

POLICE BOARD  
CITY OF CHICAGO  
PUBLIC MEETING

3510 South Michigan Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

Thursday, September 21, 2023  
7:30 p.m.

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APPEARANCES:

MEMBERS OF THE POLICE BOARD:

GHIAN FOREMAN, President (Via Zoom)  
PAULA WOLFF, Vice President  
STEVEN BLOCK (Via Zoom)  
AJA CARR-FAVORS  
MAREILÉ CUSACK  
NANETTE DOORLEY  
MICHAEL EADDY  
JORGE MONTES

ALSO PRESENT:

FRED WALLER, 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;  
TRACI WALKER, Deputy Chief of the Chicago Police  
Department's Bureau of Internal Affairs;  
DANA O'MALLEY, General Counsel to the  
Superintendent;  
MAX CAPRONI (Via Zoom), Executive Director of the  
Chicago Police Board;  
JAZMYNE ROLLINS, Executive Administrative Assistant  
Chicago Police Board;  
MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

1           VICE PRESIDENT WOLFF: Good evening. I'm  
2 Paula Wolff. I am Vice President of the Police  
3 Board, and I'm calling the Board's September 21st  
4 public meeting to order.

5                         We thank CAN-TV for covering the  
6 meeting as always. It's being broadcasted on  
7 Channel 27 and live-streamed on CAN-TV.org and  
8 CAN-TV app.

9                         President Foreman and Board Member  
10 Block are unable to attend the meeting in person.  
11 They wish to attend by video conference. Is there a  
12 motion to permit them to do so?

13           BOARD MEMBER CUSACK: So moved. Mareilé  
14 Cusack.

15           BOARD MEMBER EADDY: Second. Michael Eaddy.

16           VICE PRESIDENT WOLFF: All in favor, raise your  
17 hand and say aye.

18                         (CHORUS OF AYES.)

19           VICE PRESIDENT WOLFF: Any opposed?

20                         (NO RESPONSE.)

21           VICE PRESIDENT WOLFF: The motion passes.  
22 Thank you.

23                         Ghian and Steve, can you hear us?

24           PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Yes, I can hear you.

1 BOARD MEMBER BLOCK: Yes, I can hear you.

2 VICE PRESIDENT WOLFF: In addition to the  
3 Board members, we have the following City officials  
4 with us here tonight. Interim Superintendent of  
5 Police, Fred Waller. Chief Administrator of the  
6 Civilian Office of Police Accountability, Andrea  
7 Kersten. Deputy Inspector General for Public  
8 Safety, Tabara Richardson. They decided they needed  
9 to be separated these two. And the Deputy Chief of  
10 Chicago Police Department Bureau of Internal  
11 Affairs, Traci Walker. General Counsel to the  
12 Superintendent, Dana O'Malley. And Max Caproni, who  
13 is our backstop and steadfast person could not  
14 attend tonight. Thankfully, Jazmyne is here and  
15 helping us with the administrative side.

16 We will now proceed to the items.  
17 We'll have time at the end of the meeting for public  
18 comment.

19 Is there a motion to approve the  
20 draft of the minutes of the Board's public and  
21 closed meetings held on August 17th?

22 BOARD MEMBER CUSACK: So moved. Mareilé  
23 Cusack.

24 BOARD MEMBER EADDY: Second. Michael Eaddy.

1 VICE PRESIDENT WOLFF: All in favor, raise your  
2 hand and say aye.

3 (CHORUS OF AYES.)

4 VICE PRESIDENT WOLFF: Any opposed?

5 (NO RESPONSE.)

6 VICE PRESIDENT WOLFF: The motion passes.

7 The next regular public meeting will  
8 be Thursday, October 19th, at 7:30. This meeting  
9 will be in person here at the Public Safety  
10 Headquarters.

11 The Police Board meets in executive  
12 session to consider various matters. Those  
13 discussions are closed to the public as authorized  
14 by Section 2(c)(1), (4), (11) and (21) of the  
15 Illinois Open Meetings Act. Information on matters  
16 discussed at these executive sessions is included in  
17 the minutes of the meetings posted on our website.

