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POLICE BOARD
CITY OF CHICAGO

PUBLIC MEETING

Chicago Public Safety Headquarters
3510 South Michigan Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Thursday, July 18, 2019
7:30 p.m.

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APPEARANCES:

POLICE BOARD MEMBERS

- GHIAN FOREMAN, President
- PAULA WOLFF, Vice President
- EVA-DINA DELGADO
- MICHAEL EADDY
- STEVE FLORES
- JOHN P. O'MALLEY, JR.
- JOHN H. SIMPSON
- RHODA D. SWEENEY
- ANDREA L. ZOPP (Via Audio Conference)

ALSO PRESENT:

- FRED WALLER, Chief of Patrol, Chicago Police Department;
- DANA O'MALLEY, General Counsel to the Superintendent of Police;
- MELISSA STAPLES, Chief of Detectives, Chicago Police Department;
- SYDNEY ROBERTS, Chief Administrator, Civilian Office of Police Accountability;
- JOSEPH LIPARI, Deputy Inspector for Public Safety;
- DANA ALEXANDER, Chief of the Bureau of Internal Affairs, Chicago Police Department;
- MAX CAPRONI, Executive Director, Police Board.

1 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Good evening. I
2 apologize for the delay. I don't know if you
3 noticed, but there's some citizens outside and
4 we wanted to invite them the opportunity to
5 come in if they wanted. Just wanted to make
6 sure that, you know, we have respect for
7 meeting people's conduct in advance to speak,
8 and we want to make sure that everyone has an
9 opportunity to be heard. So I apologize for
10 the delay.

11 My name is Ghian Foreman. I am
12 president of the Chicago Police Board and I am
13 calling the meeting to order.

14 Board Member Zopp is unable to
15 attend this meeting in person. Is there a
16 motion to permit remote attendance?

17 BOARD MEMBER SIMPSON: So moved.

18 BOARD MEMBER FLORES: Second.

19 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: All in favor?

20 (CHORUS OF AYES.)

21 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Motion passes.

22 First item of business is
23 approval of the minutes of the Board's regular
24 public meeting held on June 20th, 2019.

1 Is there a motion to approve the
2 minutes?

3 BOARD MEMBER SIMPSON: So moved.

4 BOARD MEMBER EADDY: Second.

5 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: All in favor?

6 (CHORUS OF AYES.)

7 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Our next regular public
8 meeting will be held Thursday, August 15th, at
9 7:30 p.m. here at Chicago Public Safety
10 Headquarters.

11 At this time, I ask for a motion
12 to close a series of executive sessions for the
13 purposes of considering personnel matters and
14 litigation as authorized by Sections 2(c)(1),
15 (3), (4) and (11) of the Illinois Open Meetings
16 Act. Is there such a motion?

17 BOARD MEMBER SIMPSON: So moved.

18 BOARD MEMBER EADDY: Second.

19 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: All in favor?

20 (CHORUS OF AYES.)

21 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: The motion passes.

22 A report of disciplinary actions
23 taken by the Board during the previous month
24 has been available at this evening's meeting.

1 This report and the Board's written Findings
2 and Decisions are posted on the Board's
3 website.

4 As announced at our public
5 meetings over the past several months, the
6 Board drafted amendments to its Rules of
7 Procedure, including those in response to the
8 Consent Decree entered in Illinois versus
9 Chicago. The drafts have been posted on our
10 website.

11 Is there a motion to amend the
12 Board's Rules of Procedure as set forth in the
13 most recent draft of the amendments posted on
14 the Board's website?

15 BOARD MEMBER SIMPSON: So moved.

16 BOARD MEMBER SWEENEY: Second.

17 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Pardon me. Jumped the
18 gun.

19 Is there a motion to amend the
20 Board's Rules of Procedure as set forth in the
21 most recent draft of the amendments posted on
22 the Board's website, and to have the amendments
23 in Sections 1 through 3 apply to all the cases
24 for which a hearing has not yet taken place,

1 and the amendments in Sections 4 through 6 take
2 effect immediately?

3 BOARD MEMBER SWEENEY: So moved.

4 BOARD MEMBER EADDY: Second.

5 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: All in favor?

6 (CHORUS OF AYES.)

7 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Any opposed?

8 (NO RESPONSE.)

9 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Motion passes.

10 The next agenda item is a report
11 from the Consent Decree entered in Illinois
12 versus Chicago.

13 The Police Board has made
14 significant progress in implementing the
15 requirements of the Consent Decree. The
16 requirements in 9 of the 13 paragraphs
17 involving the Police Board have been
18 implemented. Implementation of the
19 requirements in the remaining four paragraphs
20 is well underway.

21 We will post on the Board's
22 website a detailed report of the progress we
23 have made. We have also posted for public
24 review and comment draft policies on hearing

1 officer selection criteria and training of
2 Board members.

