

Police Board Public Meeting
October 17, 2024

CHICAGO POLICE BOARD
CITY OF CHICAGO
PUBLIC MEETING

3510 South Michigan Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Thursday, October 17, 2024
7:30 p.m.

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APPEARANCES:

MEMBERS OF THE POLICE BOARD:

KYLE COOPER, President
PAULA WOLFF, Vice President
CLAUDIA BADILLO
STEVEN BLOCK
MAREILÉ CUSACK
NANETTE DOORLEY
KATHRYN LISS
ANDREAS SAFAKAS
JUSTIN TERRY

ALSO PRESENT:

ANGEL NOVALEZ, Chief of the Chicago Police Department
(CPD) Bureau of Constitutional Policing and Reform;
EPHRAIM EADDY, Deputy Chief Administrator of the
Civilian Office of Police Accountability;
NATHANIEL WACKMAN, General Counsel for the Office
of Inspector General;
LEVESTER DUNHAM, Commander of the CPD Bureau of
Internal Affairs;
SCOTT SPEARS, General Counsel to the CPD Superintendent;
MAX CAPRONI, Executive Director of the Police Board
JAZMYNE ROLLINS, Executive Administrative
Assistant of the Police Board; and
MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

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1 PRESIDENT COOPER: Good evening, everyone.
2 My name is Kyle Cooper, and I'm the president of
3 the Chicago Police Board. I am now calling the
4 Board's October 17th, 2024, public meeting to
5 order.

6 We thank CAN-TV for covering this
7 meeting. It's being live-streamed at CAN-TV.org
8 and on the CAN-TV app and televised on CAN-TV
9 27.

10 Along with myself, we have the
11 following Board Members: Vice President Ms.
12 Paula Wolff, Member Claudia Badillo, Member
13 Steven Block, Member Mareilé Cusack, Member
14 Nanette Doorley, Member Katherine Liss, Member
15 Andreas Safakas, and Board Member Justin Terry.

16 Is there a -- in addition to Police
17 Board Members, we have the following City
18 officials here with us this evening: Chief Angel
19 Novalez, who is representing Superintendent of
20 Police Mr. Larry Snelling at the end of the
21 table. We have First Deputy Chief Administrator
22 of the Civilian Office of Police Accountability,
23 Mr. Ephraim Eaddy, who is here on behalf of Chief
24 Administrator Andrea Kersten. We have the

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1 general counsel of the Office Inspector General
2 Nathaniel Wackman, who is representing Deputy
3 Inspector General for Public Safety Tobara
4 Richardson. We have Commander of the Chicago
5 Police Department's Bureau of Internal Affairs,
6 Levester Dunham, who is here on behalf of Chief
7 Talley. We have General Counsel to the
8 Superintendent, Mr. Scott Spears, and, of course,
9 we are joined by the Police Board's Executive
10 Director Max Caproni.

11 We will now proceed to the items on
12 the meeting agenda. Is there a motion to approve
13 the drafts of the minutes of the Board's public
14 and closed meeting that was held on September
15 19th?

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

18 BOARD MEMBER CUSACK: Second. Mareilé
19 Cusack.

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

22 (CHORUS OF AYES.)

23 PRESIDENT COOPER: Hearing and seeing no
24 objections, the motion passes.

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1 For the public, we thank everybody
2 for coming here today. I want to let everybody
3 know the next meeting of the Police Board is
4 scheduled to take place on November 21st at 7:30
5 p.m., right here where the meetings are always
6 held, which is at the Chicago Public Safety
7 Headquarters.

8 The next item on our agenda is
9 referencing closed meetings. The Police Board
10 meets in executive session to discuss various
11 matters. Those discussions are closed to the
12 public as authorized by Sections 2(c)(1), (4)
13 (11), and (21) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act.
14 Information on matters discussed in the executive
15 session is included in the minutes of the
16 meetings posted on our website.

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

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

22 BOARD MEMBER CUSACK: Second. Mareilé
23 Cusack.

24 PRESIDENT COOPER: All in favor, please raise

1 your hand and say aye.

2 (CHORUS OF AYES.)

