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POLICE BOARD  
CITY OF CHICAGO  
PUBLIC MEETING

Thursday, April 20, 2023  
7:30 p.m.

(VIA VIDEO and AUDIO CONFERENCE)

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APPEARANCES:

MEMBERS OF THE POLICE BOARD:

- GHIAN FOREMAN, President
- PAULA WOLFF, Vice President
- STEVEN BLOCK
- AJA CARR-FAVORS
- MAREILÉ CUSACK
- NANETTE DOORLEY
- MICHAEL EADDY
- JORGE MONTES
- ANDREAS SAFAKAS

ALSO PRESENT:

- ERIC CARTER, Interim Superintendent of the Chicago Police Department;
- ANDREA KERSTEN, Chief Administrator of the Civilian Office of Police Accountability;
- TOBARA RICHARDSON, Deputy Inspector General for Public Safety;
- ANTOINETTE URSITTI, Chief of CPD's Bureau of Detectives;
- TINA SKAHILL, Executive Director of the Chicago Police Department's Office of Constitutional Policing and Reform;
- DANA O'MALLEY, General Counsel to the Superintendent;
- MAX CAPRONI, Executive Director of the Police Board;

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

1           PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Good evening, everyone. My  
2 name is Ghian Foreman, President of the Chicago  
3 Police Board, and I am calling the Board's April  
4 20th public meeting to order.

5                       I'm going to ask everyone to put  
6 their phones on mute.

7                       To protect the public's health in  
8 response to the COVID-19 pandemic, this meeting is  
9 taking place remotely.

10                      Pursuant to the Illinois Open  
11 Meetings Act, I've determined that holding this  
12 meeting in person is not practicable nor prudent.

13                      The City of Chicago remains subject  
14 to the Governor's disaster proclamation due to the  
15 COVID-19 pandemic, and the disease continues to be a  
16 threat, especially to the unvaccinated and people  
17 with certain health conditions, we are therefore  
18 having the meeting remotely this month.

19                      This meeting is open to the public via  
20 video and audio conference and is being carried live  
21 by CAN-TV.

22                      Members of the public are on mute in  
23 order to reduce background noise and disruptions.  
24 We have a court reporter making a transcript of this

1 meeting.

2 In addition to Police Board members,  
3 we have several City officials here with us this  
4 evening.

5 I will begin by taking attendance so  
6 it is clear who is participating in this meeting.  
7 Please say here after I read your name.

8 Police Board Vice President Paula  
9 Wolff.

10 VICE PRESIDENT WOLFF: Here.

11 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Board member Steven Block.

12 BOARD MEMBER BLOCK: Here.

13 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Board member Aja  
14 Carr-Favors.

15 BOARD MEMBER CARR-FAVORS: Here.

16 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Board member Mareilé  
17 Cusack.

18 BOARD MEMBER CUSACK: Here.

19 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Board member Nanette  
20 Doorley. Nanette will be joining us by phone.

21 Board member Michael Eaddy.

22 BOARD MEMBER EADDY: Here.

23 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Board member Jorge Montes.

24 BOARD MEMBER MONTES: Here.

1           PRESIDENT FOREMAN:   And Board member Andreas  
2 Safakas.

3           BOARD MEMBER SAFAKAS:   Here.

4           PRESIDENT FOREMAN:   Interim Superintendent of  
5 Police, Eric Carter.

6           INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT CARTER:   Here.

7           PRESIDENT FOREMAN:   Chief Administrator of the  
8 Civilian Office of Police Accountability, Andrea  
9 Kersten.

10          CHIEF KERSTEN:   Here.

11          PRESIDENT FOREMAN:   Deputy Inspector General  
12 Public, Tabara Richardson.

13          DEPUTY INSPECTOR GENERAL RICHARDSON:   Here.

14          PRESIDENT FOREMAN:   Chief of Chicago Police  
15 Department Bureau of Internal Affairs, Yolanda  
16 Talley.

17                           Chief of CPD's Bureau of Patrol,  
18 Brian McDermott.

19                           Chief of CPD's Bureau of Detectives,  
20 Antoinette Ursitti.

21          CHIEF URSITTI:   Here.

22          PRESIDENT FOREMAN:   Executive Director of CPD's  
23 Office of Constitutional Policing and Reform, Tina  
24 Skahill.