18 Is there a motion to close future  
19 executive sessions as authorized by the section of  
20 the Open Meetings Act?

21 BOARD MEMBER CUSACK: So moved. Mareilé  
22 Cusack.

23 BOARD MEMBER EADDY: Second. Michael Eaddy.

24 VICE PRESIDENT WOLFF: All in favor, say aye

1 and raise your hand.

2 (CHORUS OF AYES.)

3 VICE PRESIDENT WOLFF: Any opposed?

4 (NO RESPONSE.)

5 VICE PRESIDENT WOLFF: The motion passes.

6 Thank you.

7 So we talked last month about the  
8 arbitrator's decision about how to handle cases that  
9 would normally come before the Board, and I have an  
10 update on the arbitrator's recent opinions regarding  
11 those disciplinary cases.

12 The opinion of the arbitrator allows  
13 Chicago police officers to choose to have the most  
14 serious police disciplinary cases heard by an  
15 arbitrator rather than by the Chicago Police Board.  
16 These cases range from charges of unjustified  
17 police-involved shootings to other significant  
18 allegations of misconduct, such as excessive force,  
19 illegal searches and sexual misconduct.

20 Since last month's meeting, the Board  
21 has considered a motion filed in 22 cases that seeks  
22 to transfer these cases to arbitration or to  
23 postpone the Board's handling of these cases.

24 The Board will be issuing a decision

1 in the near future on this ruling on the motion.  
2 The written ruling will explain in detail the  
3 reasons for the Board's action and will be posted on  
4 the Board's website.

5 The arbitrator's decision is not  
6 currently in effect. It will be considered by the  
7 City Council, which will vote on whether or not to  
8 ratify the decision.

9 As President Foreman stated last  
10 month, he stands ready to appear and provide Council  
11 members with more information on the Police Board  
12 and on the impact of the arbitrator's decision that  
13 it might have. Do you still stand by that, Ghian?  
14 Yes. Okay. Ghian's silent.

15 The next item on the agenda is the  
16 Police Board disciplinary cases. In fact, we do not  
17 have any disciplinary cases to announce this month.  
18 We'll have some next month. But there are also two  
19 announcements in rulings in CPD disagreement cases.  
20 President Foreman and I will make these  
21 announcements. President Foreman.

22 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Can you hear me?

23 VICE PRESIDENT WOLFF: We need to turn you up.  
24 Can you turn up the volume more?

1           PRESIDENT FOREMAN:   Testing.   Testing.

2           VICE PRESIDENT WOLFF:   Still very quiet.

3           PRESIDENT FOREMAN:   I'm doing my end.

4           VICE PRESIDENT WOLFF:   It is a little bit  
5 better.   Can we affect the volume on this end?

6                           I'll go ahead, if it's okay, Ghian,  
7 and I'll read my announcement, and then we can come  
8 back to you, if I can find my announcement.

9                           I was randomly selected from the Police  
10 Board's membership to consider one matter on which  
11 the Chief Administrator of the Civilian Office of  
12 Police Accountability and the Superintendent of  
13 Police did not agree regarding the discipline on a  
14 police officer.   And this is a process that's  
15 established by ordinance of the City of Chicago.   If  
16 there is a disagreement, one of us is selected  
17 randomly, and we have to look at the material and  
18 then make a decision.

19                           In request for review number 23-05,  
20 the Chief Administrator recommended that Police  
21 Officer Brandon Kirby be suspended for 30 days for  
22 failing to report excessive force and verbal abuse,  
23 and for failing to accurately describe the facts in  
24 the arrest report.

1           The Superintendent proposed that the  
2       arrest report allegation not be sustained. He  
3       agreed with sustaining the other allegation and the  
4       90-day suspension.

5           After considering this matter, it is  
6       my opinion that the Superintendent did not meet the  
7       burden of overcoming the Chief Administrator's  
8       recommendation for discipline.

9           A copy of this written opinion, which  
10      I should say is brilliant, will be posted on the  
11      Board's website.

12           Ghian, can we hear you now?

13           PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Can you hear me?

14           VICE PRESIDENT WOLFF: Is that okay? Okay.

15           If you can lean in and speak up. Thank you.

16           PRESIDENT FOREMAN: I, too, was randomly  
17      selected from the Police Board's membership to  
18      consider one matter on which the Chief Administrator  
19      of the Civilian Office of Police Accountability and  
20      the Superintendent of Police did not agree regarding  
21      the discipline of two police officers, a sergeant  
22      and a lieutenant.