3 We encourage you to review this
4 material and provide your feedback.

5 The general orders and other
6 directives issued by the Superintendent of
7 Police during the previous months are listed in
8 the books made available at this evening's
9 meeting and posted on the Police Department's
10 website.

11 Also, please note that a draft of
12 the CPD's policy on Firearm Pointing Incidents
13 has been posted on CPD's website for review and
14 public comment.

15 The Police Board, as authorized
16 by The Open Meetings Act, has considered in a
17 closed meeting four disciplinary cases related
18 to the fatal shooting of Laquan McDonald. The
19 Board will now take final action on these
20 cases.

21 Regarding case number 16 PB 2909,
22 is there a motion to find Sergeant Stephen
23 Franko guilty of violating Rules 2, 3, 6, 11
24 and 14 and to discharge him from the Chicago

1 Police Department?

2 BOARD MEMBER SWEENEY: So moved.

3 BOARD MEMBER FLORES: Second.

4 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: By raising your hand,
5 all Board members, any opposed?

6 (NO RESPONSE.)

7 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: I'm sorry. Board
8 Member Zopp?

9 BOARD MEMBER ZOPP: I vote in favor.

10 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you. None
11 opposed.

12 Voting in favor are Board Members
13 Wolff, Delgado, Eaddy, Flores, O'Malley,
14 Simpson, Sweeney, Zopp and myself. Motion
15 passes.

16 Regarding case number 16 PB 2910,
17 is there a motion to find Police Officer Janet
18 Mondragon guilty of violating Rules 2, 3, 6, 11
19 and 14 and to discharge her from the Chicago
20 Police Department?

21 BOARD MEMBER EADDY: So moved.

22 VICE PRESIDENT WOLFF: Second.

23 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: All in favor by a show
24 of hands?

1 (SHOWING OF HANDS.)

2 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Board Member Zopp?

3 BOARD MEMBER ZOPP: I vote yes.

4 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you. Voting in
5 favor are Board Members Wolf, Delgado, Eaddy,
6 Flores, O'Malley, Simpson, Sweeney, Zopp and
7 myself. The motion passes.

8 Regarding case number 16 PB 2911,
9 is there a motion to find Police Officer Daphne
10 Sebastian guilty of violating Rules 2, 3, 6 and
11 11, and to discharge her from the Chicago
12 Police Department?

13 BOARD MEMBER SIMPSON: So moved.

14 VICE PRESIDENT WOLFF: Second.

15 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: All in favor?

16 (SHOWING OF HANDS.)

17 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Board Member Zopp?

18 BOARD MEMBER ZOPP: Yes.

19 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Voting in favor are
20 Board Members Wolff, Delgado, Eaddy, Flores,
21 Simpson, Sweeney, Zopp and myself. Board
22 Member O'Malley dissents. The motion passes.

23 Regarding case 16 PB 2912, is
24 there a motion to find Police Officer Ricardo

1 Viramontes guilty of violating Rules 2, 3 and
2 14, and to discharge him from the Chicago
3 Police Department?

4 BOARD MEMBER EADDY: So moved.

5 BOARD MEMBER SIMPSON: Second.

6 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: All in favor by a show
7 of hands?

8 (SHOW OF HANDS.)

9 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Board Member Zopp?

10 BOARD MEMBER ZOPP: I vote yes.

11 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Voting in favor are
12 Board Members Wolff, Delgado, Eaddy, Flores,
13 O'Malley, Simpson, Sweeney and Zopp and myself.
14 Motion passes.

15 The Board's decision in this case
16 will be entered as of today's date and issued
17 to the parties. A copy of the written decision
18 is available at this evening's meeting and will
19 be posted on the Board's website this evening.

20 There are two additional
21 disciplinary matters to announce. Board
22 Members Wolff and Sweeney will report on these
23 matters. Board Member Wolff.

24 VICE PRESIDENT WOLFF: Thank you, President

1 Foreman.

2 Pursuant to Section 2-78-130 of
3 the Municipal Code of Chicago, I considered one
4 matter on which the Chief Administrator of the
5 Civilian Office of Police Accountability and
6 the Superintendent of Police did not agree
7 regarding discipline of a police officer.

8 Regarding request for review
9 number 19-14, the Chief Administrator
10 recommended that Police Officer Jamie Jawor be
11 discharged from the Chicago Police Department
12 for failing to drive with due regard for the
13 safety of all persons and for speeding. The
14 Superintendent recommended that the allegations
15 be classified as unfounded and exonerated.

16 In my opinion, the Superintendent
17 did not meet the burden of overcoming Chief
18 Administrator's recommendation for discipline.

19 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Board Member Sweeney
20 will report on the next matter.