3 PRESIDENT COOPER: Seeing all hands raised
4 and no opposition, the motion passes.

5 The next item that we will be
6 discussing at today's meeting is to provide an
7 update on arbitration.

8 As I've noted in the past several
9 meetings, the Fraternal Order of Police, which
10 represents Chicago police officers below the rank
11 of sergeant, has appealed two rulings that are
12 part of the March 21st, 2024, Cook County court
13 decision that allows officers to choose to have
14 the most serious cases of police misconduct heard
15 by an arbitrator rather than the Chicago Police
16 Board. The Union is challenging the rules that
17 arbitration proceedings be open to the public and
18 accused officers may be suspended without pay
19 while the arbitration case is pending. The FOP
20 filed its opening brief with the Illinois
21 Appellate Court in late July and the due date for
22 the City's brief has recently been extended twice
23 and is now due later this month on October 31st.

24 It appears that based on the

1 timing of the briefing in this case, there will
2 be some time, and probably not until 2025, if not
3 later, where we can expect a decision on that
4 case.

5 There are no new developments in
6 the 13 cases currently before the Police Board in
7 which the accused officer has requested
8 arbitration.

9 The Board has received no
10 information from the parties as to whether the
11 City and FOP has agreed on arbitration process
12 that is open to the public, and therefore these
13 13 cases will remain on hold, and there will be
14 no arbitration hearings until the establishment
15 of a public arbitration process, and there will
16 be no Police Board hearings without the consent
17 of the accused officer, per Judge Mullen's
18 ruling.

19 Four new disciplinary cases have
20 been filed with the Police Board earlier this
21 month.

22 All four cases stem from
23 investigations by the Chicago Police Department's
24 internal affairs division, and three of those

1 cases involve positive drug tests and one an
2 alleged Illinois -- or City residency violation.

3 More information on these cases
4 will be posted on the Board's website once the
5 accused officers are notified of the charges.

6 The accused officers will then have
7 the option of electing to have public arbitration
8 or Police Board hearing on the charges.

9 The Police Board's website,
10 Chicago.gov/Police Board, will continue to keep
11 the public informed of any new developments in
12 the ongoing litigation and the status of
13 disciplinary cases currently before the Board.

14 I encourage members of the public to
15 go check the news and police discipline sections
16 of the our website for the most current
17 information.

18 The next item on the agenda is
19 police disciplinary cases. There is one
20 announcement that will be made by me of a ruling
21 in a disagreement case on the agenda this
22 evening.

23 For disagreement cases, a member of
24 the Police Board is randomly selected to review

1 and rule on the disagreement and the Board
2 member's written opinion will be posted on the
3 Board's website.

4 In a request for review of
5 No. 24 RR 07, which I reviewed, the Chief
6 Administrator recommended that Officer Fernando
7 Ruiz, star number 12935, be separated from the
8 Chicago Police force for violating two provisions
9 of the CPD policies and procedures: One, for
10 engaging in or continued pursuit in violation of
11 CPD General Order G03-07; and, two, for failing
12 to use deescalation techniques to prevent or
13 reduce the need for use of force in violation of
14 CPD General Order G03-02 and G03-02-01.

15 The Superintendent did not agree
16 with this recommendation and proposed that these
17 allegations be classified as unsustainable.

18 After considering this matter,
19 reviewing the evidence in the review file, and
20 the body camera footage, it is my opinion that
21 the Superintendent did not meet its burden of
22 overcoming the Chief Administrator's
23 recommendation for discipline; therefore, the
24 ruling of the recommendation of the Chief

1 Administrator will be adopted by the Police
2 Board.

3 It is important to note that this
4 ruling does not mean that the accused officer is
5 currently being found guilty of the alleged
6 misconduct. It only means that this matter will
7 now proceed to either a hearing before the Police
8 Board, or if the officer chooses public or
9 private arbitration, depending on the outcome of
10 the Court ruling.

11 That is the only disagreement case
12 that we have on the agenda today.

13 The next item on the agenda is
14 appeals by disqualified applicants to become
15 Chicago police officers.

16 When a person who applies to become
17 a Chicago police officer is disqualified and
18 removed from the eligibility list due to results
19 of a background examination, that person has a
20 right to appeal that decision to this Board. The
21 Board, as authorized by the Open Meetings Act,
22 has discussed in a closed meeting several
23 appeals. We will now take final action on these
24 appeals.

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1 Is there a motion to affirm the
2 disqualification decision for the following
3 appeals: 24AA36 through 40 and 24AA43, and
4 reverse the disqualification decision for the
5 following appeal: 24AA28?