1 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SKAHILL: Here, sir.

2 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: General counsel for the  
3 Superintendent, Dana O'Malley.

4 GENERAL COUNSEL O'MALLEY: Here.

5 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: And Executive Director of  
6 the Police Board, Max Caproni.

7 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CAPRONI: Here.

8 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you. First, we would  
9 like to welcome new board members Aja Carr-Favors  
10 and Andreas Safakas in their first meeting.

11 The City Council approved Mayor  
12 Lightfoot's appointment of them yesterday, and we  
13 very much look forward to working with them on the  
14 Board. And thank you very much for your service.

15 As we've talked about it a little  
16 bit, you know, this is -- it's not a job where we  
17 get a lot of praise, and we get a lot of pushback  
18 from one side or another side, but it's a necessary  
19 service. And we're really grateful that you all are  
20 stepping up to provide the service. So thank you so  
21 much.

22 VICE PRESIDENT WOLFF: Mr. President, we would  
23 want to acknowledge these are the first two members  
24 under the new process with the CCPSA.

1           PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Yes. Thank you. And it  
2 was a diligent process by the new commission. So  
3 they are a testament there's a process, and we  
4 encourage others as we get openings to submit your  
5 names for consideration for joining the Police  
6 Board.

7                         We will now proceed to the items on  
8 the meeting agenda. We'll have time at the end of  
9 the meeting for public comments. Once again,  
10 members of the public are on mute in order to reduce  
11 background noise and disruptions. When we get to  
12 the public comment portion of the meeting, we will  
13 unmute each speaker.

14                         Our next regular meeting will be held  
15 Thursday, May 18th, at 7:30 p.m.

16                         With Governor Pritzker's plan to end  
17 the COVID disaster declaration, this meeting will be  
18 held in person once again at Public Safety  
19 Headquarters at 35th and Michigan. So I know that  
20 for the last maybe three years or so almost we've  
21 been via Zoom, so we're going back in person  
22 Thursday, May 18th, 7:30 p.m. at Chicago Public  
23 Safety Headquarters. This is posted on the Police  
24 Board's website.

1                   The Police Board meets in executive  
2 session to consider various matters. These  
3 discussions are closed to the public as authorized  
4 by Sections 2(c)(1), (4), (11), and (21) of the  
5 Illinois Open Meetings Act. Information on matters  
6 discussed in the executive sessions is included in  
7 the minutes of the meetings posted on our website.

8                   Is there a motion to close future  
9 executive sessions as authorized by these sections  
10 of the Open Meetings Act?

11                  VICE PRESIDENT WOLFF: So moved. Paula Wolff.

12                  BOARD MEMBER EADDY: Second. Michael Eaddy.

13                  PRESIDENT FOREMAN: I will now call on members  
14 of the Board for their votes. Wolff.

15                  VICE PRESIDENT WOLFF: Aye.

16                  PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Block.

17                  BOARD MEMBER BLOCK: Aye.

18                  PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Carr-Favors.

19                  BOARD MEMBER CARR-FAVORS: Aye.

20                  PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Cusack.

21                  BOARD MEMBER CUSACK: Aye.

22                  PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Doorley.

23                  BOARD MEMBER DOORLEY: Aye.

24                  PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Eaddy.

1 BOARD MEMBER EADDY: Aye.

2 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Montes.

3 BOARD MEMBER MONTES: Aye.

4 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Safakas.

5 BOARD MEMBER SAFAKAS: Aye.

6 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: And I vote in favor of the  
7 motion. The motion passes.

8 Next we will have disciplinary cases.

9 The Police Board, as authorized by the  
10 Open Meetings Act, has considered in a closed  
11 meeting three disciplinary cases. The Board will  
12 now take final action on these cases.

13 Regarding case number 21PB2998, is  
14 there a motion to find Police Officer Jose  
15 Troches-Vargas guilty of engaging in two unjustified  
16 altercations and making a false report and to  
17 discharge him from the Chicago Police Department?

18 VICE PRESIDENT WOLFF: So moved. Paula Wolff.

19 BOARD MEMBER EADDY: Second. Michael Eaddy.

20 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: I will now call on members  
21 of the Board for their votes. Wolff.

22 VICE PRESIDENT WOLFF: Aye.

23 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Block.