21 BOARD MEMBER SWEENEY: Regarding request
22 for review number 19-13, the Chief
23 Administrator recommended that
24 officer -- Police Officer Dora Fontain be

1 suspended for five days for handcuffing an
2 individual too tightly. The Superintendent
3 recommended that the allegation be classified
4 as unfounded.

5 In my opinion, the Superintendent
6 met the burden of overcoming the Chief
7 Administrator's recommendation for discipline.

8 The written opinions in these
9 matters will be posted on the Board's website
10 as required by the Municipal Code of Chicago.

11 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you, Board
12 Members Wolff and Sweeney.

13 The next item is the
14 Superintendent's report to the Board. Chief
15 Waller.

16 CHIEF WALLER: Good evening, members of the
17 Board, and thank you, President, those members
18 of the public that took time from their busy
19 schedules to join us tonight.

20 Superintendent Johnson sends his
21 regards as he's attending a funeral tonight.

22 I'm Fred Waller, Chief of the
23 Bureau of Patrol, and I will give you a few of
24 our updates on some of the initiatives that

1 we've been going through this past month.

2 First, CPD welcomed 196 new
3 officers to the rank and file on July 9th at
4 Navy Pier. This graduation ceremony also
5 includes the promotion of new chiefs, deputy
6 chiefs, commanders, lieutenants, sergeants and
7 evidence technicians.

8 Also, murders are down about 14
9 percent for the last 28 days ending on July
10 14th. This figure is compared to the number of
11 murders for the same period in 2018.

12 Robberies, burglaries and
13 shooting incidents are also down by
14 double-digit percentages for this same time
15 2018 period of last year.

16 It's worth noting that year to
17 date, overall violent crimes is down by nine
18 percent compared to the same time in 2018.

19 Robberies and burglaries and
20 motor vehicle thefts are also at their lowest
21 since 2000.

22 Our officers are busy taking guns
23 off the street. And we want to thank everyone
24 who participated in the gun turn-in last

1 Saturday at New Life Covenant Church in the
2 Chicago Grand Crossing neighborhood. A total
3 of 389 guns were handed over to the police at
4 this event, making it the largest gun turn-in
5 that we've had so far.

6 Although there's still room for
7 improvement, and we know that the road to
8 success is always under construction, we strive
9 to be the best department that we can be and
10 that Chicago deserves.

11 As part of the Consent Decree,
12 196 of our school resource officers and
13 supervisors are undergoing specialized training
14 conducted by the National Association of School
15 Resource Officers, which is widely recognized
16 as the leader for the instruction of
17 school-based law enforcement.

18 CPD has also hosted its first of
19 four public input meetings yesterday to review
20 and discuss our SRO policy, and this is
21 something that I personally will attend.

22 Finally, opened a 15-day public
23 comment period on Tuesday of the draft Firearm
24 Pointing Incidents Policy. The draft policy

1 provides clear direction for officers on
2 notification requirements to the Office of
3 Emergency Management and Communications each
4 time an officer points his weapon and -- their
5 firearm at an individual in the low ready
6 position. This just dictates what that policy
7 will be and it will be open for public comment.
8 Thank you, President.

9 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you, Chief.

10 Last month, the Board put in
11 place a new policy to help ensure
12 responsiveness to community input received at
13 our meetings. Detailed written reports of
14 responses to community input received at last
15 month's meeting have been posted on the Board's
16 website.

17 Before I call on members of the
18 public to speak, I wanted to make sure to share
19 that I received an e-mail, and I just wanted to
20 make sure that the public received this, that
21 the Community Engagement Team of the
22 Independent Monitoring Team for the Consent
23 Decree, they have a policy posted -- I'm sorry.
24 I apologize. I said this part already.

1 I wanted to make sure I talked
2 about what's happening in the Consent Decree,
3 so some of that is there -- is listed on the
4 report.

5 I'll now call on those members of
6 the public who signed up in advance to speak.
7 When your name is called, please step up to the
8 microphone. We ask that you limit your
9 comments to two minutes. We have a lot of
10 speakers today, so we really are going to have
11 to stick to the two minutes today.

12 First speaker is Jennifer
13 Edwards.

14 MS. EDWARDS: Good evening. I have a
15 handout for you. The handout is a letter that
16 we sent regarding activity in our area on the
17 south side. We're asking for more police
18 support. Our group is Communities Organized to
19 Win. We have about 30 community groups from
20 69th all the way on out to the Pullman area.
21 And we're trying to work together on various
22 things. I have a statement. Do you have any
23 questions? No. Okay. We are presenting a
24 letter that was sent to the 6th District

1 commander. We have also informed Commander
2 Muhammad of our visit to this Board. We would
3 like support from the 6th and 3rd District
4 police departments regarding safety issues in
5 the areas of 87th and the Dan Ryan, to 71st and
6 State, to 69th Street transit corridors.

