

1 COMMUNITY COMMISSION for PUBLIC SAFETY
2 And ACCOUNTABILITY

3 June 27, 2024
4 6:30 p.m.
5 St. Sabina Church
6 1210 West 78th Place
7 Chicago, Illinois

8 PRESENT:

9 MR. ANTHONY DRIVER, Commission member;
10 MS. REMEL TERRY, Commission member;
11 MS. SANDRA WORTHAM, Commission member;
12 MS. KELLY PRESLEY, Commission member;
13 MS. ABIERRE MINOR, Commission member;
14 MR. AARON GOTTLIEB, Commission member;
15 MR. ADAM GROSS, Executive Director.

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1 COMMISSIONER TERRY: Good evening, everyone.
2 Thank you all for being here. My name is
3 Commissioner Terry. And I'm going to call the
4 meeting to order. The June 27th, 2024, meeting
5 of the Community Commission For Public Safety and
6 Accountability is called to order.

7 The next order of business will
8 begin calling the roll to establish a quorum.
9 Commissioner Driver. Commissioner Gottlieb.

10 COMMISSIONER GOTTLIEB: Present.

11 VICE PRESIDENT TERRY: Commissioner Minor.

12 COMMISSIONER MINOR: Present.

13 COMMISSIONER TERRY: Commissioner Presley.

14 COMMISSIONER PRESLEY: Present.

15 COMMISSIONER TERRY: Commissioner Terry,
16 present. Commissioner Wortham.

17 COMMISSIONER WORTHAM: Present.

18 COMMISSIONER TERRY: With five of the six
19 members of the Community Commission for Public
20 Safety and Accountability present, we have a
21 quorum, and we can conduct the Commission's
22 business.

23 The next line item of business is
24 public comment. If you would like to share

1 something related to the Commission's work on
2 public safety and accountability, you have a few
3 options. You can speak at a public meeting. You
4 can also submit public comment in writing by
5 emailing your comment to
6 CommunityCommissionPublicComment@CityofChicago.org.
7 Or you can bring a copy of your comment to one of
8 the Commission's public meetings and give it to
9 someone on the Commission or someone on the
10 Commission staff.

11 People who wanted to speak during
12 the public comment period tonight were asked to
13 submit their names in writing earlier. Names were
14 then drawn at random by a member of the Commission
15 staff. Speakers will be called in order in which
16 their names were drawn.

17 If your name is called to offer
18 public comment, we ask that you approach the
19 microphone, line up in the order in which your
20 name is called. If for any reason you are unable
21 to come to the microphone, please flag a member
22 of our staff so that a microphone can be brought
23 to you. When it is your turn to speak, please
24 say your name, then spell your name, then offer

1 your comments. Each speaker will have two
2 minutes. We have allotted of total 20 minutes
3 for public comment. So we're going to start with
4 our virtual comments, and the first one we have
5 on the list is Megan Merrill. Okay. So we're
6 switching over to our in-person comments.

7 So I'll call three names, and if you
8 all can line up. Remember to spell your name for
9 the record, and then you have two minutes for
10 your comments. Norma Jean, Beth Rochford, and
11 Andy Williams, Junior.

12 MS. ROCHFORD: Elizabeth Rockford,
13 R-O-C-H-F-O-R-D. I'm a leader with ONE Northside
14 and a member of its police accountability team. We
15 pushed for the Consent Decree because we had no
16 other options for police reform and knew changes
17 needed to be made. Many of our members had been
18 victims of police misconduct, and we were compelled
19 to take action to stop this.

20 We always knew that the changes this
21 decree called for would be the floor, the minimum
22 requirement for change to the structure of policing
23 in Chicago. This is why we worked to pass the ECPS
24 ordinance.

1 Once passed, I ran for and was
2 elected to the 17th District Council and served my
3 constituents who are asking for much more than the
4 minimum but real reform.

5 I recently argued to the Court
6 against putting traffic stops into the decree.
7 Pretextual traffic stops are a problem, but they
8 should be addressed by us and not the system that
9 is behind schedule in getting done what they have
10 been tasked to correct.

11 We give the community a voice for
12 reform that did not exist when this decree was
13 agreed upon. I'm a nominator, and I told the Court
14 that I believe that the Commissioners we nominated
15 are dedicated to this policy change, and that we
16 have every confidence that you will act swiftly to
17 address this when you were seated.

18 Many District Councilors have gotten
19 extensive community input on this issue. I have
20 gotten 120 signatures to support having you address
21 this issue and believe we are the only institution
22 who the community can trust to get this work done.
23 Traffic stop policy, interview expert witnesses,
24 and gather input from cities and other

1 municipalities who have implemented these reforms.

2 Let your decisions on this be data
3 informed and community affirmed.

4 I urge you to keep control of this
5 policy reform and be the voice for safe and
6 constitutional traffic stops in the future. Please
7 take this chance to make the change that people of
8 Chicago want and deserve. Thank you.

9 COMMISSIONER TERRY: Thank you.

10 MR. WILLIAMS, JR.: My name is Andy Williams,
11 Junior, a/k/a the hood candidate. I'm here with
12 AWJ Ministries. That's my own ministry based on
13 Isaiah 61:1, setting captives free. I speak from
14 lived experience. August 27, 2019, I was involved
15 in a traffic stop. Four undercover cops. Traffic
16 stop lasted an hour long. There's a lawsuit. I've
17 been fighting it for five years. I think -- while
18 I appreciate Joy for Impact Equity talking about
19 the policies, but I want you all to do more than
20 policies. I want you to abolish pretextual stops,
21 because if a pretextual stop is for public safety,
22 then why we generate revenue from the pretextual
23 stops? If pretextual stops are for safety, then
24 why do we lose our lives with pretextual stops?

1 Somebody is saying we're doing stops for safety,
2 but guns are drawn for trying to save my life for
3 not wearing a seat belt. Wait, that life is not
4 here anymore, Dexter Reed.

5 So if we're really going to deal
6 with this, I would ask the panel and the people to
7 start with 1865 when slavery was legally abolished
8 and recognize traffic stops are just another badge
9 and incident of slavery that violates Section 2 of
10 the 13th Amendment. Traffic stops are
11 unconstitutional.

