CITY OF CHICAGO

POLICE BOARD PUBLIC MEETING

September 15, 2016

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. EVA-DINA DELGADO
  REVEREND MICHAEL EADDY
  MS. RITA A. FRY
  MR. JOHN H. SIMPSON (via audio conference)
  MS. RHODA D. SWEENEY

ALSO PRESENT:

  MR. EDDIE T. JOHNSON, Superintendent of Police
  MS. CHARISE VALENTE, General Counsel to
  Superintendent of Police
  MS. HELEN O'SHAUGHNESSY, General Counsel,
  Independent Police Review Authority

Reported By:  Karen Fatigato, CSR
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PRESIDENT LIGHTFOOT: Good evening, everyone, my name is Lori Lightfoot, and I'm the President of the Chicago Police Board, and I'll be calling the meeting to order now.

The first item of business is do I have a motion to allow Police Board Member John Simpson to attend this meeting via telephone?

MR. FOREMAN: So moved.

REV. EADDY: Second.

PRESIDENT LIGHTFOOT: All in favor?

(Ayes in unison.)

PRESIDENT LIGHTFOOT: Any opposed?

Mr. Simpson, can you hear us?

MR. SIMPSON: I can hear you.

PRESIDENT LIGHTFOOT: Okay.

The next item for business is approval of the minutes of the Board's Regular Public Meeting held on August 18th, 2016. Is there a motion to approve the minutes?

MS. SWEENEY: So moved.

MR. FOREMAN: Second.

PRESIDENT LIGHTFOOT: All those in favor?

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

Our next regular public meeting will be
on Thursday, October 20th, here at Chicago
Public Safety Headquarters at 7:30 p.m.

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?

MS. FRY: So moved.

MR. FOREMAN: 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 two disciplinary cases. The Board will now take final action on these cases.

Regarding Case No. 16 PB 2899, is there a motion to find Police Officer John Loconsole guilty of violating Department rules by working secondary employment while on the medical roll and to suspend him for 18 months?

MS. FRY: So moved.

MR. FOREMAN: Second.

PRESIDENT LIGHTFOOT: All in favor?

(Ayes in unison.)

PRESIDENT LIGHTFOOT: We need to have a show of hands.

Any opposed? None.

Voting in favor are Board Members Foreman, Delgado, Eaddy, Fry, Simpson, Sweeney and myself. The motion passes by a unanimous vote.

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

MS. FRY: So moved.

REV. EADDY: Second.
PRESIDENT LIGHTFOOT: All in favor?

(Ayes in unison.)

PRESIDENT LIGHTFOOT: Any opposed?

The motion passes.

Regarding Case No. 16 PB 2903, is there a motion to find Police Officer Dana Bryant guilty of making false statements to an officer and a sergeant in the Medical Services Section and to discharge her from the Chicago Police Department?

MS. FRY: So moved.

MS. DELGADO: Second.

PRESIDENT LIGHTFOOT: All in favor may I have a show of hands of all those in favor?

That's Lightfoot, Foreman, Delgado, Fry and Sweeney voting in favor.

And those opposed?

MR. SIMPSON: I respectfully dissent.

PRESIDENT LIGHTFOOT: That's Reverend Eaddy and John Simpson voting against.

MR. SIMPSON: Ms. Lightfoot, I oppose the termination.

PRESIDENT LIGHTFOOT: And, Reverend Eaddy, you also vote opposed, is that correct?
REV. EADDY: Yes.

PRESIDENT LIGHTFOOT: Those who voted in favor of guilt are Board members Foreman, Delgado, Fry, Sweeney and myself. Board members Eaddy and Simpson oppose the termination decision. The motion passes by a vote of 5 to 2.

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

MS. FRY: So moved.

MR. FOREMAN: Second.

PRESIDENT LIGHTFOOT: All in favor?

(Ayes in unison.)

PRESIDENT LIGHTFOOT: Any opposed?

That motion passes by a unanimous vote.

The Board's decisions in the cases on which we took final action this evening will be entered as of today's date, and will be issued to the parties. A copy of each of the written decisions will be posted on the Board's website within 10 business days pursuant to the Municipal Code of Chicago.
I now call on Board member Foreman.

MR. FOREMAN: Three-member panel case 16 RP 02, Michael Mette, pursuant to Section 2-57-060(c) of the Municipal Code of Chicago, a panel of three members of the Police Board has considered in a closed meeting, as authorized by the Open Meetings Act, one matter on which the Chief Administrator of the Independent Police Review Authority and the Superintendent of Police did not agree regarding the discipline of a police officer. The members of the panel, Board members Delgado, Simpson and myself, will now take action to resolve the issue regarding the recommendations for discipline.