7 There have been numerous
8 shootings, panhandling, buck boys, peddlers
9 without licenses on this corridor on a daily
10 basis.

11 We are especially concerned about
12 the new prospective high school opening in the
13 fall of 2019 at 86th Street near the Dan Ryan
14 and how the continued police issues will affect
15 the students in this area.

16 We asked for a safety plan that
17 could include high-definition security cameras,
18 expanded violence prevention and law
19 enforcement measures. We ask that you
20 reinstate the 606 queen car on 87th Street.
21 You remember that. And expand it to include an
22 additional car on 79th Street and 71st Street.
23 In addition, we ask for intermittent posting of
24 squad cars to protect the transit stops,

1 commuters, employees and bystanders in the
2 prospective student areas.

3 We have informed the commander of
4 the 6th District of our intent for the support
5 of the 6th District. We have also informed
6 Alderman Brookins, 21st Ward, Alderman Beale,
7 the 9th Ward, and Alderman Sawyer of the 6th
8 Ward of our intent

9 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you, ma'am.
10 Appreciate it.

11 Next speaker, Octavia Mitchell.

12 MR. MITCHELL: You all know my name's
13 Octavia Mitchell. I first want to speak on Ms.
14 Roberts did let me know that they did get the
15 chain of command of the DNA. So therefore with
16 that being said, the CPD never turned the DNA
17 in, and also my transcripts with them under
18 oath lying saying that that DNA was submitted
19 to Illinois State Police Department. I want
20 them to be held accountable. Okay?

21 I have handouts also. I was
22 arrested April 13th, handcuffed. Officers told
23 me that my license was suspended. Told me that
24 my license was suspended. I was scared for my

1 life because I knew my license was not
2 suspended. My lawyer put in a FOIA. I guess
3 I'm not a citizen of this country, because
4 whenever I put in a FOIA, they ignore me. My
5 lawyer put in a FOIA for Dan O'Malley, the City
6 of Chicago, to release that video to me. I
7 hadn't received it. Three times the Attorney
8 General had told them to give my attorney that
9 video, and I still have not received it. I
10 want to know who is responsible making these
11 thugs do what they supposed to do.

12 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Chief Roberts, I'm
13 going to probably ask you this question about
14 the FOIA and how does she get access to the
15 video?

16 MS. MITCHELL: Because they gangster. They
17 don't care who say what. Three times -- you
18 have all three times that the Attorney
19 General --

20 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Excuse me one second.

21 CHIEF ROBERTS: Ms. Mitchell, I don't
22 believe that you have sent our office an --

23 MS. MITCHELL: Yes, I have.

24 CHIEF ROBERTS: Oh. Have we responded to

1 your FOIA request?

2 MS. MITCHELL: I've been speaking with Ms.
3 Edy.

4 CHIEF ROBERTS: Okay. Then can I ask that
5 you guys speak again this afternoon?

6 MS. MITCHELL: Okay.

7 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Next speaker, Joseen
8 Carreon. Joseen Carreon.

9 So I'm going to call on the next
10 set of speakers. Just want -- please be
11 advised when we're making decisions in
12 disciplinary cases, the Board's decision must
13 be based solely on the evidence presented at
14 the hearing of the case. As a result, when
15 deciding cases, the Board cannot and will not
16 consider comments made at public meetings
17 relating to pending disciplinary matters.

18 So the next speaker is Crista
19 Noel.

20 MS. NOEL: You trying to tell me something,
21 Ghian?

22 Okay. Well, you know, I'm always
23 going to be here for Bettie. I just want to
24 say that this isn't about Rialmo. This is

1 about Bettie. This is about a mother of five
2 and a grandmother being shot and killed by the
3 Chicago -- by a Chicago police officer.

4 I don't want you to take into
5 consideration all the good things that were
6 said about him at that meeting, because you
7 know what? You didn't call me to talk about
8 Bettie's family and the pain that they've
9 experienced. So those meetings -- those
10 hearings that you're talking about, Ghian,
11 they're not fair. They're not fair, because I
12 would have been called, other people, Bettie
13 would have been called. Nobody who knew Bettie
14 was called, you know? So when thinking about
15 this -- and I know I'm not supposed to
16 influence you at all, but when thinking about
17 this, I want you to think about Bettie.

18 Everybody here to represent
19 Bettie, can you please stand? This is Bettie's
20 people. This is Bettie's family, you know. So
21 when you're taking into consideration --
22 everything that you have to take into
23 consideration when police officers kill people,
24 take into consideration their families and the

1 people who care about them, you know, and their
2 daughters and sons and grandchildren, take that
3 into consideration. Okay?

4 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you.

