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POLICE BOARD
PUBLIC MEETING
February 20, 2014

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- PRESENT:
- Scott Ando, First Deputy Chief
Administrator IPRA;
 - Demetrius Carney, President;
 - Rita Fry;
 - Michael Eaddy;
 - Melissa M. Ballate;
 - William Conlon;
 - Ghian Foreman;
 - Susan McKeever;
 - Elisa Rodriguez;
 - William Bazarek, First Assistant General
Counsel;
 - Alfonza Wysinger, First Deputy
Superintendent.

1 PRESIDENT CARNEY: We're calling the
2 meeting of February 20, 2014.

3 First order of business, we have
4 a new board member, Reverend Michael Eaddy. He
5 is a new member of the Board. Raise your hand.
6 He is a pastor of the People's Church of the
7 Harvest in East Garfield Park. The City
8 Council approved the Mayor's appointment of
9 Reverend Eaddy on February 5th.

10 Also pleased to announce the
11 Mayor has designated to my left right here
12 Mr. Ghian Foreman as vice-president of the
13 Board. Congratulations.

14 The first item of business is
15 approval of the minutes of the Board's public
16 meeting of January 16th. Is there a motion for
17 approval of minutes?

18 MS. BALLATE: So moved.

19 MR. FOREMAN: Second.

20 PRESIDENT CARNEY: All in favor.

21 (CHORUS OF AYES.)

22 PRESIDENT CARNEY: Our next regular
23 meeting will be held here at the Office of the
24 Police Headquarters on March 20th, and will be

1 at 7:30. Don't forget always go on our Web
2 site and check our meeting schedule.

3 At this time, I'll ask for a
4 motion to close a series of executive sessions
5 for the purpose of considering litigation and
6 personnel matters as authorized by the Illinois
7 Open Meetings Act. Is there such a motion?

8 MS. FRY: So moved.

9 PRESIDENT CARNEY: All in favor?

10 (CHORUS OF AYES.)

11 PRESIDENT CARNEY: Motion passes.

12 A report of disciplinary actions
13 taken by the Board during the previous month
14 has been available -- has been made available
15 at this evening's meeting.

16 Report of the Board's findings
17 and decisions are posted on the Board's Web
18 site.

19 The Board will now take final
20 action on disciplinary matters, which is now
21 required by us in the Open Meetings Act.

22 And this is a case of Joseph
23 Vanourek and John Swarbrick. The Board, as
24 authorized by the Open Meetings Act, considered

1 in a closed meeting in January case numbers 13
2 BP, Police Board separation case, 2835 and
3 2836.

4 The Board will now take final
5 action on these cases. Is there a motion to
6 find Police Officers Joseph Vanourek and John
7 Swarbrick guilty of making a false report and
8 failing to generate a case report after
9 responding to a call regarding an incident
10 involving a man with a gun and suspending each
11 officer for a period of 60 days without pay?

12 MS. FRY: So moved.

13 MR. CONLON: Second.

14 PRESIDENT CARNEY: All in favor?

15 (CHORUS OF AYES.)

16 PRESIDENT CARNEY: The motion carries.

17 And I guess I was opposed to the
18 decision, and so I am for the record -- I guess
19 I'm raising my hand to let everybody know I was
20 opposed.

21 Voting in favor are Mr. Conlon,
22 Ms. Fry and Ms. Rodriguez. Like I said, the
23 motion passes.

24 Is there a motion to adopt the

1 written findings and decisions and dissent that
2 has been reviewed by all the Board members who
3 participated in the case?

4 MS. FRY: So moved.

5 MR. CONLON: Second.

6 PRESIDENT CARNEY: All in favor?

7 (CHORUS OF AYES.)

8 PRESIDENT CARNEY: Any opposed?

9 Voting in favor are Mr. Conlon,
10 Ms. Fry and Ms. Rodriguez. There are no votes
11 against. The motion passes.

12 The Board's decision will be
13 entered as of today's date and will be issued
14 to the parties. A copy of the written findings
15 and decision and dissent will be posted on the
16 Board's Web site within ten business days
17 pursuant to Section 2-84-030 of the Municipal
18 Code of Chicago.

19 Second case before us that we
20 have present in the public meeting is the case
21 of Jesse Terrazas. In February 2013, in a case
22 number 12 PB 2802, the Police Board found
23 Jesse -- Sergeant Jesse Terrazas guilty of
24 failing to properly supervise the search of a

1 residence, and ordered him discharged from the
2 Chicago Police Department.