12 Adam is an attorney. Great policy
13 work, advocacy, great. Abolish the pretextual
14 stops, unless it deals with public safety, which
15 involves commercial vehicles, because we're
16 driving, people, that's what we're doing. We don't
17 get stopped unless we're involved in a traffic
18 accident.

19 I'm not coming for policy. I'm
20 coming with the people's rights. And if you're
21 going to be the Commission, help us live. Help us
22 travel lawfully on the road that all of our
23 ancestors created, so we don't have another Dexter
24 Reed.

1 I was fortunate enough to make it
2 out of my traffic stop. But we see what keeps
3 happening. Abolish the pretextual stops. Thank
4 you

5 COMMISSIONER TERRY: Thank you. Is Norma Jean
6 here? Thank you.

7 So our next three speakers to the
8 mic, David Boykin, Emily LaFlamme, Tiwon Sims.

9 MR. BOYKIN: David Boykin. D-A-V-I-D,
10 B-O-Y-K-I-N. 6th District police council member.

11 I urge the new Commission to
12 immediately make police policy to end pretextual
13 traffic stops. CPD's use of traffic stops is
14 racially disparate, mostly stopping people of
15 African descent and then people of LatinX origin.

16 Studies show that pretextual traffic
17 stops are an ineffective use of police resources,
18 as it rarely leads to the arrest or seizure of
19 weapons or drugs.

20 Pretextual traffic stops do,
21 however, lead to an increased number of unnecessary
22 encounters between everyday unarmed citizens,
23 especially militarized tactical units, and any one
24 of these interactions can easily escalate into a

1 vicious killing, like the one we all witnessed in
2 the case of Dexter Reed.

3 The Commission has the power to make
4 such police policy, just as it made a police policy
5 in November of last year that prohibited the
6 members of the CPD from being members of racist
7 white delusional hate groups, like the Oath
8 Keepers.

9 I support the Free2Move Coalition
10 and three-part policy to interracially biased
11 pretextual traffic stops that includes, one, ending
12 pretextual stops outright; two, limiting stops for
13 specific low-level offenses like broken taillight,
14 expired registration that don't present any real
15 safety dangers; and three, ending suspicion
16 searches during traffic stops. Thank you.

17 COMMISSIONER TERRY: Thank you.

18 MS. LaFLAMME: Hi, I'm Emily LaFlamme,
19 L-A-F-L-A-M-M-E. I'm here to speak on behalf of
20 Impact for Equity and the Free2Move Coalition. We
21 implore CCPSA to create a policy to end pretextual
22 stops.

23 As a part of the Community
24 Commission with the powers to implement policy, you

1 have an essential role to turn community issues and
2 advocacy into action and make transformative
3 change. The Independent Monitor, Superintendent,
4 and Attorney General are eager to include traffic
5 stops into the Consent Decree, which is why the
6 CCPSA must act now, so that residents can have a
7 voice and have policy shaped.

8 We appreciate the Commissioners
9 unifying during the Consent Decree hearing on
10 traffic stops, but we must be able to trust that
11 the Commission will speak and act on behalf with
12 CPD and the City.

13 CCPSA has heard from advocates and
14 those directly impacted for months now. It is
15 clear that traffic stops are excessive, harmful,
16 and ineffective.

17 The Free2Move Coalition has
18 addressed CCPSA about this issue over the last
19 year, and yet there has not been any movement to
20 fix this problem.

21 As a result, the community has
22 concerns that the Commission will not swiftly
23 address pretextual traffic stops, but with the new
24 permanent Commission being seated, now is the time

1 to take meaningful action.

2 In order to show the community that
3 you are serious about the commitment you spoke to
4 at the Consent Decree hearing, you need to begin
5 moving forward. A first step would be to schedule
6 a July hearing about traffic stops with the
7 community and experts and talk about the problem
8 and potential solutions. Time is of the essence
9 and the Free2Move Coalition stands eager and ready
10 to contribute. Thank you.

11 COMMISSIONER TERRY: Thank you.

12 MR. SIMS: Time is of the essence. June 25th,
13 Chicago Heights, 19-year-old. June 26th, West
14 93rd. Since 2024, there have been 249 slain. Five
15 shot, two killed, Rosen. June 19th, three shot,
16 one killed. April 2nd, 15-year-old. March 2013,
17 38-year-old. June 25th, Rogers Park, woman was
18 just found the other night. 19-year-old, Rogers
19 Park, February 26th. Public safety. But we got
20 talking points. That's what the lady who called
21 me, show us some talking points. But the point is
22 -- you want to play games with the mic. I can say
23 it louder. Step back and say. The point is, Black
24 Americans here in the City of Chicago have no

1 public safety, and so we're going to utilize
2 talking points.

3 COMMISSIONER DRIVER: We want to make sure --

4 MR. SIMS: The Free2Move Equity or whatever,
5 we don't have freedom to move, because that's just
6 a few of the names or a few of the moments that
7 have happened here in the City of Chicago. 249
8 slain. Let's just guesstimate the percentage of
9 that being Black Americans. What percentage is
10 that? How many Black people y'all think fell? How
11 many Black people you see on the news every night,
12 Black Americans? But we going to utilize our
13 breath, we going to use it for talking points, and
14 not about the real issue of what's happening with
15 us in the City of Chicago. Right? Going to say we
16 need the freedom to move, but the freedom to move
17 means freedom to live. It's not just happening in
18 cars, not just happening like that. What we are
19 saying, we need to stop pretextual -- look, 2020,
20 July 22nd, I was stopped, jumped on by criminals
21 dressed up as police. But just didn't happen then.
22 I was stopped when I was 17 -- 15. I was locked
23 away for two years for no reason, but I'm not here
24 to speak about that. I want to talk about now.

1 COMMISSIONER TERRY: Bring it to a close.

2 MR. SIMS: I just want to talk about now.

3 COMMISSIONER TERRY: Thank you. June
4 Norfleet, 3rd District Councilor, Pastor Doyle, and
5 Erin Vogel. June Norfleet. Is June here?
6 Decline. Okay. Pastor Doyle and then Erin Vogel.

