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POLICE BOARD
PUBLIC MEETING
August 21, 2014

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PRESENT:

- Demetrius Carney, President;
- Ghian Foreman, Vice President;
- Rita Fry;
- William Conlon;
- Susan McKeever;
- Elisa Rodriguez;
- Rhoda Davis Sweeney (telephonic);
- Michael Eaddy;

- Eric Muellenbach, General Counsel
Independent Police Review Authority;
- Donald J. O'Neill, Commander, Chicago
Police Department;
- Alfonza Wysinger, First Deputy
Superintendent of Police.

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2 PRESIDENT CARNEY: Let's get started.
3 Good evening, everyone one. I'm going to call
4 the meeting for August 21 to order.

5 Board member Rhoda Sweeney is
6 unable to attend this meeting and wishes to
7 attend via audio conference. Is there a motion
8 to permit her to do so?

9 MR. EADDY: So moved.

10 MR. CONLON: Second.

11 PRESIDENT CARNEY: All in favor?

12 (CHORUS OF AYES.)

13 PRESIDENT CARNEY: Rhoda, are you there?

14 MS. SWEENEY: Yes, I am.

15 PRESIDENT CARNEY: First item of business
16 is the approval of the Board's public meeting
17 of July of 17. Is there a motion to approve?

18 MR. MUELLENBACH: So moved.

19 PRESIDENT CARNEY: All in favor?

20 (CHORUS OF AYES.)

21 PRESIDENT CARNEY: Next public meeting will
22 be held here at the Office of Chicago Public
23 Safety at 35th and Michigan on September the
24 18th at 7:30.

1 At this time, I ask for a motion
2 to close a series of executive sessions for
3 purpose of considering litigation and personnel
4 matters as authorized by The Open Meetings Act.
5 Is there such a motion?

6 MS. FRY: So moved.

7 MR. EADDY: Second.

8 PRESIDENT CARNEY: All in favor?

9 (CHORUS OF AYES.)

10 PRESIDENT CARNEY: A report of disciplinary
11 action taken by the Board for the previous
12 month has been made available at this evening's
13 meeting. This report and the Board's written
14 findings and decisions are posted on the
15 Board's website.

16 Now, the Board will take final
17 actions on disciplinary actions that were
18 before the Board at the July meeting.

19 The Board, as authorized by The
20 Open Meetings Act, has considered in closed
21 meeting several disciplinary cases.

22 The Board will take final action
23 on these cases.

24 Regarding the case of 13 Police

1 Board 2840, is there a motion to find Police
2 Agent Albert Wendt not guilty of the charges
3 that he failed to reside in the City of
4 Chicago, and to reinstate him to his position
5 with the Chicago Police Department?

6 MR. FOREMAN: So moved.

7 MR. CONLON: Second.

8 PRESIDENT CARNEY: All in favor?

9 (CHORUS OF AYES.)

10 PRESIDENT CARNEY: Any opposed?

11 Voting in favor are Board members
12 Foreman, Conlon, Eaddy, Fry, McKeever,
13 Rodriguez, Sweeney and myself. The motion
14 passes.

15 Is there a motion to adopt the
16 written findings and decisions that have been
17 reviewed by all Board members who participated
18 in the case?

19 MR. FOREMAN: So moved.

20 MR. CONLON: Second.

21 PRESIDENT CARNEY: All in favor?

22 (CHORUS OF AYES.)

23 PRESIDENT CARNEY: Any opposed? The motion
24 passes by unanimous consent.

1 Next case, Haleas case, regarding
2 case number 14 BP 2848, is there a motion to
3 dismiss the charges against Police Officer John
4 Haleas pertaining to a false police report and
5 to reinstate him to his position with the
6 Chicago Police Department?

7 MS. FRY: So moved.

8 MR. CONLON: Second.

9 PRESIDENT CARNEY: All in favor?

10 (CHORUS OF AYES.)

11 PRESIDENT CARNEY: All members in favor,
12 please raise your hand. Any opposed?

13 Voting in favor are Board
14 members Foreman, Conlon, Eaddy, Fry, McKeever,
15 Rodriguez, Sweeney and myself. The motion
16 passes.

17 Is there a motion to adopt the
18 written memorandum and order that has been
19 reviewed by all Board members who participated
20 in the case?

21 MS. FRY: So moved.

22 MR. EADDY: Second.

23 PRESIDENT CARNEY: All in favor?

24 (CHORUS OF AYES.)