24 BOARD MEMBER BLOCK: Aye.



1 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Cusack.

2 BOARD MEMBER CUSACK: Aye.

3 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Doorley.

4 BOARD MEMBER DOORLEY: Aye.

5 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Eaddy.

6 BOARD MEMBER EADDY: Aye.

7 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Montes.

8 BOARD MEMBER MONTES: Aye.

9 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: And I vote in favor of the  
10 motion. Voting in favor are Board Members Wolff,  
11 Block, Cusack, Doorley, Eaddy, Montes, and myself.  
12 The motion passes by a vote of 7 to 0.

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

17 VICE PRESIDENT WOLFF: So moved. Wolff.

18 BOARD MEMBER EADDY: Second. Michael Eaddy.

19 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: All in favor?

20 (CHORUS OF AYES.)

21 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Any opposed?

22 (NO RESPONSE.)

23 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: The motion passes  
24 unanimately.

1                   Regarding case number 22PB3001, there  
2 are three officers accused in this case. We will  
3 take a separate vote for each officer. Is there a  
4 motion to find Police Officer Chavez Siler guilty of  
5 using excessive force on an arrestee and to suspend  
6 him without pay for six months?

7           VICE PRESIDENT WOLFF: So moved. Wolff.

8           BOARD MEMBER EADDY: Second. Michael Eaddy.

9           PRESIDENT FOREMAN: I will now call on members  
10 of the Board for their votes. Wolff.

11           BOARD MEMBER WOLFF: Aye.

12           PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Block.

13           BOARD MEMBER BLOCK: I oppose the motion.

14           PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Cusack.

15           BOARD MEMBER CUSACK: Aye.

16           PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Doorley.

17           BOARD MEMBER DOORLEY: Aye.

18           PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Eaddy.

19           BOARD MEMBER EADDY: Aye.

20           PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Montes.

21           BOARD MEMBER MONTES: Aye.

22           PRESIDENT FOREMAN: And I vote in favor of the  
23 motion.

24                   Voting in favor are Board Members

1 Wolff, Cusack, Doorley, Eaddy, Montes, and myself.  
2 Board Member Block votes against the motion. The  
3 motion passes by a vote of 6 to 1.

4 Is there a motion to find Police  
5 Officer Corey Boone not guilty of using excessive  
6 force, failing to report Officer Siler's use of  
7 excessive force, and making a false report, and to  
8 reinstate Officer Boone to his position at CPD?

9 VICE PRESIDENT WOLFF: So moved. Paula Wolff.

10 BOARD MEMBER EADDY: Second. Michael Eaddy.

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

13 VICE PRESIDENT WOLFF: Aye.

14 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Block.

15 BOARD MEMBER BLOCK: Aye.

16 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Cusack.

17 BOARD MEMBER CUSACK: Aye.

18 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Doorley.

19 BOARD MEMBER DOORLEY: Aye.

20 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Eaddy.

21 BOARD MEMBER EADDY: Aye.

22 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Montes.

23 BOARD MEMBER MONTES: Aye.

24 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: And I vote in favor of the

1 motion. Voting in favor are Board Members Wolff,  
2 Block, Cusack, Doorley, Eaddy, Montes, and myself.  
3 The motion passes by a vote of 7 to 0.

4 Is there a motion to find Police  
5 Officer Robert Clark not guilty of failing to report  
6 Officer Siler's use of excessive force and making a  
7 false report and to reinstate Officer Clark to his  
8 position with CPD?

9 VICE PRESIDENT WOLFF: So moved. Paula Wolff.

10 BOARD MEMBER EADDY: Second. Michael Eaddy.

11 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: I will now call on Board  
12 members for their votes. Wolff.

13 VICE PRESIDENT WOLFF: Aye.

14 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Block.

15 BOARD MEMBER BLOCK: Aye.

16 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Cusack.

17 BOARD MEMBER CUSACK: Aye.

18 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Doorley.

19 BOARD MEMBER DOORLEY: Aye.

20 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Eaddy.

21 BOARD MEMBER EADDY: Aye.

22 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Montes.

23 BOARD MEMBER MONTES: Aye.

24 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: And I vote in favor of the

1 motion.

