

MEETING  
March 18, 2021

POLICE BOARD  
CITY OF CHICAGO

PUBLIC MEETING

Thursday, March 18, 2021  
7:30 p.m.

(VIA VIDEO and AUDIO CONFERENCE)

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APPEARANCES:

POLICE BOARD MEMBERS  
GHIAN FOREMAN, President  
PAULA WOLFF, Vice President  
MATTHEW CROWL  
REVEREND MICHAEL EADDY  
STEVE FLORES  
JORGE MONTES  
JOHN P. O'MALLEY, JR.  
RHODA D. SWEENEY  
ANDREA L. ZOPP

ALSO PRESENT:

DAVID BROWN, Superintendent of Police;  
SYDNEY ROBERTS, Chief Administrator of the  
Civilian Office of Police Accountability;  
EPHRAIM EADDY, Public Information Officer of the  
Civilian Office of Police Accountability;  
DEBORAH WITZBURG, Deputy Inspector General for  
Public Safety;  
KAREN KONOW, Chief of Bureau of Internal Affairs,  
Chicago Police Department;  
DANA O'MALLEY, General Counsel to the  
Superintendent of Police;  
YOLANDA TALLEY, Deputy Chief of the Chicago  
Police Department's Office of Operations;  
BRENDAN DEENIHAN, Chief of the Chicago Police  
Department's Bureau of Detectives;  
MAX CAPRONI, Executive Director of the Police  
Board;  
ALEXA JAMES, CEO of the National Alliance on  
Mental Illness;  
MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

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1           PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Good evening. My name  
2 is Ghian Foreman, and I am the president of the  
3 Chicago Police Board. And I'm calling the  
4 Board's March 18th public meeting to order.

5                       To protect the public's health  
6 in response to the COVID-19 outbreak and as  
7 permitted by Governor Pritzker's Executive Orders  
8 2020-07 and 2021-05, this meeting is taking place  
9 remotely. This meeting is open to the public via  
10 audio conference and is being carried live by CAN  
11 TV. Those participating by phone are on mute in  
12 order to reduce background noise and disruptions.  
13 We have a court reporter making a transcript of  
14 this meeting.

15                       I will begin by taking  
16 attendance so it is clear who is participating in  
17 this meeting. Please say "Here" after I read  
18 your name.                       Vice President Paula  
19 Wolff.

20           VICE PRESIDENT WOLFF: Here.

21           PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Board member Matthew  
22 Crawl.

23           BOARD MEMBER CROWL: Here.

24           PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Board member Michael

1 Eaddy.

2 BOARD MEMBER EADDY: Here.

3 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Board member Steve

4 Flores.

5 BOARD MEMBER FLORES: Here.

6 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Board member Jorge

7 Montes.

8 BOARD MEMBER MONTES: Here.

9 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Board member John

10 O'Malley.

11 BOARD MEMBER O'MALLEY: Here.

12 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Board member Rhoda

13 Sweeney.

14 BOARD MEMBER SWEENEY: Here.

15 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Board member Andrea

16 Zopp.

17 BOARD MEMBER ZOPP: Here.

18 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Superintendent of Police

19 David Brown.

20 SUPERINTENDENT BROWN: Here.

21 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Chief Administrator of

22 COPA Sydney Roberts.

23 CHIEF ADMINISTRATOR ROBERTS: Here.

24 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Deputy Inspector General

1 for Public Safety Deborah Witzburg.

2 DEPUTY INSPECTOR WITZBURG: Here.

3 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Chief of the Chicago  
4 Police Department's Bureau of Internal Affairs  
5 Karen Konow.

6 CHIEF KONOW: Here.

7 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: General Counsel to the  
8 Superintendent Dana O'Malley.

9 MS. O'MALLEY: Here.

10 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Deputy Chief of CPD's  
11 Office of Operations, Yolanda Talley.

12 DEPUTY CHIEF TALLEY: Here.

13 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Chief of Chicago Police  
14 Department's Bureau of Detectives Brendan  
15 Deenihan.

16 CHIEF DEENIHAN: Here.

17 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: And Executive Director  
18 of the Police Board Max Caproni.

19 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CAPRONI: Here.

20 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: We have a full house  
21 tonight. We will now proceed on the items on the  
22 meeting agenda. We'll have time at the end of  
23 the meeting for public comments.

24 Once again, those participating by

1 phone are currently on mute in order to reduce  
2 background noise and disruptions. When we get to  
3 the public comment portion of the meeting, we  
4 will unmute each speaker.

5 Is there a motion to approve the  
6 minutes of the Board's February 18th regular  
7 public meeting?

8 VICE PRESIDENT WOLFF: Paula Wolff. I move.

9 BOARD MEMBER EADDY: Michael Eaddy. Second.

10 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: All in favor, please say  
11 aye.

12 (CHORUS OF AYES.)

13 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Our next regular public  
14 meeting will be held Thursday, April 15th, at  
15 7:30 p.m. Whether this will be an in-person  
16 meeting or remote meeting will be determined  
17 closer to the meeting date.

18 Is there a motion to close a series  
19 of executive sessions for the purposes of  
20 considering personnel matters in litigation as  
21 authorized by Sections 2(c)(1), (3), (4), and  
22 (11) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act?

23 VICE PRESIDENT WOLFF: I so move. Paula  
24 Wolff.

1 BOARD MEMBER EADDY: Second. Michael Eaddy.

2 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: All in favor?

3 (CHORUS OF AYES.)

4 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Over the past several  
5 weeks, I've had several conversations with the  
6 Superintendent regarding a lot of issues, but  
7 specifically there were some officer suicides as  
8 well as police officers have been shot at or  
9 shot, and it's outpacing the rate at which this  
10 happens in past years.

11 The Police Department we -- they  
12 have a hard job and we ask them to do a lot of  
13 things. And, you know, in my conversations with  
14 the Superintendent, we thought it was important  
15 that as the Board, as we're getting educated,  
16 we're using these Police Board meetings to create  
17 an opportunity to not only educate ourselves but  
18 to make sure that we educate the public as well.  
19 We have Alexa James here today. Ms. James is the  
20 CEO of the National Alliance on Mental Illness in  
21 Chicago. She was recently appointed to senior  
22 advisor to Chicago Police Department where she  
23 will talk to us about mental health for officers.  
24 Ms. James.

1 MS. JAMES: Thank you, sir. Can you hear me  
2 okay?

3 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Yes, ma'am.

4 MS. JAMES: Excellent. I am so grateful to  
5 be here. And it's so lovely. I wish we were in  
6 person, of course. But it's incredible to just  
7 look around this room and see people who have  
8 mentored me and taught me so much about the  
9 complexities of policing and social services and  
10 city services and government frankly in my last  
11 almost ten years at NAMI Chicago.

12 So I absolutely want to talk a  
13 little bit about the role that I have been  
14 privileged to perform at the Police Department.  
15 And I want to give a little context just kind of  
16 how we got here as a social worker, a civilian,  
17 and as CEO of an organization called NAMI  
18 Chicago.

19 At NAMI Chicago, our work focuses  
20 on supporting all people in their journey around  
21 mental wellness.

22 We really work to build resilience  
23 on the basis of the community members so they can  
24 achieve wellness, working together in

1 partnerships to shift the perspective around  
2 mental health.