23           In request for review number 23-06  
24      through 09, the Chief Administrator recommended that



1 Police Officers Jonathan Ridgner, Nicholas Abramson,  
2 Sergeant Nicholas Urban, and Kevin Keefe each be  
3 discharged from the Chicago Police Department for  
4 rule violations stemming from an excessive-force  
5 incident.

6 The Superintendent did not agree with  
7 the recommendation regarding some of the allegations  
8 and proposed that the sergeant and lieutenant each  
9 be suspended for 30 days.

10 After considering this matter, it is  
11 my opinion that the Superintendent did not meet the  
12 burden of overcoming the Chief Administrator's  
13 recommendation for discipline.

14 A copy of the written opinion will be  
15 posted on the Board's website.

16 VICE PRESIDENT WOLFF: Thank you, Ghian.

17 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you.

18 VICE PRESIDENT WOLFF: The next matter is the  
19 Superintendent has requested the Board's permission  
20 to solicit funds to cover the cost of hosting the  
21 Department's annual award ceremony and luncheon in  
22 of 2024. Most recent award luncheon was held last  
23 May, and the Board received a report on the funds  
24 raised and spent.

1                   Is there a motion to approve the  
2 Superintendent's request, subject to the Board's  
3 receiving an accounting of funds raised and spent  
4 following the May 2024 event?

5           BOARD MEMBER CUSACK:   So moved.   Mareilé  
6 Cusack.

7           BOARD MEMBER EADDY:   Second.   Michael Eaddy.

8           VICE PRESIDENT WOLFF:   All in favor, raise your  
9 hand.

10                                   (CHORUS OF AYES.)

11           VICE PRESIDENT WOLFF:   Any opposition?

12                                   (NO RESPONSE.)

13           VICE PRESIDENT WOLFF:   Thank you.

14                                   Again, this is a requirement by  
15 ordinance from the police to solicit funds.

16                                   Now we will ask Interim  
17 Superintendent Waller to give his report, please.

18           INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT WALLER:   Thank you.  
19 Good evening to all of the Police Board members and  
20 community members, you especially, present this  
21 evening.

22                                   Every month we come together to help  
23 make the Chicago Police Department and the future of  
24 our City stronger.

1                   As many of you know, this month,  
2                   however, will be probably -- not probably, will be  
3                   my last meeting leading the Chicago Police  
4                   Department as Superintendent.

5                   On a personal note, I want to take  
6                   this moment to say it's been an honor to work with  
7                   all of you and a privilege to lead this Department  
8                   that I do love.

9                   I would most proud if Chief Snelling  
10                  was selected to lead CPD through our City's next  
11                  chapter and I still am. I have no doubt that he is  
12                  ready to do the job; that he is passionate about  
13                  Chicago and its residents. He will be a great  
14                  partner in this progress.

15                  Since the last time we met, the  
16                  Department has marked several significant occasions.  
17                  To the end of August, at the latest, Department  
18                  graduation, we recognized 250 recruits. Nearly  
19                  one-third of this class are woman and 83 percent  
20                  identify as people of color.

21                  Altogether so far, CPD has hired  
22                  nearly 500 people over the course of 2023.

23                  Our next round of entrance exams are  
24                  September 29th, and we'll hold board exams every

1 month through the end of this year. Building a  
2 stronger department is much about people as it is  
3 about policy.

4 Earlier this month, the Department  
5 hosted an annual candlelight vigil at the Memorial  
6 Wall with our gold star families. We added Police  
7 Officer Aréannah Preston's name to the wall, and we  
8 cited each of the now 600 names of Chicago's fallen.  
9 A few days earlier, we also gathered to unveil a new  
10 street sign at the corner of 81st and Blackstone  
11 honoring Preston's life and service. She was  
12 energetic and committed to this City, and we'll  
13 always remember her.

14 As many residents gathered to  
15 celebrate Mexican Independence Day, officers are  
16 hard at work this weekend. They were also on hand  
17 at the annual music festival Riot Fest that kicked  
18 off in Douglas Park.

19 Police officers will patrol downtown  
20 and our neighborhoods, making every effort to ensure  
21 residents, apartments, businesses do safely  
22 participate in all of the activities this weekend.