6 VICE PRESIDENT WOLFF: Paula Wolff. So
7 moved.

8 BOARD MEMBER CUSACK: Second. Mareilé
9 Cusack.

10 PRESIDENT COOPER: I will now call on members
11 of the Board for their votes. Board Member
12 Wolff.

13 VICE PRESIDENT WOLFF: Aye.

14 PRESIDENT COOPER: Board Member Badillo.

15 BOARD MEMBER BADILLO: Aye.

16 PRESIDENT COOPER: Board Member Block.

17 BOARD MEMBER BLOCK: Aye, except I dissent
18 the decision appeal 24AA28.

19 PRESIDENT COOPER: Board Member Cusack.

20 BOARD MEMBER CUSACK: Aye. I dissent
21 No. 24AA28.

22 PRESIDENT COOPER: Board Member Doorley.

23 BOARD MEMBER DOORLEY: Aye.

24 PRESIDENT COOPER: Board Member Liss.

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1 BOARD MEMBER LISS: Aye.

2 PRESIDENT COOPER: Board Member Safakas.

3 BOARD MEMBER SAFAKAS: Aye.

4 PRESIDENT COOPER: Board member Terry.

5 BOARD MEMBER TERRY: Aye. Except I dissent
6 from decision in 24AA28.

7 PRESIDENT COOPER: I vote in favor of the
8 motion and so the motion passes.

9 The written decisions of these
10 appeals will be entered as of today's date, sent
11 to the parties and posted on the Police Board's
12 website.

13 At this time, I will now ask Chief
14 Novalez to give his Superintendent's report.

15 CHIEF NOVALEZ: Good evening, everybody. My
16 name is Angel Novalez, I am Chief of
17 Constitutional Policing and Reform. It is an
18 honor and privilege to be here on behalf of the
19 Superintendent Larry Snelling, and any concerns
20 that are brought up at this Board, I will make
21 sure he is informed immediately upon his return.

22 This past weekend, the Chicago
23 Police Department and the City of Chicago
24 welcomed people from across the world for our

1 annual Chicago Marathon. Our officers were
2 visible and present throughout the route,
3 ensuring all those participating and all
4 spectators can safely enjoy the race.

5 We were proud to protect everyone
6 in attendance, as the beauty of our City was in
7 full display.

8 Throughout this past month, the
9 Chicago Police Department has continued to focus
10 on strategically addressing public safety
11 concerns throughout the City.

12 Robberies, which have spiked
13 earlier this year, have been a concern for
14 residents Citywide.

15 In response, we established a
16 robbery task force in May. This task force
17 focuses on investigating robbery patterns, and it
18 also focuses on strategically deploying patrol
19 resources to address these patterns.

20 Due to the efforts of this task
21 force, robberies are down 13 percent Citywide.

22 Robberies and firearms are down 47
23 percent. While this is progress, we know -- we
24 understand that we still have a lot of work to

1 do.

2 We have a lot of work to do to make
3 the people of Chicago feel safe and be safe.

4 Additionally, our detectives are
5 continuing to strengthen homicide investigations
6 as we seek justice for those affected by
7 violence.

8 So far this year, our homicide
9 clearance rate is 53.5 percent. The highest it's
10 been since 2015.

11 Throughout these investigations,
12 our focus and support remain with the families of
13 those who are continuing to live with the trauma
14 of losing a loved one. Justice for victims and
15 their families will remain our true north.

16 This week, we honor four Chicago
17 police officers. Their names are embedded and
18 added to the Memorial Wall at the Chicago Police
19 Memorial Foundation Gold Star Family Park, and
20 the names are as follows. Officer James Crowley,
21 end of watch August 22, 2024. Detective Todd
22 Gillerain, end of watch May 7th, 2020.
23 Lieutenant Edward O'Neill, end of watch November
24 1, 1972. And lastly, probation patrolman

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1 Benjamin Devlin, end of watch November 15, 2022.
2 They are now and forever etched on our Memorial
3 Wall. Their legacy and service to our City and
4 its people will never be forgotten. They will
5 provide inspiration as we continue to serve the
6 communities within the City of Chicago. Thank
7 you.