3 The Circuit Court of Cook County
4 recently reversed this decision and remanded
5 the case to the Board for it to enter an order
6 consistent with the Court's ruling.

7 The Police Board, as authorized
8 by the Open Meetings Act, considered in a
9 closed meeting this case on remand. On remand,
10 that means that the Court is sending it back to
11 us to reconsider. The Board will now take
12 final action on this matter. Is there a motion
13 to complete the ministerial act of entering the
14 order in accordance with the Court's directive
15 and to reinstate Jesse Terrazas to his position
16 as a sergeant of police effective today
17 February 21, 2014?

18 MR. FOREMAN: So moved.

19 MS. BALLATE: Second.

20 PRESIDENT CARNEY: All in favor?

21 (CHORUS OF AYES.)

22 PRESIDENT CARNEY: Any opposed?

23 MR. CONLON: I oppose.

24 PRESIDENT CARNEY: Raise your hand. Thank

1 you.

2 Voting in favor are
3 Vice-President Foreman, Ms. Ballate, Ms. Fry,
4 Ms. McKeever, Ms. Rodriguez, and myself. The
5 motion passes.

6 The Board's order will be entered
7 as of today's date and will be issued to the
8 parties.

9 Copies of orders issued by the
10 Superintendent of Police during previous months
11 are listed in the blue books on the table here
12 on my right, and also available on the Police
13 Department website.

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

18 MR. FOREMAN: So moved.

19 PRESIDENT CARNEY: All in favor?

20 (CHORUS OF AYES.)

21 PRESIDENT CARNEY: I will now call upon
22 those members of the public who signed up to
23 speak in advance.

24 When your name is called, please

1 step up to the microphone. We ask you limit
2 your comments to two minutes.

3 Camara Bowden.

4 MR. BOWDEN: Good morning, ladies and
5 gentlemen of the Board and the public. I come
6 here before you this evening to speak about an
7 incident that happened to me that greatly
8 disturbed myself, my family. Was on January
9 31st, 2014. I was coming out of my home going
10 to meet my brothers for dinner when I was
11 suddenly approached with -- by four
12 plainclothes officers with guns pointed at me
13 in all directions. Guns pointed at my head and
14 my body. I was asked to raise my hand, turn
15 around.

16 I had my cell phone in my hand.
17 I immediately showed no resistance. Made sure
18 that they saw it was a cell phone.

19 I turned around as the officers
20 asked me, and I was began to be questioned,
21 where is the white van, where's the white van,
22 where's the white van. And I was kind of
23 shocked to see -- to know that this was
24 being -- this was being happening to me at the

1 time, but I immediately told the officers my
2 white van was disabled since 1:00 o'clock
3 earlier this afternoon and it was towed by AAA,
4 and it was at a shop at 3430 West 47th Street,
5 place called Auto Time.

6 The officers immediately told me
7 I was a liar. Where's the gun, where's the
8 gun. I said, Officers, I don't have a gun.

9 At the time they -- one of the
10 officers he put his weapon away, and then he
11 put his -- my hands behind my back and
12 handcuffed me where the other officers
13 continually had their weapons drawn.

14 There was so much commotion
15 outside, my family, my wife, my mom, my
16 mother-in-law, and most -- and importantly, my
17 younger daughter, she was -- she's five years
18 old, to see that officers had their guns still
19 drawn at me as I had my hands behind my back in
20 the presence of my home.

21 It took my wife coming out asking
22 the officers what was going on for them finally
23 put their weapons away. And they continued to
24 ask me -- ask me questions but very -- very

1 aggressively and very unruly and kind of
2 roughing me up on the porch of my home as I
3 cooperated and answered the questions and told
4 them I just got off work. I waited on AAA to
5 tow me, due to the weather, just getting home.
6 You can touch my wife's truck out front, the
7 hood is still warm. They continued to call me
8 a liar. So they -- after they asked me -- I
9 told them I just got out of the shower. One
10 officer stated and says, you don't look like
11 you got out of the shower. You look dirty. I
12 said excuse me? He said, yeah, you don't look
13 like you got out of the shower. You look
14 dirty.

15 So I continued to try to hold my
16 composure and was more afraid for my life and
17 humiliated in front of my daughter and my
18 family.