7 PASTOR DOYLE: Good evening. For the record,
8 D-O-Y-L-E, Landry, L-A-N-D-R-Y. So this is going
9 to be a different type of public address that you
10 all have gotten used to because -- well, you will
11 understand.

12 So as a Marine Corps veteran,
13 Veterans Day was November 11th. The very next day
14 at the Walgreens at 86th and Cottage, with
15 citizens, specifically black grandmothers, who
16 needed things to get ready for church, I had an
17 altercation with an African American pharmacy
18 manager who was stressed in her job. My question
19 to her, Who's the pharmacy manager?

20 Three weeks later, in terms of my
21 December 7th release from Cook County Jail -- yes,
22 I was arrested that day, because the officer who
23 showed up did not understand Walgreen's policy.

24 So fast forward to today, another

1 court for me, because people are wondering what am
2 I going to do as a result of the African American
3 female officer who disregarded my request not to
4 engage.

5 At the end of the day, meaning court
6 appearance today -- all of these people can do the
7 research for. My point in that is, I have the
8 resources as a journalist, a Marine Corps veteran,
9 and a pastor to advocate for me. What about those
10 in the communities, especially served by the
11 districts, who may not have the same resources,
12 because as I close, Walgreens will be effectively
13 dealt with. There are a number of alder-people who
14 are aware of the situation, and, again, today was a
15 court date for me where --

16 COMMISSIONER DRIVER: Your time is expiring.
17 Wrap up your comment.

18 PASTOR DOYLE: Because, again, from the
19 standpoint of three weeks in Cook County Jail,
20 including the Thanksgiving holiday, simply for
21 doing God's work.

22 COMMISSIONER TERRY: Thank you.

23 MS. VOGEL: Hi, good evening. My name is Erin
24 Vogel, V-O-G-E-L. I'm a District Councilor in the

1 9th District. Welcome to all the new
2 Commissioners. Nice to have you here.

3 I want to talk today about urging
4 you all to hold a hearing in July about pretextual
5 traffic stops.

6 As a councilor, one of the things
7 that I have heard from our community is complaints
8 about police response time, complaints about how
9 our residents are treated by police, and what we've
10 already heard today in the comments is lives are at
11 stake and lives are on the line. I urge you to
12 take this request with urgency.

13 In my district alone, we have just
14 under 10 percent of the 9th District residents who
15 are black. They are 5 and a half times more likely
16 to be pulled over in a pretextual traffic stop than
17 their white counterparts. Not only is it a danger
18 to the folks traveling throughout the 9th District
19 who are of color, but this trauma impacts
20 communities as a whole.

21 So, again, I want to thank all the
22 people who have been fighting for this.

23 I agree with the gentleman who said
24 to abolish pretextual traffic stops. They do not

1 keep us safe. They do not keep our residents safe.

2 But beyond that, we need to figure
3 out ways to heal, and we do this by at least taking
4 the first step of addressing it, right, so panels.
5 And beyond that, there are people that have been
6 working tirelessly to bring this to you all. I
7 want to thank Impact for Equity, the Free2Move
8 Coalition, and then everybody who has been fighting
9 the voices and unfortunately the voices who are no
10 longer here because of pretextual traffic stops.
11 Thank you.

12 COMMISSIONER DRIVER: So we're going to
13 transition to our virtual and resume in person. So
14 the first person who is virtual is Megan Merrill.

15 MS. MERRILL: Thank you very much. My name is
16 Megan Merrill. M-E-G-A-N. M-E-R-R-I-L-L.

17 On April 21st, Officer Carmen Mostek
18 shot and killed a dog at pointblank range without
19 justification and endangering the life of the dog's
20 owner, with a bullet coming near inches from his
21 head. This happened in the 9th District in broad
22 daylight in front of witnesses, including a
23 seventh-grade boy.

24 Officer Mostek then lied to 911 and

1 to the 9th District responding officers to cover up
2 her act of violence.

3 9th District officers never bothered
4 to interview the victim. Officer Mostek then went
5 on week-long campaign of harassing and intimidating
6 community members who did nothing but support the
7 victim through his trauma and grief. This included
8 the trashing of community memorials three separate
9 times. Once she even dragged the trash can in
10 front of her door so we would know exactly who did
11 it.

12 COPA has recommended that Carmen
13 Mostek be fired, and I urge this Commission to do
14 everything in its power to make sure that Carmen
15 Mostek is fired, disarmed, and criminally charged
16 as appropriate.

17 I just want to be able to walk on my
18 own block with my child and my dog without fear.
19 Thank you.

20 COMMISSIONER TERRY: Thank you. Jaime
21 Vargas, virtual.

22 The next, Frank Chapman.

23 So the last three in-person we have
24 Roosevelt Banks, Troy Gaston, and Bonnie Logan.

1 MR. BANKS: Good evening, everyone. Two
2 minutes would not even begin to explain the pain
3 that I'm having with my nephew Dexter Reed being
4 killed by the police, shot 96 times. And you say
5 transparency, Snelling said transparency, but if
6 they don't block my nephew off, he's alive today.
7 If they don't have hoodies on like street people,
8 he be alive today. They don't draw their guns on
9 my nephew, he'd be alive today.

10 I don't understand for the life of
11 me how could five tactical officers have 41
12 complaints on them before my nephew is killed.
13 Then he was assassinated. They do administrative
14 leave of 30 days and nothing. I'm trying to -- you
15 know, because my sister, I'm seeing the pain that
16 she is going through. She is super depressed. My
17 niece, his sister -- you know, I mean the family,
18 two minutes is not enough time to understand the
19 pain of you have officers that pulled out guns,
20 weapons drawn, don't identify that they was the
21 police. They never said they was the police
22 officers. So I'm trying to wait on the process,
23 because they were saying that my nephew was an
24 athlete. He played basketball. He lead his team

1 to national championship 2016. He went to college.
2 So he was no person that -- you know, there's no
3 objective to the report that we got, the day we
4 received the footage. I said, Why is the narrative
5 blank? So the next day after they showed it to the
6 public, they had seat belt stop. They didn't have
7 that before. So seat belt stop my nephew.

