

1 CITY OF CHICAGO POLICE BOARD

2 PUBLIC MEETING

3 April 11, 2019

4
5
6 STENOGRAPHIC REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS

7 had in the above-entitled matter held at Chicago
8 Public Safety Headquarters, 3510 South Michigan
9 Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, at 7:37 o'clock p.m.

10 POLICE BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

11 MR. GHIAN FOREMAN, President
12 MS. PAULA WOLFF, Vice President
13 MS. EVA-DINA DELGADO
14 REV. MICHAEL EADDY
15 MR. STEVE FLORES
16 MR. JOHN P. O'MALLEY, JR.
17 MR. JOHN H. SIMPSON (via telephone
18 conference)
19 MS. RHODA D. SWEENEY
20 MS. ANDREA L. ZOPP

21 ALSO PRESENT:

22 MR. EDDIE T. JOHNSON, Superintendent of
23 Police
24 MS. DANA O'MALLEY, Acting General Counsel
to The Superintendent of Police
MS. SYDNEY ROBERTS, Chief Administrator,
Civilian Office of Police
Accountability
MS. TINA SKAHILL, Commander, Bureau of
Internal Affairs, Chicago Police
Department
MR. MAX A. CAPRONI, Executive
Director, Police Board
MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC



1 Chicago Public Safety Headquarters.

2 At this time, I ask for a motion to close
3 a series of executive sessions for the purposes of
4 considering personnel matters and litigation as
5 authorized by sections 2(c)(1),(3),(4), and (11) of
6 the Illinois Open Meetings Act. Is there such a
7 motion?

8 MS. SWEENEY: So moved.

9 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Second?

10 REV. EADDY: Second.

11 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: All in favor?

12 (Ayes in unison.)

13 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Any opposed? The motion
14 passes.

15 A report of disciplinary actions take by
16 the Board during the previous month has been made
17 available at this evening's meeting. This report
18 and the Board's written Findings and Decisions are
19 posted on the Board's website.

20 The Police Board, as authorized by the
21 Open Meetings Act, has considered in a closed
22 meeting one disciplinary case. The Board will now
23 take final action on this case.

24 Regarding case Number 18 PB 2946, is



1 there a motion to find Police Officer Brett Kahn
2 guilty of using excessive force and making false
3 statements, and to discharge him from the Chicago
4 Police Department?

5 MR. O'MALLEY: So moved.

6 REV. EADDY: Second.

7 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: All in favor, by a show of
8 hands. Any opposed?

9 Voting in favor are Board members Wolf,
10 Delgado, Eaddy, Flores, O'Malley, Simpson, Sweeney,
11 Zopp, and myself. The motion passes.

12 Is there a motion to adopt the written
13 Findings and Decisions that have been reviewed by
14 all Board members who participated in the case?

15 MR. FLORES: So moved.

16 MS. SWEENEY: Second.

17 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: All in favor?

18 (Ayes in unison.)

19 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Any opposed? The motion
20 passes.

21 The Board's decision in the case on which
22 we took final action this evening will be entered
23 as of today's date and will be issued to the
24 parties. A copy of the written decision will be



1 posted on the Board's website as required by the
2 Municipal Code of Chicago.

3 AS I announced at last month's meeting,
4 the Board plans to consider at a future public
5 meeting amendments to its Rules of Procedure that
6 govern its handling of disciplinary matters. An
7 updated draft of the proposed amendments will be
8 posted on the Board's website. Questions or
9 comments may be submitted to the attention of
10 Executive Director Max Caproni by April 30, 2019.

11 The general orders and other directives
12 issued by the Superintendent of Police during the
13 previous month are listed in the books made
14 available at this evening's meeting and are posted
15 on the Police Departments's website.

16 The next item is the Superintendent's
17 report to the Board.

18 SUPERINTENDENT JOHNSON: Good evening. I'm
19 pleased to share a few updates on our ongoing
20 efforts towards meaningful, long-term reform and
21 compliance with the consent decree.

22 Over the past six weeks we've hosted a
23 series of conversations in each of our districts to
24 collaboratively a community policing strategic plan



1 for each of the communities that we serve.

2 we've also held productive meetings with
3 the federally-appointed independent monitoring team
4 to help gain a mutual understanding of the
5 oversight and evaluation process during this period
6 of reform.

7 Planning and implementation efforts are
8 also underway in several key areas of the consent
9 decree, including training, supervision, and
10 accountability. We will continue sharing our
11 progress towards sustainable reforms and consent
12 decree compliance throughout this process.

13 That concludes my report.

14 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you.

15 I will now call upon those members of
16 public who signed up in advance to speak. When
17 your name is called, please step up to the
18 microphone. We ask that you limit your comments to
19 two minutes.