1 PRESIDENT CARNEY: Any opposed?

2 Next case is the Donovan case.

3 And this is regarding case number 14 Police
4 Board 2853. The Superintendent filed charges
5 to suspend Police Officer William Donovan for
6 60 days for driving under the influence of
7 alcohol while off duty and leaving the scene of
8 an accident.

9 The Superintendent subsequently
10 moved to withdraw the charges because the
11 parties entered into a settlement agreement in
12 which the officer accepted a 60-day suspension.
13 Is there a motion to grant the Superintendent's
14 motion to withdraw the charges?

15 MS. FRY: So moved.

16 MR. EADDY: Second.

17 PRESIDENT CARNEY: All in favor?

18 (CHORUS OF AYES.)

19 PRESIDENT CARNEY: Any opposed?

20 Voting in favor are members
21 Foreman, Conlon, Eaddy, Fry, McKeever,
22 Rodriguez, Sweeney and myself. The motion
23 passes.

24 The Board's decision in all the

1 cases which the Board took final action this
2 morning will be entered as of today's date and
3 will be issued to the parties.

4 A copy of the written decisions
5 will be posted on the Board's website within
6 ten business days pursuant to the Chicago
7 Municipal Code.

8 Copies of orders issued by the
9 Superintendent of Police during the previous
10 month are listed in the blue books on the table
11 at the end of the room. And also are available
12 on the Department's website.

13 The next item is Superintendent's
14 report to the Board. Is there a motion to
15 waive oral presentation or receive the report
16 in writing?

17 MR. FOREMAN: So moved.

18 MR. CONLON: Second.

19 PRESIDENT CARNEY: All in favor?

20 (CHORUS OF AYES.)

21 PRESIDENT CARNEY: I will call upon those
22 members who have signed up to speak in advance.
23 When your name is called, please step up to the
24 microphone. We ask that you limit your

1 comments to two minutes. John Perryman.

2 MR. PERRYMAN: Good evening. First of all,
3 I'd like to know -- last meeting, Deputy
4 Wysinger and Superintendent McCarthy were not
5 present. I'd like to know if there is a reason
6 why we had a no call/no show at last month's
7 meeting.

8 PRESIDENT CARNEY: A what?

9 MR. PERRYMAN: Why neither one was present
10 at last month's meeting.

11 PRESIDENT CARNEY: Why is that relevant?

12 MR. PERRYMAN: It helps us understand the
13 commitment to these meetings from the
14 leadership of police.

15 PRESIDENT CARNEY: All my time on the
16 Board, that's the first time that's ever
17 happened. So we've always had a
18 representative, either Superintendent or the
19 Deputy. So I don't --

20 MR. PERRYMAN: I'm just asking. I'm just
21 asking why they weren't here last time.

22 PRESIDENT CARNEY: I don't think that's
23 relevant. Continue on.

24 MR. PERRYMAN: All right. Well, I'm here

1 to talk about California and Monroe. Drug
2 dealing again. This is the third time. Even
3 on our way here, the drug dealing is still
4 going on. I would say that the business is
5 vibrant today.

6 I was contacted from someone from
7 narcotics, and I have talked to Commander Evans
8 in the past couple of weeks.

9 He said that he's made some busts
10 over there. The problem is that it's not
11 effective. It's not stopping. It's the same
12 individuals in the same spot wearing the same
13 clothes most of the time. On a major road and
14 it's flagrant. It's really damaging our
15 community.

16 The thing is it's kind of
17 representative of a lot of the problems in our
18 community is that, well, it seems like the
19 police have recently become more willing to fix
20 some of these problems. I don't know if they
21 either -- there's a problem with either the
22 resources or the strategy based on that.

23 We did talk last time about
24 having Commander Evans be present tonight. Is

1 he present tonight?

2 PRESIDENT CARNEY: We tried to get him
3 here, but he's attending a meeting in the
4 community. I think St. Matthew's Church. He
5 had a conflict. We did try.

6 MR. PERRYMAN: Okay. We talked about
7 asking him some questions about these matters.
8 So I guess the issue is, and maybe I'll ask
9 Deputy Wysinger, what kind of strategies are
10 the police using for situations like this,
11 open-air drug markets that are happening at the
12 very -- you know, on major roads daily?

13 DEPUTY WYSINGER: We're using a
14 comprehensive strategy where we've tailored the
15 strategy specifically for your area. For the
16 last 60 days, crime is down in your area a
17 total of 7.3 percent. For the last 30 days
18 it's down 24.4 percent. Contact card increase
19 in your area is up by 38.4 percent. So we
20 tailored a specific area in combination with
21 the 11th District tactical unit, 11th District
22 control offices and the narcotics unit to try
23 to target your specific area.