8 That's why these stops need to stop.
9 That's why -- my question is, why is it five
10 tactical officers and 41 complaints on them? When
11 it should have been something after two or three.
12 Come on. I'm looking at the gentleman that was
13 killed on Cicero and the victim was shot. When you
14 could have simply tased these people. I'm just
15 done. I'm trusting the process. Pray to God. I'm
16 a Godly person, and I hope they get this one right.
17 We tired looking at the Laquan McDonalds, the Isaac
18 gentleman in Carol Stream, they just -- just still
19 praying. I apologize. I have a lot more to say,
20 but I have to respect the two minutes.

21 COMMISSIONER TERRY: Thank you.

22 MR. GASTON: Good evening, everyone. My name
23 is Troy Gaston with Black Lives Matters Global
24 Network. The first thing I want to say is thank

1 you, Father Pfleger, for having the Commission. We
2 appreciate you. Thanks for the Commission to
3 coming back. Last time I spoke to you guys, I was
4 talking about these pretextual stops. As you see
5 today, it's been a reason, it's urgent. And I even
6 get emotional seeing Dexter Reed's family coming
7 here, because you all got a lot of courage. I see
8 about three or four people here, they faces,
9 including myself, who stopped everything to get
10 this Commission together on the frontline knocking
11 on doors every day. Y'all our voice. And if you
12 look in the City of Chicago, particularly African
13 American men, we voiceless. And it's mostly our
14 mothers who is on the front line fighting for us,
15 you know. But we trust this Commission. I know I
16 do. I know I get a lot of feedback and dialogue
17 because there is not a lot of quick process here.
18 But Commissioner Terry, Driver -- I don't know any
19 of you other guys. I hope I get to know you guys,
20 but I trust Commissioner Terry, and I trust you,
21 Driver. I'm just asking y'all can y'all please
22 stop these pretextual stops. It is imperative for
23 our lives to be saved. If you look at these stops,
24 87 percent are African American and brown people,

1 and then 76 percent of the (inaudible) encounters
2 are dealing with black and brown people.

3 We don't need a person dressed like
4 a gang member with a gun stopping somebody for a
5 seat belt. It's common sense. So we behind y'all,
6 and I appreciate. Thank you, all.

7 MS. LOGAN: Good evening, Commissioners and
8 community. My name is Bonnie Logan. B-O-N-N-I-E
9 L-O-G-A-N. I work for Equiticity, a nonprofit here
10 in Chicago. We're one of the steering committee
11 partners of the Free2Move Coalition. My colleague,
12 Jose Manuel Amanza, he wanted to be here this
13 evening. He is our director of advocacy and
14 movement build, and he recently wrote a blog. The
15 entirety of the blog can be found on our website.
16 He wrote, "Traffic stops are often used as an
17 excuse for cops to dig deeper, especially if you're
18 black or brown. Studies show that folks like us
19 are way more likely to get pulled over, searched
20 and even treated with violence during these stops,
21 compared to white folks. And it's not just about
22 what happens during the stop. It's about the fear
23 and mistrust it leaves behind. And when you're
24 scared that a simple traffic violation can turn

1 into something way worse, it undermines your sense
2 of safety and security in your own community.

3 In 2023, Equiticity partnered with
4 UIC, Lawndale Christian Legal Center and The
5 Center on Halsted to talk to community members on
6 the south and west sides of Chicago, to hear
7 their experiences, their experiences getting
8 pulled over by the Chicago Police Department.
9 Community members were clear they express
10 frustration at the responsibility placed on
11 residents to be aware of their rights during
12 police stops. They called for increased
13 accountability for officers and emphasized the
14 need for better transparency and law enforcement
15 procedures.

16 We urge the Commission to schedule a
17 July hearing about traffic stops. Thank you

18 COMMISSIONER TERRY: Thank you.

19 COMMISSIONER DRIVER: We've reached the end
20 of the public comment period. Thank you again for
21 all our speakers. We value your input.

22 The next order of business is the
23 approval of the minutes.

24 Before today's meeting, draft

1 minutes of the Commission's meeting held on May
2 30th, 2024, were shared with all Commissioners.
3 Are there any corrections to the draft minutes that
4 have been circulated?

5 (NO RESPONSE.)

6 COMMISSIONER DRIVER: If there are no
7 corrections, is there a motion to approve the
8 minutes of the Commission meeting held on May 30th.

9 COMMISSIONER TERRY: So moved.

10 COMMISSIONER DRIVER: Is there any second.

11 COMMISSIONER PRESLEY: Second.

12 COMMISSIONER DRIVER: Moved by Commissioner
13 Terry and seconded by Commissioner Presley to
14 approve the minutes of the May 30th, 2024, meeting.
15 Is there any debate on the motion?

16 (NO RESPONSE.)

17 COMMISSIONER DRIVER: Hearing none, we'll now
18 move into a vote. Those in favor of adopting the
19 motion to approve the minutes of the Commission's
20 May 30th, 2024, meeting signify by saying aye.

21 (CHORUS OF AYES.)

22 COMMISSIONER DRIVER: Are there any nays?

23 (NO RESPONSE.)

24 COMMISSIONER DRIVER: The ayes have it and the

1 motion carries. The minutes are approved.

2 Our next order of business will be
3 new business. We will begin with the
4 introduction of the newly appointed Commission.

5 Since September of 2022, we've had
6 an interim Commission in place. Under the
7 ordinance creating the Commission, members of the
8 Commission are supposed to be nominated by
9 elected District Council members, but the
10 Commission was created before the District
11 Council elections were held, so the City Council
12 nominated people to serve on the interim
13 Commission and the Mayor appointed Commissioners
14 from the City Council's nominees. Once the
15 District Council members were selected, they
16 began the process to select new Commissioners.

17 The process began almost a year ago
18 when the District Council Nominating Committee
19 met for the first time. The Nominating Committee
20 is made up of one District Council member from
21 each of the 22 districts across the City. They
22 held regular public meetings to develop an
23 application and design a fair process for
24 reviewing applications. They got a lot of input

1 from people across the City about what qualities
2 to look for in Commissioners. There was an open
3 application process, and they received 120
4 applications. The Nominating Committee
5 interviewed 33 of the applicants and then
6 nominated 15 people to fill the 7 seats on the
7 Commission.