3           Mental health impacts all of us. I  
4 think we all can probably feel that really  
5 deeply, particularly in the last year. And  
6 really working to reduce the stigma and increase  
7 the system, and reform really the system -- the  
8 mental health system which has never been fully  
9 actualized or well understood.

10           Our longest and strongest  
11 partnership is the Chicago Police Department and  
12 this is not by accident.

13           Across the country, our mental  
14 health systems are often systems of crisis  
15 systems, and our first responders have become the  
16 safety net for mental health services as years of  
17 de-investment have eroded the community.

18           And I know we all feel this, too,  
19 right?

20           As we know in Chicago, we have very  
21 strong mental health providers, but they cannot  
22 meet the significant needs, so often we are not  
23 doing prevention work, we are doing crisis  
24 response work.



1                   And when that happens, we're  
2                   calling 911, and we are dispatching tens of  
3                   thousands of calls for service every single year  
4                   requesting law enforcement support. This really  
5                   has to end. This strain on the crisis system is  
6                   not sustainable and, frankly, it's not the job  
7                   for law enforcement.

8                   This is important in like the  
9                   context of understanding how NAMI Chicago began  
10                  our partnership with CPD, because we've really  
11                  participated for 16 years in the training of CPD  
12                  officers in supporting de-escalation, mental  
13                  health awareness, et cetera. And what I noticed  
14                  about three to four years into my training, which  
15                  was, you know, every single Monday at either the  
16                  Police Academy or headquarters, was there's some  
17                  really incredibly brave and compassionate folks.  
18                  And Paula was just mentioning a story before we  
19                  kicked off today of just like real humanity that  
20                  shows through. But if our officers themselves  
21                  are at a ten, if they are struggling and if they  
22                  are not well, the ask of them to deal with my  
23                  worst moment in my life is unacceptable and,  
24                  frankly, inhumane as a mental health advocate.

1                   So we changed the way that we  
2 started to train, and we started to think about  
3 this as an opportunity to engage officers once a  
4 week to talk about normalizing mental health.  
5 That mental health is not just the individual who  
6 is experiencing acute psychosis outside talking  
7 to themselves, it is all of us all the time. And  
8 what I found very quickly is that there's a  
9 hunger for these officers and a real lack of  
10 cohesive support for them in the Department.

11                   For years -- I mean this is not a  
12 new concept. And this certainly is not new. And  
13 this is not unique to Chicago. This is a  
14 national issue that's going on in law enforcement  
15 throughout the country. We've asked them to be  
16 the social service safety net. We have not  
17 invested in them the way that they need to be  
18 invested in.

19                   And there's also the context  
20 certainly of the last few years which has been  
21 demoralizing and challenging for them to  
22 negotiate.

23                   In the late summer of 2020, the  
24 Superintendent approached me and his staff and

1 said, Would you come on board and support our  
2 wellness efforts? And after many months of kind  
3 of negotiating what my schedule would look like  
4 and getting my feet wet and really learning what  
5 the needs were, and also the Superintendent  
6 saying that this is the main pillar of his  
7 administration as officer wellness, I thought,  
8 Well, I can't leave NAMI Chicago, but I can bring  
9 NAMI Chicago with me. And it's not because I am  
10 so attached and in love with my organization, it  
11 is because the resources of NAMI Chicago can only  
12 support the organization.

13 At NAMI Chicago, we work very hard  
14 to heal through the voices and through the  
15 experiences of those living in the communities  
16 that we serve. So it is no different for us to  
17 join the Police Department and do the same thing.

18 So it's a privilege to work in this  
19 capacity, to increase the wellness of individual  
20 officers, really supporting cultural reform,  
21 supporting the reform that is happening under the  
22 Consent Decree, because there are 38 paragraphs  
23 or so devoted to officer wellness. And  
24 ultimately bringing to the Superintendent a

1 concept of what it would look like to have a  
2 chief wellness officer position within the Police  
3 Department.

4 So it is not boring work. It is  
5 wildly interesting. And what I have learned is  
6 that there's so much love and so much desire to  
7 find empathy again, and so much connection in  
8 this Department. They're hungry for support and  
9 they're hungry to be acknowledged.

10 And here I am. I will promise to  
11 make you all as proud as I can. It's a wonderful  
12 opportunity. And I'm certainly available to  
13 answer any questions if you have any specific  
14 questions.

15 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: So a general question.  
16 What resources are available for members of the  
17 Police Department?

18 MS. JAMES: So we actually have a robust  
19 EAP, and I say that because we went from three  
20 clinicians in our Employee Assistance Program to  
21 13. There's also five or six substance-abuse  
22 counselors, so these are sworn members who are  
23 living in their own recovery. And the chaplain's  
24 unit is very popular and robust. We have

1 probably 150 peer-support members, which is  
2 great.

3           But take off your police hat and  
4 think about as a clinician and as a mental health  
5 advocate, we would never say a large healthcare  
6 organization serves 13,000 members. Oh, wait,  
7 and their families and people who have retired,  
8 and here's 13 clinicians to support them. It  
9 would be outrageous. Right? So we are trying to  
10 figure out what a staffing level should look  
11 like, what makes sense.

12           But what's interesting is that  
13 police are not afraid to ask for help. I mean  
14 they're going to the EAP and they're calling our  
15 help line all the time. There's fear around like  
16 real engagement. I think what we're hearing  
17 consistently, and the Superintendent will attest  
18 to this, too, is whether you're a deputy chief or  
19 a PO, people want to feel heard and seen and they  
20 want to feel like people have their back. And  
21 it's a very scary environment to be in when you  
22 go to work every day and you are out in the field  
23 and you don't necessarily feel supported and you  
24 go back and you also don't feel supported, right,

1 for whatever reason, because it is a complicated  
2 time.

3 So figuring that out in terms of  
4 communication strategies, in terms of building  
5 management, what the facilities feel like for  
6 people is really an area that I am focusing on  
7 right now because that stuff matters, too.

8 You walk into your office, you want  
9 to feel good about it, you want to feel  
10 professional, and is that available for  
11 everybody.

12 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Are there any other  
13 questions?

14 VICE PRESIDENT WOLFF: There's good  
15 discussion changing up the model of policing a  
16 little bit so that police don't necessarily go  
17 out on calls when there's a behavioral health  
18 problem or they go with somebody who has a  
19 professional background. What's happening around  
20 that?

21 MS. JAMES: Paula, you always ask the best  
22 questions. So glad you brought this up, because  
23 I wanted to step one step back in saying that.  
24 There's like 28 or 32 percent of the Department

1 is crisis intervention team trained. Everyone's  
2 had some level of training. So good, right? And  
3 they do. I mean they call me every night, What  
4 do we do with this guy? What do we do with that  
5 guy?

6 We've actually through our  
7 divergent program at NAMI, we've diverted 400  
8 individuals, 138 families. Officers call us  
9 saying, Can you help us case manage this,  
10 whatever, and they are calling for service again.  
11 And we do this because it's the right thing to  
12 do, but it's because it's exhausting work, and  
13 it's not necessarily what they signed up for, and  
14 it's depleting of resources and morale, right?  
15 Because the police can't do what we can do in a  
16 case management perspective.

