

Police Board Public Meeting  
January 16, 2025

CHICAGO POLICE BOARD  
CITY OF CHICAGO  
PUBLIC MEETING

3510 South Michigan Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

Thursday, January 16, 2025  
7:30 p.m.

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APPEARANCES:

MEMBERS OF THE POLICE BOARD:

KYLE COOPER, President  
CLAUDIA BADILLO  
STEVEN BLOCK (Telephonically)  
TYLER HALL  
KATHRYN LISS  
ARLETTE PORTER  
ANDREAS SAFAKAS  
JUSTIN TERRY  
CYNTHIA VELAZQUEZ

ALSO PRESENT:

EPHRAIM EADDY, Deputy Chief Administrator of the  
Civilian Office of Police Accountability;  
TOBARA RICHARDSON, Deputy Inspector General for  
Public Safety;  
YOLANDA TALLEY, Chief of the Chicago Police  
Department's Bureau of Internal Affairs;  
SCOTT SPEARS, General Counsel to the  
Superintendent of Police;  
MAX CAPRONI, Executive Director of the Chicago  
Police Board;  
JAZMYNE ROLLINS, Executive Administrative  
Assistant of the Chicago Police Board;  
MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

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1           PRESIDENT COOPER:     We're going to get  
2 started.

3                         Good evening, everyone. My name is  
4 Kyle Cooper. I am the president of the Chicago  
5 Police Board, and I am calling the Board's  
6 January 16th, 2025, Board meeting to order.

7                         We thank CAN-TV as always for  
8 covering this meeting. It is being live-streamed  
9 at CAN-TV.org and on the CAN-TV app, and it's  
10 also televised on CAN-TV 27.

11                        Along with myself, we have the  
12 following Board members attending in person this  
13 evening: Claudia Badillo, new Board Member Tyler  
14 Hall, Katherine Liss, new Board Member Arlette  
15 Porter, Board Member Andreas Safakas, Board  
16 Member Justin Terry, and Board Member Cynthia  
17 Velazquez. Board Member Steven Block is unable  
18 to attend in person and would like to attend  
19 remotely. Is there a motion to permit him to do  
20 so?

21           BOARD MEMBER BADILLO:     So moved.

22           PRESIDENT COOPER:     All in favor, raise your  
23 hands and say aye.

24   (CHORUS OF AYES.)

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1           PRESIDENT COOPER: Hearing all ayes and  
2 seeing all hands raised, the motion passes.

3                         In addition to the Police Board  
4 members, we have the following City officials  
5 here with us this evening. We have the First  
6 Deputy Chief Administrator of the Civilian Office  
7 of Police Accountability, Mr. Ephraim Eaddy, who  
8 is representing Chief Administrator Andrea  
9 Kersten. We have the Deputy Inspector General  
10 for Public Safety, Ms. Tobara Richardson. We  
11 have the Chief of the Chicago Police Department's  
12 Bureau of Internal Affairs, Ms. Yolanda Talley.  
13 We have the general counsel to the  
14 Superintendent, Mr. Scott Spears. And we also  
15 have with us the Police Board's Executive  
16 Director, Mr. Max Caproni.

17                         Before we proceed to the items on  
18 the meeting agenda, I want to welcome three new  
19 Police Board members to their first public  
20 meeting.

21                         Yesterday, the City Council approved  
22 appointments of Tyler Hall, Arlette Porter, and  
23 Cynthia Velazquez to the Board. I ask at this  
24 time for each of them to provide a brief

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1 introduction as we welcome them to the Board.

2 BOARD MEMBER HALL: Thank you, Kyle. I  
3 wanted to say I feel honored to be appointed to  
4 this Board. It's been a wild less than 36 hours  
5 since the confirmation. I've had an opportunity  
6 to meet my fellow Board members. Brief  
7 background about myself. Currently, I'm a senior  
8 advisor with Downing Community Advisors. We're a  
9 small municipal advisory firm. Prior to that, I  
10 was the assistant village manager for the Village  
11 of Homewood. In that role, one of the duties I  
12 had was staff liaison for the board of fire and  
13 police commissioners. And prior to that role, I  
14 was a management analyst for the Arlington  
15 Heights Police Department. I did a lot of work  
16 with grants, special projects, and CLIA  
17 accreditation. Prior to that, I was a crime  
18 analyst and accreditation manager for the City of  
19 Highland Park. In that role, I did focus  
20 primarily on CLIA accreditation.

