

Police Board Public Meeting
February 20, 2025

CHICAGO POLICE BOARD
CITY OF CHICAGO
PUBLIC MEETING

3510 South Michigan Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Thursday, February 20, 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 (Telephonically)
ARLETTE PORTER
ANDREAS SAFAKAS
JUSTIN TERRY
CYNTHIA VELAZQUEZ

ALSO PRESENT:

LARRY SNELLING, Superintendent of Police;
ROBIN MURPHY, General Counsel of the Civilian
Office of Police Accountability;
TOBARA RICHARDSON, Deputy Inspector General for
Public Safety;
TRACI WALKER, Deputy 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: Good evening. Again, my
2 name is Kyle Cooper, and I am president of the
3 Chicago Police Board. I'm calling the Board's
4 February 20th public meeting to order.

5 We thank CAN-TV for covering this
6 meeting. It is being live-streamed at CAN-TV.org
7 and on the CAN-TV app and televised on CAN TV 27.

8 Along with myself, we have the
9 following Board members attending in person:
10 Board Member Claudia Badillo, Board Member Tyler
11 Hall, Board Member Arlette Porter, Board Member
12 Andreas Safakas, Board Member Justin Terry, and
13 Board Member Cynthia Velazquez. Board Members
14 Block and Liss are unable to attend this meeting
15 in person and would like to attend remotely. Is
16 there a motion to permit them to do so?

17 BOARD MEMBER BADILLO: So moved.

18 PRESIDENT COOPER: All in favor, please raise
19 your hand and say aye.

20 (CHORUS OF AYES.)

21 PRESIDENT COOPER: Seeing all hands raised,
22 the motion passes.

23 In addition to the Police Board
24 members, we have the following City officials

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1 here with us this evening. We have the
2 Superintendent of Police Mr. Larry Snelling. We
3 have General Counsel of the Civilian Office of
4 Police Accountability Mr. Robin Murphy, who is
5 representing Chief Administrator Andrea Kersten.
6 We have Deputy Inspector General for Public
7 Safety Ms. Tobar Richardson. We have Deputy
8 Chief of the Chicago Police Department's Bureau
9 of Internal Affairs Deputy Chief Traci Walker,
10 who is here on behalf of Chief Yolanda Talley.
11 We have General Counsel for Superintendent Mr.
12 Scott Spears. As always, we have the Police
13 Board Executive Director Mr. Max Caproni.

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 January 16th?

18 BOARD MEMBER BADILLO: So moved.

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

21 (CHORUS OF AYES.)

22 PRESIDENT COOPER: Hearing all ayes and
23 seeing all hands raised, the motion passes.

24 The next regular meeting of the

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1 Police Board is scheduled to take place on March
2 20th at 7:30 p.m., and that meeting is scheduled
3 to take place where all the Chicago Police Board
4 meetings do, right here at the Chicago Public
5 Safety Headquarters.

6 The Police Board meets in executive
7 session to discuss various matters. Those
8 discussions are closed to the public as
9 authorized by Section 2(c)(1), (4), (11), and
10 (21) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act.

11 Information on matters discussed in
12 the executive session is included in the minutes
13 of the meeting posted on the Police Board's
14 website.

15 Is there a motion to close a series
16 of future executive sessions authorized by these
17 sections of the Open Meetings Act?

18 BOARD MEMBER BADILLO: So moved.

19 PRESIDENT COOPER: All in favor, raise your
20 happen and say aye.

21 (CHORUS OF AYES.)

22 PRESIDENT COOPER: Hearing all ayes, the
23 motion passes.

24 The next item we have on the agenda

1 is discussion of police disciplinary cases. The
2 Police Board hears cases when the Superintendent
3 files charges recommending that a sworn officer
4 be discharged from the Chicago Police Department
5 for violating the Chicago Police Department's
6 rules of conduct.

7 The Board, as authorized by the Open
8 Meetings Act, has discussed in a closed meeting
9 one police disciplinary case, and we will now
10 take final action on this case.

11 Regarding case number 24 PB 3039,
12 the Superintendent filed charges against
13 Lieutenant Wilfredo Roman, Jr., recommending that
14 he be discharged from the Chicago Police
15 Department for use of excessive force. The
16 Superintendent subsequently moved to withdraw
17 these charges because the parties agreed to
18 settle the case and have the Superintendent
19 suspend the Lieutenant without pay for 180 days.