17 So one of the reasons actually we  
18 put a diversion program in is to increase mental  
19 wellness, right?

20 It doesn't sound connected but it  
21 is. So what we could do in our work is advocate  
22 for a model in which people are utilizing more  
23 preventive resources. We have a visitor here.  
24 More preventative resources, as well as

1 clinicians to provide support to the officer in  
2 the field, very similar like the L.A. model or  
3 whatever, so that the actual clinician can be  
4 doing the crisis intervention and the police can  
5 make sure that everyone is safe.

6 I think there's some steps  
7 that we have to build. What we have to  
8 understand is there are state -- there are state  
9 policies in place to make it very difficult for  
10 clinicians to transport an individual to a  
11 hospital, so our policies at the state level and  
12 the federal level are still relying on us to  
13 utilize first responders to transport. So  
14 everyone is like, Use social workers, use social  
15 workers. We'd love to, but we can't put them in  
16 our car. We are not legally allowed to. So  
17 there's some stuff we have to do.

18 So anyway, so yes, there's movement  
19 to be made there. There's some pilot coming out  
20 of the Mayor's Office, and we are certainly  
21 pushing legislation to enhance crisis management  
22 in that respect.

23 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you so much. We  
24 really appreciate your time. We're going to let



1 you get back to family time. Thank you for  
2 joining us this evening. And we really look  
3 forward to working with you. If there's anything  
4 from a Police Board perspective that we can do,  
5 please don't hesitate to reach out. And, you  
6 know, for members of the public who are seeing  
7 this or police officers who are seeing this,  
8 please, Ms. James is an incredible resource and  
9 her organization, so let's utilize this.

10 MS. JAMES: Thank you. Sorry for my sweet  
11 little girl here.

12 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: That's the world we live  
13 in.

14 MS. JAMES: Reach out. Please reach out. I  
15 can be reached at NAMI or the Police Department  
16 Alexa.James. But what I will say is the warm  
17 welcome that I've received from my colleagues on  
18 this call, from the members of the Police  
19 Department and, hi, Lieutenant Ward, so good to  
20 see you, has been so humbling. And the grace and  
21 the humility and the love that I've been shown  
22 has been so welcoming. So thank you, all, and I  
23 look forward to supporting you in any way I can.  
24 Thanks for having me on tonight.

1           PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you very much.

2                   A report of disciplinary actions  
3 taken by the Board during the previous month has  
4 been made available on the Board's website.

5                   There are several police  
6 disciplinary cases on the agenda this evening.

7                   The Police Board as authorized by  
8 the Open Meetings Act has considered in a closed  
9 meeting several police discipline cases. The  
10 Police Board will now take final action on these  
11 cases.

12                   Regarding case number 20PB2973, is  
13 there a motion to find Police Officer Jeannette  
14 O'Brien guilty of failing to follow medical roll  
15 procedures, not guilty of making a false report,  
16 and to suspend her for 14 days?

17           VICE PRESIDENT WOLFF: Paula Wolff. So  
18 moved.

19           BOARD MEMBER EADDY: Second. Michael Eaddy.

20           PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you. I will now  
21 call on members of the Board for their votes.  
22 Wolff.

23           VICE PRESIDENT WOLFF: Aye.

24           PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Crawl.

1 BOARD MEMBER CROWL: Aye.

2 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Eaddy.

3 BOARD MEMBER EADDY: Aye.

4 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Flores.

5 BOARD MEMBER FLORES: Aye.

6 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Montes.

7 BOARD MEMBER MONTES: Aye.

8 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: O'Malley.

9 BOARD MEMBER O'MALLEY: Aye.

10 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Sweeney.

11 BOARD MEMBER SWEENEY: Aye.

12 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Zopp.

13 BOARD MEMBER ZOPP: Aye.

14 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: And I vote in favor of

15 the motion.

16 Voting in favor are Board members  
17 Wolff, Crowl, Eaddy, Flores, Montes, O'Malley,  
18 Sweeney, Zopp and myself. The motion passes by a  
19 vote of nine to zero.

20 Is there a motion to adopt the  
21 written findings and decisions that have been  
22 reviewed by all Board members who participated in  
23 this case?

24 VICE PRESIDENT WOLFF: So moved. Paula

1 Wolff.

2 BOARD MEMBER EADDY: Second. Michael Eaddy.

3 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: All in favor?

4 (CHORUS OF AYES.)

5 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Are there any opposed?

6 (NO RESPONSE.)

7 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: The motion passes.

8 Regarding case number 20PB2974, the  
9 Superintendent filed charges against Police  
10 Officers Laura Kuhlman and Carol Weingart  
11 recommending that they be discharged from the  
12 Chicago Police Department for using deadly force  
13 without justification and making false  
14 statements. The Superintendent subsequently  
15 moved to withdraw these charges because Kuhlman  
16 and Weingart each resigned their position with  
17 the CPD.

18 Is there a motion to grant the  
19 Superintendent's motion?

20 VICE PRESIDENT WOLFF: So moved. Paula  
21 Wolff.

22 BOARD MEMBER EADDY: Second. Michael Eaddy.

23 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: I will now call on  
24 members of the Board for their votes. Wolff.

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1 VICE PRESIDENT WOLFF: Aye.

2 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Crawl.

3 BOARD MEMBER CROWL: Aye.

4 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Eaddy.

5 BOARD MEMBER EADDY: Aye.

6 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Flores.

7 BOARD MEMBER FLORES: Aye.

8 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Montes.

9 BOARD MEMBER MONTES: Aye.

10 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: O'Malley.

11 BOARD MEMBER O'MALLEY: Aye.

12 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Sweeney.

13 BOARD MEMBER SWEENEY: Aye.

14 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Zopp.

15 BOARD MEMBER ZOPP: Aye.

16 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: And I vote in favor of  
17 the motion.

18 Voting in favor are Board members  
19 Wolff, Crawl, Eaddy, Flores, Montes, O'Malley,  
20 Sweeney, Zopp, and myself. The motion passes by  
21 a vote of nine to zero.

22 Regarding case number 20PB2981, the  
23 Superintendent filed charges against Police  
24 Officer Joseph Martis recommending that he be

1 discharged from the Chicago Police Department for  
2 conduct unbecoming an officer while on duty. The  
3 Superintendent subsequently moved to withdraw  
4 these charges because Martis resigned his  
5 position with the CPD.

6 Is there a motion to grant the  
7 Superintendent's motion?

8 VICE PRESIDENT WOLFF: I think there's just  
9 one correction in the description. He was off  
10 duty. This is Paula Wolff. So moved.

11 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you.

12 BOARD MEMBER EADDY: Michael Eaddy. Second.

13 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: I will now call on  
14 members of the Board for their votes. Wolff.

15 VICE PRESIDENT WOLFF: Aye.

16 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Crawl.

17 BOARD MEMBER CROWL: Aye.

18 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Eaddy.

19 BOARD MEMBER EADDY: Aye.

20 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Flores.

21 BOARD MEMBER FLORES: Aye.

22 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Montes.

23 BOARD MEMBER MONTES: Aye.

24 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: O'Malley.

1 BOARD MEMBER O'MALLEY: Aye.

2 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Sweeney.