23 I want to salute the courageous men  
24 and women of CPD for demonstrating our Department's

1 mission every day and for their outstanding efforts  
2 all weekend long. It was no small feat, and I thank  
3 you for your service and everyone here for your  
4 support. Thank you.

5 VICE PRESIDENT WOLFF: Thank you. I was going  
6 to say, let's give the Superintendent --

7 (AUDIENCE APPLAUDING)

8 VICE PRESIDENT WOLFF: Thank you for your  
9 service. Thank you for stepping up and taking the  
10 interim role. And you are always welcome to come to  
11 these meetings. Speak as a member of the public.

12 Chief Administrator's report, Chief  
13 Kersten.

14 CHIEF ADMINISTRATOR KERSTEN: Thank you very  
15 much. Thank you for the opportunity to be here  
16 tonight before the Board. And I've expressed these  
17 sentiments to you, Superintendent, prior, but I  
18 really do appreciate your partnership. Even  
19 tonight, we had two discipline cases where we  
20 disagreed that were being decided, but you have  
21 always disagreed while not being disagreeable. I  
22 think that's really an important part of how this  
23 works. I don't think the system is designed for us  
24 all to see all of this eye to eye, but it is

1 designed for us to communicate, to help have  
2 partnership, and to have mutual respect, and you  
3 certainly extended that to me and my staff during  
4 your time as Interim Superintendent, and I'm  
5 confident of the direction of the new leadership  
6 coming in will be echoing the following year in  
7 that. Thank you.

8 With respect to our report, typically  
9 I talk about statistics from the month prior, so  
10 that would be August.

11 In August, COPA received 412  
12 complaints and notifications. Of those, around 102  
13 of them actually fall under our jurisdiction, the  
14 rest went to the Bureau of Internal Affairs or other  
15 appropriate entities for further investigation.

16 As we know and as we see every month,  
17 the highest complaint type -- number one complaint  
18 type is, again, improper search and seizure. About  
19 25 percent of our COPA allegations that we received.

20 In the month of August, there were  
21 three officer-involved shootings that we responded  
22 to and actively investigating. We also concluded  
23 seven officer-involved shooting investigations from  
24 prior incidents.

1                   And our overall sustained case rate  
2 closed around 175 cases last month. And of cases  
3 where allegations were, in fact, served, the  
4 sustained rate was around 52 percent. But overall,  
5 not every case closes that our agency actually gets  
6 allegations of misconduct served. So the overall  
7 sustained case rate out of the 175 cases was 12  
8 percent. Again, that's in line with national  
9 average when you look at misconduct rates for police  
10 departments across the country. And I think it's  
11 always important to kind of put that framework out  
12 there, because often the way these cases get  
13 portrayed in the media or the way sometimes our  
14 officers may feel about the work that COPA does,  
15 might be a disproportionate feeling that this is --  
16 the case rate is much higher than it is in  
17 actuality. So I want to make sure that those  
18 numbers were clear and consistent as I explained  
19 them.

20                   In addition to that, we had 33  
21 different community engagement events that we  
22 participated in in the month of August, so we are, I  
23 like to say, a small but mighty department. We try  
24 our best to reach across this broad City and raise

1 awareness about who we are, what our role is, what  
2 we do, make sure that facts like what I was  
3 presenting out on tonight, like what the overall  
4 sustained case rate looks like, are things that  
5 everyday Chicagoans understand. How people  
6 experience our police department, and how they  
7 become to feel safer in the communities that we live  
8 in is often informed by information that they have  
9 access to, in addition to everyday experiences.

10 So we take our role at COPA providing  
11 that information very seriously, and we devote as  
12 many resources as we can to those community  
13 engagements efforts.

14 Lastly, I will just close. I came  
15 before the Board I believe in June, maybe May,  
16 talking about the launch of COPA's timeliness  
17 initiative. That was really an important effort  
18 that we undertook to address our aging caseload.  
19 Many, many people know that COPA takes too long  
20 often to conclude its investigations, and so we  
21 spent a very concerted effort and engagements in the  
22 last couple of months to develop a set of criteria  
23 that we could evaluate older cases with in order to  
24 make more appropriate recommendations outside of



1 discipline. Recommendations for retraining, if  
2 appropriate, or closing cases because too much time  
3 has elapsed. So we made a lot of hard decisions in  
4 the last few months. And what I am excited to  
5 report on is that our caseload today is just over a  
6 thousand cases. And while that might sound like a  
7 really large number, knowing that it was almost 2000  
8 cases not that long ago, couple of years ago, and it  
9 hasn't been as low as 1000 since day one of us as an  
10 agency, means that we are making the kind of  
11 progress that I think our City deserves.