5 MS. NOEL: One more thing. I got to
6 correct the record. It was something saying
7 that it was inaudible, I said Campbell
8 plaintiffs. Campbell plaintiffs are the people
9 who sued for the Consent Decree. And Women's
10 All Points Bulletin is part of that group.
11 It's Campbell plaintiffs. Thanks.

12 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you. Next
13 speaker is Latoya Jones.

14 Zyron Washington.

15 MR. WASHINGTON: Yes, I'm speaking to you
16 tonight on behalf of the Bettie Jones Family
17 asking for some resolution. What I have to say
18 is there is no ill intentions or malice toward
19 the Chicago Police Department. But I feel that
20 in order for justice to be served, we must
21 address the injustice that has been dealt the
22 Jones Family.

23 At this point, we are asking that
24 this officer, Rialmo, be relieved of his

1 duties, not reassigned or put on desk duties,
2 relieved of his job from the Chicago Police
3 Department.

4 Part of the CPD mission statement
5 is to serve and protect if I'm correct. But
6 yet they took out a mother of five. We want
7 some justice. That's all we ask for, some
8 justice. The same justice that we as fathers,
9 our mission statement is to serve and protect.

10 I speak on behalf of the mothers,
11 the fathers, the aunts, the uncles, the sisters
12 and brothers who have lost somebody to the
13 hands of somebody that was supposed to protect
14 them. We just asking that you all do your job.
15 And with that, thank you.

16 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you.

17 Next speaker, Frank Chapman.

18 Next speaker, Patrick Murray.

19 MR. MURRAY: My name is Patrick Murray,
20 First Vice President of the FOP. The officers
21 in this case did their job. They responded to
22 a call in unbelievable circumstances. Did what
23 they were asked to do.

24 There was no evidence that these

1 officers intended to obstruct or engage in any
2 conduct that they were involved in a conspiracy
3 to help another officer.

4 This case from its inception has
5 been riddled with unfounded accusations and has
6 been led with a false narrative.

7 Your job is not to fall to the
8 pressure of the media or the radical police
9 haters, but to rather give us and each officer
10 a fair hearing.

11 You are not a political forum.
12 This is a forum where justice is served.

13 It is obvious that this Police
14 Board has outserved its usefulness.

15 The FOP has made it our top
16 priority this Board be dissolved. We do not
17 have to agree to participate in this type of
18 process, as labor law allows us to proceed by
19 way of arbitration.

20 Police discipline should be
21 determined by arbitrators, not by politically
22 appointed members who do not speak for the
23 Department members and citizens but rather the
24 radical elements of our society.

1 I will just -- I will just say
2 one thing --

3 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Excuse me. Can we
4 please have order. Everyone should have an
5 opportunity to speak. Crista.

6 MS. NOEL: He called us names and he's
7 lying.

8 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: We can disagree. Let's
9 let him have his time to speak. He didn't
10 disrupt when you were speaking. Let's give him
11 an opportunity to speak, please.

12 MS. NOEL: I'm going to disrupt him.

13 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Then I'm going to have
14 to ask you to leave.

15 MS. NOEL: He better stop calling us names.
16 We didn't get up there calling cops -- can I
17 say killer cops?

18 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Crista, I'm going to
19 have to ask you to leave if you don't allow him
20 to finish. Thank you.

21 I'm sorry, please.

22 MR. MURRAY: Sergeant Franko, who I worked
23 for in the 1st District, and all these officers
24 I know personally, they're all good people.

1 And they're taking the brunt because of what
2 happened. You know what? They did their jobs
3 the best way they could. And, unfortunately,
4 we all know what happened. The bottom line is,
5 these four people are unfortunately getting
6 fired because of what other people did or
7 didn't do. And these police officers did their
8 job the way they were supposed to do it and
9 they should not be fired.

10 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you, Mr. Murray.
11 I'm going to -- make sure to see Max because we
12 have written copies of our decision, so I would
13 like for you to make sure you read it. If you
14 want to give me a call, let's talk about it
15 after you read it. I would love to hear your
16 feedback.

17 MR. MURRAY: Okay. It is a little late
18 now.

19 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Come up on, Martin
20 Preib.

21 MR. PREIB: Your ruling today is so
22 contrary to the verdict against the officers
23 criminally charged in this case, Daphne, Walsh
24 and Marsh, destroys the reputation and careers

1 of three excellent police officers.

2 It will no doubt lead to more
3 violence in the City and quite likely more
4 violence against the police, because officers
5 understand that by your ruling, an officer can
6 be fired or indicted for merely responding to a
7 job. They know that somehow, some way the
8 so-called civilian oversight agencies, whatever
9 their latest acronym, will build a case against
10 them.

11 That's a dangerous reality for
12 police officers and for our citizens,
13 especially the City that often experiences 40
14 plus shootings on a weekend.