20 Is there a motion to approve the
21 settlement agreement and grant the
22 Superintendent's motion?

23 BOARD MEMBER BADILLO: So moved.

24 BOARD MEMBER TERRY: Second.

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1 PRESIDENT COOPER: I will now call on members
2 of the Board for their vote. Board Member
3 Badillo.

4 BOARD MEMBER BADILLO: Aye.

5 PRESIDENT COOPER: Board Member Block?

6 BOARD MEMBER BLOCK: Aye.

7 PRESIDENT COOPER: Board Member Hall.

8 BOARD MEMBER HALL: Aye.

9 PRESIDENT COOPER: Board Member Liss.

10 BOARD MEMBER LISS: Aye.

11 PRESIDENT COOPER: Board Member Safakas.

12 BOARD MEMBER SAFAKAS: Aye.

13 PRESIDENT COOPER: Board Member Terry.

14 BOARD MEMBER TERRY: Aye.

15 PRESIDENT COOPER: And Board Member

16 Velazquez.

17 BOARD MEMBER VELAZQUEZ: Aye.

18 PRESIDENT COOPER: I also vote in favor of
19 the motion, and the motion passes by a vote of 8
20 to 0.

21 A written order will be drafted and
22 entered as of today's date, sent to the parties
23 and promptly posted on the Police Board's
24 website.

1 The next item we have on the agenda
2 is an update on the arbitration of police
3 disciplinary cases, including data on the impact
4 of the ongoing litigation.

5 First, I just want to provide some
6 background information as to how we got here and
7 where we are to go.

8 For over 60 years, from 1961 through
9 2023, the Police Board was the only
10 decision-maker of the most serious cases of
11 police discipline - those in which the
12 recommendation was to discharge the officer from
13 the Chicago Police Department.

14 In March 2024, a Cook County Circuit
15 judge ruled that police officers have the right
16 to choose to have these cases heard by an
17 arbitrator rather than before the Police Board.

18 The police officers' union,
19 Fraternal Order of Police, has appealed the
20 Circuit Court ruling requiring arbitration
21 hearings be open to the public.

22 The City is not challenging the
23 arbitration option in the case currently before
24 the Illinois Appellate Court.

1 Accordingly, there will be no
2 arbitration hearings until the FOP and the City
3 reach an agreement on the arbitration process
4 that is open to the public as required by the
5 Circuit Court, and there can be no Police Board
6 hearings without the consent of the accused
7 officer per the Circuit Court's order.

8 Just for a little background to let
9 everybody know where cases stand, there are
10 currently 16 discharge cases and one 366-day
11 suspension case currently before the Police Board
12 in which the accused officer has requested
13 arbitration; thus, as a result of the Circuit
14 Court ruling, those cases are currently on hold.
15 The cases on hold also include four
16 police-shooting cases and four domestic violence
17 cases. There are four Police Board cases that
18 are moving forward because the accused officer
19 has elected to have a Police Board hearing, and
20 all four of these cases involve non-duty related
21 charges, such as residency requirements or drug
22 use outside of the performance of duties.

23 Because of the large number of cases
24 on hold due to the arbitration litigation, as you

1 can see in this chart, there was a sharp decline
2 in the cases that were decided by the Board in
3 2024. The Board ruled on five cases last year
4 compared to 20 cases in 2022 and 24 in 2023.

5 In addition, as you can see from
6 this chart, there was a significant decrease in
7 cases that were filed with the Police Board after
8 the litigation on the arbitration option
9 commenced in early 2024. Seven cases were filed
10 last year compared to 16 in 2023 -- sorry. In
11 '24. And 23 in 2023. No cases have been filed
12 thus far in 2025.

13 The litigation on arbitration of
14 police disciplinary cases is ongoing, and we are
15 currently waiting to hear whether the Illinois
16 Appellate Court will hold oral arguments in the
17 case before it. It appears that it will be at
18 least several months before the Illinois
19 Appellate Court decides the case, and after that,
20 there will likely be an appeal to the Illinois
21 Supreme Court.

22 In the meantime, it is important to
23 note, consideration of the most serious cases of
24 police disciplinary conduct remain on hold in

1 Chicago.

2 The next item on the agenda is
3 appeals by applicants who have been disqualified
4 to become Chicago police officers. When a person
5 applies to become a Chicago police officer is
6 disqualified and removed from the eligibility
7 list due to the results of a background
8 application, that person has a right to appeal
9 that decision to the Police Board. The Board, as
10 authorized by the Open Meetings Act, has
11 discussed in a closed meeting several appeals.
12 We will now take final action on these appeals.