12 Complainants deserve to have  
13 resolution when they bring something to our agency.  
14 Officers deserve to know if they made a mistake how  
15 they move forward. And if they didn't, they need --  
16 they have the right to know that in a more timely  
17 manner as well.

18 So I would be really committed to  
19 making sure that we can deliver the results of our  
20 investigation in a timeline that's acceptable to  
21 every stakeholder that is -- you know, cares about  
22 and is impacted by our work.

23 Excited to see how the progress of  
24 that continues. And appreciate, you know, the Board

1 being willing to give me time a few months ago to  
2 talk about that. And always to keep you updated in  
3 our progress as we move forward from month-to-month.  
4 So thank you.

5 VICE PRESIDENT WOLFF: Congratulations. I was  
6 going to ask you that. That's a throwaway question.

7 So now I'll call on members of the  
8 public who have signed up in advance to speak.

9 To make sure we have time to hear from  
10 all speakers, there will be a two-minute limit on  
11 the comments.

12 So Crista Noel. I apologize. Jorge  
13 Montes, who has been a Board member, wanted to say a  
14 few words. We've had a really wonderful experience  
15 to have him on the Board.

16 BOARD MEMBER MONTES: Thank you very much,  
17 Paula.

18 Good evening, ladies and gentlemen.  
19 I wish to announce today this will be my last  
20 meeting on the Police Board. I will be stepping  
21 down effective immediately after this meeting. And  
22 I wanted to take the opportunity to say how much  
23 I've appreciated the honor and the privilege of  
24 working with Chairman Ghian Foreman and with every

1 member of the Board that I have great admiration  
2 for. Great respect. You do God's work. We're  
3 wishing you God speed, and I'm hoping that the Mayor  
4 will replace me with another Spanish or Latino  
5 individual who has a sense for the Latino community.  
6 I think this Board very much needs that voice, and I  
7 hope that the Mayor will be cognizant of that and  
8 replace me with somebody who hopefully also speaks  
9 Spanish and is bicultural, which I am.

10 It's been a wonderful four years. I  
11 want to thank everybody for your congeniality and  
12 your support. Thank you very much.

13 VICE PRESIDENT WOLFF: No one can replace you.  
14 We wish you well and thank you.

15 (AUDIENCE APPLAUDING)

16 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: This is not easy work. It  
17 is not fun. And really grateful for the opportunity  
18 to get to know you and for the great service that  
19 you provided to the City of Chicago. Really  
20 grateful. Sorry I can't be there in person today.

21 BOARD MEMBER MONTES: Thank you.

22 VICE PRESIDENT WOLFF: Thank you again, Jorge.

23 Now we will turn to public comment.

24 Crista.

1 MS. NOEL: Good evening, everyone. How are you  
2 all? Looking good. I just want to let you know  
3 that there are black Latinos out there. So you can  
4 replace them with a black afro-Latino.

5 I'm going to cede my time to one of  
6 Treasure Hendrix's family, but I did talk to -- what  
7 is he? Superintendent, maybe -- what do you call  
8 him?

9 INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT WALLER: Chief Snelling.

10 MS. NOEL: So I'll call him Chief Snelling. I  
11 talked to him, and he said he was going to get back  
12 in contact with us. That was almost two weeks ago.  
13 He didn't. Right now, you know, he is not a man of  
14 his word. I don't trust him. So if you all can  
15 help the family, I'd appreciate it.

16 And I'm going to cede the rest of my  
17 time to Lolita.

18 VICE PRESIDENT WOLFF: You don't have to cede  
19 it. She is signed up. But we will give her the  
20 rest.

21 Ms. Hendrix.

22 MS. HENDRIX: Good evening. Thank you for  
23 taking the opportunity to hear me. My name is  
24 Lolita Hendrix, and I would like you to know -- and

1 I would like to know when will the Board respond to  
2 my questions regarding my niece?

3 I've attended several meetings since  
4 2021 with a sorrows, sorrows, prayers from your  
5 former chief of police down to this very Board and  
6 auxiliary associations that were before me now, but  
7 I ask you to help me understand when does a black  
8 woman's life and death matter to the Chicago Police  
9 Department? When can we get some answers?