21 I'm very honored to be here, and  
22 I'm looking forward to the work that the Police  
23 Board does.

24 PRESIDENT COOPER: Thank you, Tyler.

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1 BOARD MEMBER PORTER: Hi. I'm Arlette  
2 Porter. And I was born and raised and bred right  
3 here in Chicago. I attended Coleman Elementary  
4 School and DuSable High School.

5 I currently reside in the 9th Ward.  
6 I'm also a sole practitioner in the area of  
7 domestic relations, which is family law, child  
8 support, divorces, things of that nature. I also  
9 run a Christian fellowship league which is a  
10 volleyball, basketball league. We occupy at  
11 least 200 young people and young adults every  
12 Saturday night playing basketball and volleyball  
13 on the south side of Chicago from October to  
14 about March.

15 I'm also a panel member for the  
16 Attorney Registration and Disciplinary  
17 Commission, which is essentially the policing  
18 agency for attorneys.

19 I'm simply honored and consider it  
20 a privilege to be a member of this Chicago Police  
21 Board. And thank very much.

22 PRESIDENT COOPER: Thank you, Arlette.

23 BOARD MEMBER VELAZQUEZ: Hi. My name is  
24 Cindy Velazquez. It is an honor to be able to

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1 serve the Board and serve the City and the Police  
2 Department and its officers. I'm a retired  
3 deputy chief from a suburban agency. Some of my  
4 assignments throughout my 29-year career were  
5 internal affairs, random investigations unit. I  
6 was also the overall commander for our county  
7 task force.

8 I also served in the United States  
9 Army, and I have two daughters and two  
10 granddaughters who live in the City which  
11 motivates my thrive to serve the City.

12 PRESIDENT COOPER: Thank you very much,  
13 Cindy.

14 We will now turn to the items on the  
15 meeting agenda. Is there a motion to approve the  
16 drafts of the minutes of the Board's public and  
17 closed meetings held on December 19th, 2024?

18 BOARD MEMBER BADILLO: So moved.

19 BOARD MEMBER LISS: Second.

20 PRESIDENT COOPER: All in favor, raise your  
21 hands and say aye.

22 (CHORUS OF AYES.)

23 PRESIDENT COOPER: Seeing all hands raised  
24 and hearing all ayes, the motion passes.

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1           The next regular public meeting of  
2 Police Board will take place Thursday, February  
3 20th, at 7:30 p.m. That meeting will take place  
4 where all the Police Board meetings are, right  
5 here at the Chicago Public Safety Headquarters.

6           The next item on the agenda is  
7 closed meetings. The Police Board meets in  
8 executive session to discuss various matters.  
9 Those discussions are closed to the public as  
10 authorized by Section 2(c)(1), (4), (11), and  
11 (21) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act.  
12 Information on matters discussed in the executive  
13 sessions is included in the minutes of the  
14 meeting posted on our website. Is there a motion  
15 to close a series of future executive sessions as  
16 authorized by these sections of the Open Meetings  
17 Act?

18           BOARD MEMBER BADILLO: So moved.

19           BOARD MEMBER LISS: Second.

20           PRESIDENT COOPER: All in favor, raise your  
21 hand and say aye.

22   (CHORUS OF AYES.)

23           PRESIDENT COOPER: Seeing all hands raised  
24 and hearing all ayes, the motion passes.

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1                   The next item on the agenda is  
2 police disciplinary cases.

3                   The Police Board hears cases when  
4 the Superintendent files charges recommending  
5 that sworn officers be -- sworn officers be  
6 discharged from the Chicago Police Department for  
7 violating the Chicago Police Department's rules  
8 of conduct. The Board, as authorized by the Open  
9 Meetings Act, had discussed in a closed meeting  
10 one police disciplinary case. We will now take  
11 final action on that case. Regarding case number  
12 23 PB 3035, is there a motion to find Sergeant  
13 Timothy Conlan not guilty of failing to report  
14 misconduct and making a false report?