8 PRESIDENT COOPER: Thank you, Chief Novalez.

9 At this time, I now call on First
10 Deputy Eaddy to give the Chief Administrator's
11 report.

12 FIRST DEPUTY EADDY: Tonight I will be
13 sharing information from our quarterly report
14 which is now available on our website,
15 ChicagoCOPA.org. It covers the period of July
16 1st, 2024, to September 30, 2024.

17 One of the things I want to
18 highlight is COPA in partnership with the Chicago
19 Police Department has a long-standing practice of
20 leading educational model during all Chicago
21 Police Department new recruit and promotional
22 classes for sergeants and lieutenants. These
23 educational opportunities allow members of COPA's
24 leadership team to directly engage with the new

1 recruits and promotional classes regarding COPA's
2 work and how it impacts Department members.

3 These sections allow for COPA to clarify its role
4 and answer questions from officers and recruits
5 that they rehab regarding COPA's work and provide
6 a road map regarding investigatory expectations.

7 During this most recent quarter,
8 COPA attended two recruit classes and presented
9 and three promotional classes of sergeants and
10 lieutenants. This is a practice that has been in
11 place for the past seven years.

12 Regarding community engagement, COPA
13 division is responsible for engaging members of
14 the public through a variety of community
15 engagement events, presentations and community
16 service opportunities, and the third quarter
17 public team participated in 100 community
18 engagement events, these events engaged over
19 30,000 Chicagoans across 32 of the 50 wards and
20 39 of the 77 neighborhoods, and 20 of the 22
21 police issues.

22 COPA also held a community
23 conversation regarding disciplinary
24 recommendations for police misconduct with the

1 Northwest Center Youth Advisory Council on
2 September 25th, 2024.

3 COPA's public affairs team and
4 members of COPA's Policy and Research and
5 Analysis Division presented at the Northwest
6 Community Center Youth Advisory Council's monthly
7 meeting. The Policy Research and Analysis
8 Division Team held a conversation to gain
9 valuable insight with young people on
10 disciplinary recommendations for police
11 misconduct. Young people learned exactly what a
12 disciplinary recommendation is and what
13 mitigating and aggravating factors are considered
14 when making such recommendations.

15 Young people were asked to provide
16 an input through a ranking of COPA's existing
17 mitigating and aggravating factors in order of
18 importance to them.

19 After providing rankings, the Youth
20 Advisor Council had group discussion on how they
21 arrived at those rankings and shared why it was
22 important to them.

23 This insightful group of young
24 people also learned how their input will be

1 implemented as the policy research and analysis
2 team receives feedback from various community
3 stakeholders, including the Chicago Police
4 Department, to create policy on how COPA makes
5 disciplinary recommendations in the future.

6 COPA News Affairs Division is
7 responsible for updating and forming all local
8 and national news outlets on matters related to
9 high-profile incidents of misconduct, including
10 updates on officer-involved shootings and other
11 incidents, the release of materials for final
12 summary reports and the closing of the
13 investigations.

14 During the last quarter, Director
15 Rottner and her news affairs team published seven
16 press releases, three related to video and
17 release of materials in accordance with the City
18 of Chicago's video-release policy and for
19 providing updates regarding investigations.

20 Regarding our transparency efforts
21 pursuant to the City of Chicago's video release
22 policy and subject to legal restrictions, COPA
23 conducted three transparency postings during the
24 quarter, releasing 103 related materials as

1 permitted by law. This included 63 videos,
2 body-worn camera, third-party video, pods, and
3 in-car camera, 30 audio recordings from the
4 Office of Emergency Management and Communication,
5 911 calls, and gunshot detection systems
6 recordings, and 10 reports tactical response,
7 case incident, arrest reports, investigatory stop
8 reports, and foot-pursuit reports.

9 Regarding Freedom of Information Act
10 requests, during the third quarter, our video
11 release and transparency unit processed 192 FOIA
12 requests with an average of 3.8 business days to
13 completion.

14 Regarding training and professional
15 development within COPA, during the third
16 quarter, our training and professional government
17 division delivered 53 hours of non-Consent Decree
18 content for nine sessions. I will just mention a
19 few of them. One was evaluating police uses of
20 force. We had an all-staff in-service meeting at
21 the Ukrainian Institute of Modern Art. We
22 participated in the Democratic National
23 Convention preparation training held by the
24 Chicago Police Department, and participated in a

1 webinar on the subcultures in policing features
2 and implications.