3 BOARD MEMBER SWEENEY: Aye.

4 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Zopp.

5 BOARD MEMBER ZOPP: Aye.

6 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: And I vote in favor of  
7 the motion.

8 Voting in favor are Board members  
9 Wolff, Crawl, Eaddy, Flores, Montes, O'Malley,  
10 Sweeney, Zopp, and myself. The motion passes by  
11 a vote of nine to zero.

12 The decisions in the cases on which  
13 the Board took final action this evening will be  
14 entered as of today's date and will be issued to  
15 the parties. The decisions will then be posted  
16 on the Board's website.

17 The general orders and other  
18 directives issued by the Superintendent during  
19 the previous months are posted on the Police  
20 Department's website.

21 Superintendent Brown, I now ask you  
22 for your oral report.

23 SUPERINTENDENT BROWN: So I'm going to have  
24 a little bit of an abbreviated report because

1 Alexa reported out on our focus on officer  
2 wellness. But I will just say this in addition  
3 to what Alexa added. Healthy officers interact  
4 with the community with genuine empathy and  
5 compassion, and they put their lives on the line  
6 every day, but yet they are affected by the  
7 trauma they see every day in doing their job.  
8 And as police, we can always do better, we can  
9 always do more, but we can never lose sight of  
10 the important work being done every day and night  
11 by our officers. And we owe them at least -- at  
12 the very least to put their mental and physical  
13 health at the top of our priority list.

14           And I want to jump ahead to the  
15 events in Atlanta. I'm sure you all have seen  
16 the news reports of the tragedies in Atlanta.  
17 And I just wanted to share what things we are  
18 doing here in Chicago at the Police Department to  
19 ensure our Asian American community feels secure  
20 and safe.

21           That evening of that tragedy in  
22 Atlanta, we increased all of our patrols in our  
23 Asian communities. That next morning, we  
24 conducted outreach to our various Asian community



1 stakeholders and visited with them through our  
2 Office of Community Policing and our CAPS office  
3 to ensure if they had any specific concerns, that  
4 we address those. And we'll continue our extra  
5 patrols in these communities for an undetermined  
6 period of time.

7           Again, this focus in these  
8 communities is really part of our efforts to  
9 protect all people in Chicago, regardless of  
10 their race, ethnicity, gender, or other criteria,  
11 so that we can ensure everyone feels safe.

12           So we've had some comments about  
13 this from the Asian community. We have calls in  
14 from various stakeholders that we are continuing  
15 to take.

16           And if you know anyone who's  
17 feeling concerned or unsafe, please, please  
18 forward or call in to Chicago Police and we'll  
19 address those concerns. And I'll close with  
20 that. Thank you so much, Ghian.

21           PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you,  
22 Superintendent.

23           Next up, Chief Roberts.

24           CHIEF ROBERTS: Thank you, Mr. President,

1 for giving me the opportunity to address the  
2 Board and members of the community today.

3 I did want to take a minute to  
4 commend the Superintendent for making officers'  
5 mental health a priority. You know, as a person  
6 that spent over 20 years in law enforcement, I  
7 can echo that seeing people at their worst,  
8 experiencing their worst, and doing their worst  
9 does take a toll on you. And I think we all know  
10 that a healthy officer makes healthy decisions,  
11 both for themselves, for the community they  
12 serve, and for their families.

13 So I am really elated to hear about  
14 this. But I also wanted to take this opportunity  
15 to extend a special thanks to Mayor Lightfoot for  
16 championing yet another groundbreaking initiative  
17 through Executive Order 2101 that is earmarked to  
18 afford greater transparency in the actions of the  
19 Chicago Police Department.

20 As was reported in the news, this  
21 executive order affords complainants and their  
22 legal representatives the opportunity to receive  
23 body-worn camera and certain other records that  
24 are associated with a complaint of misconduct.

1 And, you know, for COPA who already has the  
2 responsibility of releasing video in  
3 officer-involved shootings, we were equally  
4 honored when we had the opportunity to field  
5 these requests from members of the public.

6 And I just want to say to those  
7 that are listening, if you or anyone you know has  
8 filed a complaint of police misconduct, that you  
9 can go to our website, [WWW.ChicagoCOPA.org](http://WWW.ChicagoCOPA.org), and  
10 it will direct you to how to make that complaint.

11 I also want to take an opportunity  
12 to announce that policies that last year COPA had  
13 reviewed and amended by our policy review working  
14 group, which, you know, are about 19 residents of  
15 Chicago representing a cross section of  
16 Chicagoans, those policies have been approved by  
17 the Federal Monitoring Team and the Attorney  
18 General, and next week we will be posting those  
19 to our website for public comment. We will be  
20 making another announcement, likely a press  
21 release, putting it on social media. But I  
22 wanted to make sure that everybody on this call  
23 was aware of that, and that if you wanted to  
24 opine on our policies, please do.

1                   Finally, I'd like to take a minute  
2 to introduce Ephraim Eaddy. He is COPA's public  
3 information officer, and he is going to provide a  
4 brief update on COPA's ongoing youth initiative.

5           MR. EPHRAIM EADDY: Thank you, Chief  
6 Roberts, and to all of the members of the Board  
7 and those obviously that are watching tonight.

8                   You know, when Chicago first  
9 launched -- when City Council first established  
10 COPA by ordinance to be the civilian oversight  
11 agency for the Chicago Police Department back in  
12 2017, COPA launched, and part of what had not  
13 been done -- or not in place, I should say, was a  
14 robust community outreach, community engagement  
15 component of civilian oversight.

16                   So what COPA has really been able  
17 to do, just generally speaking, around the City  
18 of Chicago, first our approach was really to go  
19 to those ZIP codes, those wards, those police  
20 districts that had the highest level of  
21 complaints in the past and the highest level of  
22 police interactions, and after kind of going  
23 there and making sure that we were bringing the  
24 broader Chicago community along and COPA's role,

1 COPA's jurisdiction, how to file complaints, we  
2 were attending ward meetings, beat meetings,  
3 community meetings, meetings at churches and  
4 things of that nature, and that was really  
5 targeted at those ZIP codes, those wards, those  
6 police districts that had the highest level of  
7 complaints, and making sure that they were  
8 educated and informed on who COPA was and how to  
9 file complaints.

10 So, really, from there, we moved to  
11 partnering with City agencies like Chicago Public  
12 Library, Chicago Public Schools, Department of  
13 Family and Supportive Services and many others.

14 We really started to focus more on  
15 youth. It was really something when Chief  
16 Roberts came on in 2018. Her and I really talked  
17 about how we had been impacted personally as a  
18 kid that grew up on the south side of Chicago,  
19 between south and west side I guess you can say,  
20 and Chief Roberts who came from -- as a child  
21 from a law enforcement family. We really saw  
22 that youths' voice was instrumental and very  
23 important, and we needed to make sure that they  
24 were not being left behind in this police

1 oversight. Especially after the death of Laquan  
2 McDonald, we saw how many youth went to the  
3 streets and protested and lifted their voice.  
4 And we made sure to find a way to amplify the  
5 voices of young people.

6           So what we have been able to do  
7 through our youth engagement is create platforms,  
8 so not only can we engage youth and help them  
9 understand who we are, but we felt like that  
10 would be just kind of only scratching the surface  
11 if we only kind of talked at them.