15           BOARD MEMBER BADILLO: Yes, so moved.

16           BOARD MEMBER LISS: Second.

17           PRESIDENT COOPER: I will now call on members  
18 of the Board for their vote. Board Member  
19 Badillo.

20           BOARD MEMBER BADILLO: Aye.

21           PRESIDENT COOPER: Board Member Liss.

22           BOARD MEMBER LISS: Aye.

23           PRESIDENT COOPER: Board Member Safakas.

24           BOARD MEMBER SAFAKAS: Aye.



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1 PRESIDENT COOPER: Board Member Terry.

2 BOARD MEMBER TERRY: Aye.

3 PRESIDENT COOPER: I also vote in favor of  
4 the motion. Voting in favor are Board Members  
5 Badillo, Liss, Safakas, Terry, and myself. The  
6 motion passes by a vote of 5 to 0.

7 Board Member Block, who is on the  
8 phone with us tonight, recused himself from this  
9 case to avoid the appearance of a conflict of  
10 interest.

11 Board Member Hall, Porter, and  
12 Velazquez did not participate in this case  
13 because they joined the Board yesterday.

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

18 BOARD MEMBER BADILLO: Yes, so moved.

19 BOARD MEMBER LISS: I second it.

20 PRESIDENT COOPER: All in favor?

21 (CHORUS OF AYES.)

22 PRESIDENT COOPER: Any opposed?

23 (NO RESPONSE.)

24 PRESIDENT COOPER: Seeing no hands and

1 hearing no no's, the motion passes.

2 The written findings and decision  
3 will be entered as of today's date, sent to the  
4 parties, and then posted on the Police Board's  
5 website.

6 The next item on the agenda is  
7 update on arbitration. As I reported last month,  
8 this case is currently before the Appellate  
9 Court. It has been fully briefed. While we are  
10 still waiting to hear whether the Court will hold  
11 oral arguments, there's 16 cases currently before  
12 the Board in which the accused officer has  
13 requested arbitration. These cases are on hold,  
14 and there will be no arbitration hearings until  
15 the establishment of a public arbitration  
16 process, and there will be no Police Board  
17 hearings without the consent of the accused  
18 officer.

19 There are now five cases before the  
20 Board that are moving forward. Four involve  
21 police officers who have elected to have a Police  
22 Board hearing and one involved a Chicago Police  
23 Department supervisor. The Police Board's  
24 website, [Chicago.gov/Police Board](http://Chicago.gov/Police Board), will continue

1 to keep the public informed of any new  
2 developments in the ongoing litigation and status  
3 of disciplinary cases currently before the Board.

4 With that being said, I encourage  
5 members of the public to check the news and  
6 police discipline section of our website for the  
7 most current information.

8 The next item on the agenda is  
9 appeals by disqualified applicants to become  
10 Chicago police officers. When a person who  
11 applies to become a Chicago police officer is  
12 disqualified and removed from the eligibility  
13 list due to the results of a background  
14 investigation, that person has a right to appeal  
15 to the Police Board. The Board, authorized by  
16 the Open Meetings Act, has discussed in a closed  
17 meeting several appeals. We will now take final  
18 action on these appeals.

19 Is there a motion to affirm the  
20 disqualification decision for the following  
21 appeals: 24 AA 54, 58, 60, and 61?

22 BOARD MEMBER BADILLO: Yes, so moved.

23 BOARD MEMBER LISS: I second.

24 PRESIDENT COOPER: I will now call on

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1 members of the Board for their vote. Board  
2 Member Badillo.