10 My niece, Treasure Nicole Hendrix,  
11 was a beautiful 35-year-old black woman found dead  
12 in the RV home of a Chicago police officer,  
13 Detective Charlie Bell, whom she dated frequently  
14 and who knew her mom, which is my sister.

15 Detective Charlie Bell's supervisor  
16 did not treat this death investigation as a serious  
17 matter, because Detective Bell was not suspended  
18 pending further investigation, even though this  
19 person was found dead in his home. But, instead, he  
20 was allowed to work on that very day, August 19th,  
21 2021.

22 For you this may be a sad story, but  
23 for us it's a nightmare. Every day we wake up  
24 looking and longing for the smile , the laugh, the

1 jokes, the bad behavior of our beloved Treasure  
2 Hendrix.

3 Her body was removed from his home,  
4 and as it was removed from the home, it was taken to  
5 the ME's office. The ME's office did an  
6 investigation on her. They removed body parts that  
7 they didn't include when they sent her to the  
8 funeral home, so we didn't get to bury the whole  
9 piece of her.

10 Although the investigation has been  
11 identified as undetermined, according to the ME's  
12 office -- we understand because we did a second ME  
13 evaluation. There are some things that were sorely  
14 missed. And we feel like there needs to be a second  
15 look at this ME's case investigation. So we want to  
16 know when this new chief steps into his position, we  
17 need you to make whole for us. You can never give  
18 us her back, but you can at least honor our  
19 experience as we've gone through this trauma.

20 To date, what we do know is that --  
21 what we do know to date is we haven't been contacted  
22 by the Police Department to do an investigation. We  
23 don't know who the detective is on the case. We  
24 don't have any information about who they've

1 interviewed, how the interview is going. We've had  
2 to file a complaint against the detective that was  
3 initially assigned. We have police officers in our  
4 family, so we understand the story that you as  
5 officers go through day in and day out; however,  
6 there's a protocol.

7 Me as a civilian, if somebody's found  
8 in my house dead, they are going to take me to jail,  
9 or at least they're going to take me in for  
10 questioning. There was none of that done for this  
11 gentleman. I'll call him that lightly, because I am  
12 a respectful person; however, I fully expect that  
13 Chief Snelling and this Board, whatever you can do  
14 -- someone named Max was supposed to get back to me.  
15 I've been on the meetings since the -- since 2021.  
16 I've gotten no calls back. And while, yes, COPA has  
17 indicated that there appears to be nothing that they  
18 can do, they did refer this over to the Bureau of  
19 Investigations for Chicago, I guess. If that's the  
20 title. I'm not certain. And I don't want to  
21 misquote that. But I want to know who can help my  
22 family solve this death investigation.

23 VICE PRESIDENT WOLFF: Thank you.

24 MS. HENDRIX: Thank you.

1           VICE PRESIDENT WOLFF:    So does someone know  
2 the status of this case?

3           MS. NOEL:   Paula, she wants to put her  
4 statement in the record.

5           MS. HENDRIX:   Yes, please.   I have it in  
6 writing.

7           VICE PRESIDENT WOLFF:   Give it to Jazmyne.  
8                                    Superintendent, do you know the  
9 status of this?   Or Chief Administrator?

10          INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT WALLER:   I haven't heard  
11 of this case, but I will look into it.   Since I've  
12 been back, I haven't seen this young lady or heard  
13 about this case since I came back to be Interim  
14 Superintendent.

15          MS. HENDRIX:   We've been to four Board  
16 meetings.   Check your records, you'll find me.

17          INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT WALLER:   Since I've been  
18 back?   I haven't heard of this case, so I would have  
19 wrote the notes down, and we would -- by now we  
20 would have checked on this to find out what the  
21 status of this case is.

22                                    Give me your phone number, and I'll  
23 look into this case tomorrow and find out what the  
24 status of it is.