2 Voting in favor are Board members  
3 Wolff, Block, Cusack, Doorley, Eaddy, Montes, and  
4 myself. The motion passes by a vote of 7 to 0.

5 Is there a motion to adopt the  
6 written findings and decisions and dissents that  
7 have all been reviewed by all Board members who  
8 participated in the case?

9 BOARD MEMBER WOLFF: So moved. Paula Wolff.

10 BOARD MEMBER EADDY: Second. Michael Eaddy.

11 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: All in favor?

12 (CHORUS OF AYES.)

13 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Any opposed?

14 (NO RESPONSE.)

15 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: The motion passes.

16 Regarding case number 23PB3021, the  
17 Superintendent filed charges against Police Officer  
18 Gianvernive Cabral-Rivera recommending that they be  
19 discharged from the Chicago Police Department for  
20 engaging in sexual misconduct. The Superintendent  
21 subsequently moved to withdraw these charges without  
22 prejudice because Cabral-Rivera resigned from the  
23 Chicago Police Department.

24 Is there a motion to grant the

1 Superintendent's motion?

2 VICE PRESIDENT WOLFF: So moved. Paula Wolff.

3 BOARD MEMBER EADDY: Second. Michael Eaddy.

4 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: I will now call on members  
5 of the Board for their votes. Wolff.

6 VICE PRESIDENT WOLFF: Aye.

7 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Block.

8 BOARD MEMBER BLOCK: Aye.

9 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Cusack.

10 BOARD MEMBER CUSACK: Aye.

11 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Doorley. Nanette, you're  
12 on mute. I don't know if you can unmute. We have  
13 Nanette as an aye, but for the purpose of this,  
14 we're having technical difficulties. Eaddy?

15 BOARD MEMBER EADDY: Aye.

16 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Montes.

17 BOARD MEMBER MONTES: Aye.

18 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: And I vote in favor of the  
19 motion. Voting in favor are Board Members Block  
20 Cusack, Doorley, Eaddy, Montes, and myself. The  
21 motion passes by a vote of 7 to 0.

22 The written decisions in the cases on  
23 which the Board took final action this evening will  
24 be entered as of today's date, sent to the parties,

1 and then posted on the Board's website.

2 Board Members Carr-Favors and Safakas  
3 did not participate in these decisions because they  
4 just became Board members yesterday.

5 And I have -- I received a text from  
6 Nanette that she is voting, indeed, yes. So  
7 hopefully that suffices.

8 The Police Board as authorized by the  
9 Open Meetings Act has considered in a closed meeting  
10 several appeals from applicants for Chicago police  
11 officer positions who have been removed from the  
12 eligibility list due to the results of a background  
13 examination. The Board will now take final action  
14 on these appeals.

15 Is there a motion to adopt the appeals  
16 officer's findings and recommendations and affirm  
17 the decision to disqualify the applicant for the  
18 following appeals: 22AA11, 14, and 16, and adopt  
19 the appeals officer's findings and decisions and  
20 recommendations and reverse the decision to  
21 disqualify the applicant for the following appeals:  
22 22AA07 and 15?

23 BOARD MEMBER WOLFF: So moved. Wolff.

24 BOARD MEMBER EADDY: Second. Michael Eaddy.

1           PRESIDENT FOREMAN: I will now call on the  
2 Board members for their votes. Wolff.

3           VICE PRESIDENT WOLFF: Aye.

4           PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Block.

5           BOARD MEMBER BLOCK: Aye.

6           PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Cusack.

7           BOARD MEMBER CUSACK: Aye.

8           PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Doorley is an aye. Eaddy.

9           BOARD MEMBER EADDY: Aye.

10          PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Montes.

11          BOARD MEMBER MONTES: Aye.

12          PRESIDENT FOREMAN: And I vote in favor of the  
13 motion. Voting in favor are Board Members Wolff,  
14 Block, Cusack, Doorley, Eaddy, Montes, and myself.  
15 The motion passes by a vote of 7 to 0.

16                         The written decisions of these appeals  
17 will be entered as of today's date, sent to the  
18 parties, and posted on the Board's website within  
19 five business days.

20                         Again, Board Members Carr-Favors and  
21 Safakas did not participate in these cases because  
22 they became members of the Board just yesterday.