3 COPA also -- and that's why the
4 Chief Administrator is not here -- was invited to
5 participate at the National Association for
6 Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement Conference.
7 It was this week in Tucson, Arizona. COPA was
8 invited to present on transparency, a bridge to
9 trust and collaboration, how oversight agencies
10 can share information with impacted families, the
11 public, and media. This is our third time being
12 invited to present at the national conference.

13 In the third quarter, COPA received
14 1,594 complaints. 1,300 of those complaints were
15 referred to the Bureau of Internal Affairs
16 division. 294 were retained by COPA.

17 At the end of the third quarter,
18 that being September 30th, COPA had 583 pending
19 investigations. Again, this continues to be the
20 lowest total of open investigations under Chief
21 Kersten's administration.

22 Lastly, with concluding
23 investigations in the third quarter, COPA
24 concluded 245 investigations. Of these

1 investigations, 70 were concluded with findings,
2 and 175 were concluded without findings.

3 That is the report from COPA. Thank
4 you so much.

5 PRESIDENT COOPER: Thank you very much,
6 Deputy Eaddy.

7 At this time, I will now call upon
8 members of the public who have signed up in
9 advance to speak to come to the podium -- or just
10 to the microphone. We don't have the podium
11 today. But to make sure everybody has a chance
12 to speak who signed up, I'd ask that you please
13 follow our standard practice and limit your
14 comments to two minutes.

15 Vice President Wolff will be
16 setting a timer so we can stay on schedule.

17 The first person who has signed up
18 to speak is Ms. Carolyn Ruff.

19 MS. RUFF: Thank you.

20 PRESIDENT COOPER: You're welcome.

21 MS. RUFF: Hello, everybody. I'm here to
22 speak on behalf of the family -- the incident
23 that happened at JJ's, 7828 West -- South
24 Western. How these two people were executed in

1 that business by an employee. And I understand
2 that the place will be closed until further
3 investigation, but I noticed when I was there on
4 Saturday, there was no yellow tape to let people
5 know that there was someone murdered inside that
6 business. And maybe one of the officers could
7 answer that question why was there not yellow
8 tape around that business last Saturday. This
9 happened on the 9th of October. So can you
10 please answer that question? I understand that
11 the business was going to be closed until further
12 investigation. And how long does it take to
13 investigate an execution-style shooting inside a
14 business?

15 PRESIDENT COOPER: So, Ms. Ruff, we
16 appreciate the comments. If you want to speak
17 with officers after the public meeting, because
18 I'm sure the answer they are going to provide is
19 going to take longer than the two minutes.

20 MS. RUFF: Okay. Is my two minutes up?

21 VICE PRESIDENT WOLFF: 20 seconds.

22 MS. RUFF: So the two people that was
23 executed was Paul Williams and David Swick was
24 executed. One of them from Englewood and the

1 other one's from Crestwood. And I'm just
2 wondering have the family been notified that
3 these two people were killed in that business or
4 unalived in that business?

5 PRESIDENT COOPER: Thank you, Ms. Ruff.

6 MS. RUFF: So who can I speak to after this
7 meeting?

8 PRESIDENT COOPER: I'm sure that at the end
9 of the meeting, if you wanted to check in with
10 Chief Novalez.

11 MS. RUFF: Are you willing to speak with me,
12 sir? Thank you.

13 PRESIDENT COOPER: Thank you, Ms. Ruff.

14 The next speaker who signed up to
15 speak is Jasmine Smith.

16 MS. SMITH: I was just typing what I was
17 going to say.

18 So I want to say thanks to COPA and
19 the Police Board for your transparency. Some of
20 you guys already know who I am. I am Jasmine,
21 Activist with Chicago Alliance against Racism and
22 Political Repression, fighting with tortured
23 survivors and wrongfully convicted survivors by
24 the hands of this torturous CPD and for police

1 accountability and community control over the
2 police.

3 So, thank you, guys, for y'all's
4 transparency and really standing on the right
5 side for justice, as for this awful injustice,
6 racist code of silence and corrupt generations of
7 misconduct and blatant disregard to the black
8 community and the lives that have been taken by
9 either the police killings or kidnapped by these
10 cops, innocent people, to be tortured and wrongly
11 convicted.