1 MS. HENDRIX: Thank you, sir.

2 MS. NOEL: We also -- they were having a  
3 relationship, and it should have been under  
4 domestic.

5 MS. HENDRIX: They were in a long-term  
6 relationship, and she came up dead in his home, and  
7 there was no investigation, and he was allowed to  
8 retire five days after the death, so they let him  
9 go. He moved to Florida. So we don't have any  
10 recourse as it relates to him. We've had to do a  
11 civil charge to try to get some remedy as it relates  
12 to him. But how do we find relief from our Police  
13 Department? Because there's a supervisor that  
14 should have been on that immediately when that  
15 happened in his home. Who was that person? Why are  
16 they not accountable?

17 CHIEF ADMINISTRATOR KERSTEN: I can't speak  
18 necessarily to the supervisor of that. I will speak  
19 to COPA's jurisdiction. So a couple of things.  
20 Because his status is he is no longer an active  
21 Department member, we don't have jurisdiction over  
22 that. We have talked in the past about some of the  
23 ways that we looked initially to see whether we  
24 would have any sort of jurisdiction. And at this

1 point, knowing that he is retired from the force,  
2 it's sort of a moot point. He's not an  
3 administrative remedy; however, things like in other  
4 cases, if a secondary ME report has different  
5 findings, that's something that we can consider.  
6 The fact that they were in a relationship doesn't by  
7 definition make it domestic violence necessarily.  
8 But if we could have proven, and he was still an  
9 active Department member, there was some sort of  
10 active domestic violence that precipitated her  
11 death, that's certainly something we would have been  
12 able to conduct our administrative investigation  
13 with. But at the point that we are now at because  
14 he is not an active-duty Chicago Police Department  
15 member, my agency does not have any authority over  
16 him at this time.

17 MS. HENDRIX: We respect that. And we  
18 understand that five days later, there was nothing  
19 you could do.

20 CHIEF ADMINISTRATOR KERSTEN: Thanks.

21 VICE PRESIDENT WOLFF: Thank you very much.

22 And the Interim Superintendent will get back to you.

23 MS. NOEL: Can I give you a log number?

24 20213261. Log number 20213261, investigator Nerina

1 Binetti.

2 VICE PRESIDENT WOLFF: Maybe, Ms. Hendrix, you  
3 can go and give your number to the Interim  
4 Superintendent so he can give you a call tomorrow.

5 MS. HENDRIX: Thank you. I appreciate it.

6 VICE PRESIDENT WOLFF: Thank you.

7 Cece Edwards, our next speaker.

8 MS. EDWARDS: Okay. Good evening, ladies and  
9 gentlemen of the Board. And, Superintendent Waller,  
10 I want to congratulate and tell you thank you so  
11 much for the way you have handled yourself and how  
12 you have reached out to our communities, black and  
13 brown, and all the communities here in the City of  
14 Chicago, and so it will be a great loss when you  
15 leave. Thank you so much.

16 I just want to say that we have  
17 organized a business development committee for 75th  
18 and 79th. Still need those cameras, Superintendent  
19 Waller. We haven't found out what happened to them.  
20 We'd like to know and have them immediately placed  
21 on 75th Street.

22 This new committee that we do have --  
23 we have organized will help to bring back the  
24 devastating business corridors along 75th and 79th.

1 These vital areas that are historic in nature, and  
2 we would like to bring them back.

3 I want to thank -- and that's why I  
4 came here tonight. I want to thank 3rd District  
5 Commander Branch and Commander Tate in the 6th  
6 District for their unending -- just been outstanding  
7 service to our community. We have really kind of  
8 calmed down, the activities on 75th Street. 79th  
9 Street still kind of shaky, but we are getting  
10 there. And it takes time. And as a community, we  
11 want to work together and in partnership.

12 I understand the new Superintendent  
13 Snelling -- I had an opportunity to meet him, and he  
14 is willing to work with the community in  
15 partnership, and we're willing to work with him.

16 So I just wanted to say that in  
17 closing to let you know that we know that the  
18 cameras are very important to the districts so that  
19 they can see activity before it becomes a real big  
20 problem.

21 So, again, thank you very much for  
22 your service. And hope you're going to travel and  
23 have some fun now. Thank you.

24 VICE PRESIDENT WOLFF: Thank you for coming in

1 and getting compliments frequently. People come and  
2 complain. You are always very constructive and  
3 complimentary.