12           We really wanted to bring them  
13 along in a conversation and really hear from them  
14 in a way that we hadn't done in the past.

15           And we understand with COPA that  
16 often people see us as an investigative agency  
17 that's investigating allegations of police  
18 misconduct, but those outcomes can be polarizing,  
19 right? Some may agree or disagree with outcomes  
20 and often just based on how many are weighing the  
21 facts.

22           But COPA being more than just an  
23 investigative outreach -- investigative agency,  
24 really saw outreach as a way of being also an

1 informer to the public and educator to the  
2 public, and also a platform where we could hear.

3           And so what we were able to create  
4 working with organizations like Mikva Challenge,  
5 which are really champions, youth, and social  
6 justice kind of efforts and education here in the  
7 City of Chicago. We were also able to partner  
8 with Junior Achievement. Junior Achievement is  
9 the world's largest organization dedicated to  
10 empowering students through its Junior  
11 Achievement career success and job shadow  
12 programs.

13           We partner with organizations like  
14 this to really engage youth in ways that we  
15 believe not only inform them but, again, kind of  
16 brought them along in a conversation.

17           And so what we have really been  
18 able to do is focus on going to the schools over  
19 the past few years and creating a curriculum or  
20 what we call an educational symposium to really  
21 engage them in mock debriefings, mock  
22 investigations. Literally bringing an  
23 investigation to young people and having them go  
24 through the process and having staff participate

1 as well to educate the youth on how to look at  
2 facts, how to look at body-worn camera video, how  
3 to not make judgment just on what you see on  
4 social media.

5           And from that, we really were able  
6 to not only engage youth, we first started on the  
7 west side of Chicago at Michele Clark Public  
8 School, and what was supposed to be a one-day  
9 kind of talking to juniors and seniors turned  
10 into a three-day talking to almost 400 youth. An  
11 opportunity that we really felt like we had  
12 something there and that we wanted to take to  
13 other schools also.

14           So we began working with the  
15 schools on the south side of Chicago, like Carver  
16 High School, obviously Michele Clark, as I've  
17 already mentioned. We started working with -- I  
18 apologize. Some of them are escaping. We  
19 started working with Corliss High School,  
20 Sullivan High School, Amundsen, Chicago Military,  
21 Lake View. And just over the years of being able  
22 to perfect this, we really were able to start  
23 bringing youth -- this was right before the  
24 pandemic unfortunately hit our City and state and



1 obviously our country. We were able to bring  
2 young people to COPA, also to spend the day with  
3 us going through the investigative process,  
4 meeting with some of our staff. And it was  
5 really to encourage also career paths. And from  
6 that, we expanded even further, going to Kennedy  
7 King College, Northwestern, DePaul, Chicago  
8 State, Loyola, Wright College, National Louis  
9 University. Really, again, to engage youth.

10           And so this is a component that we  
11 have started with youth, but we really will be  
12 looking to expand to adults as well, walking them  
13 through our investigative process, and even  
14 providing mock investigations where they can kind  
15 of take on that role as investigator, as witness,  
16 and things that nature.

17           So we're excited about the efforts  
18 of even moving that to virtually within the past  
19 few months due to the pandemic.

20           We haven't stopped. We've just  
21 gotten more creative in how we have done it.

22           So we also want to offer this  
23 opportunity to anyone that's watching or  
24 listening this evening. If it's something that

1 you're interested in, COPA has been able to take  
2 this on the road, now virtually and in person,  
3 and so as we engage youth and we engage adults,  
4 we're just mindful of bringing everyone along in  
5 the conversation. Some of the most empowered  
6 people are those that are informed. And so we  
7 just want to make sure that we're doing that as a  
8 civilian oversight agency for the City of  
9 Chicago.

10 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Ephraim, so who should  
11 members of the public get in contact with if they  
12 would like for you to come to their block club or  
13 to their church group or virtual on Zoom?

14 MR. EPHRAIM EADDY: So actually on our  
15 website at ChicagoCOPA.org, if they go to the  
16 contact page, there is a community outreach.  
17 They fill out the form right there that asks for  
18 name, e-mail address, phone number, tell us what  
19 they would like us to do. It could just be a  
20 general presentation about how COPA is and what  
21 we do or something more in-depth like we do with  
22 the youth. Obviously we want to do it with  
23 adults as well. However you want us, whenever  
24 you want us, and almost wherever you want us.

1 We've been just about everywhere in the City of  
2 Chicago doing about 200 presentations a year. We  
3 will definitely come. We are here to serve  
4 people. We see this as police accountability  
5 takes all of us and we really mean that.

6 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you very much.

7 Before we go to the public comments.

8 Superintendent, I got an e-mail the other day the  
9 Police Department is hiring, so I'm going to  
10 allow you to give a few words.

11 SUPERINTENDENT BROWN: It is the most  
12 rewarding job that you could ever take on,  
13 particularly during the most challenging time to  
14 be a cop. And you will change the lives of  
15 people for the better.

16 You heard earlier that often times  
17 police saw the social service of last resort by  
18 default, but people in need often times call 911,  
19 and you will be able to help people in need, as  
20 well as protect the communities in some of the  
21 most diverse, you know, really high-energy,  
22 enthusiastic neighborhoods. Just Chicago is like  
23 no other city in the country. In my opinion, you  
24 would just love serving the people of Chicago.

1 And we are really wanting to hire a very diverse  
2 workforce. We're putting together a very  
3 aggressive ground game. We know we are competing  
4 across the country. There's emphasis on  
5 recruiting diverse -- a diverse pool of  
6 candidates to be police officers. So we want to  
7 have an aggressive, in-person ground game, urban  
8 radio ground game. We want to be on military  
9 bases at colleges and universities, at job fairs  
10 convincing young people especially to come on  
11 board and help us serve the people of Chicago.

12 So you'll hear more from me on this  
13 pitch. And we're going to, as best we can,  
14 ensure that we have a large pool of people that  
15 we can get into the neighborhoods of this City to  
16 help do one of the best jobs I believe you can  
17 take on. So thanks, Ghian, for that.

18 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Wonderful. Thank you so  
19 much.

20 As we move to public comments, I  
21 would like to remind every one of the Board's  
22 policy and participations at these meetings. We  
23 value your comments and questions on  
24 police-related matters, and we will treat you

1 with courtesy and respect. We expect all members  
2 of the public to treat everyone at this meeting  
3 in a similar manner. Please note that personal  
4 attacks and obscene language are strictly  
5 prohibited and that repeated violations of the  
6 Board's policy may result in the violator not  
7 being permitted to participate in future Board  
8 meetings.

9 I will now call upon members of the  
10 public who signed up in advance to speak. Each  
11 speaker will be unmuted after I call his or her  
12 name.

13 First speaker, Renee Nowlin. Ms.  
14 Nowlin, if you can unmute.

15 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CAPRONI: This is Max  
16 Caproni. Just a reminder to speakers on the  
17 phone, you can express \*6 to unmute.

18 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you.

19 MS. NOWLIN: Thank you for that reminder.  
20 Can you hear me, everyone?

21 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Yes, ma'am.