13 Is there a motion to affirm the
14 disqualification decision for the following
15 appeals: 24AA59 and 24AA62?

16 BOARD MEMBER BADILLO: So moved.

17 BOARD MEMBER TERRY: Second.

18 PRESIDENT COOPER: I will now call on the
19 Board members for their votes on these appeals.
20 Board Member Badillo.

21 BOARD MEMBER BADILLO: Aye.

22 PRESIDENT COOPER: Board Member Block.

23 BOARD MEMBER BLOCK: Aye.

24 PRESIDENT COOPER: Board Member Hall.

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1 BOARD MEMBER HALL: Aye.

2 PRESIDENT COOPER: Board Member Liss.

3 BOARD MEMBER LISS: Aye.

4 PRESIDENT COOPER: Board Member Porter.

5 BOARD MEMBER PORTER: Aye.

6 PRESIDENT COOPER: Board Member Safakas.

7 BOARD MEMBER SAFAKAS: Aye.

8 PRESIDENT COOPER: Board member Terry.

9 BOARD MEMBER TERRY: Aye.

10 PRESIDENT COOPER: And Board member

11 Velazquez.

12 BOARD MEMBER VELAZQUEZ: Aye.

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

15 The written decisions of these
16 appeals will be entered as of today's date, sent
17 to the parties, and promptly posted on the Police
18 Board's website.

19 At this time, I would now like to
20 call on the Superintendent of the Chicago Police
21 Department Larry Snelling to give his report.

22 SUPERINTENDENT SNELLING: Good evening.

23 Thank you, President Cooper, and also the members
24 of the Board, and also I want to thank members of

1 the public for being here.

2 We started this month by
3 celebrating the graduation of 241 Chicago Police
4 recruits. These men and women have graciously
5 chosen to serve our City in a time that's
6 particularly difficult.

7 These graduates are now
8 probationary police officers working in districts
9 citywide.

10 We also wanted to celebrate
11 officers who are recently promoted, including our
12 command staff members, lieutenants, sergeants,
13 detectives, and field training officers. These
14 are new members of our Department who have chosen
15 to take greater responsibilities in strengthening
16 public safety.

17 As we work to increase public
18 safety for all Chicagoans, we're asking residents
19 and business owners to assist us by registering
20 their private security cameras with CPD. These
21 cameras can protect homes and businesses by
22 acting as a deterrent, but they can also help
23 bring justice to victims of crimes that occur in
24 the area.

1 Anyone with a private security
2 camera can visit ChicagoPolice.org camera
3 registration. Again, ChicagoPolice.org camera
4 registration to learn more and register the
5 location of their camera, which will allow
6 detectives to contact camera owners if a crime
7 has occurred and those detectives can capture the
8 video. Let me be clear. This does not give CPD
9 direct access to your camera system. What it
10 does is it gives us the opportunity to reach out
11 and call to get permission for you to volunteer
12 footage if absolutely necessary.

13 We all want to make our community
14 safe for our families and fellow neighbors, and
15 to the do that, partnership is vital.

16 I want to thank everyone for your
17 participation. With our new programs with the
18 detective division and our victim services, we
19 have been working with more cooperation which has
20 helped us get to the bottom of violent crimes,
21 and we want to continue that work. So thank you
22 for being here

23 PRESIDENT COOPER: Thank you, Superintendent.
24 At this time, I'd now like to call on Robin

1 Murphy to give the report of the COPA Chief
2 Administrator.

3 MR. MURPHY: Good evening. Robin Murphy,
4 General Counsel of Civilian Office of Police
5 Accountability, and I would just like to announce
6 our January numbers for COPA. We received 369
7 complaints and notifications. 81 of those were
8 under COPA jurisdiction, which included 360
9 allegations. 35 percent of those allegations
10 were Fourth Amendment, improper search and
11 seizure allegations. We also received two
12 officer-involved shooting notifications, and we
13 concluded an investigation of one
14 officer-involved shooting case.

15 Video releases in January under the
16 City video release policy, we released three. In
17 terms of community engagement, we had 12
18 community engagement events throughout the City.

19 Finally, I would like to just take a
20 moment to acknowledge Chief Andrea Kersten who
21 announced last week she will be leaving her
22 position as Chief Administrator. We are
23 incredibly grateful for her leadership,
24 expertise, and unwavering commitment that has

1 significantly shaped COPA's success.