4 MS. EDWARDS: We support our law enforcement.

5 INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT WALLER: Can I say,  
6 Commander Branch presented at the Mayor's meeting  
7 today and spoke to the Mayor about that. So we  
8 sidebarred about the cameras. And I think there is  
9 going to be some resolve coming between City Hall  
10 and the alderman's office. So we spoke about that  
11 today.

12 MS. EDWARDS: That's wonderful. That's  
13 wonderful. Because we had a meeting with him on the  
14 16th, so we're going to have another one to go with  
15 strategy, finalize that with Commander Branch.  
16 Thank you so much.

17 INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT WALLER: Thank you.

18 VICE PRESIDENT WOLFF: Thank you. The next  
19 speaker is Matt Brandon.

20 MR. BRANDON: Thank you, members of the Board,  
21 Chairman Foreman, Interim Superintendent. I mainly  
22 just wanted to come up here and say thank you for  
23 taking time out of your life to come back when the  
24 Department needed someone so badly to help guide it

1 through the times that you've been here. Really  
2 appreciate it.

3 COPA, you do a good job, you know,  
4 even though you overruled my Superintendent two  
5 times here. You do a good job, and we appreciate  
6 what you do.

7 The story I heard about Treasure  
8 Hendrix just rips at my heart. As a former police  
9 officer, I don't understand what happened or what is  
10 happening there, but I hope that the Interim  
11 Superintendent will address this.

12 I'll tell you one quick story. A  
13 police officer killed my half brother and his  
14 estranged wife, shot him dead, and I wasn't  
15 satisfied with the way that that investigation went.  
16 I was on the job at the time, so I figured let me  
17 see what I can do.

18 But I don't believe that the Police  
19 Department did what they were supposed to do. The  
20 detectives of Area 1 told me there were blood  
21 spatters on the baseboard.

22 I never followed it up, because, as a  
23 police officer, I didn't want to do that.

24 But I hope that you all will follow

1 this up, because that's something that's hard for a  
2 family to live with. And my heart goes out to that  
3 family. Really goes out to that family.

4 But thank you for what you do every  
5 day. It's hard. The job you all have is hard.  
6 The job that the police do are hard.

7 But the families that suffer from  
8 those mistakes, they have to be addressed.

9 So I hope you all do your best with  
10 that. Thank you.

11 VICE PRESIDENT WOLFF: Last speaker is Robert  
12 More. I don't see Mr. More here. Mr. More.

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

16 BOARD MEMBER CUSACK: So moved. Mareilé  
17 Cusack.

18 BOARD MEMBER EADDY: Second. Michael Eaddy.

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

21 (CHORUS OF AYES.)

22 PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you. Thank you all  
23 for coming.

24 Ghian, we will see you, I hope, in

1 person in October. Have a safe trip back.

2 Thank you, everybody.

3 (Proceedings adjourned at

4 8:10 p.m.)

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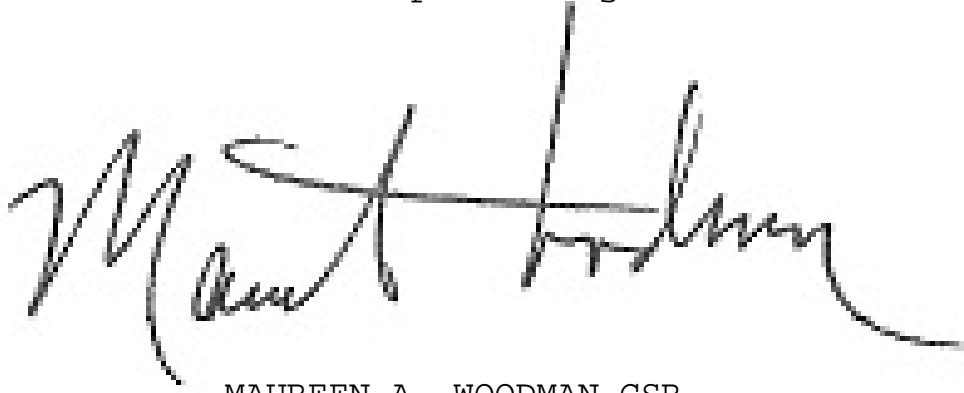
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