20 The first speaker is Elihu K. Blanks.

21 MR. BLANKS: Hello. Two minutes, okay. Let's
22 try.

23 The margins of a territory can be aware
24 friction and uncertainty exists. This is why I



1 asked the Third District's southern border be
2 extended south one block to encompass the Jewel
3 shopping center at 75th and Stony Island, where
4 violence, drug sales, and crime potential exists in
5 my community.

6 Third District is more home to this area
7 because they're at 67th and South Chicago, whereas
8 Fifth District is home to 100 on 111th Street. So
9 because this border at Jewel's, criminals know this
10 is a border. It's not constantly covered by one or
11 the other districts. I think, with my community
12 around me, criminals take advantage of that.

13 We've seen crime there before and we've
14 acted on it. We've asked Jewel's to increase
15 security, and I'm going to lose my two minutes.
16 But I ask that border be pushed south. Or if you
17 can't push it south, at least tell one district to
18 cover the south end or the north end so that
19 somebody is always there to get our back.

20 One more thing. I'm a cyclist. I bike
21 downtown every day back and forth, wintertime,
22 summertime, and everything. Please have the
23 mounted patrols on the south side of Lake Front
24 Trail. Because when I cross over Navy Pier, I see



1 them on the north side with the paramedics. I
2 don't see you guys on the south side too much. I
3 would love to see you guys mounted riding the south
4 side. Not just in your cars and police vans
5 sitting there, but riding with us. Those are my
6 points, and thanks for hearing me out.

7 MR. O'MALLEY: Wait a second. I have got a
8 question. When you say mounted, you mean the bike
9 patrol? Not the mounted patrol. You mean the bike
10 patrol.

11 MR. BLANKS: I mean cyclists. They're there
12 once in a blue moon. But they are not there as
13 constantly as when I go to the north, when I go up
14 to Diversey.

15 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Superintendent.

16 SUPERINTENDENT JOHNSON: Do me a favor, can you
17 give your information to that officer in the back
18 and we will talk off line.

19 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you.

20 MR. O'MALLEY: Thank you.

21 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Mr. Grier.

22 MR. GRIER: Good evening. So I am here, as
23 many times in the past, to address an issue. And
24 we feel that this is a very important public safety



1 issue.

2 The issue before us is over the course of
3 the past several months, years, there has been an
4 allotment of bodies, young women of color in the
5 urban side, south side, west side, that have turned
6 up in garages, turned up in alleys, turned up in
7 garbage cans.

8 We need the language to begin to change.
9 And, Chief Johnson, we need this language to
10 change. Because the reports, especially from the
11 murder accountability commission, Free and First
12 International is my organization, and we believe
13 that there is a serial killer in Chicago that is on
14 the loose.

15 Their findings have said that there is an
16 excessive pattern, strangulation, asphyxiation.
17 More than 50 unsolved cases, for those who don't
18 know, of women of color whose bodies have been
19 found. Chicago Police doesn't want to go that far
20 to say that there is a potential serial killer on
21 the loose, but we are suggesting, Chief Johnson,
22 that even if you don't make that determination,
23 that the language has to start to be out there for
24 public safety purposes.



1 we need public service announcements,
2 number one. We are asking for a task force to be
3 put together to start researching and investigating
4 that. Going to the spring, going into the summer,
5 we would prefer to have the information out there
6 for the public to disseminate, rather than see the
7 body count of young woman to continue to rise.

8 50 cases is too much. We need
9 accountability post haste. It's got to stop. It's
10 got to stop. And we're seeing it more and more
11 every day. All right? Fifty bodies. Fifty cases
12 unresolved to date.

13 MS. ZOPP: Thank you.

14 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Next speaker, EvAngel
15 YHWHnewBN.

16 Next speaker, John Catanzara, Jr.

17 Next speaker, Robert More.

18 MR. MORE: It is April 11, 2019, Robert J.
19 More, here on behalf of the executive committee
20 Vincent St. Michael, the archangel. We're moving
21 up to the first public and presidential debate.
22 And I have just legions of issues here, but I'm
23 trying to work this whatever, it's 24 minutes
24 throughout the year, to get maximum benefit over



1 time.

2 Superintendent Johnson, here's -- if you
3 have nothing to hide, the track record of
4 individuals sitting in that seat or not sitting in
5 the seat since the investigation of Bland, Young
6 and Spencer murders -- I already only got a minute
7 and a half left already, but that is raising
8 suspicions. And to dispel those suspicions, a
9 couple things. Will you start wearing a wire?

10 Number two, if you're afraid of getting
11 murdered, and that justification would be entirely
12 legitimate because so many people in the position
13 you're in who have actually started bearing the
14 burdens of the office have ended up murdered.
15 That's just the way it goes down. Okay. John
16 F. Kennedy, Terrence Eeky (phonetic), Pat Tillman.