23                         Next up we have the Superintendent's  
24 report, but before we do that, on behalf of myself



1 and the rest of the Board members, Interim  
2 Superintendent Carter, I would like to give our  
3 sincere thank you for an incredible career of public  
4 service, U.S. Marine, so you served us, as well, in  
5 that capacity, and now over 30 years at the Chicago  
6 Police Department. It's been an incredible  
7 opportunity for me to get to know you and learn a  
8 lot more about what you do and now this is a great  
9 time. We talked a little bit earlier today, and I  
10 really missed -- I called you on Saturday, hoping  
11 you had the day off, and you said, Man, in this job,  
12 there's no days off. So I'm grateful for the time  
13 that you spent protecting us, the residents of the  
14 City of Chicago, and I'm also really glad you now  
15 get a chance to have some me time and spend some  
16 well-deserved time with your family. Thank you very  
17 much.

18 INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT CARTER: Thank you,  
19 President Foreman. It's been tremendous for me  
20 these past 31 years, almost 40, if you include my  
21 time in the Marine Corps. So public service isn't  
22 easy, but it's more than a calling. It's just -- I  
23 can't really describe it, but I've enjoyed every  
24 moment of it, and I wouldn't change anything over

1 the last 40 years for anything.

2 So it's been my honor and pleasure to  
3 work with the Police Board and the many community  
4 organizations and groups and citizens throughout the  
5 City of Chicago throughout my tenure.

6 So I thank you, everyone, for all the  
7 support you've given myself, the Chicago Police  
8 Department, and everybody in public safety trying to  
9 make Chicago a safer place for everyone.

10 Please, just let me get right into  
11 tonight's remarks. Once again, thank the Board and  
12 all the members of the community who are here for  
13 this month's meeting. As President Foreman just  
14 said, my last official day with the Chicago Police  
15 Department will be May 15th. Bittersweet, but I  
16 know I'm leaving the Department set up for a  
17 successful future, so I'm confident in that.

18 It's been one of my greatest honors in  
19 life to serve the City as well as our nation.

20 Our great work together is going to  
21 impact Chicago's Police Department. It will always  
22 matter in the lives of communities and fellow  
23 Chicagoans. So everyone here, thank you for the  
24 public safety and strengthening this Department.

1                   The men and women of Chicago Police  
2 Department are committed to serving and protecting  
3 all residents and businesses of the City of Chicago.

4                   In this past weekend, we saw hundreds  
5 of teens and young adults gathered downtown. It's  
6 unfortunate some of them engaged in violent and  
7 disruptive behavior.

8                   As we look towards summer, I want to  
9 emphasize we will continue working alongside  
10 community organizations, diverse leaders, youth  
11 outreach workers, anyone we can that can help  
12 provide safe spaces and alternatives for our youth  
13 across the City of Chicago. So we are trying to  
14 ensure these resources are available to protect  
15 those visiting Chicago, who are living here, working  
16 in areas near the large gatherings. So from an  
17 increased police and command staff presence at these  
18 gatherings citywide throughout these strategic  
19 support centers, we will be monitoring all  
20 activities. All our police cameras will be able to  
21 ensure we allocate positions, all our resources  
22 throughout the City as necessary. But like I always  
23 say, we will not and we cannot tolerate any type of  
24 reckless and dangerous behavior and activities from

1 our youth or anyone putting themselves and innocent  
2 people in harm's way.

3 I want to be clear, everyone is  
4 welcome downtown, but anyone engaging in criminal  
5 activity will have to be held accountable.

6 Right now, year to date, our homicides  
7 are down 10.8 percent. Shootings have decreased  
8 about 9.8 percent. The number of shooting victims  
9 fell 12.5 percent citywide compared to the same time  
10 frame in 2022. The Chicago officers have taken over  
11 3100 guns off the streets since January 1st. And  
12 just this past weekend alone, we recovered over 100  
13 firearms citywide.

14 CPD also remains focused on the top 55  
15 beats. We're actually going to try to expand those  
16 to the top 100 a little bit later, just before  
17 summer, but for more than half of where the City's  
18 violent crime occurs, we continue to view strategic  
19 deployments and focus on those locations.

20 We're committed to ensuring Chicago  
21 feels safe, whether it's in the public, in their  
22 homes, or on public transportation. We have police  
23 officers out and visible across the transit system  
24 every day. Year to date, overall crime is down 4

1 percent on the public transit system, as compared to  
2 the same time frame in 2022.