12 You can tell Superintendent Snelling
13 that he's a liar, and he is going to regret going
14 against this family -- Reginald Clay, Junior's,
15 family. He's met with this family time and time
16 again and made it seem like they were going to
17 get justice, only for us to hear tonight that he
18 disregarded and didn't agree with the discipline
19 that was put forth for the officer who killed
20 they baby. He violated the foot-pursuit policy.
21 That is a law. He violated it. Had they not
22 chased that young man, he would still be alive.

23 So there's no way in the world that
24 he agreed for this officer not to be fired and

1 stripped of his powers.

2 So you tell him that he will be
3 seeing us soon, and we will be making the news,
4 and we will be tearing these streets up, because
5 time and time again we ask you guys to give us
6 justice.

7 No, not all cops are bad, but it
8 seems once they join this force, the code of
9 silence is enforced on them, and they are afraid
10 to do the right things when it comes to cops that
11 are bad cops.

12 You guys need to do better. Don't
13 think that we going to keep sitting up here
14 begging for justice, and we going to keep
15 allowing you guys to lash us up without
16 repercussions on you guys' part. Thank you,
17 y'all.

18 PRESIDENT COOPER: Thank you, Ms. Smith.

19 Before we get to the next speaker, I
20 do think it's important to clarify what took
21 place today. So the Board -- or I decided that
22 the Superintendent did not meet his burden of
23 overcoming COPA's recommendation with respect to
24 Officer Ruiz, so that means that the case will

1 then proceed to either a public arbitration or
2 before the Police Board. So I just want to let
3 everybody in the audience know and make that
4 clear today.

5 The next speaker that is signed up
6 to speak is Ms. Ada Crisford.

7 MS. CRISFORD: Hello. My name is Ada
8 Crisford, and I'm in the 17th Police District. I
9 was raised in Chicago, and I recently moved back
10 to be closer to family and friends.

11 Growing up here, I didn't have a
12 lot of interactions with the police. My parents
13 instilled the fear of police into me and my
14 siblings, as we didn't want to jeopardize our
15 immigrant statuses.

16 We were lucky and privileged to not
17 have to interact with the police. It wasn't
18 because my parent were the best drivers. They
19 weren't. No, they were given the benefit of the
20 doubt due to the color of their skin, unlike
21 others, like Dexter Reed, Reginald Clay, Junior,
22 Lorenzo Williams, Junior, and many others,
23 particularly black people, black men who are
24 murdered at the hands of CPD.

1 These people deserve to live and
2 now their families have to live with the
3 heartache and loss of their loved ones. And they
4 deserve justice. And the way that that can be
5 done is firing of the police officers who are
6 involved in these brutal crimes, prosecuting
7 them, stopping the use of pretextual stops, which
8 doesn't help, and causes more harm and stopping
9 these tactical teams and not allowing the police
10 officers to going behind closed doors for
11 arbitration.

12 There's no other profession that's
13 allowed these kinds of privileges after multiple
14 instances of wrongdoing and harm.

15 It's truly horrifying and bone
16 chilling if murdering black people during a
17 traffic stop is how CPD protects and serves the
18 people of Chicago. Thank you.

19 PRESIDENT COOPER: The next person we have
20 signed up for public comment is Rabbi Ben Yosef.

21 RABBI BEN YOSEF: Say his name. Say his
22 name. Say his name. Say his name. Say his
23 name. Say his name. Say his name. No justice,
24 no peace. No justice, no peace. No justice, no

1 peace. No justice, no peace.

2 This is the family of Reginald
3 Clay. Give them a round of applaud.

4 No justice, no peace. No justice,
5 no peace. No justice, no peace.

6 This family deserves to have their
7 loved one to get justice for what's happened to
8 them.

9 I'm sorry Snelling, you got it
10 wrong. And I agree, we met with him, and he gave
11 a bunch of lies, a bunch of hocus pocus stuff,
12 giving this family false hope.

13 The law is the law. The law is the
14 law. You cannot make the law fit for your own
15 purposes to get away.

16 That killer -- let's call it what
17 it is. That killer murdered Reginald. He
18 murdered this young man. That's a fact. And now
19 his daughter will be raised up without her father
20 because of Fernando.

21 Thank you, COPA, for agreeing with
22 the family. Thank you. What's that got to say
23 is, the one that's got to say, why did the
24 Inspector General release a report today

1 recommending cops with bad behavior to be removed
2 immediately. When is that going to happen,
3 Chief? When is that going to happen, Chief?
4 This family was subjected to your killer cop with
5 a badge. We need these cops off the force
6 because they in our community murdering black men
7 and women in our communities without no regard of
8 safety. That's not public safety. That's
9 murder. It's absolute murder. That young man
10 was minding his own business. He was going to a
11 funeral, and Fernando and his tactical unit
12 jumped out and murdered that young man like an
13 animal.