3 BOARD MEMBER BADILLO: Aye.

4 PRESIDENT COOPER: Board Member Block.

5 BOARD MEMBER BLOCK: Aye.

6 PRESIDENT COOPER: Board member Liss.

7 BOARD MEMBER LISS: Aye.

8 PRESIDENT COOPER: Board Member Safakas.

9 BOARD MEMBER SAFAKAS: Aye.

10 PRESIDENT COOPER: Board Member Terry.

11 BOARD MEMBER TERRY: Aye.

12 PRESIDENT COOPER: I also vote in favor of  
13 the motion and the motion passes.

14 The written decisions of these  
15 appeals will be entered as of today's date, sent  
16 to the parties and posted on the Board's website.  
17 Please note that new Board members Hall, Porter,  
18 and Velazquez did not participate in deciding  
19 these cases.

20 The next item on the agenda is the  
21 Superintendent's request for the Board's  
22 authorization to solicit funds to cover the cost  
23 of hosting CPD's annual police recognition  
24 ceremony and luncheon in May of 2025. Is there a

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1 motion to approve the Superintendent's request?

2 BOARD MEMBER BADILLO: Yes, so moved.

3 BOARD MEMBER LISS: Katie Liss. I second.

4 PRESIDENT COOPER: All in favor, raise your  
5 hands and say aye.

6 (CHORUS OF AYES.)

7 PRESIDENT COOPER: Seeing all hands raised  
8 and hearing no no's, the motion passes.

9 The next item on the agenda is I  
10 will share a presentation of the goals that I  
11 recently submitted to the CCPSA or the City's  
12 Community Commission for Public Safety and  
13 Accountability. And that presentation for those  
14 in the room and watching on CAN-TV will also be  
15 displayed on the television screen that we have  
16 in the room that our Executive Director, Mr. Max  
17 Caproni, will operate.

18 Section 2-84-030 of the Municipal  
19 Code of Chicago grants the Police Board the power  
20 to adopt the rules and regulations for the  
21 governance of the Chicago Police Department.

22 The Rules and Regulations establish  
23 the general goals and duties of CPD members and  
24 set forth the rules of conduct every officer is

1 required to follow.

2 Examples of rules of conduct are  
3 prohibitions on police officers' use of excessive  
4 force, unjustified use of a weapon, making false  
5 statements, and failing to report misconduct.

6 The Rules and Regulations are  
7 separate and apart from the CPD General Orders  
8 and other directives that govern the day-to-day  
9 operations of the Chicago Police Department.

10 The current version of the Rules and  
11 Regulations was adopted in the 1970s, with one  
12 new section only added in 1998 and very minor  
13 revisions made in 2021.

14 Reviewing the Rules and Regulations  
15 is necessary to ensure that they align with the  
16 principles of 21st century policing.

17 Before the actual work of updating  
18 the rules begin, however, stakeholders will have  
19 the opportunity to provide input on both the  
20 substance of the rules and the proposed rules  
21 themselves.

22 This preliminary phase ensures that  
23 all stakeholders, Chicago police officers,  
24 community members, and other members in the

1 police accountability system are well-informed  
2 about how the rules will work and how they will  
3 proceed and how they will be engaged throughout  
4 the process.

5 So for 2025, I have submitted to  
6 CCPSA my goal for this year, which is to hold  
7 listening sessions with stakeholders to discuss  
8 their views on areas for proposed changes and  
9 process for undertaking review of the rule that  
10 governs the Chicago Police Department. As part  
11 of this, I developed a process for review and  
12 updating the rules and regulations, and we will  
13 undertake a comprehensive review to determine  
14 which existing rules and regulations need  
15 revision and to identify new rules and  
16 regulations that should be implemented.

17 Just so everybody is aware,  
18 stakeholders include a menagerie of interested  
19 parties; the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor for  
20 Community Safety, members of the City Council,  
21 leadership of the Chicago Police Department,  
22 COPA, the Office of the Inspector General, CCPSA,  
23 the Law Department, and leadership of the unions  
24 representing members of the Chicago Police

1 Department, District Council members, Consent  
2 Decree Monitor and Office of the Attorney  
3 General, community members, and members of the  
4 public.

5 I want to emphasize, that the goals  
6 for this year are the first step and will  
7 admittedly be a very lengthy and complex process  
8 that will involve input from a diverse group of  
9 stakeholders.

10 After the Board conducts its review  
11 and after thoroughly considering the feedback  
12 received from stakeholders, I will discuss next  
13 steps with the full Board and provide a report to  
14 CCPSA stakeholders and the public.