3 We are steadfast in our efforts to  
4 enhance public safety, engage in our communities and  
5 transforming our Department.

6 So at the beginning of the week, the  
7 Chicago Police Department filed its status report  
8 for the seventh independent monitoring report period  
9 under the Consent Decree. During this period, we  
10 revised and drafted new policies, reviewed key  
11 topics. We included use of force and crisis  
12 intervention, while continuing to prioritize  
13 partnerships within the communities we serve. We  
14 will keep collaborating with residents on a better  
15 way of serving and developing, enhancing our  
16 policies that affect them and their families.

17 Since our last meeting, Chicago's  
18 first responders and our residents were called to  
19 rally together again in a terrible set of  
20 circumstances no one could have imagined. The  
21 Chicago Fire Department lost two firefighters  
22 back-to-back, one day apart, Firefighter Jermaine  
23 Pelt and Lieutenant Jan Tchoryk in the same week.

24 Even more heartbreaking, these tragic

1 events as they unfolded just a day apart, the last  
2 of which happened five weeks ago, was Officer Andres  
3 Vasquez-Lasso who was killed in the line of duty.

4 So our City and the nation watched as  
5 we laid Firefighters Pelt and Tchoryk to rest last  
6 week and will always remember them as heros. And  
7 the Chicago Fire Department is always there with us  
8 side by side in everything we do; that we will  
9 continue to be there for them, whether through our  
10 presence and support of peer counselors. Our proud  
11 Chicago Police Department was able to be there and  
12 offer additional support and resources for our  
13 brothers and sisters.

14 We will always be bonded by a call to  
15 serve. We will always be inspired by our commitment  
16 to the people of Chicago.

17 Once again, thank you. It's been my  
18 honor to be Interim Superintendent, First Deputy,  
19 and my entire career. So with that, I can't thank  
20 everyone for all the outpouring of support, words of  
21 encouragement, texts, e-mails, and phone calls, and  
22 I plan to continue to support not only the work of  
23 this Board but the Chicago Police Department and the  
24 entire City of Chicago as best I can. Thank you

1 again.

2 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you. Thank you.

3 Next, Chief Kersten, for your COPA report.

4 CHIEF KERSTEN: Thank you, President Foreman.

5 I, too, just want to express my congratulations to  
6 Interim Superintendent Carter on your retirement and  
7 my sincere gratitude and thanks for your role  
8 leading the Department, particularly in these  
9 critical weeks and months of transition. And this  
10 work is never easy, no matter what level you're  
11 doing it at, but to lead all of the men and women of  
12 the Chicago Police Department is certainly an  
13 important role and one that we greatly appreciate  
14 you playing. So thank you and best of luck to you  
15 in this next chapter.

16 I also want to officially  
17 congratulate and welcome the two new members of the  
18 Police Board. This is certainly important work, as  
19 well. And just excited to have you guys on board  
20 and get to know a little bit about you and for you  
21 to know and understand the role that COPA plays in  
22 the work we do here.

23 So having said that, I will report  
24 out on our statistics over the last month, as I do

1 at every Police Board meeting.

2 In the last month, we have received  
3 510 complaints and notifications. 97 of those  
4 remained under COPA jurisdiction, meaning they fell  
5 under our specific guidelines of what cases we  
6 investigate, and others went to the Bureau of  
7 Internal Affairs or other external entities for  
8 further investigation.

9 As we typically see month over month,  
10 the highest kind of complaint, 45 percent of our  
11 complaints that stayed under COPA's jurisdiction  
12 were, again, improper search or seizure or your  
13 Fourth Amendment allegations.

14 We also received three  
15 officer-involved shooting notifications in this last  
16 month. And we're able to conclude two  
17 officer-involved shooting cases that are with the  
18 Department for their review.

19 Additionally, of all the cases that  
20 we closed, our sustained case rate remained at  
21 around 15 percent, which is in line with the  
22 national average. And we also had one video  
23 release.

24 Speaking a little bit to the new



1 Board members, to the extent they are not aware,  
2 COPA is responsible for implementing the City's  
3 video-release policy.