17 You stand up against -- you go back to
18 1915 in the Jewish ritual murder trial of beliefs.
19 There were seven percipient knowledge witnesses, a
20 night watchman and six children, four of whom ended
21 up dead a month through the trial. The three
22 little children -- their teeth from chattering
23 because they stood up against world (inaudible).
24 They saw what police did, they had the testimony to



1 put the guy away, and they ended up with a hung
2 jury. And that was the last Jewish ritual murder
3 trial.

4 The point is you're invited, if you can't
5 find someone more Roman's 14 rhinoceros-like to
6 follow me around, and then they'll have to kill me
7 to kill you. That invitation until you can find --
8 get the most rhinoceros-like, Romans 12, 13, 14,
9 and follow that person around.

10 But you got to bear the burden of the
11 office to save your soul. Everyone in this room as
12 far as I know is a (inaudible) presumed reprobate.
13 I know I definitely was in that position at least
14 February 5 of 2000. I don't know where I am now.
15 But my first obligation is to speak the truth in
16 charity, and to have no part of any work of
17 darkness. And to be not overcome by evil, but to
18 overcome evil with good. Everyone standing in this
19 office --

20 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you, Mr. More.

21 MR. MORE: If you're afraid of --

22 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Mr. More, thank you.

23 At this time all those persons who signed
24 up in advance to speak have been recognized. Is



1 there a motion to adjourn?

2 MS. ZOPP: So moved.

3 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Second?

4 MR. FLORES: Second.

5 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: All in favor?

6 (Ayes in unison.)

7 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: The motion passes and the
8 meeting is adjourned. Thank you very much.

9 (Meeting concluded at 7:49
10 o'clock p.m.)

11

12

13

14

15

16

17

18

19

20

21

22

23

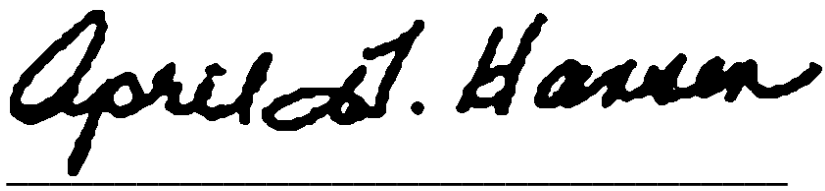
24



1 STATE OF ILLINOIS)
2) SS:
3 COUNTY OF C O O K)
4

5 April T. Hansen, being first duly sworn
6 on oath, says that she is a court reporter doing
7 business in the City of Chicago, and that she
8 reported in shorthand the proceedings of said
9 meeting, and that the foregoing is a true and
10 correct transcript of her shorthand notes so taken
11 as aforesaid, and contains the excerpts of
12 proceedings given at said meeting.

13 IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF: I hereunto set my
14 verified digital signature this 20th day of April,
15 2019.