19 And when they finally released
20 me, and I asked them for their names and their
21 badges, they refused. And I asked them -- the
22 only question they did answer was what station
23 they was from. They were saying they were from
24 63rd and Homan, so I immediately went over to

1 they car, took a picture of they license
2 plates, and I proceeded on to the station.

3 I called my dad, called my
4 brothers, let them know what was going on and
5 where I was headed.

6 When I got to the station, I
7 didn't feel like I was helped. The desk
8 sergeant, she was very rude. And then when
9 they finally -- they brought the plainclothes
10 sergeant, he was also rude.

11 Just to tell you a little bit
12 about -- what happened at the front desk. I
13 asked to see the watch commander, and she asked
14 me why, and I told her and that I was being
15 harassed by the plainclothes officers, and I
16 wanted to put in a complaint.

17 She went in the back and the
18 watch commander sent her back out and said he
19 would send the supervisor out for the -- the
20 sergeant for the plainclothes officers, that he
21 handles that. So he comes -- so my phone rings
22 before she comes back and it was my brothers,
23 and I got off the phone and she said -- a
24 comment such as wow, President Obama, are you

1 done yet. And I looked at her and -- anyhow I
2 didn't say anything. I waited on the
3 plainclothes officer to come out and I kind of
4 explained what happened, and I asked him a
5 question that -- I said I don't look like a
6 criminal. And I said that I didn't resist
7 arrest. I asked the officers for they badges.
8 I was talked to anyway. I was humiliated and I
9 wanted to put in a complaint. He went to go,
10 so why they came to my home and they said that
11 I pulled a gun out on somebody on 79th and
12 Pulaski, when I never was at that address. And
13 I still don't understand why they came to my
14 address like they did, but I guess that's
15 protocol. But I know protocol can't be keeping
16 they guns drawn at me after they had frisked me
17 and made sure I didn't have any weapons.

18 I'm sure that protocol is not to
19 talk to a citizen without respect, when respect
20 is being given to a fellow officer.

21 So I wanted to kind of speak to
22 the public and the Board, because I don't want
23 this to happen to anybody.

24 God forbid, something that would

1 have happened to me. There's no money that can
2 replace me to fulfill any legacy or void in
3 my -- for my family.

4 I'm the sole provider. I'm the
5 leader of my household. And that shouldn't
6 happen like that.

7 And this -- not the first time
8 this happened. But I just want -- I wanted the
9 situation to be kind of handled, you know,
10 because it could have been a bad situation.
11 Thank you, guys.

12 PRESIDENT CARNEY: Are you familiar with
13 the Independent Police Review Authority?

14 MR. BOWDEN: Yes. I actually filed a
15 complaint with them on the same
16 night -- actually, the sergeant did, he did.
17 He followed up.

18 PRESIDENT CARNEY: Can you follow up
19 afterwards? Can you follow up with Mr. Ando
20 afterwards. He is from the Independent Police
21 Authority and he can give you a status of the
22 case. That's your recourse. You need to be
23 vigilant and follow up.

24 MR. BOWDEN: Okay.

1 PRESIDENT CARNEY: Sorry that happened to
2 you. Thank you for coming.

3 MR. BOWDEN: Appreciate it. Thank you.

4 PRESIDENT CARNEY: Andrea Reed from the
5 5th District, Roseland.

6 We're going to clean up Michigan
7 Avenue.

8 MS. REED: We're hoping. Good evening,
9 Board. I want to thank First Deputy Wysinger
10 for following up. We were able to meet with
11 all of the necessary people at the 5th
12 District. We knew that there was a new
13 commander, but we had not met the new
14 commander.

15 But since our last meeting last
16 month, we have -- we formed a focus group and
17 we've been meeting with them every Friday. And
18 very pleased to this point today that we are
19 making -- we're hoping to make progress.

20 So we want to come back and thank
21 you guys for hearing us and not just hearing
22 us, but following through. Anybody else?

23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah, thank each
24 and every one of you. One of the, I guess,

1 outcomes from this exercise that we're doing is
2 we're building a template for other
3 communities. So once we get our template
4 together, then there be there a template -- I
5 think we'll be going to the beat meetings or
6 they want to turn it over to the beat meetings,
7 and then maybe other units, divisions,
8 communities can kind of mirror what we're
9 doing.