2 COPA has established itself as an
3 independent, transparent voice in Chicago's
4 community safety system with many successes,
5 including reaching full compliance with 90
6 percent of our Consent Decree requirements and
7 reduction of our legacy case backlog to historic
8 lows.

9 Chief Kersten would also like me to
10 extend her heartfelt thanks to President Kyle
11 Cooper and the rest of the Police Board.

12 On behalf of COPA, we thank Chief
13 Kersten and wish her successes in her next
14 endeavors.

15 PRESIDENT COOPER: Thank you, General Counsel
16 Murphy. Just as a personal point of privilege,
17 I'd also like to extend a warm thank you to Chief
18 Administrator Kersten for her service and her
19 work in the City. She's been an invaluable
20 resource to me as I started this position on the
21 Police Board, and I just want to pass on
22 heartfelt good wishes and good luck to her in her
23 next endeavor.

24 At this point, I would now call on

1 members of the public who signed up in advance to
2 speak to come to the podium.

3 As always, to make sure that
4 everybody who is signed up to speak has an
5 opportunity to do so, that you limit your
6 comments to two minutes. And to sort of keep us
7 on track, if you hear a timer go off, that is to
8 let you know that your two minutes have elapsed.

9 With that being said, the first
10 person I would like to call is Ms. Sharyon Cosey.

11 PASTOR COSEY: Good evening. First, I want
12 to say I'm Pastor Cosey, by the way. I'm Pastor
13 Cosey.

14 Good evening, everybody. I'm
15 honored to be here. I first wanted to say I am
16 appreciative of all the people who are on the
17 police force. I shouldn't say all, most. Which
18 brings me here this evening. I think most police
19 officers do a fantastic job of keeping the City
20 as safe as possible. I'm born and raised in
21 Chicago. Lived her all my life. Which brings me
22 to that evening, because in 2015, ten years ago,
23 that's why I'm here. On February 15th, I was
24 pulled over for a moving violation. It's cold

1 tonight, but at that particular time, it was the
2 a polar vortex so-called. The next day, Chicago
3 Public Schools and a lot of other area schools
4 were closed. I was pulled over on my way home
5 about 8:30 p.m. by an officer who ended up
6 arresting me. I told him that I had to be at
7 work the next day. I am a staff chaplain. I
8 work with police officers and law enforcement all
9 the time. And as a result of that, and I don't
10 want to get into all that, but I've had health
11 issues ever since. I was a senior then. And
12 guess what? I'm still a senior today. But I
13 have arthritis in each one of my fingers,
14 arthritis in my knee, arthritis in my hip,
15 because basically I froze that night because I
16 had to be taken in a police car and back and
17 forth and so on. Which brings me here tonight,
18 is that I propose to all those listening on the
19 Police Board, after looking at some of the
20 statistics, I looked at two, three different
21 areas -- one was WTTW investigative reports, and
22 my memory serves correctly -- I don't need my
23 glasses -- that over the past six years, it's
24 been almost \$500 million in payoffs to settle

1 claims from abuse and so on, and roughly 116
2 officers who were responsible. I think that was
3 also a WTTW statistic. 116 officers roughly cost
4 the City about \$93 million the last three years
5 in settlements.

6 So before I became an ordained
7 pastor, in the seminary, I had to undergo a basic
8 psychologic test, and that was a prerequisite in
9 order to be ordained and to graduate from Chicago
10 theological seminary. I propose that moving
11 forward with the Consent Decree and all that,
12 that newly -- before they even hire police
13 officers, cadets undergo a basic psychological
14 test. And those with multiple complaints -- this
15 particular officer I found out later on had over
16 30 complaints.

17 PRESIDENT COOPER: Thank you, Pastor Cosey.

18 PASTOR COSEY: That's something I hope you
19 consider to save the city money. Thank you.

20 PRESIDENT COOPER: Thank you. The next
21 speaker who signed up is Zakiya Muhammad.

22 MS. MUHAMMAD: Good evening, Board members.
23 Good evening to Superintendent Snelling. I'm
24 back again. I am one of the elder activists in

1 the community, and I have a serious concern about
2 the incident that happened February 3rd where
3 some of our children, young children, had a
4 run-in with different schools, and one of the
5 young men got stabbed twice, and I think that the
6 one that did it was 15 years old, right here at
7 35th and Rhodes.