14 PRESIDENT COOPER: Thank you, Rabbi. I know
15 the Clays are also signed up to speak.

16 RABBI BEN JOSEF: Say his name. Say his
17 name. No justice, no peace. Say his name. Say
18 his name.

19 MR. CLAY, SENIOR: I want to thank y'all.
20 You know what I mean? Police Board, you heard
21 us. You felt our pain, you know, and you did the
22 right thing. You know what I'm saying? I can't
23 even talk right now.

24 RABBI BEN JOSEF: Say his name. Say his

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1 name.

2 MS. HENDERSON: I just want to say I'm very
3 appreciative as well. Also want to say please --
4 we just now getting started, and you all letting
5 us know we got a leg to stand on. So we going to
6 stand on both. We standing on business. Two
7 feet down. I promise you that. We not going
8 nowhere, nowhere, nowhere, until that man pays
9 for what he did to my baby in that alley. Until
10 he pays for that.

11 PRESIDENT COOPER: Thank you very much.

12 RABBI BEN JOSEF: Say his name. Say his
13 name. No justice, no peace. No justice, no
14 peace. Who they kill? Who they kill? Who they
15 kill? Who they kill? Who they kill?

16 PRESIDENT COOPER: The next person who signed
17 up is Pastor Doyle.

18 PASTOR DOYLE: For the record, Doyle,
19 D-O-Y-L-E. This land is your land, R-Y, United
20 States Marine Corps veteran.

21 So some of you may know what's
22 about to come next because of what I'm holding.
23 Your last Board meeting was August 19th, and --
24 excuse me. The last Board meeting was September

1 19th. At 19, that is my United States Marine
2 Corps picture. Against my mother's wishes, a
3 devout Christian, I followed her brother in the
4 Corps. We lived in the 22nd District, and the
5 officers in the '70s when we moved to the 22nd
6 District was used to my mother next to my father
7 typically holding a Bible. Not this Bible. So
8 this is my mother's Bible. And the only way I
9 can have this Bible is if it were given to me or
10 I received it by default. A house divided
11 against itself cannot stand. If we're going to
12 change Chicago, you have to build up the house of
13 some African American boys so that they do not
14 become murderers.

15 I will never forget Reginald Clay's
16 birthday, because it's etched into my head,
17 because the very next day, on September 20th, his
18 birthday, I received this Bible by default. My
19 mother passed away peacefully. So I am still
20 numb, and I'm saying this on the record. Officer
21 Jerita Gordon of the 6th District committed a
22 Rule 14 when she arrested me at a Walgreens about
23 my -- the day after Veterans Day 2023. If I knew
24 that it would be my last Thanksgiving, because I

1 spent three weeks in jail because I am not a Cook
2 County resident, and all the things that come
3 with the -- you know, you can't -- all I can
4 think of is the -- my mother's there, and I'm
5 here. And as of now, I'm here and she's here.
6 So I'm going to say that again. Because I asked
7 Superintendent to investigate Officer Gordon of
8 the 6th District, and I was ignored. This Marine
9 Corps veteran will not be ignored by someone who
10 did not serve. It's a request that I say public,
11 because, again, I did not deserve what I received
12 the day after Veterans Day in 2023. Thank you.

13 PRESIDENT COOPER: Thank you, Pastor Doyle.
14 Very sorry about the loss of your mother.

15 The last speaker we have signed up
16 for comment today is Mr. Bobby Kennedy.

17 MR. KENNEDY: I'm just reading something -- I
18 was going to read this and that's it. I want to
19 put a letter out, and I went to the federal judge
20 for the oversight committee. Anyway, I wrote
21 Nicole Lee, Walter Burnett, and Brian Lopez,
22 aldermen, and this is State of Illinois versus
23 City of Chicago and the federal mandate.