24 Like I said, the last 30, 60 days

1 crime is actually down significantly, and the
2 contact cards in the area are up by almost 39
3 percent.

4 MR. PERRYMAN: So, I guess, my issue is
5 with the effectiveness in this specific
6 situation that we -- that I've been bringing up
7 personally for the past several months.

8 I mean do you think that your
9 strategy is effective at Monroe and California?

10 MR. WYSINGER: I think it is very
11 effective, having lived in the neighborhood
12 compared to what it was ten, 20, even 30 years
13 ago. Drug dealing --

14 MR. PERRYMAN: I'm talking about how it
15 was -- four months ago there was no drug
16 dealing there.

17 MR. WYSINGER: Four months from now I can
18 almost guarantee there will be no drug dealing
19 again.

20 These things happen in cycles.
21 They come -- we lock them up. They do get
22 paroled and they do get probation, and
23 unfortunately they come back to the same areas
24 in which they work and grew up in.

1 MR. PERRYMAN: Do you have any strategies
2 to break that cycle?

3 MR. WYSINGER: It's a comprehensive battle.
4 Like we've been saying, this is not just a
5 law-enforcement problem, it's going to take
6 jobs coming into the community, it's going to
7 take the community to being educated, it's
8 going take a lot of things.

9 You guys move into the
10 neighborhood, it's going to take an influx of
11 people that will move into the community to
12 become stable.

13 MR. PERRYMAN: Why would someone move to a
14 corner that is an open-air drug market?

15 MR. WYSINGER: They've done it in the past.
16 Look at Wicker Park, the near west side, the
17 Robert Taylor Homes, right across street, the
18 Dearborn Parks. This stuff takes time. Out
19 goes the bad, in comes the good.

20 Again, these neighborhoods were
21 not guarded or put in these positions
22 overnight, so it's going to take a
23 comprehensive strategy to eradicate some of the
24 deals that affect these neighborhoods.

1 MR. PERRYMAN: I'll just wrap up. I know
2 there's more people waiting. But I'd like to
3 put it before everyone at this Board that it's
4 just not working, the strategies. We talked
5 about this corner last year. It was cleared
6 out by some officers who were doing some very
7 good leg work in the community through
8 connections with the citizens.

9 You know, I feel like as a
10 citizen, when I come to the police instead of
11 being seen as an asset, we're seen as a
12 nuisance. And I feel like a lot of people have
13 that feeling, too. And I don't see the police
14 working with the community very well. And I
15 feel like when we give information to the
16 police, when this drug market started up again,
17 we immediately contacted up and down the chain
18 of command, everyone we could, and nothing
19 happened at all for about six weeks.

20 So in that six weeks' time, it
21 just got horrible.

22 This idea that it's been like
23 this for 30 years and that there's a cycle, I'm
24 just not okay with that.

1 I wish -- I'd given information
2 to police numerous times and no one's ever
3 contacted me back.

4 I have to come here, you know. I
5 would think if the police of the community were
6 reaching out, they would be interested in that
7 and would use that information and contact and
8 have a relationship.

9 I don't see a relationship with
10 the community.

11 And I know we had people here
12 last week -- last time, and it was unfortunate
13 because there wasn't anyone here from the
14 leadership to see, but we're having problems
15 with the protect and serve part, and it's just
16 not happening appropriately.

17 The comprehensive strategy, seven
18 percent doesn't mean much when a corner that we
19 have -- we've been bringing up to you guys
20 several times is still vibrantly, every day,
21 all day, same people, same clothes doing the
22 same thing.

23 PRESIDENT CARNEY: What happened when you
24 contacted Commander Evans?

1 MR. PERRYMAN: I contacted him right when
2 it first started. I got no response for over
3 six weeks until I came back here. I had to
4 come here two times and bring up the issue
5 before he contacted me.

6 PRESIDENT CARNEY: So what happened when he
7 contacted you?

8 MR. PERRYMAN: We had a meeting in which he
9 pretty much said the community enables the drug
10 dealing. He blamed the community. That's what
11 he did.

12 Now, eventually he finally --
13 he's come to my house twice. We made a bust.
14 We busted somebody. And then the next day it's
15 the same. Whatever he did was ineffective.

16 I feel like now we're finally
17 starting to get action but it's ineffective.

18 He is hardly reaching out to the
19 community still. Where are the eyes and ears?
20 He does not seem interested in that at all.

21 He said we're going to harass
22 those guys and get those guys. I don't see a
23 comprehensive anything. I don't see follow-up,
24 no follow-up.