8 Now, this is how innocent people
9 can get hurt. And there are other elder mothers,
10 grandmothers that wanted to be here, and we all
11 have children that are 60 years old and older.
12 So we are very, very, very concerned about this,
13 because we watched so many of them grow up.

14 I'm standing at the bus stop right
15 there at 35th and Calumet, about eight or ten
16 young boys run past me, throw a backpack in the
17 garbage can, look back and go back and pick it
18 up. My girlfriend calls me to get in the car. I
19 go to Lake Meadows Shopping Center. I come out
20 Walgreens and nothing but blue lights. So it's
21 been an incident, and our children were hurt.

22 So that's how innocent people can
23 get hurt. Not to mention our young people that
24 are hurting each other.

1 I'm asking again, can you put the
2 cars back out there like y'all had them out there
3 when Bronzeville Military School opened, and I
4 had to come down here again and ask for cars,
5 because Dunbar Vocational, my alma matter, was
6 down there making a scene with the young people.
7 I'm in the bank. Young man come in the bank and
8 snatched the fire extinguisher off the wall to go
9 out there and beat somebody with. So serious.

10 If we can just have the cars out
11 there during the time that the schools are
12 closing so the cars can be seen, you know, so the
13 children -- that should curb -- hopefully, that
14 should curb some of their activity. That should
15 help, you know, them try to do the right thing by
16 not getting into fights with each other, and then
17 that will save us innocent bystanders who could
18 possibly be hurt in the middle of all this. Can
19 we talk?

20 SUPERINTENDENT SNELLING: Yes, ma'am.

21 PRESIDENT COOPER: Thank you, Ms. Muhammad.

22 The next individual who signed up
23 to speak is Ms. Melanie Hogan.

24 MS. HOGAN: Hello. My name is Melanie Hogan,

1 and I am founder of ChiLOVe here in Chicago. And
2 let me piggyback what this young lady said with
3 the youth, there is an issue. Unfortunately,
4 they don't respect the police.

5 Now, I pay attention, and I have
6 seen the police officers actually abiding by the
7 new training that they have received. But I'm
8 also noticing some malicious compliance. What I
9 mean by that is, they pull up, but they don't do
10 anything. There's no resolve.

11 So in the event where we are
12 addressing youth, we need to, one, give the
13 parents back their rights to discipline, not
14 abuse, but to discipline their children and to
15 back the parents with this, because it is -- it
16 is truly getting out of hand.

17 So as the representative -- one of
18 the representatives for the City, I'm a mother
19 myself, when we -- you all tell us something, and
20 we try to put it out to the neighborhood and
21 saying, Okay, we're having changes here in
22 Chicago now, we need y'all support as well when
23 we're on the front line saying, Well, these are
24 the changes that occurring here in Englewood, in

1 South Shore, in the areas where they are known to
2 be Chiraq. And also there are a lot of people
3 who do not agree with the Chiraq lifestyle.
4 They're going to school. They're going to work.
5 I live in Englewood. I just finished my master's
6 degree. Just because you are in that area
7 doesn't mean that's your mind-set, but there are
8 people who are in the area who want to continue
9 with the tradition of what we know Chicago to be
10 in certain urban areas.

11 So I just want to say good job for
12 what you all are doing correctly, and we all need
13 to come together and find some type of solution
14 to help these babies and the parents. Thank you.

15 PRESIDENT COOPER: Thank you, Ms. Hogan.

16 The next speaker who signed up to
17 speak is Dr Rita Pritchett.

18 DR. PRITCHETT: Well, good evening, everyone.
19 Isn't this a lovely evening? Everyone looks so
20 well. I'll be brief.

21 Good evening to my fellow citizens.
22 I was here a month ago, and I was speaking about
23 the first woman killed in the line of duty, her
24 name is Dorelle C. Brandon. Her husband Matthew

1 Brandon is here. Say hi, Matthew. Don't be shy.
2 Hurry up.

3 Dorelle was the first woman killed
4 in the line of duty. She was my friend, and she
5 was my partner. She was recognized and honored
6 for her heroism by 3rd District Commander Melvin
7 Branch who renamed the 3rd District community
8 room and in her honor.