24 My inquiry into the rainbow car --

1 the police car started eight months ago with my
2 attending the CPD Board meeting and asking
3 questions why do we have a CPD shield on the
4 rainbow cars? I got very little cooperation,
5 especially from Glen Brooks, the community police
6 -- of the community policing, as well as one in
7 charge of the Affinity Policing Program brought
8 about by federal mandate. This Department
9 handles the rainbow cars. Glen Brooks' contact
10 information, I have it in here. And anyway, Glen
11 never got back to me. Hope you have better luck.
12 That's what -- I just want to be clear.
13 Everything that I'm putting out to everyone is my
14 connecting the dots that bring me to my own
15 conclusions as no one will give me answers. I've
16 always been open to talking. My inquiry led me
17 to the Northern Illinois District Court Judge
18 Pallmeyer, and, of course, I put some information
19 about her assistant that's very helpful. I
20 already left information with Judge Pallmeyer to
21 review, which I have enclosed. Some of you have
22 it. It was in the handouts to the Board. You
23 have it, though. I already left information for
24 Judge Pallmeyer which included as attachment one

1 with this letter. I thought this would help in
2 our Zoom meeting on September 10. Turns out that
3 Judge Pallmeyer is just a host for the public
4 meeting, and she said in a Zoom call when I asked
5 if she would get back to me about my questions,
6 Judge Pallmeyer said she would not be getting
7 back to me; that she had no idea what I was
8 talking about. So she had no clue about what
9 these cars are. And this is supposed to be part
10 of her, you know, overseeing the mandate.

11 So anyway -- okay. She said maybe
12 one of the members of the Oversight Committee
13 will get back to me, which meant no one would get
14 back to me.

15 Superintendent Snelling was on the
16 call and very -- and could verify the response I
17 got from Judge Pallmeyer.

18 If you want to attend the Oversight
19 Committee, I have that information on here, too.

20 My problem with the Affinity
21 program set in place with the federal mandate is
22 now twisted by the State of Illinois Attorney
23 General's Office into a new direction of what a
24 disenfranchised group is.

1 Originally designated by the
2 federal judge, Robert M. Dow, Junior, who said
3 the federal mandate of disenfranchised groups are
4 black and Hispanic communities. Judge Dow never
5 mentioned any other groups, including the LGBTQ+
6 community now under the affinity policing
7 program. And that's why we have these police
8 cars out there. We now have one group that was
9 not identified as disenfranchised group by Judge
10 Dow. It is getting all the recognition and no
11 others are being recognized almost over five
12 years after the program was implemented. The
13 police car program was created to identify the
14 disenfranchised groups, as well as the community
15 program literature -- literature. Okay. As well
16 as the affinity program literature is slanted
17 toward the gay community. That information is
18 also enclosed in attachment two.

19 Someone in the Chinese community
20 put in a police car that was identified with
21 their community. It was never approved or
22 rejected. Still sits in limbo. They are not a
23 disenfranchised group as outlined by Judge Dow.
24 Just like the gay community.

1 We now have four LGBTQ+ police cars
2 in Chicago. 19th District. None of the black,
3 Hispanic communities as -- none for the black and
4 Hispanic communities as this police car program
5 was created to push a gay agenda by the far left
6 aggressive Attorney General's Office. This
7 program, from what I have concluded, is going off
8 the rails. No one from the Oversight Committee
9 has gotten back to me to clarify what is going
10 on. What else is wrong with the Federal Mandate
11 -- what else is wrong the Federal Mandate now
12 being imposed on CPD? This programs need to be
13 reviewed, audited, appealed, or discontinued, as
14 CPD hands are being tied by this program, as well
15 as progressive judges and prosecutors.

16 Our citizens of Chicago are at risk
17 of dying as a result of this mandate that has run
18 off the rails. As for the rainbow cars -- so
19 anyway --

20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Your time is up. It's
21 not fair.

22 PRESIDENT COOPER: Thank you, Mr. Kennedy.
23 That's the last public comment we have.

24 All members who have signed up to

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1 speak have now spoken, and I would now ask if
2 there is a motion to adjourn the meeting?

3 VICE PRESIDENT WOLFF: So moved. Paula
4 Wolff.

5 BOARD MEMBER CUSACK: Second. Mareilé
6 Cusack.

7 PRESIDENT COOPER: All in favor, raise your
8 hands and say aye.

9 (CHORUS OF AYES.)

10 PRESIDENT COOPER: The meeting is now
11 adjourned. Take care.

12 (WHEREUPON, the proceedings
13 were adjourned at 8:12 p.m.)
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