15 If later steps include drafting a  
16 new version of the rules and regulations, the  
17 Board will follow the processes for providing  
18 notice and receiving comments required by the  
19 Consent Decree and the Board's own force.

20 At this time, I would like to call  
21 on deputy -- at this point in time I would like  
22 to call on the Chief Administrator -- First Chief  
23 Administrator Eaddy to give the COPA report.

24 MR. EADDY: Thank you, President Cooper.



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1 And good evening to everyone. My name is Ephraim  
2 Eaddy. I serve as First Deputy Chief  
3 Administrator for COPA, the Civilian Office of  
4 Police Accountability.

5 For the month of January so far in  
6 2025, COPA has received 301 complaints and  
7 notifications. 76 of those fall within COPA's  
8 jurisdiction, and the rest have been referred to  
9 the Bureau of Internal Affairs.

10 We have been notified of two  
11 officer-involved shootings in the month of  
12 January.

13 And now I will also provide an  
14 update on materials that have been released from  
15 the Civilian Office of Police Accountability. In  
16 the month of December, COPA released two video  
17 and material releases pertaining to  
18 officer-involved shootings. One located at 300  
19 -- near 300 West Division Street and the other  
20 near 6800 North Washtenaw. Those were released  
21 in the month of December. Video and materials.

22 On January 14th, COPA released  
23 materials related to a November 16th  
24 officer-involved shooting incident near 50 West

1 Polk. And on January 16th, just today, COPA  
2 released video and materials pertaining to an  
3 off-duty officer-involved shooting near 5600 West  
4 Leland.

5 On January 3rd an officer-involved  
6 shooting occurred that has -- had many concerns  
7 from community members. And so on January 14th,  
8 myself as First Deputy Chief Administrator, as  
9 well as our Chief Administrator Andrea Kersten,  
10 met with concerned community members. In  
11 attendance to that meeting was a district council  
12 member from the 10th District, representatives  
13 from the Alderwoman's office Monique Scott, the  
14 24th Ward, community activists and community  
15 leaders and residents of the Albany Terrace  
16 Senior Apartments. We thought it was important  
17 to hear concerns and explain the procession that  
18 COPA will take. COPA responded within about an  
19 hour of being notified of that incident on  
20 January 3rd, and met with community members just  
21 this past Tuesday.

22 I will finalize my remarks this  
23 evening by also mentioning that we are finalizing  
24 our 2025 goals and working with the Community

1 Commission for Public Safety and Accountability.

2 We have already presented a draft of  
3 those goals and had meetings and look forward to  
4 finalizing those goals and presenting them  
5 publicly to the commission. Thank you.

6 PRESIDENT COOPER: Thank you, First Deputy  
7 Chief Administrator Eaddy.

8 At this time, I would like to now  
9 call on chief of the Chicago Police Department  
10 Bureau of Internal Affairs, Ms. Yolanda Talley,  
11 to give the Superintendent report.

12 CHIEF TALLEY: Good evening. As we move  
13 forward into 2025, we are continuing to build on  
14 the progress we made last year to reduce the  
15 shootings and homicides citywide.

16 Last year, we worked to quickly  
17 respond to active crime patterns and emerging  
18 public safety concerns. We focused on strategic  
19 responses, and that's what we will continue to do  
20 this year. Though we made progress in 2024, we  
21 can't remain stagnant in how we are addressing  
22 public safety. We must continuously adapt our  
23 responses to what we are actively seeing. Our  
24 area deputy chiefs and district commanders are

1 always adjusting their plans to strengthen safety  
2 in our communities and meet the needs of our  
3 residents.

4 While our officers work to maintain  
5 safety on the ground, our Bureau of Detectives is  
6 working to bring justice to those who have been  
7 affected by violence. All of us at the Chicago  
8 Police Department understand that the survivors  
9 of crime and the families of homicide victims  
10 will forever live with the trauma they have  
11 experienced. Supporting them is equally as  
12 important as bringing justice in their cases.