1 You know, I don't understand why
2 we have information if the police don't seem to
3 care about that information. It doesn't seem
4 like it's good policing. It doesn't
5 seem -- we're sticking our necks out and
6 calling the police and being here.

7 It's been about three months now,
8 the same people are doing the same thing.
9 They're getting wise to us. We're sticking our
10 necks out, and I think the lesson they're
11 learning is they get to make money on that
12 corner dealing drugs, so why should they stop.

13 PRESIDENT CARNEY: Thank you. Herbert
14 Bonner.

15 MR. BONNER: Good evening, everybody. My
16 name is Herman Demetrius Bonner. I am a
17 lifelong resident, born and raised in this very
18 same community where my grandfather was one of
19 the business owners who had a locksmith shop.
20 First black man to park his boat in downtown
21 Lake Michigan.

22 I'm standing here because I have
23 issues and concerns about the policing
24 techniques of our community.

1 First let me tell you a little
2 bit about me. I'm the vice-president of the
3 North Region of the National Alliance of HUD,
4 representing 1.8 million subsidized renters
5 throughout these United States.

6 I'm also the founder and
7 president of My Brother's Keeper, a mentoring
8 organization that talks about prevention versus
9 cure. It's not like these other My Brother's
10 Keepers that it's after the fact. It's a
11 responsive thing where we're talking about
12 prevention.

13 We have young men, such as my
14 grandson, and other guys who are in this group,
15 and we educate them on who they are, what they
16 are and their responsibilities as citizens.

17 I'm also the president of Drexel
18 Court Tenant Council where we saved our
19 building from being turned into condos.

20 I'm also the Board of Director
21 member of Metropolitan Tenants Organization,
22 just to name a few.

23 I'm here to testify on behalf of
24 Dominique Green and his associate.

1 I immediately request that we
2 would like this Board to institute an immediate
3 order to cease and desist all racial profiling
4 on our young black men.

5 We would like these certain two
6 officers to be removed from our community
7 immediately for the safety of all young black
8 teenagers and all young black men permanently.

9 People who are known racists
10 should not be allowed to police the people they
11 hate.

12 We need to know names and contact
13 information to all Board members or members
14 otherwise who investigate police misconduct,
15 when they meet and how often they meet. We
16 would like the representative from our
17 community, from our leadership to sit in these
18 types of meetings. We would like to know who
19 and what group or board or committee is
20 responsible for misconduct of the University of
21 Chicago Police. Who are they? And if there's
22 such an organization or board other than this
23 board, we would want their contact information
24 when and where they meet as well.

1 We want follow-up on these issues
2 and contact information on officers and their
3 committees who handle these complaints. We
4 want all documents concerning the claim. We
5 want to be notified of all actions taken
6 against these racist police.

7 And number 11, we want these
8 committees to meet directly with community
9 leaders and to combat deliberate racial
10 profiling by our public service.

11 How we got here. Here's my
12 reason why I'm saying all this, we're
13 requesting this.

14 In regards to a reference of the
15 improper and unjustified stop, search and
16 seizure, along with the unlawful arrest and
17 illegal detainment of two minors who happened
18 to be young black male teenagers who are
19 upstanding members of our community, who are
20 law-abiding young black teen males, who were
21 just going to Foot Locker to purchase some
22 shoes. The police approached them from the
23 rear. The teenagers looked back behind them to
24 see what the commotion was behind them. At

1 that point, the police shouted three times, get
2 on the ground, get on the ground, get on the
3 ground. After the boys complied, they got on
4 the ground. The police picked them up from the
5 ground and separated them immediately. These
6 were the University of Chicago police who
7 called the Chicago Police, who then took them,
8 these two young black teenage males, to the
9 University of Chicago Hospital so the victim
10 could identify them, or the perpetrator, if
11 they were the perpetrator.

12 Now, they were being arrested and
13 detained without their Miranda rights read or
14 any type of explanation why they were being
15 tackled, forced to get on the ground or even
16 why they were being taken to these places.
17 Just handcuffed and droven (sic) off to the
18 hospital.

19 They were then -- once there, the
20 police took them separately one at a time at
21 different times before the victims to see if
22 these boys were the perpetrators.

23 They -- the police told the boys
24 nothing. They then went, took them to 51st

1 police station. Once there, the young black
2 teens were then told to remove everything from
3 their, pockets, and that's when one of the
4 officers noticed a stain on Dominique's pants.
5 They were Army fatigues. Army-type pants.
6 The police asked Dominique what was that stain,
7 what's that stain. It's an old barbecue stain
8 Dominique told him. No, it looks like blood to
9 me. Dominique then said, you can't tell the
10 difference between an old barbecue stain sauce
11 and fresh blood?