16 
17 _____

18 Illinois Certified Shorthand Reporter
19
20
21
22
23
24



investigating 10:3	love 8:3	number 3:24 10:2 11:10	pleased 5:19	reports 9:10	speaker 6:20 10:14,16,17
investigation 11:5	<hr/> M <hr/>	<hr/> O <hr/>	point 12:4	reprobate 12:12	Spencer 11:6
invitation 12:7	made 3:16 5:13	O'MALLEY 4:5,10 8:7,20	points 8:6	required 5:1	spring 10:4
invited 12:4	make 9:22	obligation 12:15	police 2:2 3:20 4:1,4 5:12, 15 8:4 9:19 11:24	researching 10:3	St 10:20
Island 7:3	making 4:2	office 11:14 12:11,19	policing 5:24	REV 2:7,18 3:10 4:6	stand 11:17
issue 8:23 9:1,2	March 2:15	officer 4:1 8:17	position 11:12 12:13	reviewed 4:13	standing 12:18
issued 4:23 5:12	margins 6:23	ongoing 5:19	post 10:9	rhinoceros-like 12:5,8	start 9:23 10:3 11:9
issues 10:22	matters 3:4 5:6	Open 3:6,21	posted 3:19 5:1,8,14	riding 8:3,5	started 11:13
item 2:13 5:16	Max 5:10	opposed 2:21 3:13 4:8,19	potential 7:4 9:20	rise 10:7	statements 4:3
<hr/> J <hr/>	maximum 10:24	order 2:3	prefer 10:5	ritual 11:18 12:2	step 6:17
Jewel 7:2	meaningful 5:20	orders 5:11	President 2:1,2,8,10,12,19,21 3:9,11,13 4:7,17,19 6:14 8:15,19,21 10:14 12:20,22	Robert 10:17,18	Stony 7:3
Jewel's 7:9,14	meeting 2:3,4,14,23 3:17,22 5:3,5,14	organization 9:12	presidential 10:21	Roman's 12:5	stood 11:23
Jewish 11:18 12:2	meetings 3:6,21 6:2	overcome 12:17,18	presumed 12:12	Romans 12:8	stop 10:9,10
John 10:16 11:15	member 2:4	oversight 6:5	previous 3:16 5:13	room 12:11	strangulation 9:16
Johnson 5:18 8:16 9:9,21 11:2	members 4:9,14 6:15	<hr/> P <hr/>	Procedure 5:5	Rules 5:5	strategic 5:24
Jr 10:16	Michael 10:20	p.m. 2:24	process 6:5,12	<hr/> S <hr/>	Street 7:8
jury 12:2	microphone 6:18	paramedics 8:1	productive 6:2	safety 3:1 8:24 9:24	submitted 5:9
justification 11:11	minute 11:6	part 12:16	progress 6:11	sales 7:4	suggesting 9:21
<hr/> K <hr/>	minutes 2:14,16 6:19,21 7:15 10:23	participated 4:14	proposed 5:7	save 12:11	summer 10:4
Kahn 4:1	monitoring 6:3	parties 4:24	public 2:23 3:1 5:4 6:16 8:24 9:24 10:1,6,21	seat 11:4,5	summertime 7:22
Kennedy 11:16	month 3:16 5:13 11:21	passes 2:12,22 3:14 4:11,20	purposes 3:3 9:24	Sections 3:5	Superintendent 5:12,18 8:15,16 11:2
key 6:8	month's 5:3	past 5:22 8:23 9:3	push 7:17	security 7:15	Superintendent's 5:16
kill 12:6,7	months 9:3	Pat 11:16	pushed 7:16	serial 9:13,20	supervision 6:9
killer 9:13,20	moon 8:12	patrol 8:9,10	put 10:3 12:1	series 3:3 5:23	suspicious 11:8
knowledge 11:19	motion 2:5,12,15,21 3:2,7, 13 4:1,11,12,19	patrols 7:23	<hr/> Q <hr/>	serve 6:1	sustainable 6:11
<hr/> L <hr/>	mounted 7:23 8:3,8,9	pattern 9:16	question 8:8	service 10:1	Sweeney 2:17 3:8 4:10,16
Lake 7:23	moved 2:7,17 3:8 4:5,15	PB 3:24	Questions 5:8	sessions 3:3	<hr/> T <hr/>
language 9:8,9,23	moving 10:20	people 11:12	<hr/> R <hr/>	share 5:19	talk 8:18
left 11:7	Municipal 5:2	percipient 11:19	raising 11:7	sharing 6:10	task 10:2
legions 10:22	murder 9:11 11:18 12:2	period 6:5	recognized 12:24	shopping 7:3	team 6:3
legitimate 11:12	murdered 11:11,14	permit 2:5	record 11:3	show 4:7	teeth 11:22
limit 6:18	murders 11:6	person 12:9	reform 5:20 6:6	side 7:23 8:1,2,4 9:5	Terrence 11:16
listed 5:13	mutual 6:4	personnel 3:4	reforms 6:11	signed 6:16 12:23	territory 6:23
litigation 3:4	<hr/> N <hr/>	persons 12:23	report 3:15,17 5:17 6:13	Simpson 2:4 4:10	testimony 11:24
long-term 5:20	Navy 7:24	phonetic 11:16	<hr/> S <hr/>	sitting 8:5 11:4	thing 7:20
loose 9:14,21	night 11:20	Pier 7:24	soul 12:11	south 7:2,7,16,17,18,23 8:2,3 9:5	things 11:9
lose 7:15	north 7:18 8:1,13	plan 5:24	southern 7:1	speak 6:16 12:15,24	Thursday 2:24
		Planning 6:7			Tillman 11:16
		plans 5:4			time 3:2 11:1 12:23



times
8:23
today's
4:23
track
11:3
Trail
7:24
training
6:9
trial
11:18,21 12:3
truth
12:15
turned
9:5,6

U

unable
2:4
uncertainty
6:24
understanding
6:4
underway
6:8
unison
2:11,20 3:12 4:18
unresolved
10:12
unsolved
9:17
updated
5:7
updates
5:19
urban
9:5

V

vans
8:4
Vincent
10:20
violence
7:4
Voting
4:9

W

Wait
8:7
watchman
11:20
wearing
11:9
website
3:19 5:1,8,15
weeks
5:22
west
9:5
wintertime
7:21
wire
11:9
witnesses
11:19
Wolf
4:9
woman
10:7
women
9:4,18
work
10:23 12:16

world
11:23
written
3:18 4:12,24

Y

year
10:24
years
9:3
YHWHNEWBN
10:15
young
9:4 10:7 11:5

Z

Zopp
4:11 10:13