9 A lot of you may have thought Irma
10 Ruiz was the first women. Many of you remember
11 Sister French. Ella French. And I'm not taking
12 anything from any of my sisters in blue as women,
13 but I want you to know that the first woman
14 killed in the line of duty was Dorelle Brandon.
15 I want to let you know at that event and that
16 celebration, brass came -- nearly all of the
17 brass came to honor her. Superintendent Snelling
18 came and he spoke. Deputy Chief Walker, she was
19 there. Chief Talley was there. Commander Davina
20 Ward, she was there, and many others, but most of
21 all, the community was there, and those of us who
22 worked with Dorelle.

23 I want you to know the brass stood
24 for two hours. Two hours, nobody left, so that

1 the retirees, like me, could sit and enjoy in
2 fellowship. What I want to say before I take my
3 seat -- and I heard the bell go off. Many have
4 attended the police academy. That's well and
5 fine. Many of you may have gone on ride alongs.
6 I'm sure all of you have a degree or two. But
7 there is no textbook to teach you what we do and
8 have to endure as police officers making
9 last-minute decisions. Law enforcement for us is
10 a lifestyle. God bless you.

11 PRESIDENT COOPER: Thank you, Dr. Pritchett.

12 The next individual who signed up
13 to speak is Jasmine.

14 MS. SMITH: So I'm going to say that it's an
15 awful shame that Kersten and Ephraim has resigned
16 and to the community that feel like maybe we
17 shouldn't have a body that's created for
18 accountability over CPD.

19 I can say it a million and one
20 times, I have friends that I grew up with that
21 are officers. All of these officers are not good
22 officers, and our kids don't respect these
23 officers because there is no accountability when
24 officers harm our community.

1 I'm an activist. I fight for
2 wrongfully convicted and torture survivors and
3 police accountability here in Chicago.

4 I got in this field two and a half
5 years ago because my two loved ones, who I'm
6 still fighting for right now, Lester Owens and
7 Rico Clark, 14 and a half years, 17 and a half
8 years thus far, wrongly convicted by one of our
9 highest-paid sergeants in Chicago. And because
10 of the exposure of his pattern and practice,
11 being married to a State's Attorney, working in
12 departments that convict our people and us making
13 the news is why he was forced to retire a year
14 ago.

15 So when we speak about the problem
16 and the crime in our communities, let's start
17 withholding everybody accountable.

18 These kids -- I have a grandson,
19 and I have a daughter. My daughter is a gun
20 victim survivor. Shot six times on the streets
21 of the City of Chicago and survived it and was
22 able to produce a child after that.

23 So when we talk about people who
24 grew up in these communities and these streets, I

1 have done it, I felt it, and my child is a person
2 that's a victim of gun violence.

3 So I'm not up here to always attack
4 the police, but when there's no accountability
5 and when it don't seem like the people that's in
6 powers are trying to work with the people that's
7 in a position to help us get accountability,
8 there's an issue. There's an issue.

9 There's no way you can fix our
10 streets when you are not trying to hold your
11 officers accountable, Snelling. There's no way.
12 So let's correct the problem and help our future.

13 PRESIDENT COOPER: The next individual who
14 signed up to speak is Pastor Doyle.

15 PASTOR DOYLE: For the record, D-O-Y-L-E.
16 This land is your Land, L-A-N-D-R-Y. United
17 States Marine Corps veteran.

18 So I listened to everything that
19 was said, and I literally changed what I was
20 going to say because multiple times everyone said
21 accountability.

22 So the current Chicago Fire
23 Commissioner Arnette Holt would love
24 accountability for her 16-year-old named Blair.

1 Again, Julian class of '08, but he didn't make
2 it.

3 For every black mother who has to
4 go to the graveyard to visit her child put there
5 by another black trigger puller, they'd like
6 accountability, too.

7 So what I see is a solution because
8 what we gloss over -- when I say "we," my shade,
9 what we gloss over is for the incident at the
10 Walgreens -- by the way, it is unfortunate that
11 Walgreens is closing, commercial. A lot of
12 senior citizens need that Walgreens. No, I don't
13 work for Walgreens. I just need to say that.
14 35th and King Drive.

15 Back to those young humans -- can't
16 call them adults. Young humans. Whose home do
17 they come from? So we have our churches. We
18 have our lodges. We have our places right now.
19 February 20th, where the next few months, you can
20 have some honest conversation. When I say honest
21 conversation, bringing those same boys and girls
22 who do not pay rent, who do not pay real bills to
23 the table and ask them why are you so angry,
24 because you can't bring back Blair Holt and the

1 other young people murdered in the prime of their
2 life; however, you can prevent another Dexter
3 Reed, because at the end of the day, mental
4 health for black males is real. And as Opera
5 says, You cannot fix what you will not fix.