22 MS. NOWLIN: I am honored to be here and  
23 have the opportunity to speak this evening. My  
24 name is Renee Nowlin. I am the secretary of KECS

1 Block Club Association, which is in 4th District.  
2 And I am calling today in regards to a community  
3 organizer within 4th District. We had a report  
4 -- our organization is around 19 blocks strong  
5 within the 7th Ward, and we also partner with  
6 allies in the surrounding communities. And we  
7 had been building a partnership with the police  
8 in our community -- or working to do that. And  
9 we had built a rapport with our community  
10 organizer, which we were saddened to hear that he  
11 retired last fall. And from what I understand,  
12 it's been on hold to have another community  
13 organizer. And I'm just reaching out, stressing  
14 the importance of having one in our area and  
15 seeing if there's any updates.

16 I understand there's been talk  
17 about it, but I don't know if anything has been  
18 done as far as the hiring and interviewing  
19 process.

20 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Superintendent?

21 SUPERINTENDENT BROWN: Yes, Deputy Chief  
22 Talley is on, ma'am, and she -- if you are  
23 willing to share your contact information, she  
24 will follow up with you on the process that we're

1 going through to hire for that position.

2 MS. NOWLIN: Absolutely. My e-mail or phone  
3 number or what?

4 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Max Caproni from the  
5 Police Board, he will share your contact  
6 information, so we don't --

7 MS. NOWLIN: That's wonderful.

8 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: We don't want your  
9 e-mail on CAN TV.

10 MS. NOWLIN: Thank you. I appreciate that.

11 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Next speaker, Jennifer  
12 Edwards. Ms. Edwards. Max, what are we pressing  
13 again to unmute?

14 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CAPRONI: \*6 if you are  
15 calling in by phone.

16 MS. EDWARDS: How about now, can you hear me  
17 now? Thank you. Good evening, everybody.

18 On Saturday, 3/13/21 at 1:05 a.m.,  
19 we received a text message about a large  
20 gathering at the Completion Barber Shop, second  
21 floor, at 543 East 75th Street, that someone was  
22 shooting and everyone was running.

23 We were later told that the 3rd  
24 District was out with multiple officers looking

1 for bullet shells even though this address is on  
2 the 6th District side of 75th Street. A few 6th  
3 District cars were also present.

4 When calling the 6th District  
5 inquiring about the incident, no police reports  
6 and no 911 calls were found.

7 It has been noted by many block  
8 clubs and community members that numerous 911  
9 calls are needed in order to get police cars to  
10 come out for police matters in our neighborhoods.

11 We are told that it is the 911  
12 prioritizing that causes this. That area on East  
13 75th Street has three places that community  
14 members have been reporting about illegal  
15 parties; 606 East 75th on the 3rd side, 543 on  
16 the 6th side, and 741 on the 6th side.

17 We are afraid that we will soon  
18 have more situations as the shooting on Sunday  
19 morning at 6700 South Chicago Avenue.

20 Can we request more collaboration  
21 with crime on district boundaries between 3 and 6  
22 and more help from BACP enforcing closing and  
23 shutting down these parties that are not COVID  
24 safe and have high crime potential?



1                   We understand that the police  
2 districts are writing complaints on these  
3 addresses, but BACP has not closed them yet.

4                   The 3rd District has written  
5 several complaints and fines but the activity  
6 continues.

7                   We hope to go ahead or at least get  
8 ahead of these situations before spring and  
9 summer begin.

10                   We thank you for the DCO programs  
11 that are starting in our areas and we look  
12 forward to working with CPD.

13                   PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you.  
14 Superintendent?

15                   SUPERINTENDENT BROWN: Yes. This has been a  
16 focus of ours in our planning for the spring and  
17 summer, and we are in collaboration with BACP and  
18 our Troubled Buildings Unit to shut these  
19 locations down.

20                   Deputy Chief Talley will follow up  
21 with this caller to make sure we get all of the  
22 addresses and locations that she just listed and  
23 we visit with BACP and Troubled Buildings and  
24 give her a follow-up on the actions we've taken.

1 MS. EDWARDS: Thank you. 3 and 6 have been  
2 doing a good job. We just need more help to get  
3 these places down. I love my 3rd District. I  
4 love my 6th District.

5 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Sorry to mute you. I'll  
6 get in trouble later, Ms. Edwards. We have to  
7 keep going.

8 Next speaker, Ms. June Norfleet.

9 MS. NORFLEET: Okay. Well, this is going to  
10 be an amplification of what my colleague Ms.  
11 Edwards said.

12 And this evening I'm going to talk  
13 to you once again about that low-hanging fruit.  
14 In my grandmother's orchard at night if you walk  
15 through there -- being a southern girl that I am,  
16 if you walk through an orchard at night, and you  
17 don't pay attention, you're going to get hit in  
18 the head with the low-hanging fruit.

19 Now, we thank you guys for  
20 continuing to give focus on low-hanging fruit,  
21 such as traffic violations and, if you nip them  
22 in the bud, they can be a disruptor of other  
23 significant crime that will happen; however, the  
24 travesty that happened at 67th and South Chicago

1 is because we did not manage our low-hanging  
2 fruit.

3 We were told that there would be  
4 these rapid deployed groups that would go out and  
5 seek out these pop-up parties that are in  
6 violation of our City ordinances. Apparently  
7 that didn't happen. And so we got hit in the  
8 head with the low-hanging fruit.

9 I'm asking, our community is  
10 pleading that you please investigate the  
11 locations on 75th and 79th Streets, as they have  
12 the potential to present the same type of  
13 disruptive event that occurred at 67th and South  
14 Chicago.

15 Do not get hit in the head with the  
16 low-hanging fruit. Pick it and get rid of it.  
17 Thank you so much for your support. And we look  
18 forward to continuing collaboration. Thank you,  
19 President Ghian.

20 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you. Next  
21 speaker, Matt Brandon. Mr. Brandon, \*6. Mr.  
22 Brandon. We'll come back to Mr. Brandon.

23 Next speaker, Eunice Chatman-Regis.

24 MS. CHATMAN-REGIS: Hello? Can you hear me?

1 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Yes, ma'am.

2 MS. CHATMAN-REGIS: Hello?

3 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Yes, we can hear you.

4 MS. CHATMAN-REGIS: Okay. Good evening. I  
5 thank you for genuine concern for the issues  
6 plaguing our community; however, the persistent  
7 continuation of these issues by violators who are  
8 not of the Chatham area is troublesome.

9 Regardless of the repeated efforts of Eberhart  
10 79th Block Club members and our numerous 911  
11 calls, Family Fresh Meat Market located at 457  
12 East 79th Street and its sister 24-hour store  
13 located at 521 East 79th Street are blights in  
14 our neighborhood. Repeatedly failed to exhibit  
15 good business practices as these held by Chicago  
16 BACP that issue business licenses. They harbor  
17 and promote illegal activities, they threaten the  
18 value of life and quality of life of the  
19 surrounding neighborhoods and residents, many of  
20 whom are owner-occupied buildings with families  
21 that include minors and school-aged children.