4 So the City's video-release policy  
5 states that we, COPA, are to release and make public  
6 videos, audio evidence, and written documentation  
7 such as case reports, use-of-force, tactical  
8 response reports, et cetera, any time there's an  
9 officer-involved shooting or some other fatality in  
10 police custody or as a result of police action or  
11 also any sort of excessive force causing serious  
12 injuries. So when those injuries arise, we are  
13 mandated to release under this policy within 60 days  
14 those materials to the public, and that's often  
15 where media outlets and other individuals pick up  
16 that information. COPA doesn't release that  
17 information with any sort of narrative or finding  
18 associated with the materials; it's simply objective  
19 evidence for the public to consume as our  
20 investigations are ongoing. So we had one such  
21 video release in the last month.

22 Additionally, we were out and about  
23 in the community, kind of all over the place, but  
24 the aspect of our community engagement I'd like to

1 focus the most on would be our COPA People's  
2 Academy. I know we've talked about it at prior  
3 Police Board meetings, and we just concluded the  
4 fifth of six weeks this last Tuesday. As many of  
5 you know, those engagements are taking place at the  
6 Bauer Plummer Joint Public Safety Training Center,  
7 which is a great privilege for us to be able to  
8 utilize that beautiful space. As part of the  
9 broader public safety system, I think it's important  
10 for COPA to have a role and utilize that space. And  
11 week after week we've had great turnout from local  
12 community. We had over 90 applicants enroll in our  
13 first inaugural class here from Chicago, and over 70  
14 different folks from around the country that have  
15 been participating virtually in our hybrid sort of  
16 Zoom option, as well.

17 And so we've just really been  
18 heartened by the engagement that we've had with  
19 individuals, a lot of questions, a lot of people  
20 wanting to understand more deeply and meaningfully  
21 the work that goes on at COPA, as well as how we fit  
22 into the broader public safety system.

23 So really been encouraged by the  
24 turnout. And often feel that community engagement,

1 educational opportunities, those conversations and  
2 dialogs that we have with members of the community,  
3 that is what the work of reform often looks like.  
4 It's about informing people, helping them understand  
5 the context within which incidents occur and making  
6 sure that they have facts and real information, not  
7 assumptions or misinformation that may be available  
8 in other forums. So it has really been a positive  
9 experience. We will be offering it again in the  
10 fall. And we've already had a lot of outreach about  
11 people wanting to sign up in the future and even  
12 some current attendees saying they're sad that next  
13 week is the last week. So I think it's been a  
14 pretty big success for our first go-around, and we  
15 are just excited to continue that program.

16           Additionally, I would like to just  
17 give one kind of general operational update.

18           You know, in this line of work,  
19 there's not often things that we all can agree on.  
20 But one of the things that I think is pretty  
21 unanimously agreed upon is that COPA needs to  
22 continue to work to reduce the amount of time it  
23 takes us to conclude these important investigations.  
24 And so I've spoken before in the past about our

1 caseload, sort of our approach to how we are trying  
2 to decrease that. And I do want to report at the  
3 conclusion of the first quarter of 2023, which  
4 wrapped up on March 31st, we were down to 1550  
5 cases, which had been well over 1700 at the end of  
6 last year, beginning of this quarter, and that's the  
7 first time since before the pandemic where we have  
8 had a caseload that low.

9           So it's been several years -- it's  
10 been back to 2019 since we've gotten our caseload to  
11 that level. And we have a lot of operational  
12 improvements and plans that we intend to continue  
13 implementing and rolling out over this next year to  
14 continue that downward trend.

15           Officers and complainants and impacted  
16 parties and families deserve resolution on these  
17 cases in a much faster timeline, and so that's just  
18 simply work that we must undertake and prioritize as  
19 an agency. And, again, as I said, there's not a  
20 whole lot that we always all see eye to eye on, but  
21 this is certainly an area that we do.

22           So we're looking forward to continuing  
23 our partnership with BIA and other stakeholders.  
24 We've already had some initial meetings about ways

1 that we're going to continue to keep these numbers  
2 moving in the right direction, and we're just  
3 excited about that as an agency. That's my report.  
4 Thank you for the time.