13 This year, we are expanding our  
14 victim services and will have a greater capacity  
15 to serve domestic violence and non-fatal shooting  
16 survivors. Our Family Liaison Office remains  
17 focused on serving the loved ones of homicide  
18 victims through regular engagements.

19 Earlier this week, the Family  
20 Liaison Officers attended a training that  
21 included family members of victims to support  
22 them with additional resources to best support  
23 the families. Thank you.

24 PRESIDENT COOPER: Thank you, Chief Talley.

1                   At this time, I'm going to call on  
2 members of the public who have signed up to speak  
3 to give their public comment.

4                   I would just ask that in keeping  
5 with the Board's rules, that you limit your  
6 comments to two minutes each.

7                   So the first member of the public  
8 who signed up to speak this evening is Mr. Otis  
9 Buckley.

10                  MR. BUCKLEY: Thank you for this opportunity  
11 to speak. I was looking forward to seeing the  
12 police chief here because I went on your website,  
13 and it said that the police chief was required to  
14 be here. So I'm little bit disappointed that he  
15 is not here. But that's neither here nor there.

16                  I'm here to reach out to the Police  
17 Board to let you guys know that I am the  
18 president and founder of Total Blackout for  
19 Reform. 2014, '15, and '16 we had the largest  
20 boycott that America has ever seen. When we  
21 boycotted this country to bring about justice to  
22 stop the police from murdering black and brown  
23 people, we did that in 2014, '15, and '16.

24                  But I'm here today to reach out to

1 the police to ask you to work with me. I want to  
2 work with you. I want join forces with you. I  
3 don't want to work against you. I want to work  
4 with you, because there's something out there  
5 right now that endangers our entire planet. It's  
6 called the Human Connectome Project. It's a  
7 public program that very few people know about.  
8 It is call the Human Connectome,  
9 C-O-N-N-E-C-T-O-M-E. The Human Connectome  
10 Project. It's where they take and make digital  
11 copies of a human's brain. They take all 80  
12 billion neurons of the human brain and make a  
13 digital copy of that human. That digital copy  
14 does not have weight. It does not have mass. It  
15 does not have a body. It is identical to a  
16 spirit. They are taking human beings and turning  
17 human beings into human spirits, and those human  
18 spirits -- they want to put those human spirits  
19 into robots or into nanobots in another human  
20 being's body. They want to guide that human.  
21 They want to nudge that human and tap on that  
22 human, to guide that human, but their ultimate  
23 goal is total control. They want to totally  
24 control that human. They call them surrogates.

1 I call them humans.

2 The police and me, we need to unite  
3 together and join forces to fight against this  
4 evil that threatens our entire planet. There are  
5 books out --

6 PRESIDENT COOPER: Mr. Buckley.

7 MR. BUCKLEY: -- there are books out that you  
8 can read, that you can see I am not a liar, by  
9 Dr. Michio Kaku, The Future of the Mind. By Dr.  
10 Michio Kaku, Physics of the Impossible. By Dr.  
11 Michio Kaku, Quantum Supremacy. Quantum  
12 computers are a thousand times faster than your  
13 fastest super computer --

14 PRESIDENT COOPER: Mr. Buckley.

15 MR. BUCKLEY: Human connectomes will be the  
16 destruction of our planet. The police and me  
17 need to work hand in hand to prevent the  
18 destruction of our planet.

19 PRESIDENT COOPER: Thank you, Mr. Buckley.

20 The next speaker we have is Dr. Rita  
21 Pritchett.

22 DR. PRITCHETT: Good evening to the Board and  
23 to my brothers and sisters and general public.

24 I just have a question I'd like to

1 pose to you, and you don't have to answer. I'd  
2 like to know how many of you know, who is the  
3 first woman killed in the line of duty? I'll  
4 answer for you. Her name was Dorelle Brandon.  
5 She was shot January 24th, 1984. 40 years later,  
6 a commander by the name of Melvin Branch  
7 completed the task of revitalizing the 3rd  
8 District community room, and to name it in her  
9 honor for her heroism.