15 I doubt you will ever acknowledge
16 the role of your decision today in fulminating
17 crime and violence, just as you have ignored
18 the evidence that the officers who responded to
19 the Laquan McDonald shooting were set up by
20 someone in IPRA who illegally released the
21 existence of a witness to fiercely anti-police
22 journalists but kept the same information
23 hidden from investigating detectives. Too bad
24 we couldn't have talked about that earlier.

1 Probably nothing expresses the
2 hollowness of your ruling today more than the
3 fact that the top officials of the Police
4 Department reviewed the video of the McDonald
5 shooting shortly after it took place and all
6 agreed it was justified, according to testimony
7 of a lieutenant who was there. What happened
8 to them?

9 Your verdict today no doubt
10 thrills many of the so-called journalists here
11 tonight. They have created a large mythology
12 out of this shooting and were clearly
13 devastated when the three officers who were
14 criminally charged were wholly acquitted.

15 They need this mythology because
16 the FOP has so successfully revealed that they
17 have not been telling the truth about police
18 misconduct for decades, and they, like you,
19 will not face this truth. What a lifeline you
20 provide to each other.

21 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you. Your time
22 is up. Thank you. Your time is up.

23 The next speaker. Your time is
24 up. Next speaker.

1 MS. NOEL: Snatch the microphone out of his
2 hand.

3 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Next speaker, John
4 Perryman.

5 Crista, I'm going to have to ask
6 you to leave.

7 MR. PERRYMAN: Good evening. I'm here
8 again to talk about a troubled business we have
9 in our community. I've talked about it at this
10 meeting previously. I've been told for the
11 past six months the police are doing a major
12 investigation. I was told repeatedly, Trust
13 us. We're doing something big. This is going
14 to be big, Mr. Perryman. I heard that
15 repeatedly.

16 In May they made a bust. And I
17 talked to Glen Brooks, my liaison to the
18 Superintendent's Office. He said, We made a
19 big bust. They're shutting down this business.
20 I said, What's the next steps? Because I know
21 they're going to reopen that business again.
22 Glen Brooks called me, Don't worry about it,
23 Mr. Perryman. That building is going to be
24 closed a long, long time. Two weeks later, I

1 think we know where this story is going, they
2 were open. And during the two weeks they were
3 closed, they were doing business out of the
4 back of the store.

5 So it's very frustrating that I
6 have to come here for something so basic to get
7 some help.

8 So my question is for Chief
9 Waller. I'm asking the Superintendent's office
10 to use their authority to shut down this
11 troubled business. Can you help us with this?

12 CHIEF WALLER: I know that some arrests
13 were made at that business. I know that it was
14 closed for a period of time and reopened.

15 MR. PERRYMAN: Two weeks.

16 CHIEF WALLER: Right. We can speak after
17 the meeting about it.

18 MR. PERRYMAN: Also, I would like a new
19 liaison to your office, because Glen Brooks is
20 not being responsive. I've asked him for
21 information about the history of all
22 infractions, building and police, otherwise, he
23 will not give it to me. I've asked it over two
24 months ago. He's not responsive. He is giving

1 me partial information. So, Glen Brooks, I do
2 not trust him. He is the head of CAPS, but I
3 do not feel he is responsive or sees the
4 urgency in this, so may I have a different
5 liaison to someone in the Superintendent's
6 office?

7 CHIEF WALLER: We'll speak after the
8 meeting.

9 MR. PERRYMAN: All right. And, lastly, to
10 the Police Board, can you please pressure the
11 Superintendent to start taking action? It's
12 frustrating to get any advocacy.

13 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you,
14 Mr. Perryman.

15 MR. PERRYMAN: Will you please do that for
16 me?

17 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Yes, we will.

18 Next speaker is Matthew Brandon.

19 MR. PERRYMAN: Thank you.

20 MR. BRANDON: Good evening. And, first of
21 all, I want to compliment this fine young
22 sergeant over here who understands how to
23 interact with the community. Thank you,
24 Sergeant. You were very great today.

1 I came here today -- I'm a former
2 police officer. I've got history with the
3 Department and with the City. And as I've
4 listened to some of the people, it's disturbing
5 that people still feel they need to reach out
6 for justice because of things that the Police
7 Department has done.

8 I know you all take your job
9 seriously. You should definitely take that
10 seriously.

11 As to any who have lost family
12 members at the hands of police officers, my
13 heart goes out to you.

14 I'm here to talk about some of
15 the problems that we have in our communities,
16 attuned with communities organized on the south
17 side of Chicago, southeast side. We're
18 reaching out to the west side and the north
19 side where we want to connect communities,
20 because we all have the same problems, it's
21 crime. And one of the problems in our
22 community -- in the black community is that our
23 community is not reflected by the officers who
24 serve it. Okay? And I do think that most

1 police officers out here want to do a good job.
2 I really believe that. Of course, like every
3 job, you have some bad apples and you got to
4 deal with them. But one of the main things
5 about our community is when you have new police
6 officers -- and they use our communities as
7 training districts, the 3rd District, the 6th
8 District, the 7th District, and you rush police
9 officers through there to train them in
10 high-crime areas. And they're there because
11 they have a hunt mentality at that point,
12 because that's what you teach them in the
13 academy.