5 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Excellent news, Chief. I  
6 also wanted to tell you that I was at a meeting at  
7 the 3rd District two weeks ago and sat next to a  
8 community member, someone from Communities Organized  
9 to Win from the Chatham community, who often come to  
10 the Police Board meetings, and they raved about the  
11 academy. So keep up the good work. They wanted to  
12 make sure that I knew that this was a great program.  
13 They wanted to make sure more people from their  
14 community could get access to it, and they really  
15 did like the new facility. So they definitely felt  
16 that this was something for the people. So bravo.

17 CHIEF KERSTEN: I appreciate that feedback.  
18 And everyone participating in person is getting the  
19 full tour next week of that amazing facility. I  
20 think that's a great thing for Chicago, for folks to  
21 know what's been built there. So thank you.

22 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Wonderful. I will now call  
23 upon members of the public who signed up in advance  
24 to speak. To make sure we have time to hear from

1 all speakers, there's a two-minute time limit on  
2 comments. Our first speaker is listed as Corey  
3 Dooley, but I see Jacque, so I am not sure if Corey  
4 is on or, Jacque, if you're speaking. Corey or  
5 Jacque.

6 MR. STEFANIC: Yeah, I can represent the  
7 Council. My name is Jacque Stefanic. I am on the  
8 council for Chicago Youth Council for Police  
9 Accountability. We are just kind of revamping our  
10 efforts and being involved in the community, and we  
11 are going to be hosting a resource fair in the  
12 coming months, probably in the summertime, and we  
13 would actually like to extend the invitation to the  
14 Board to get involved, and, you know, if you all  
15 want to come by, get involved with activities, you  
16 know how to reach us. We wanted to extend that  
17 invitation to you all. And, yeah, that's about it  
18 for the Council for this month. Thank you.

19 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Wonderful. Thank you.

20 Our next speaker, Robert More. Mr.  
21 More, if you can unmute one of your phones by  
22 pressing +6. Only one.

23 MR. MORE: Mr. Foreman, can you hear me?

24 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Yes, sir. Good evening.

1 MR. MORE: Okay. Thank you. (Inaudible) for  
2 the March meeting, and I just couldn't put the  
3 pieces of the puzzle --

4 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Mr. More -- Jazmyne,  
5 Jazmyne. Can you stop the clock for a second? Mr.  
6 More, I don't know if you can hear me, Mr. More. We  
7 can't hear you.

8 MR. MORE: You still can't hear me?

9 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Stay in the same place.  
10 Don't move around. We're going to start the clock  
11 over again because we couldn't hear you.

12 MR. MORE: Okay. I acknowledge that, Mr.  
13 Foreman, and I also acknowledge in the March meeting  
14 substantial --

15 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Okay. Mr. More. Let's try  
16 this, Mr. More. The phone that you are on, mute  
17 that phone and pick up the other phone. Let's see  
18 if we can get this to work. Mr. More, can you hear  
19 us? Mr. More, I know you are a regular participant,  
20 so I hate to cut your time off if we can get you.  
21 Technology is not working so well today.  
22 Unfortunately, Mr. More, we cannot hear you. So  
23 we're going to have to adjourn, unfortunately.

24 Maybe you can send your comments to

1 Max. I don't know if you can still hear me.  
2 Perhaps you can send comments to Max, and we will  
3 try to get them input into the record. If you can  
4 e-mail Max or Jazmyne a copy of your comments.

5 And next month we'll be in person.  
6 We won't have this technology delay.

7 At this time, all members of the  
8 public who signed up to speak have been called. Is  
9 there a motion to adjourn?

10 VICE PRESIDENT WOLFF: So moved. Paula Wolff.

11 BOARD MEMBER EADDY: Second. Michael Eaddy.

12 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: The motion has been  
13 passed -- all in favor, please say aye.

14 (CHORUS OF AYES.)

15 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: The motion has been passed.  
16 The meeting is adjourned.

17 Superintendent, I'm going to invite  
18 you, man, anytime you want to come on back, you can  
19 come to Public Safety Headquarters the third  
20 Thursday. We welcome you back anytime or join our  
21 CAN-TV.

22 INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT CARTER: I will  
23 participate. I'll see you there.

24 VICE PRESIDENT WOLFF: Testify as part of the



1 public, then we'll hear the real story, right?

2 INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT CARTER: Thank you, all.

3 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Be safe everyone.

4 (WHEREUPON, the proceedings were  
5 adjourned at 8:03 p.m.)

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