12 The police officer then ordered
13 him to remove his pants, because he thought it
14 was blood. Dominique complied.

15 After taking his pants and giving
16 him a plastic-type jump suit, Dominique was
17 taken to a bench and handcuffed back to the
18 bench that he had been sitting on since about
19 1:00 p.m. This was Monday afternoon.

20 At this time, it's 5:00 o'clock.
21 As Dominique was sitting -- as Dominique was
22 sitting on the bench, handcuffed to a
23 steel -- long steel metal bar, the very same
24 white police officer who took his pants said,

1 "She should have been a carrier. We wouldn't
2 have to f'ing deal with this H now." After
3 several minutes went by, the very same white
4 police officer pointed out the facial
5 expression of each one of the young black
6 teens, whose number has now grown from two to
7 three black teenaged males detained without
8 even having their Miranda rights read or told
9 or explained to them.

10 The white police officer looked
11 at one of the boys, who happened to be the
12 youngest of the three, who was sleeping, and he
13 said, "He is sleeping because he's scared."
14 The second boy he said, "He looks nervous."
15 But when he looked at Dominique, he said, "You
16 just don't give an F." All of this without
17 allowing them a call or to contact anyone.

18 On behalf of Dominique Green and
19 all of my black young sons, grandsons, great
20 grandsons and my brothers, who obey the law,
21 who respect everyone, and who are peaceful, we
22 must protect them against injustice, not just
23 here, but everywhere. But right now it's in
24 our house, in Chicago, Illinois, in the pride

1 of our -- in the pride of the south side of the
2 City of Chicago, in the neighborhood where our
3 president currently lives. Who should not
4 have -- these guys, these young teenagers,
5 should not have to fear the people who took an
6 oath to protect and serve them.

7 Just going to the store to buy
8 some shoes with black skin and being young
9 should not give our public service the right to
10 mistreat our children, who just happened to be
11 an original member of My Brother's Keeper III,
12 NADEA, meaning the National Alliance of the
13 Decedents of Enslaved Africans, a resident of
14 Drexel Court, but more than that, a natural
15 born citizen

16 PRESIDENT CARNEY: You have to finish up.

17 MR. BONNER: Yes, sir. I'm at the end.
18 And more than a natural born citizen of these
19 United States and Chicago, Illinois, who is a
20 taxpaying member of this city, state and
21 country, and has paid more taxes in one day
22 than some rich people have all year long.

23 But even more than that, he's my
24 grandson, and I'm the other grandfather figure

1 in his life. Not only was Dominique's civil
2 rights and human rights violated, but he was
3 disrespected by these two racist cops, one
4 white, one Mexican, who should no longer work
5 in our community or for any other police
6 department anywhere in these United States.

7 They are criminals who have
8 committed hate crimes and should and must be
9 held accountable with consequences for their
10 actions.

11 I mean these are our children.
12 And as a resident voter and taxpayer and member
13 of this country, where my grandfather fought
14 and died for every man to be free, but yet the
15 very people he fought for are the same people
16 paid to serve us but prefer to oppress us.
17 They should no longer be allowed to work in our
18 communities from this day forward. I thank you
19 for your time.

20 PRESIDENT CARNEY: Thank you.

21 MR. BONNER: I can be reached and I have
22 some information. I have my business cards so
23 you guys can have it.

24 PRESIDENT CARNEY: Give it to our executive

1 director over there.

2 Darva Watkins. Darva Watkins.

3 David Sartore. Robert More.

4 At this time, all those who have
5 signed up to speak have been called on and
6 recognized.

7 With no other speakers to address
8 the Board, I'll entertain a motion to adjourn.

9 MR. EADDY: So moved.

10 MR. CONLON: Second.

11 PRESIDENT CARNEY: All in favor?

12 (CHORUS OF AYES.)

13 PRESIDENT CARNEY: The meeting is
14 adjourned.

15 (WHEREUPON, the proceedings were
16 adjourned at 8:10 p.m.)

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4 MAUREEN A. WOODMAN, C.S.R., being first
5 duly sworn, says that she is a court reporter
6 doing business in the City of Chicago; that she
7 reported in shorthand the proceedings had at
8 the hearing of said cause; that the foregoing
9 is a true and correct transcript of her
10 shorthand notes, so taken as aforesaid, and
11 contains all the proceedings of said hearing.

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MAUREEN A. WOODMAN

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