14 What we want to do is talk and
15 get to a point where at least until our police
16 department reflects its community of service,
17 that we have beat integrity. We need beat
18 integrity. We need to get these young officers
19 to stay on the same beat every day so that
20 these people who see these police officers out
21 there know them and can gain a trust with them.
22 Okay?

23 So please consider beat
24 integrity. And I will be back next month

1 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Next speaker, Carolyn
2 Ruff.

3 MS. RUFF: Hello, everyone. I'm here to
4 speak on behalf of Kierra Coles. I'm just
5 wondering why you all stopped trying to locate
6 her. It's been nine months already. She and
7 her baby have not been found. And I'm just
8 wondering why we don't have detectives out
9 there investigating on Kierra Coles so we
10 can -- so her family can rest.

11 Now, we were passing out fliers
12 on Saturday to ask people to please help us
13 locate, find this beautiful young lady. She
14 worked for the post office, and I'm surprised
15 that the post office don't have -- I'm talking
16 about all the post office, don't have her
17 picture posted on their doors or their wall.

18 So I'm standing on behalf of
19 Kierra Coles' family to ask you all to please,
20 please help us find Kierra Coles and her baby.
21 Thank you.

22 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you.

23 Next speaker, Ellen Corley.

24 Next speaker, Mark Clements.

1 MR. CLEMENTS: You know what you all look
2 like? A wonderful group of clowns that's
3 sucking up a lot of taxpayers' dollars. I
4 don't care how much you like it. But let me
5 tell you, there's individuals, 100 torture
6 victims still in prison. And let me tell you,
7 y'all did take this. And on this other side is
8 another group of clowns. When are we going to
9 get down to the justice? You got Reynaldo over
10 there. Framed what? 50, 60 people, that's
11 all. But they're not your children.

12 I'm looking at two of the same names
13 here. I wonder if you all related. That's
14 wrong.

15 So James O'Brien and Halloran,
16 y'all give them medals of honor. Another two
17 clowns.

18 Then you have Michael Tillman,
19 who lost his life righteously from cancer,
20 taking people down to police stations and
21 torturing them until they confessed.

22 Kenneth Boudreau, another clown.
23 Worked with, guess who, the Bureau of
24 Investigations.

1 Man, let me tell you, y'all
2 better start to take people serious. Please,
3 do. Due to the fact, guess what? Each and
4 every one of you are in those positions by the
5 grace of God. And let me tell you, it's an
6 honor to have those positions. And if you
7 misuse it, you lose it.

8 It's no common sense for us to
9 have an African American over here and you
10 don't know who Guevara is. And you do not have
11 to move towards me.

12 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Next speaker, Robert
13 More.

14 MR. MORE: It is July 18th, if my memory
15 isn't totally deadened by the fluorinated water
16 that Donald Trump hasn't eliminated yet --
17 corrected.

18 I'm preparing a response, an
19 expression of disappointment for Superintendent
20 Johnson for all of these -- people die.
21 There's going to be like 168 people are going
22 to die between now and by the time my 120
23 seconds are up, who are likely going to end up
24 in hell almost. And there's so many people

1 that die and other things that happen. And all
2 of these take a higher priority than his being
3 here.

4 And it's my understanding -- I
5 have to make a number of errata here, and I'm
6 going to include the errata in the website
7 because, you know, every time -- St. Philip
8 Neri, when he was a young man, he became ill.
9 He prayed that God would let him live longer so
10 he can do more good in God's children. When he
11 became ill as an old man, he prayed that God
12 wouldn't let him live anymore -- let him live
13 longer so he couldn't do any more harm in God's
14 children.

15 So there's many errata. But the
16 big thing is that we're not trying to control
17 the state of mind of anyone. We have to
18 control the presentation of the state of mind
19 of people like in the position of
20 Superintendent Johnson by the button pushers
21 and string pullers who are above the clouds.
22 It's their presentation and state of mind.
23 They're trying to control the state of mind of
24 everybody. We're not -- only God gives people

1 freewill, so we can't control the state of
2 mind.

3 But I also bring a distinction.
4 When I used the term world jewelry, I meant
5 world Jewish supremacism. Because no one can
6 control the religion of his parents. And Acts
7 10:34, God respects the person, but he accepts
8 all who fear him and do what's right. And so
9 we are in no way antipathetic to anyone who is
10 born into any type of family, because no one
11 can control that. It's only on people's
12 activity where the activity comes to be seen as
13 being what it is, enormously destructive, and
14 necessary to identify the causes. And that's a
15 very important point.