Regarding case number 16 RP 02, which involves allegations of the use of excessive force by Police Officer Michael Mette, is there a motion to find that the Superintendent's response does not meet the burden --

PRESIDENT LIGHTFOOT: One moment, we're having technical difficulty.

MR. SIMPSON: Hello. I'm sorry, we got cut off.

PRESIDENT LIGHTFOOT: Let me just say
for the record Board member Simpson has rejoined us.

MR. FOREMAN: Regarding case 16 RP 02, which involves allegations of the use of excessive office by Police Officer Michael Mette, is there a motion to find that the Superintendent's response does not meet the burden of overcoming the Chief Administrator's recommendation for discipline?

MS. DELGADO: So moved.

MR. SIMPSON: Second.

MR. FOREMAN: All in favor?

(Ayes in unison.)

MR. FOREMAN: The motion passes by a unanimous vote.

PRESIDENT LIGHTFOOT: The general orders and other directives issued by the Superintendent of Police during the previous month are listed in the blue books and are available on the Police Department's website.

The next item is the Superintendent's report to the Board. Superintendent, will you be giving a report or will we take that under advisement?
SUPERINTENDENT JOHNSON: No, no report.

PRESIDENT LIGHTFOOT: Is there a motion to waive the oral presentation and receive the monthly report in writing?

MS. FRY: So moved.

REV. EADDY: Second.

PRESIDENT LIGHTFOOT: All those in favor?

(Ayes in unison.)

PRESIDENT LIGHTFOOT: Any opposed?

The motion passes.

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 again, we ask you that you limit your comments to two minutes in deference to the other folks who will be coming before you -- coming after you.

The first person is Beatrice Suarez.

Ms. Suarez, are you in attendance?

Passing and going next to Ms. Dorothy Holmes. Ms. Holmes, are you here? Pass.

The next person is Christa Noel. I think I saw her come in.
Good evening, Ms. Noel.

MS. NOEL: Good evening, everyone. How are you? The report on -- the report from the United Nations Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent on its mission to the United States of America, I'm not sure if you know, but they came here in January of this year, and this is their final report. And I just have a few things I wanted to read from it.

The Working Group considers that Civil Rights laws are not being -- working group that -- working group considers that Civil Rights laws are not being fully implemented. And even if fully implemented, they are insufficient to overcome and transform the institutional and structural racial discrimination and racism against African descended people. Mass incarceration, police violence, housing segregation, disparity and the quality of education, labor markets segmentation, political disenfranchisement and environmental degradation continue to have detrimental impacts on people of African descent despite the application of Civil Rights laws.
Under manifestations of racial discrimination, the criminal justice system and barriers to civil and political participation, the Working Group is deeply concerned that the alarming levels of police brutality and excessive use of lethal force by law enforcement officials committed with impunity against people of African descent in the United States. In addition, the most recent and well-known cases of killings of unarmed African Americans, such as the cases of Eric Garner, Michael Brown, Tamir Rice, Walter Scott, Freddie Gray, and Laquan McDonald, the Working Group received information about many other similar cases.

The Working Group met with a considerable number of relatives of African Americans allegedly killed by police officers, they were actually killed by police officers, but they say allegedly. They are still seeking justice for their loves ones, including Tyron West, Tyron Lewis, Jonathan Sanders, Oscar Grant, Tony Robinson, Marion Brown, India Kager, Ronald Johnson, that's Dorothy's son, Mohamed Bah, Rekia Boyd, you know her, Sandra Bland, you
know her, and Alonso Smith.

They also -- and I'll be sending you
guys this report. You all want it?

(Board Members replied yes.)

MS. NOEL: The Working Group was
informed that the war on drugs has had a
devastating impact on African Americans, and the
mass incarceration was considered a system of
racial control that operated in similar ways to
how Jim Crow laws once operated.

MR. FOREMAN: Thank you.

MS. NOEL: I'll send it out. Anybody
want this copy?

PRESIDENT LIGHTFOOT: You can give it
to Mr. Caproni and he'll circulate it.

The next speaker is Darva Watkins. Is
Ms. Watkins here?

The next speaker is Queen Sister. Is
she here?

And our final speaker is Robert More.
Is Mr. More here?

At this time all persons who have
signed up in advance to speak have been called
or recognized. Is there a motion to adjourn?
MS. FRY: So moved.

MR. FOREMAN: Second.

PRESIDENT LIGHTFOOT: All in favor?

(Ayes in unison.)

(Whereupon, the public meeting
of the Chicago Police Board
adjourned at 7:43 p.m.)
Karen Fatigato, 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 public meeting, and that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of her shorthand notes so taken as aforesaid, and contains the proceedings given at said public meeting.

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