10 I'd like to thank everyone for  
11 their participation and cohesiveness between the  
12 public and the police.

13 I'd like the idea that was started  
14 by them when I was a police officer. Matt  
15 Rodriguez came up with the idea that Together We  
16 Can.

17 Oftentimes when I come here, I hear  
18 the public outcry of how a police officer has  
19 taken the life of a loved one, but nobody ever  
20 talks about the hurt of the family when one of  
21 our loved ones is taken by the streets.

22 So thank you very much for this  
23 opportunity to speak. And I would ask that you  
24 always remember the very first woman killed in



1 the line of duty, Dorelle Brandon. Thank you.

2 PRESIDENT COOPER: Thank you, Dr. Pritchett.

3 The next speak speaker we have  
4 signed up to speak is Ms. Rhonda Smith.

5 MS. SMITH: Good evening, everyone. I'm a  
6 member of the Chicago Alliance Against Racist and  
7 Political Repression.

8 The one question I have, I don't  
9 know if you guys can answer this, but I'd like to  
10 know what the Board is doing about these police  
11 officers that are committing murder? I don't  
12 know if you guys want to call it that, but  
13 there's a lot of innocent people, not necessarily  
14 criminals, that are being -- that are being  
15 killed, as well there are people that are  
16 innocent that are already in jail, and they have  
17 been proven to be innocent. It's a lot of red  
18 tape that keeps them in prison. And what do you  
19 guys think about that? Is that right? No  
20 comment. I figured that. But that was the  
21 question I had.

22 What do you guys know about these  
23 white supremacists that have infiltrated the  
24 Police Department? So all right. That was all.

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1 You all have a good evening.

2 PRESIDENT COOPER: Thank you, Ms. Smith.

3 The next individual who signed up to  
4 speak is Mr. Robert Terry.

5 MR. TERRY: Hello again. I'm back. This is  
6 the third time I've been to this meeting. So  
7 it's been three months since I've been  
8 complaining about it. Nothing's been done.

9 Again, from the last meeting,  
10 December 20th, I sent Chief Novalez the video  
11 that I got from the Nicki's -- the owner of  
12 Nicki's gave me the video. So now I have the  
13 video footage of me being attacked with the sound  
14 on it, too. So this false report they made on me  
15 says that I assaulted three people. I got the  
16 video footage with the sound on it that says the  
17 truth.

18 I'm just demanding my cell phone  
19 back from them and putting out my hand, give me  
20 back my cell phone, and I am being attacked.

21 And I showed the video, and I keep  
22 showing the video, and I can't press charges  
23 against this man.

24 I talked to Novalez after the

1 meeting. He said he was going to assign Dawn  
2 Valenti, victim services. No, nothing happened  
3 with her. I tried to contact her on Facebook,  
4 nothing.

5 So on December 31st, I had to go and  
6 try to get an order of protection and press  
7 charges at the 11th court. Ellie Steward was  
8 the State's Attorney I talked to, told me, no,  
9 it's not -- your police report that you are  
10 showing me is not even on the police computer.  
11 It wasn't even added into the computer. So she  
12 couldn't pull it up. She told me I had to go to  
13 555 West Harrison to try to get an order of  
14 protection over there. I go over there and they  
15 said they can't do anything because I don't have  
16 the man's name because it not on the police  
17 report because the detective didn't put it on  
18 there.

19 And I'm still the assailant on the  
20 false report. I want to know how I can get rid  
21 of this false report and how I can press charges.  
22 I got more. I know you're going to shut me down.

23 PRESIDENT COOPER: I don't want to shut you  
24 down. I know you've come to the last several

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1 meetings and talked to the police officers, so I  
2 would just say, you know, thank you for keep  
3 coming. I do know if you stay after the meeting,  
4 officers --

5 MR. TERRY: I heard that, guys, already from  
6 you. No offense.

7 PRESIDENT COOPER: I'm just telling you --

8 MR. TERRY: There's more okay. I'm hoping I  
9 can press charges. The Cook County Sheriff told  
10 me I don't have to keep going all over these  
11 places. It can be done right here. Why isn't it  
12 getting done?

