

MEMBER FRY: Well, thank you.

MS. NOEL: I appreciate all the work that you have done. I know you have been responsible for getting rid of bad cops. I know that your legacy is one that we are always going to remember, and I just want to make sure that you know that I appreciate you.

And I do appreciate you all, when you all do the right thing, you know. And I do understand that you all don't have the opportunity to do the right thing as often as you'd like to do it because it's not coming from over there, and it's not coming from over there.

Hey, Eddie, how you doing? Me and you,
right?

SUPERINTENDENT JOHNSON: Yeah.

MS. NOEL: So with that being said, I'm going
to let the families here that are just far more
important than what I have to say. I'm an
advocate, but listening to them should soften your
hearts, and I hope it softens the rest of the
hearts of the police officers in here.

I'm not going to condemn the entire
police force. I have had many instances where
police officers have come and, to me, have saved my
life, right. There have been situations where I
have hollered for help and some angel in a blue
uniform has come over and helped me.

We locked a baby in the car one time and
I was, oh, my God, and here he comes in four
wheels. It's like, oh, my God. I was walking
down, my car broke down on the side of the New
Jersey turnpike. I put my hands up in the air, and
here comes one in a car, you know.

So it happens. Good things happen. I'd
like to celebrate that side of it as well, because
I know that there are officers out there who are
trying to do their best. Who honor the badge and
does not get honor from the badge. But the the idea is, it's important for you to recognize the ones who get honor from the badge, because those are the ones that we're complaining about, you know.

When you put that badge on and your chest puffs up, I've got a problem. When your chest is already puffed up and you feel good about yourself and you know what human rights is about and you have a sensitive but strong heart, and you have the presence that's necessary to get the respect because you treat people with respect, I can respect that officer. And I've met many that I have respected.

So but I've also met a few that are the epitome of a-s-s-h-o-l-e, okay. So those are the ones that we want gone. The ones that are shooting people and killing people, we want them gone.

Thank you, Sharon, for Dakota. That's been a long time in coming.

PRESIDENT LIGHTFOOT: Ms. Noel, if you could wrap up.

MS. NOEL: Yes. I'm just saying in passing. This woman has been hurting. She has not been able
to come up here and speak. She came up here to
speak today. And I know there is a lot more work
to do, but I thank you for that.

MS. FAIRLEY: Thank you.

PRESIDENT LIGHTFOOT: Our last speaker,
Mr. Calloway.

MR. CALLOWAY: I pass.

PRESIDENT LIGHTFOOT: At this time all the
members who have signed up to speak in advance have
been recognized.

Before I close, Ms. Noel said it more
eloquently than I would, I want to thank Rita Fry
for her service. She has served on the Police
Board for the last seven years. Rita bringing with
her a wealth of experience that will be hard to
replicate and certainly will be missed.

She is a fierce defender of the rights of
the people, as is her training and her nature,
given her many years as an assistant public
defender and, of course, the person who was the
head of the office for many years.

She has brought a perspective to our
discussion and our debate that is really important.
And doing this work is not easy, and some would say
probably a thankless task many times.

But I want to say on behalf of myself personally, on behalf of the Board, and on behalf of the City, thank you so much for your service. You will be missed.

MEMBER FRY: You're welcome. Thank you.

(Applause.)

PRESIDENT LIGHTFOOT: Is there a motion to adjourn?

VICE PRESIDENT FOREMAN: So moved.

MEMBER EADDY: Second.

PRESIDENT LIGHTFOOT: All in favor?

(Ayes in unison.)

PRESIDENT LIGHTFOOT: Thank you very much.

Again, our next meeting is Monday, September 18, here at Police Headquarters. Thank you.

(Meeting concluded at 7:52 o'clock p.m.)
April T. Hansen, being first duly sworn on oath, says that she is a court reporter doing business in the City of Chicago, and that she reported in shorthand the proceedings of said meeting, and that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of her shorthand notes so taken as aforesaid, and contains the excerpts of proceedings given at said meeting.

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