8 In April, Mayor Johnson selected 7
9 people to serve on the Commission. And in May,
10 the City Council confirmed 6 of the 7
11 Commissioners.

12 Our appointments went into effect
13 Monday, June 24, 2024, making today the first
14 public meeting of the Commission created using
15 the District Council nominating process.

16 Tonight, the new Commissioners would
17 like to introduce themselves. They will each
18 have three minutes apiece.

19 COMMISSIONER GOTTLIEB: Good evening. Thank
20 you for being here tonight. My name is Aaron
21 Gottlieb. I'm a north side resident of the 30th
22 Ward and 25th Police District. I'm excited and
23 honored to serve you as a CCPSA commissioner. I've
24 dedicated my career much of my life outside of work

1 to issues around public safety and criminal/legal
2 reform. I am a social worker, professor, and
3 researcher at the University of Chicago's Crown
4 Family School of Social Work, and I've spent 15
5 years studying, teaching, and researching the
6 criminal/legal system.

7 But my experience is not just
8 academic. As a community advocate, I served on a
9 Consent Decree working group that made many
10 recommendations around how to improve use-of-force
11 policy. Moreover, as a member of the ECPS
12 Coalition, I was deeply invested, working alongside
13 other advocates across the City to get the
14 ordinance that created this Community Commission
15 District Council passed.

16 It is this community work that
17 initially inspired me to apply to be a
18 Commissioner. And I plan to continue collaborating
19 with the community to ensure that CCPSA lives up to
20 its promise.

21 This Commission, in collaboration
22 with other key stakeholders, can create a police
23 department that is more accountable to the
24 community and a City that is safer for everyone.

1 It is important to remember the
2 spirit of this ordinance and the injustices that
3 led to its creation. And I know with everyone's
4 commitment to improvement, we can make significant
5 changes.

6 Some of the issues that I'm
7 personally excited to work on include Consent
8 Decree compliance, low-level traffic stops and
9 other low-level police-initiated contact, public
10 safety resource allocation, clearance rates, and
11 domestic violence survivors' interactions with the
12 police.

13 The most exciting part of the
14 Commission's work, and I would argue the most
15 important, is the opportunity to learn from
16 community voice on the key issues of police
17 accountability and public safety. I'm expecting to
18 work closely with District Councilors who will
19 provide important insights about what is happening
20 locally in their communities.

21 I'm committed to taking the public
22 comments that are raised at our monthly meetings
23 seriously and to seeking out additional forums of
24 community input on any decisions that I have to

1 make as a Commissioner.

2 Ultimately, I feel a deep
3 responsibility to prioritize community voices and
4 the issues that communities raise. I expect to be
5 wholly accountable and work with me productively to
6 meet the challenges that we as a City face. While
7 I cannot promise specific outcomes, my promise to
8 you I will work extremely hard, that I will keep an
9 open mind and continue to learn, and I will
10 prioritize community engagement and the issues that
11 the community wants addressed. I'm looking forward
12 to working with you. Thank you so much.

13 COMMISSIONER MINOR: Greetings, members of the
14 community. My name is Abierre Minor. I am a child
15 of God and the eldest daughter of Arinian Flournoy
16 and the legendary late Darryl Minor, Junior, whose
17 picture is displayed somewhere around here due to
18 St. Sabina's Purpose Over Pain Program.

19 I'm from Chicago, 4th Ward, and 1st
20 Police District in the Bronzeville community. Fun
21 fact. My parents actually met and fell in love in
22 the Auburn/Gresham community, so my family has
23 strong roots in this community specifically.

24 I stand before you today as the

1 youth appointee for the Community Commission for
2 Public Safety and Police {SIC} Accountability.

3 I bring a unique perspective and a
4 proven track record for working collaboratively to
5 promote public safety and social justice.

6 As a former policy and budget
7 staffer for the Illinois Senate Democrats and
8 current Southside organizer for the People's Lobby,
9 I understand the nuances between public policy and
10 grassroots perspectives.

11 These experiences have allowed me to
12 confidently navigate contentious discussions,
13 effectively negotiate with various stakeholders and
14 write sound policy proposals.

15 As chief of staff for State Senator
16 Mattie Hunter, I coordinated key task forces
17 centering on public health, safety, and equity.
18 For example, I helped facilitate strategic
19 discussions for the Missing and Murdered Women Task
20 Force during its infancy during my tenure.

21 My proudest moment on staff was
22 revitalizing the five-year dormant Kidney Disease
23 and Prevention and Education Task Force,
24 demonstrating my commitment in advancing public

1 health in the Chicago community.

2 My commitment to the community is
3 also reflected in my day job where I help
4 organizations such as the Progressive Mind Show,
5 the John Buckner Youth Initiative, and Perspectives
6 Math and Science Academy achieve their financial
7 goals and expand their operational capacity through
8 successful grant writing, fundraising, and
9 nonprofit consulting.

10 I'm driven to serve on the
11 Commission, because my close community and I have
12 been impacted by gun violence, the School to Prison
13 Pipeline, and the U.S. Incarceration system.

14 These experiences have formed my
15 commitment to improving public safety for all
16 Chicagoans and fairly articulate the youth
17 experience.

18 As Commissioners, some of the issues
19 I am committed to addressing is racial disparities
20 in Chicago's clearance rates and traffic stops,
21 implementing proactive measures to protect domestic
22 violence survivors, identifying alternatives to
23 policing, and fostering a legitimate equitable and
24 transparent relationship between members of the

1 community, District Counsels, and the police.

2 I'm so grateful for the opportunity
3 to serve you all and open to any questions you may
4 have about me. Thank you for your time.