22 The continuation of illegal drug  
23 sales and loitering on public way outside the  
24 store by ten or more, even though the owners of

1 these businesses have signed no trespassing  
2 affidavits. Not practicing social distancing, no  
3 wearing masks during COVID-19 climates, selling  
4 of single cigarettes and going so far as to put  
5 up a grill on a public sidewalk and barbecuing in  
6 broad daylight. Why hasn't this stopped? It's  
7 frustrating. Your phone call log will attest to  
8 the fact that our neighborhood phone tree has  
9 numerous 911 calls to report the activities at  
10 this location.

11           On March 8th, 2018, the courtroom  
12 1111, Daley Center, case number 16M1403625, we  
13 went to court about the criminal incidents and  
14 arrests that occurred at 457 East 79th Street.  
15 At that time, Bobby, ghost owner, was ordered by  
16 the Court not to be on the premises of 457 East  
17 79th Street, even though several pseudo owners  
18 have leased that location, Bobby has never  
19 stopped going there.

20           On Tuesday of this week, I saw him  
21 unload merchandise at that location. He was  
22 cohorting with the loiterers as they were  
23 assisting him unloading goods as they took them  
24 in the building of 457 East 79th Street.

1                   While driving downtown on State  
2 Street, I've seen squad cars stationed along the  
3 median. Why can't a patrol car be stationed at  
4 79th and Eberhart?

5           PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Sorry. That was two  
6 minutes. But we get the points. I'll ensure  
7 that Max gets the information. Deputy Chief will  
8 ensure that Max gets this information to you, the  
9 contact information, as well as some of the  
10 addresses that we spoke about.

11                   Next speaker, Mr. Brad Redrick.

12           MR. REDRICK: So, Superintendent, members of  
13 the Board, again, as my first -- as the first  
14 speaker, Ms. Nowlin, from our district brought  
15 up, I'm here about the community organizer in the  
16 4th District.

17                   We're trying hard out here. As you  
18 can hear, there's block clubs working together.  
19 We're trying to build this safety net for both  
20 the Police Department and ourselves. And this  
21 deficit with this organizer is -- it's a sabotage  
22 on us. Okay? We're told that the DCOs will come  
23 in and miraculously be saviors with this new  
24 program. I don't believe it. I think that we

1 need a community organizer to stay on top of the  
2 block club situation. Let the police do the  
3 policing job. Let us get an organizer so we can  
4 get ourselves together.

5           This is urgent. And before we had  
6 a couple of years without an organizer in the 4th  
7 District, which needs two organizers because of  
8 its unique demographics. It's a huge district.  
9 A large English and Spanish population. So this  
10 needs to be acted on. We can't -- you know,  
11 we're getting the runaround, that's what it feels  
12 like.

13           So, again, we ask you,  
14 Superintendent and members of the Board, to help  
15 us. Okay? Again, I thank you for letting me  
16 speak.

17           PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you. Next  
18 speaker, Zedrick Braden.

19           MR. BRADEN: Can you hear me?

20           PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Yes, sir.

21           MR. BRADEN: Thank you. Good evening,  
22 Superintendent and Board members. I'm a Chicago  
23 attorney, long-term resident of Park Manor. Just  
24 want to commend the Superintendent for his work

1 and leadership. I'm old enough to remember the  
2 chaos that went on in Chicago during the '60s. I  
3 must say, it's no one's fault. It's certainly  
4 not anybody's fault here, but this is an  
5 all-hands-on-deck situation in terms of crime in  
6 Chicago.

7 We have two pandemics, COVID-19 and  
8 out-of-control crime. And, again, I know the  
9 Police Department is doing its best.

10 I want to piggyback off the things  
11 everyone else has said.

12 I just want to remind the Board and  
13 the Superintendent certainly transparency is an  
14 issue but public safety is paramount. That's all  
15 I want to say.

16 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you very much.  
17 Next speaker, John Perryman.

18 MR. PERRYMAN: Hi, good evening. Can you  
19 hear me?

20 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Yes, sir. Good evening,  
21 Mr. Perryman.

22 MR. PERRYMAN: Hi. I'm here just to let  
23 everyone know that I'm still here. We're still  
24 having problems. It was a year ago that I



1 reached out to the commander of the 11th about a  
2 problem we were having in our park, one of our  
3 few green spaces on the west side, and no one  
4 even bothered to get back to me, so I came to the  
5 Board meeting in April. That's 11 months ago.  
6 The Superintendent said he was ready to do a lot  
7 of things, I would be very happy, but sadly even  
8 today I went and it's possibly worse than it was  
9 11 months ago. So I just wanted to let you know  
10 I'm still here. This problem is still here.  
11 I've been told things are happening. I don't  
12 really believe it because 11 months is a  
13 ridiculously long time for any kind of  
14 investigation.

15 I was just wondering if the  
16 Superintendent would like to speak to this at  
17 all?

18 SUPERINTENDENT BROWN: Yep, I would. Mr.  
19 President?

20 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Please.

21 SUPERINTENDENT BROWN: I had a virtual call  
22 with Mr. Perryman a few weeks back. We had made  
23 some arrests and reported out to him and we made  
24 some commitments to do additional work. And I

1 know the XO of the 11th District is on the call  
2 to be able to give an update. Go ahead, Captain.

3 CAPTAIN PARHAM: Thank you very much,  
4 Superintendent. I just want to say, Lake and St.  
5 Louis is one of the priority problems our  
6 district is looking at. Lake and St. Louis is an  
7 operating table, and we as Chicago Police  
8 Department we are the surgeons. We're working  
9 with narcotics, we're working with the Park  
10 District. Narcotics is working our operation  
11 right now. They have 20 targets and they're  
12 waiting on approval by the ASA's office before  
13 they close it out.

14 Once it's done, we have a  
15 comprehensive plan between Commander McKenzie,  
16 the Deputy Chief's Office, to put a ton of  
17 resources in that area to make sure that the  
18 problem does not come back.

19 The Commander, the Deputy Chief's  
20 Office and the Park District are working on a  
21 plan to form a task force to take care of a  
22 homeless problem in that area. We are going to  
23 set them up with City services. We're going to  
24 reach out to people in the tents.

1           Like I said, it is a priority  
2 problem and we're tackling it from all fronts.

3           So just hold it tight,  
4 Mr. Perryman. I've talked to you about this.  
5 We're working on it.

6           SUPERINTENDENT BROWN: Thanks, Captain.

7           MR. PERRYMAN: Real quick, Mr. Foreman. I'm  
8 wondering if you can put me in touch with someone  
9 from the Mayor's Office who deals -- one of her  
10 deputies that deals on the police side that I  
11 could speak with. Is that something you could  
12 help me with?

13          PRESIDENT FOREMAN: I'll work on it. There  
14 is a vacancy in that office right now, but I will  
15 work on it. But you absolutely have the ability  
16 to give me a call any time as you normally do.  
17 So feel free to give me a call tomorrow, if you'd  
18 like, and we'll continue to work on this.

19          MR. PERRYMAN: I guess I hope I don't have  
20 to see you all next month.

21          PRESIDENT FOREMAN: I hope we do see you  
22 next month. We need your continued perseverance.  
23 I've connected you with Reverend Eaddy, I've  
24 connected you with someone in the Mayor's Office.