6 By the way, the envelope, his
7 birthday, February 28th. God bless.

8 PRESIDENT COOPER: Thank you, Pastor.

9 Final speaker who signed up to
10 speak tonight is Ms. Lena Bivens.

11 MS. BIVENS: Hello, everyone. I'm Lena
12 Bivens. I'm from the 20th Ward, 3rd District,
13 64th and Vernon. I'm happy to be here. It's
14 been a long time since I've been at one of these
15 meetings. Never in person, but I was on Zoom.
16 So I would like to piggyback on what everybody is
17 saying. I think an issue that we also have to
18 implement is using community engagement. Right?

19 In Woodlawn, it seems like every
20 two years we have a new person in charge. Right?
21 But it never trickles down to the community.
22 Right? We have some great people who are in
23 place in the 3rd District, but this goes for all
24 our district who are having issues.

1 Community engagement, partnering
2 with the people in the community and maybe
3 organizations, maybe the businesses. We're going
4 to step that up and do more for that.

5 There are lot of things going on in
6 the world. There's a lot of things going on in
7 the community, and you're going to have to choose
8 people who want to be in our community.

9 Just like the young lady stated, I
10 am 49 years old. I've been in my home for 20
11 years, and, woo, the same things going on. And
12 in 20 years -- I was only 29, 28 years old, and
13 20 years later, we are still dealing with the
14 same issue. We're still not getting the people
15 in office to come out. They come out, and
16 there's some great salespeople that work in the
17 3rd District, we know that. But for the most
18 part that is very lackluster. It feels like a
19 lot of these police officers don't want to be in
20 our community for whatever reason. We need to
21 make a change. I need to ask people figure out
22 where they want to go. You have to have people
23 in our community who want to be there. So if
24 there's change happening, they will do what they

1 need to do with their job and go the extra mile.

2 You understand?

3 Before that buzzer go, I did a
4 hello walk in my community. Right? Did the
5 hello walk. They came out, and the community was
6 happy. They were in shock. The police officers
7 came out during the summertime, and they were
8 like, Thank you for bringing us police officers
9 because they stopped and knocked on the door and
10 just said hello. We didn't ask them for nothing.
11 Just because they engaged, it made a difference.
12 We need to get back to that.

13 PRESIDENT COOPER: Thank you, Ms. Bivens.

14 All the members of the public who
15 signed up to speak have been called. Is there a
16 motion to adjourn this meeting?

17 BOARD MEMBER BADILLO: So moved.

18 PRESIDENT COOPER: All in favor, raise your
19 hands and say aye.

20 (CHORUS OF AYES.)

21 PRESIDENT COOPER: I see all hands raised the
22 motion passes and the meeting is adjourned.

23 (WHEREUPON, the proceedings
24 were adjourned at 8:05 p.m.)

REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE

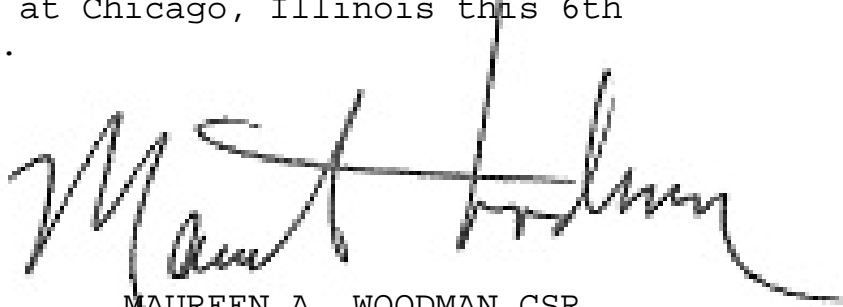
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I, MAUREEN A. WOODMAN, C.S.R., do hereby
certify that the foregoing Report of Proceedings
was recorded stenographically by me and was
reduced to computerized transcript under my
direction, and that the said transcript
constitutes a true record.

I further certify that I am not a
relative or employee or attorney or counsel of
any of the parties, or a relative or employee of
such attorney or counsel, or financially
interested directly or indirectly in this action.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set
my hand of office at Chicago, Illinois this 6th
day of March 2025.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Maureen A. Woodman', is written over the printed name and license number.

MAUREEN A. WOODMAN, CSR
License No. 084.002740

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