10 So again, once again, thank you very
11 much.

12 PRESIDENT CARNEY: You guys are doing a
13 good job. Keep following up. Thank you for
14 coming out.

15 We've got Anna Czapkowska from
16 the 11th District and also Barney Barnhart from
17 the 11th District.

18 MS. CZAPKOWSKA: Two weeks ago I had a
19 conversation by my house with a police officer
20 from 11th District about parking spots on
21 Francisco Street, and people putting, reserving
22 spots with furniture. We call it dibs or
23 parking chair.

24 So in the middle of our talk, I

1 and my son, we were attacked by about ten of
2 our neighbors. Two men from the group pushed
3 me, even while I was holding three years old in
4 my arms. The whole group cursed. They called
5 me white B word, F word, white, stupid FB word.
6 And they shout out about killing me.

7 Police officer tried to calm them
8 down but it was really hard. I was shocked --

9 PRESIDENT CARNEY: The police officer was
10 right there when that happened?

11 MS. CZAPKOWSKA: Yes, he was with me,
12 because we talked about parking spots, because
13 there was a problem on our block, because
14 people from 144 South Francisco, they
15 complained that we have six cars in my
16 building. We have so many cars parked on our
17 street. And these people are from house where
18 we have so many problems with these people.
19 And the house is -- we gave you this address so
20 many times before, so I am talking about these
21 people.

22 So I was so shocked and very
23 scared, and I felt unsafe and had nowhere to
24 escape to. And these people were encircling me

1 and were pressing on me and my son. And
2 finally one of the women knocked us on the
3 ground. And baby was crying and screaming.
4 His face was full of snow because he fell down.

5 PRESIDENT CARNEY: What is the police
6 officer doing?

7 MS. CZAPKOWSKA: He was trying to protect
8 me but there was no chance, because there were
9 so many people around me. And there were
10 familiar -- they were very angry at me, you
11 know, and there was nothing to do.

12 And finally my husband approached
13 and he was also attacked. Someone punched his
14 face. And then officer finally like make
15 decision to call for help. So we went away
16 when he called for help. We ran away from the
17 people and we stayed by our house. Some more
18 police cars arrived. Four or five more. So I
19 asked the police to take care of the situation
20 and to arrest the people who attacked us. And
21 three different police officers they refused to
22 arrest them, even I asked them a few times.

23 My neighbor Derrick, he was with
24 me at the time, and he also asked to arrest

1 these people, but there was no -- like no
2 attention from -- no interest from police
3 officers.

4 So these people who attacked us
5 they were still on the street when I asked to
6 press it charges.

7 And finally the one person was
8 arrested, and it was my own husband. One of
9 the neighbor who watched the fight said to the
10 officer that my husband spit on his jacket 20
11 minutes before, which never occur. And the
12 officer put my husband who was the victim into
13 the police car and took him to the police
14 station.

15 The officer said that he took the
16 names of the people who attacked us, but they
17 were home now so he cannot arrest them. And
18 the third person who still was present on
19 street at the time. So I ask him again, and
20 Derrick saw for this, to take the name of the
21 person, but he refused.

22 So we were attacked by people, my
23 son and my husband and the police officer were
24 present at the time of assault. There were

1 around ten more police officers and no one
2 willing to help us. They stood and watched us
3 to be verbally and physically abused.

4 After our continued request, one
5 of the officer agreed to take a third person
6 name, but she refused me to give her name.
7 Like the officer didn't tell me what was her
8 name because she told her name, her badge, her
9 jacket.

10 So my husband spent the entire
11 night in jail and so three people who
12 physically assault us --

13 PRESIDENT CARNEY: He went --

14 THE WITNESS: In the police station, he
15 was arrested, so he spent like a whole night
16 from 7:00 o'clock, they let him go at 3:00 in
17 the morning. So he spent -- yeah, so he
18 spent -- they spend night at home, the people
19 who attacked us.

20 Next day we had to talk with the
21 original officer on the scene about the
22 previous day incident. So the officer was
23 trying to convince us to walk away from the
24 situation, because he state that is their

1 neighborhood. He was intimidating me into
2 pressing charges -- into not pressing charges
3 because he state it will create more problems
4 for me.

5 I receive a call from 11th
6 District last week. They gave me an option to
7 press charges on my neighbors, but they also
8 said that it was over some dibs fight and that
9 -- and that a judge and attorney would not be
10 interested in that case at all.