16 The other thing is Superintendent
17 Johnson referenced that they will -- the
18 obligation is to try to save the soul. That
19 has nothing to do with this. He has to bear
20 the burden of the office. And if he can't,
21 then we have to use the criminal law to get
22 that --

23 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: At this time, all those
24 persons who signed up in advance to speak have

1 been recognized. Is there a motion to adjourn?

2 VICE PRESIDENT WOLFF: So moved.

3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: What do you all do
4 with our comments? Do you all use them or is
5 this a joke?

6 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: That's a great
7 question. Part of what we've been doing now is
8 we take the comments that are available on the
9 website -- what the public doesn't get a chance
10 to see, there's a question, it goes to Chief
11 Roberts or to the Superintendent's office. We
12 follow up to ensure what was done about issue
13 1, 2, 3 that was spoken about last month. It's
14 on the website, and we're able to go back and
15 forth. We're going to report on it -- here's a
16 great example. Ms. Mitchell, she left. So she
17 was speaking with COPA. She's spoken with our
18 office. We've been going back and forth with
19 her. She doesn't have resolution, but we've
20 been able to make progress. This is the reason
21 why we think this forum is so important,
22 because we want to make sure that we have a
23 dialogue going back and forth; that we can get
24 to a point where we can start to answer some of

1 your questions. And this is not just you
2 coming to talk to us for two minutes, we leave,
3 next month you talk two minutes. We want to
4 make sure that we get to a resolution.

5 BOARD MEMBER SIMPSON: This gentleman said
6 he signed up.

7 MR. BIELECKI: Ms. Boatman took my name
8 yesterday before 4:00 o'clock. Lee Bielecki.

9 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: I don't have it, but
10 we'll allow it. Please.

11 MR. BIELECKI: Good evening, members of the
12 Board. Lee Bielecki, and I'm a retired Chicago
13 police officer. I was a Chicago police officer
14 in the City of Chicago for 27 years. I retired
15 in 2012. My last year of assignment being the
16 8th District. This statement is not about me
17 or my career. It is about the careers of
18 Sergeant Steve Franko, Officers Daphne
19 Sebastian, Janet Mondragon and Rick Viramontes.

20 When I came to the 8th District
21 upon being promoted to sergeant and ending up
22 on the midnight shift, I was fortunate to work
23 alongside these officers.

24 Sergeant Franko was extremely

1 helpful. And Officer Sebastian and Mondragon
2 were also the two best officers on the midnight
3 shift. They showed compassion, dedication to
4 duty and were there for fellow officers as well
5 as never shying away from tough duty. Officer
6 Viramontes also displayed the same attributes.

7 This case has changed and
8 affected so many. Policing in Chicago has been
9 altered because of it. Policies were changed.
10 Community police relations are not at an
11 all-time high. Officers are routinely called
12 out on the street because of it.

13 I'm also sad for Laquan McDonald
14 as well. A young man who never had a chance
15 because of his childhood. Born to a mother who
16 was 15, raised by a great grandmother, abused
17 and a ward of the state several times.

18 Society has to take
19 responsibility for that as well because there
20 are other Laquans out there. Hopefully their
21 futures will be addressed by restoring programs
22 in our schools, by addressing the mental health
23 need in the communities, supporting parenting
24 classes and educating young people.

1 The powers that be must be held
2 responsible for that. It's time for us to end
3 the us versus them mentality between community
4 and the police. Unfortunately, your decision
5 here today does not do that.

6 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you.

7 MR. BIELECKI: I stand with them today. I
8 will stand with them always.

9 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you.

10 I'm going to do something a
11 little different. We're going to adjourn the
12 meeting. And, I'm sorry, Mr. Lee, what was
13 your last name? I want to make sure we get it
14 on the record.

15 MR. BIELECKI: B, as in boy, I-E-L-E-C-K-I.
16 Thank you for allowing me to speak.

17 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Don't leave. At this
18 time, all those persons who signed up in
19 advance to speak have been recognized. Is
20 there a motion to adjourn?

21 BOARD MEMBER SIMPSON: So moved.

22 BOARD MEMBER EADDY: Second.

23 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: All in favor?

24 (CHORUS OF AYES.)

1 **PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Motion passes. Meeting**
2 **adjourned.**

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4 **(WHEREUPON, the proceedings**
5 **were adjourned at 8:22 p.m.)**

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 6 doing business in the City of Chicago; that she
 7 reported in shorthand the proceedings had at
 8 the hearing of said cause; that the foregoing
 9 is a true and correct transcript of her
 10 shorthand notes, so taken as aforesaid, and
 11 contains all the proceedings of said hearing.

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