5 COMMISSIONER PRESLEY: Good evening. My name
6 is Kelly Presley. I'm so pleased and grateful to
7 stand before you today as a newly appointed
8 Commissioner. Originally from St. Louis, I've
9 called Chicago home for the last 23 years. For the
10 last five years, I've been a resident of the west
11 side in East Garfield Park. I started my legal
12 career at the Office of the Public Guardian where I
13 represented abused and neglected children. From
14 there, transitioned to DCFS, where I worked to
15 reunite families torn apart in the system. I also
16 spent about seven years at the Illinois Department
17 of Corrections. There I both managed high-level
18 class actions, including IDOC's most significant
19 class action lawsuit regarding the healthcare of
20 individuals in custody, as well as provided
21 oversight to the Office of Affirmative Action when
22 we conducted investigations regarding misconduct
23 for correctional officers.

24 I currently serve as the associate

1 general counsel at Catholic Charities. One of my
2 most recent initiatives there is creating the first
3 DEI task force for the organization.

4 What draws me to this Commission is
5 obviously a real concern about the public safety of
6 the City.

7 What makes me uniquely qualified for
8 this Commission is that I recognize firsthand the
9 pipeline from the juvenile justice system to the
10 adult justice system. I've seen it firsthand. I
11 followed my clients, from visiting them in the Audy
12 Home to visiting them down in Menard. I understand
13 the implications of pretextual traffic stops and
14 how one small thing as a youth creates a lifetime
15 of injustice, particularly for young black men. I
16 want to change that system. I'm committed to
17 changing that system.

18 I'm particularly excited to work
19 with COPA. I have extensive experience conducting
20 investigations for correctional officers. I think
21 that will help serve me well in working with them.
22 So those are certainly my priorities. However, I
23 can't -- I'd be remiss not to mention my dedication
24 to the youth. I understand when you mentioned the

1 voiceless, those are my clients. Those voices,
2 young black men whose mothers were the only
3 advocates, those are my clients. I hold those very
4 true to my heart. It is a time in my career that I
5 think has shaped me as an individual and a resident
6 of Chicago. It's one of the main reasons I joined
7 this Commission.

8 I look so forward to working with
9 all of you guys, to hearing your voices, and to
10 really making some substantial change in the
11 system. Thank you for your time.

12 COMMISSIONER WORTHAM: Good evening, everyone.
13 I am Sandra Wortham. In addition to Kelly, I'm the
14 other new attorney Commissioner on the Commission.
15 I'm, with the exception of my time in college and
16 law school, a lifelong southsider. And so I'll
17 start professionally. Obviously, I'm an attorney.
18 I currently operate a solo law practice here in the
19 City. Been doing that for about nine years. Prior
20 to that, I served as civilian deputy director at
21 the Chicago Police Department where I believe I got
22 a lot of great experience and insight into law
23 enforcement operations and how to be useful in that
24 regard. And prior to that, I started my own legal

1 career at a law firm here in the City.

2 I applied for and am honored to
3 serve on this Commission because I am deeply,
4 deeply concerned about the state of public safety
5 in our City.

6 I don't believe there is anything
7 more important for government, for society, than
8 ensuring that residents can be safe, can live, can
9 survive. And far too often in our City, every day
10 really, we are seeing people murdered, we are
11 seeing people shot, we are losing our communities,
12 and it is very, very disturbing to me, the path
13 that we're on in that regard. And so as disturbed
14 as I am about the state of public safety in
15 Chicago, I'm equally committed to being a part of
16 the solution. As I said, I'm a lifelong
17 southsider. I have maintained very strong ties to
18 my community. I volunteer with our local Park
19 District. I also volunteer with the Chicago Police
20 Memorial Foundation. So in addition to my
21 professional insight as it relates to this
22 Commission, I'm also the sister of a murder victim
23 who was a community member, who was a two-time Iraq
24 War veteran, who was also a Chicago police officer,

1 and having lived and living that experience with my
2 parents and my family, I know that there is no
3 greater task in this City than for us to figure out
4 how it isn't so normal that people are murdered all
5 of the time.

6 So there are different perspectives
7 on this Commission. But it is the Community
8 Commission for Public Safety and Accountability,
9 and I very much look forward to committing my
10 knowledge, my experience, my expertise so that it
11 isn't so normal that people in this City are
12 murdered all the time. So that isn't something we
13 see every day. So we can actually live and raise
14 our children in Chicago. And I very much feel
15 honored to bring that voice to this. I hope to
16 bring more of the voices I hear in my neighborhood
17 to these meetings, because that's what I hear. I
18 hear fear. I hear a desire to see police, to see
19 law enforcement, to see it work in our
20 neighborhood, and I want to see more diversity in
21 voices in our meetings.

22 Again, it is an honor to be here,
23 and I look forward to the work. I'm ready for it,
24 and look forward to working with you all. Thank

1 you.

2 COMMISSIONER TERRY: Good evening and thank
3 you all. Really quickly. I want to take care of
4 some business. For the record, Commissioner
5 Anthony Driver is present for the roll.

6 COMMISSIONER DRIVER: Sorry. Traffic.

7 COMMISSIONER TERRY: Good evening, everyone.
8 My name is Remel Terry. Many of you are familiar
9 with me. I was part of the interim Commission with
10 the pleasure of serving for the past 22 months,
11 with Commissioner Driver, as well as our previous
12 Commissioners. I'm a very proud Chicagoan. I'm a
13 lifelong Chicagoan and a very, very, very proud
14 west-sider. West side all day for my west-siders
15 in the building.

16 I'm excited about this opportunity
17 to continue the great work that this Commission has
18 already began.

19 A lot of my emphasis will be on
20 education and being out in the community, because I
21 believe a lot of the challenges that we are seeing
22 as it relates to the work that we're doing is
23 having an understanding of government, of the
24 departments that we want to see change, of all of

1 the policies that are interconnected, as well as
2 who is actually responsible for what, and what
3 authority is actually possible.

4 I think we have to be very clear
5 about that so that we can come up with the best
6 solutions, not just a solution, because what I
7 would hate to see is that we are meeting
8 expectations at a low level, and we are back here
9 next year, the year after having issues related to
10 the same thing.