11 They did not seem interested in
12 my concern of safety or report.

13 I was victim of hate crime.
14 Since 2012 I had placed approximately 500
15 calls -- I mean 911 calls reporting drug
16 dealers and sold drugs, fighting amongst drug
17 dealers and all outside of my house.

18 I'm constantly verbally attacked
19 going in and out of my house on a daily basis.
20 I feel threatened and I live in fear.

21 My neighbors spit on my property
22 when I'm present. I'm harassment every day of
23 my life. And you know about me, because we
24 here every month since 2012. Every month we

1 sit and cry there.

2 And Derrick has a speech.

3 Marissa, John, we here, and you ask for us --
4 you ask -- you ask us -- you ask to come every
5 month and give us report. But there's nothing
6 changed. Yeah, so why I'm here today -- I'm
7 sorry. I'm just nervous.

8 PRESIDENT CARNEY: Take your time.

9 MS. CZAPKOWSKA: I'm here tonight to ask
10 for press charges on the people who attacked
11 us, and police also investigate current police
12 misconduct, and please consider dropping
13 charges from my husband, because it was
14 ridiculous for us.

15 Everything happened in front of
16 my kids, and Derrick was there and he just took
17 my kids into their house.

18 So thank you for listening and I
19 came here just for justice.

20 PRESIDENT CARNEY: I got a two-prong
21 approach. Deputy Superintendent, can you
22 respond to this?

23 MR. WYSINGER: I see by the reports from
24 that day exactly which officers were involved

1 and what kind of actions that they took. It
2 sounds like they did some follow-up with you
3 when they made the phone call and explained the
4 process to you as far as you signing complaints
5 goes.

6 I don't know why your husband was
7 arrested unless it was someone that actually
8 had signed complaints against your husband,
9 because the officer could not have arrested him
10 without a signed complaint.

11 But either way, I will have
12 someone look into this for you.

13 PRESIDENT CARNEY: Please speak.

14 DERRICK: I didn't see how it started. I
15 was coming home, so then I saw a lot of police
16 car and Anna a was crying and her husband was
17 already in the car. But it was Officer Ray who
18 was keeping him in the car. And she told me
19 like the person who hit her is standing over
20 there, asking why arrest him, because he was
21 like you're spitting on someone, but you don't
22 want to arrest this person. At least take the
23 name, and he said you can do whatever you want
24 to, you can make the complaint, I'm not going

1 to go over there and take the names. I have
2 two names of the guy who hit her husband and
3 the one of the woman who hit her before. And
4 I'm going police station. And I'm going to
5 take him with me.

6 So this is -- I mean I totally
7 understand like whatever officer has to do he
8 has to do, but when he finally left, I ask
9 another police officer to take the name of this
10 person. And that was the woman, I don't know
11 her name. She said I need to call Officer Ray
12 because -- he's -- his thing to do. So she
13 called him. And she said I'm not going to do
14 it. So I asked her, there is a person who hit
15 her, and she's not -- she's not feeling safe to
16 go over and ask for names. You can go for us.
17 Finally she went with us and she took the name
18 of this person.

19 So this is what I don't get. I
20 mean it's -- it is what it is. You can decide
21 if that's what's right or not.

22 MR. WYSINGER: What I would like you to do
23 is speak to Chief Rivera, chief of the Internal
24 Affairs Division, he is actually sitting back

1 there, he just raised his hand. You need to
2 inquire with him. He will take the comments
3 you made and look into them.

4 PRESIDENT CARNEY: You're registering a
5 complaint, is that what we're doing here,
6 against the officers? Are you going to go
7 investigate? I mean what triggers the
8 investigation to internal affairs?

9 CHIEF RIVERA: Their complaint. We'll
10 have an investigator -- one of our
11 investigators come down and he'll take the
12 statement, the complaint and initiate the
13 complaint investigation today.

14 PRESIDENT CARNEY: Will you please follow
15 up. This is important. Unbelievable.

16 Precious Edwards. Robert More.
17 All those persons who signed up to speak we
18 have called upon you and our meeting is being
19 adjourned. Can I have a motion to adjourn?

20 MR. FOREMAN: Moved.

21 PRESIDENT CARNEY: All in favor?

22 (CHORUS OF AYES.)

23 (Whereupon, the proceedings were
24 adjourned at 8:07 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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