13 PRESIDENT COOPER: I appreciate you coming  
14 back. Stay after the meeting and someone will  
15 talk to you.

16 THE WITNESS: I will keep coming back.

17 PRESIDENT COOPER: Please do. Thank you,  
18 Mr. Terry.

19 The last speaker we have signed up  
20 is Pastor Doyle.

21 MR. BUCKLEY: Real quick before Pastor Doyle.  
22 My email address is Otisthesalesman@Gmail.com.  
23 Otisthesalesman@Gmail.com. Reach out to me. I  
24 want to work with the police so we can put an end

1 to the Human Connectome Project, because it is  
2 going to destroy the planet and life as we know  
3 it on this planet.

4 PRESIDENT COOPER: Thank you, Mr. Buckley.  
5 Pastor Doyle.

6 PASTOR DOYLE: Good evening, President  
7 Cooper, new Board members. For the record,  
8 D-O-Y-L-E. This land is your land A-N-D-R-Y.  
9 And, again, United States Marine Corps veteran.

10 So I asked Chief Talley to start  
11 with the book that Rickey Smiley of famed  
12 personality has written about his overwhelming  
13 grief about the overdose -- his son overdosing.  
14 It is an excellent read, and money is well spent.  
15 For National Mental Health Awareness Month in  
16 May, collaboration of organizations might want to  
17 bring Mr. Smiley in, not to do comedy, but to be  
18 honest about what happens when your son, despite  
19 your best effort, overdoses. And so that's the  
20 book side show that's going to the right.

21 So, President Cooper, if you  
22 remember my last meeting where I specifically  
23 mentioned the Inspector General's report filed  
24 against Anthony Driver, Sandra Wortham, and

1 Carisa Parker. The print-off of the email is  
2 going to every Board member dated December 24th  
3 about the department receiving my complaints. I  
4 never said anything to anybody regarding my  
5 complaints, because at the last meeting, which is  
6 on record, I was told by the attorney to the  
7 right of you who claimed after the meeting that I  
8 was harassing her -- I want that to hang.

9 Because that is my character. And including  
10 having Mr. Gentile to the right -- to the back of  
11 me come in between us. Again, my character.

12 So I'm wondering how the Office of  
13 Inspector General have received complaints about  
14 the three names who I have mentioned if I never  
15 said anything. Because if you remember, and I  
16 thank you for the extra minutes, my character  
17 will never be defamed.

18 It's interesting how I received that  
19 email that my attorney and members of the City  
20 Council who are attorneys say is invalid, that  
21 someone is lying, because if you remember the  
22 last meeting on the 19th, I was told -- or at  
23 least shared by the -- as backed up by the video,  
24 that I asked the attorney to the right of you to

1 write it down, and she said it's on video. So  
2 the words that that intake specialist on terms of  
3 an email, how can you have complaints from me  
4 when I've never said anything?

5 As an attorney, I don't expect for  
6 you to get involved. This is just for your  
7 awareness, because it goes back to my character.  
8 Because at the end of the day, this marine will  
9 not be budged by anyone, especially who looks  
10 like me, because I am four months into my grief  
11 regarding my mother, and this is the wrong time  
12 of the year -- beginning of the year to be a liar

13 PRESIDENT COOPER: Thank you, Pastor.

14 Well, that concludes the public  
15 comment section of this meeting with all members  
16 of the public who signed up to speak have spoken.  
17 Is there a motion to adjourn?

18 BOARD MEMBER BADILLO: Yes. So moved.

19 BOARD MEMBER LISS: Second.

20 PRESIDENT COOPER: All in favor, raise your  
21 hands and say aye.

22 (CHORUS OF AYES.)

23 PRESIDENT COOPER: Seeing all hands raised  
24 and hearing all ayes, the motion passes and the

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1 meeting is adjourned. Thank you.

2 (WHEREUPON, the meeting was  
3 adjourned at 8:07 p.m.)

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In Re: Chicago Police Board Public Meeting  
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I, MAUREEN A. WOODMAN, C.S.R., do hereby certify that the foregoing Report of Proceedings was recorded stenographically by me and was reduced to computerized transcript under my direction, and that the said transcript constitutes a true record.

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