11 So I am deeply committed, as I have
12 been in the past 22 months, to continuing this
13 work.

14 And a little bit about me for those
15 of you all who don't know. For the past 15 plus
16 years, I've served with the Chicago West Side NACP
17 on a volunteer basis, that means I receive no
18 money, so I do that work because I'm passionate
19 about my people. I am committed to my people. So
20 the same way I have committed my life to servicing
21 that organization, I'm bringing that same level of
22 dedication and leadership to the work that I do
23 here with the Commission. And I will implore
24 everyone who is in this room when it gets daunting,

1 when it seems long. We have to continue to fight,
2 because that's the only way that we will get to the
3 finish line, and we have to be very clear. All the
4 things we may want to see may not be in our
5 lifetime, but what we can do is ensure that we are
6 progressing forward.

7 And so that is my commitment, again,
8 that we are seeing progress, because I cannot make
9 commitments of something that is not possible. But
10 I will commit to doing all that I can to come up
11 with the best solutions, the best decisions, and
12 also ensuring that we are transparent and being
13 honest about what's possible.

14 I feel like many of you can see that
15 the previous Commission was really committed to
16 that. There's a lot of things that people did not
17 know about various entities and organizations, and
18 we will continue to show, lift the curtain, show
19 you what's behind it, even if it is not pleasing to
20 everyone, because my expectation is not that
21 everyone will agree with what we do, but what you
22 will be able to say is that we put forth the work
23 to do our best, and that is the only thing that I'm
24 willing to commit to you all moving forward. So I

1 thank you all. I hope that we can we continue to
2 see you all, continue to bring more people from
3 impacted communities, because, again, we all need
4 to be at the table, because all voices need to be
5 heard, because every single person is a part of the
6 community. And I just thank you all again for
7 being here, and I will turn it over to Commissioner
8 Driver.

9 COMMISSIONER DRIVER: Hi, everybody. I did
10 not prepare a speech today. I feel like I know
11 probably at least 80 to 85 percent of the folks in
12 the room.

13 I'm former interim Commissioner, now
14 permanent commissioner, Anthony Driver. I'm a
15 lifelong southsider. I'm a Howard grad. In my day
16 job, I get the opportunity to serve the 160,000
17 members of the greatest union in the world, that is
18 SEIU Illinois. And, yeah, I don't have a lot to
19 say. I'm very committed to justice. I think
20 that's where I'd like to leave it.

21 The reason I do this work is not
22 particularly because I enjoy it. I enjoy serving
23 Chicago. I enjoy serving my City. I enjoy serving
24 my community. But there is a multitude of ways to

1 serve. For me, this is something very personal. I
2 do this work out of the necessity. We're sitting
3 in a building that has kept me safe from gun
4 violence. Usually, Father Mike knows this, when I
5 get nervous, when I feel a type of way, I always
6 try to come back here for a meeting, because this
7 is a place I know has always kept me safe.

8 So as I've always said, I've
9 experienced some of the worst the City has to
10 offer. And I've also experienced some of the best
11 of it.

12 My only goal here serving on this
13 Commission is to make sure that the next me, the
14 next young black male who comes through the City,
15 who is bright, talented, who has every opportunity
16 in the world to change the world doesn't have the
17 same experiences that I did, a person who's been
18 deeply impacted by gun violence, by losing people.
19 I've also been deeply impacted by police violence.
20 I'm a person who, you know, carries that life
21 experience. What I will leave you all here with
22 today is that I am committed to justice and working
23 with everybody in this room. Thank you.

24 The next -- next will be nomination

1 of officers. According to the Commission's
2 bylaws, Commissioners hold elections for the role
3 of president and vice president every two years,
4 or whenever there is an office of vacancy.
5 Officer elections are held during regular
6 scheduled Commission meetings. The Commission
7 elects a president and vice president by majority
8 vote. Both the nomination and election of the
9 positions of president and vice president may
10 occur during the first meeting of the new
11 Commission. The president may -- the president's
12 and vice president's terms begin as soon as they
13 are elected, and their terms end in two years,
14 when successors have been elected.

15 We will begin with the president of
16 the Commission. Are there any nominations?

17 COMMISSIONER MINOR: I move to nominate
18 Commissioner Anthony Driver, Junior.

19 COMMISSIONER DRIVER: I've been nominated to
20 be president of the Community Commission of the
21 Public Safety and Accountability. Are there any
22 other nominations? Hearing none. I accept the
23 Commission nomination. Is there a motion to move
24 to a vote?

1 COMMISSIONER WORTHAM: I move to elect Anthony
2 Driver to serve as president of the Community
3 Commission for Public Safety and Accountability.

4 COMMISSIONER GOTTLIEB: Second.

5 COMMISSIONER DRIVER: It's been moved by
6 Commissioner Wortham and seconded by Commissioner
7 Gottlieb. I will now move to vote. Those in favor
8 of electing myself as president, please signify by
9 saying aye.

10 (CHORUS OF AYES.)

11 COMMISSIONER DRIVER: Are there any nays?

12 (NO RESPONSE.)

13 COMMISSIONER DRIVER: The ayes have it and
14 the motion carries. I have been elected president
15 of the Community Commission for Public Safety and
16 Accountability.

17 Now we will move to nominations for
18 the role of vice president. Are there any
19 nominations?

20 COMMISSIONER PRESLEY: I would like to
21 nominate Commissioner Remel Terry for the role of
22 vice president.

23 COMMISSIONER DRIVER: Commissioner Terry, do
24 you accept the nomination.

1 COMMISSIONER TERRY: I accept.

2 COMMISSIONER DRIVER: Are there any other
3 nominations?

4 Hearing none, Commissioner Remel
5 Terry has been nominated as vice president. Is
6 there a motion to move to vote?

7 COMMISSIONER MINOR: I move to elect
8 Commissioner Terry as vice president for CCPSA.

9 COMMISSIONER DRIVER: It's been moved by
10 Commissioner Minor and seconded by Commissioner
11 Wortham to elect Commissioner Remel Terry as vice
12 president. Those in favor, please signify by
13 saying aye.

14 (CHORUS OF AYES.)

15 COMMISSIONER DRIVER: Are there any nays?

16 (NO RESPONSE.)

17 COMMISSIONER DRIVER: The ayes have it and
18 the motion carries. Commissioner Terry has been
19 elected to serve as vice president of the CCPSA.
20 Thank you, everyone.