1 These problems are not -- they're not one to one.  
2 These are societal issues that we are dealing  
3 with. And we want your passion. We want you to  
4 continue to work within the community that you  
5 decided to live in, and we would like for you to  
6 continue to be a part of these meetings as well  
7 as a part of making the community better. I hope  
8 we see you next month. I hope your problem is  
9 gone, but I hope you continue to come back to  
10 these meetings. Thank you.

11 The next speaker Crista Noel.

12 MS. NOEL: Good evening, everyone. I just  
13 wanted to update everyone on the Nightengale  
14 shooting. I did have someone call me. A  
15 sergeant called me and he was surprisingly open  
16 about the investigation. There's still a  
17 question of whether or not Damia Smith was  
18 actually shot by Nightengale. But during our  
19 conversation, I realized that a spree shooter in  
20 particular is too rapidly evolving in order to do  
21 anything while it's going on. Once somebody  
22 decides that they are going to roll around the  
23 neighborhood and shoot people, police are really  
24 at a disadvantage. Even though he said that

1 there's protocol as far as mass shootings are  
2 concerned where it's one location, there is not  
3 protocol for if there is a spree shooter who's  
4 running around to different locations. He  
5 explained the disadvantages that occur as far as  
6 the OEMC is concerned. You can track a car, but  
7 because there's a 30-second delay in recognizing  
8 a plate, that someone on 79th Street could be off  
9 of 79th Street within 30 seconds and you wouldn't  
10 know where they were. So there's not reactive --  
11 well, there may be some reactive protocol that  
12 can be put in place, but in all actuality, a  
13 spree shooter is very difficult to deal with.

14           So we have to load the front end.  
15 We have to be proactive. And when we find that  
16 someone has domestic violence charges, we really  
17 have to look at -- because we know that domestic  
18 violence is connected to mass shootings, spree  
19 shootings, any kind of shooting, especially  
20 shootings of women, like in Atlanta, where you  
21 have seven women who were shot and killed. You  
22 have to load up the front, right? So I'm asking  
23 people in the Chicago Police Department and the  
24 City of Chicago to really look at mandatory

1 evaluations of people who have been charged and  
2 convicted of domestic violence incidents and  
3 mandatory --

4 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Sorry, Ms. Noel. I have  
5 to cut you off. I was trying to find a good  
6 break point.

7 Superintendent, this is Ms. Noel.  
8 You know Ms. Noel. Actually, I think this might  
9 be another good place for, Deputy Chief, maybe  
10 for you to also connect with Ms. Noel. She's  
11 always a very good resource for us here at the  
12 Police Board, and I think you guys would have a  
13 really good relationship.

14 Next speaker, Flora Suttle.

15 MS. SUTTLE: Good evening.

16 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Good evening, Ms.  
17 Suttle.

18 MS. SUTTLE: Excuse me. I've had a tooth  
19 extracted today so I sound muffled.

20 A couple of points I'd like to make  
21 today. Of course you know I'm speaking on behalf  
22 of my son, Derrick Suttle, who was killed by an  
23 off-duty male black police officer February 11th,  
24 2012. I requested that his case be reopened. It

1 was closed by IPRA and COPA. I requested -- made  
2 that request with the Inspector General, Ms.  
3 Deborah Witzburg. I'd like to know from her the  
4 status of my request, number one.

5           Number two. Chief Roberts during  
6 her presentation -- her speech, she mentioned  
7 that audio, video recordings could be released to  
8 the public who -- who are accompanied by their  
9 attorney. My question is, without an attorney,  
10 there's no release of the audio or the video?

11 Number one.

12           Or number two. It's like me, you  
13 have all the audio, and I can release it at any  
14 time to the public if I choose. First question  
15 to Ms. Witzburg. I'm finished.

16           PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Okay.

17           MS. WITZBURG: Hi, Ms. Suttle. I do have an  
18 update on our last conversation. I'd like to  
19 speak with you about it directly. If tomorrow is  
20 a good time, I will give you a call tomorrow.

21           MS. SUTTLE: Tomorrow would be great. Thank  
22 you.

23           MS. WITZBURG: Thank you.

24           PRESIDENT FOREMAN: And, Chief Roberts?

1 CHIEF ROBERTS: Yes. Thank you. Hi, Ms.  
2 Suttle. Actually, anyone who has filed a  
3 complaint may make a request to have a copy of  
4 their -- any associated video or certain other  
5 records that are associated with your complaint.  
6 You don't have to be represented by an attorney.  
7 That was one of the specific things that were in  
8 the -- in the executive order. So if there is  
9 video that we have in our possession that you  
10 don't have, you know, we can get that to you. We  
11 can reach out to you tomorrow or the following  
12 day. Is that something you would like? Or do  
13 you have all that you need?

14 MS. SUTTLE: No, I don't have all that I  
15 need. I'd like to get everything that you have.  
16 And tomorrow would be a great day to reach out to  
17 me.

18 CHIEF ROBERTS: Okay. We'll go through and  
19 see what we have.

20 MS. SUTTLE: Thank you so very much.

21 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you.

22 MS. SUTTLE: Be safe. Be well.

23 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Not often I smile when I  
24 call the next speaker. Our next speaker, I



1 haven't seen this man in a long time. George  
2 Blakemore. But unless he is calling from a  
3 different number, I'm not sure he's here today.  
4 George Blakemore.

5 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CAPRONI: Again, he can  
6 press \*6 no matter what number he is calling  
7 from.

8 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: \*6, Mr. Blakemore, if  
9 you're on. Well maybe next month. Mr.  
10 Blakemore, if you see this on CAN TV, we want you  
11 to call in. Please join us.

12 Our final speaker is Mr. Robert  
13 More. Mr. Robert More.

14 At this time, all members of the  
15 public who signed up to speak have been called.  
16 Is there a motion to adjourn?

17 BOARD MEMBER WOLFF: Paula Wolff. So moved.

18 BOARD MEMBER EADDY: Second. Michael Eaddy.

19 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: All in favor, please say  
20 aye.

21 (CHORUS OF AYES.)

22 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: The motion passes and  
23 the meeting is adjourned. Have a good evening.  
24 Stay safe.

1 (WHEREUPON, the proceedings  
2 were adjourned at 8:31 p.m.)

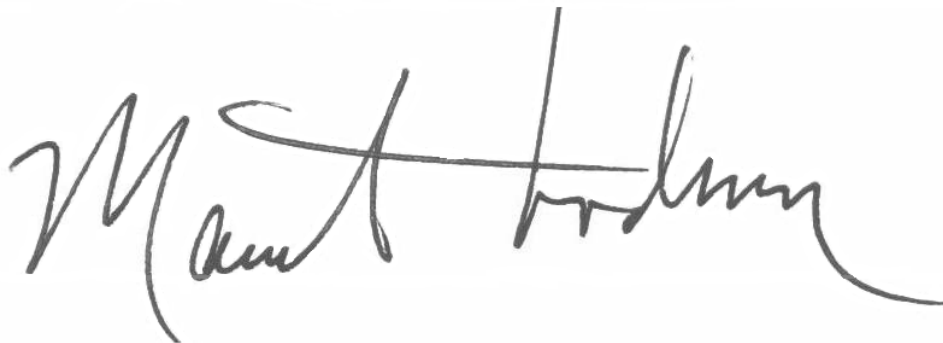
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