21 The next item is the approval of a
22 series of closed meetings. Section 2(c)(3) of the
23 Illinois Open Meetings Act allows the Commission to
24 meet in closed session to consider the following

1 subjects: The selection of a person to fill a
2 public office, as defined in this Act, including a
3 vacancy in a public office, when the public body is
4 given power to appoint under law or ordinance, or
5 the discipline, performance, or removal of the
6 occupant of a public office, when the public body
7 is given power to remove the occupant under law or
8 ordinance.

9 Section 2a of the Act authorizes the
10 Commission to take a vote to hold a series of
11 closed meetings over the course of not more than
12 three months from today and only for the purposes
13 cited under Section 2(c) (3).

14 Over the next few months, the
15 Commission may need to meet in closed session for
16 reasons that are allowed under the Open Meetings
17 Act, including to discuss filling vacancies on the
18 Police Board.

19 I move to hold a series of closed
20 meetings to take place for the maximum period
21 allowable as authorized by Section 2(c) (3) of the
22 Illinois Open Meetings Act. Is there a second?

23 COMMISSIONER GOTTLIEB: Second.

24 COMMISSIONER DRIVER: I have moved to hold a

1 series of closed meetings to take place for the
2 maximum period allowable as authorized by Section
3 2(c) (3) of the Open Meetings Act and seconded by
4 Commissioner Gottlieb. Is there any debate on the
5 motion.

6 (NO RESPONSE.)

7 COMMISSIONER DRIVER: Hearing none, those in
8 favor of holding a series of closed meetings,
9 please signify by saying aye.

10 (CHORUS OF AYES.)

11 COMMISSIONER DRIVER: Those opposed, please
12 say nay.

13 (NO RESPONSE.)

14 COMMISSIONER DRIVER: The ayes have it and the
15 motion carries.

16 Our next order of business will be
17 determining -- reports and updates in determining
18 how long Commissioners will serve in office. The
19 ordinance was written to help make sure not all
20 Commissioners' terms expire at the same time, so
21 there will always be people serving on the
22 Commission that have a few years of experience on
23 the Commission.

24 The ordinance says that when this

1 new Commission starts, some Commissioners will get
2 two-year terms and some four-year terms. Starting
3 two years from now, anyone who is appointed to the
4 Commission will get a four-year term. That means
5 that every two years, three or four Commissioners
6 will have their terms expire, and the Nominating
7 Committee, the Mayor, and City Council will go
8 through the process of nominating, selecting, and
9 confirming Commissioners. But there will always be
10 several Commissioners who have at least two years
11 of experience on the Commission.

12 The Commissioners who are assigned
13 two-year terms tonight may be able to serve on the
14 Commission for more than two years. Under the
15 ordinance, Commissioners can serve for up to 12
16 years on the Commission, if they are renominated
17 and selected and confirmed. The process tonight is
18 just to determine when a Commissioner's term ends
19 and when they can either step off the Commission or
20 apply to be nominated again.

21 The ordinance says that the
22 Executive Director of the Commission will conduct a
23 random drawing that assigns a number 1 to 7 to each
24 Commissioner. Commissioners who are assigned

1 numbers 1, 2, or 3 will get two-year terms.
2 Commissioners who are assigned numbers 4, 5, 6 will
3 get four-year terms.

4 I hope nobody wants seven-year terms
5 on this Commission.

6 Executive Director Adam Gross will
7 initiate the drawing process and announce the
8 results of the drawing.

9 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR GROSS: These baskets have
10 names and terms. Don't put money in them. This
11 basket has terms for the new Commissioner. This
12 basket has the names of the Commissioners. And I'm
13 going to ask for your help in selecting the
14 Commissioners and matching them with terms, so you
15 will control this process.

16 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Commissioner four year.

17 MR. GROSS: So this is for four-year term.
18 The name, Kelly Presley.

19 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Commissioner, two years.

20 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR GROSS: This is for a
21 two-year term.

22 THE WITNESS: Commissioner --

23 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR GROSS: The Commission has
24 seven people. Six have been confirmed by the City

1 Council so far. One more Commissioner still needs
2 to be confirmed by the City Council. When that
3 person is confirmed, they will serve a two-year
4 term.

5 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Two years.

6 COMMISSIONER DRIVER: This is also for a
7 two-year term.

8 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Aaron Gottlieb.

9 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Two-year term.

10 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Abierre Minor.

11 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Remel Terry, four-year term.

12 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Commissioner six,
13 four-years.

14 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Anthony Driver.

15 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR GROSS: Anybody else?

16 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Commissioner, four years.
17 Wortham.

18 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR GROSS: Thank you all for
19 your help. Congratulations to the Commission.

20 COMMISSIONER DRIVER: So Commissioner Sandra
21 Wortham, four years. Commissioner Remel Terry,
22 four years. Commissioner Kelly Presley, four
23 years. Commissioner Anthony Driver, four years.
24 Commissioner Abierre Minor, two years.

1 Commissioner Aaron Gottlieb, two years.

2 Commissioner TBD, two years.

3 The next order of business is
4 miscellaneous business, which -- I don't know
5 what you're saying, but I can't hear you.

6 The next order of business is
7 miscellaneous business. To connect with the
8 Commission via social media, you can find us at
9 Facebook.com/ChicagoCCPSA, or search Community
10 Commission for Public Safety and Accountability
11 on Instagram and Twitter or X @CCPSA_Chicago and
12 YouTube @Chicagoccpsa.

13 The Commission's next regular
14 scheduled meeting will be on Thursday, July 25th,
15 2024, 6:30 p.m., at Malcolm X College.

16 Is there any further business before
17 the Commission? Hearing none. This concludes
18 the first permanent meeting of the Community
19 Commission of Public Safety and Accountability.

20 I'd like to thank you all for
21 joining us tonight. Hope to see you July 25th at
22 Malcolm X College. There being no further
23 business before the Commission, this meeting is
24 now adjourned.

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(WHEREUPON, the proceedings
were adjourned at 8:00 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
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8 meeting of said cause; that the foregoing is a
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