

1 POLICE BOARD
2 PUBLIC MEETING
3 April 17, 2014
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7 PRESENT:

- 8 Demetrius Carney, President, (Telephonic);
9 Ghian Foreman, Vice President;
10 Rita Fry;
11 Michael Eaddy;
12 Melissa M. Ballate;
13 William Conlon;
14 Susan McKeever;
15 Elisa Rodriguez;
16 Rhoda Davis Sweeney;
17 Eric Muellenbach, General Counsel,
18 Independent Police Review Authority;
19 Donald J. O'Neill, Commander, Chicago
20 Police Department;
21 Garry McCarthy, Superintendent of Police.
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1 VICE-PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Good evening.
2 I'm Ghian Foreman, Vice-President of the
3 Chicago Police Board. I'm calling the meeting
4 to order.

5 Police Board President Demetrius
6 Carney is unable to attend this meeting in
7 person and wishes to attend via audio
8 conference.

9 Is there a motion to permit
10 President Carney to do so?

11 MS. BALLATE: So moved.

12 MR. CONLON: Second?

13 VICE-PRESIDENT FOREMAN: All those in
14 favor?

15 (CHORUS OF AYES.)

16 VICE-PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Any opposed?
17 Motion passes.

18 The first item of business is
19 approval of the minutes of the Board's public
20 meeting of March 20th, 2014. Is there a motion
21 to approve the minutes?

22 MS. FRY: So moved.

23 VICE-PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Second?

24 MR. CONLON: Second.

1 VICE-PRESIDENT FOREMAN: All those in
2 favor.

3 (CHORUS OF AYES.)

4 VICE-PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Opposed? The
5 motion passes.

6 Our next regular public meeting
7 will be on Thursday, May 15th, 2014, at 7:30,
8 here at Chicago Public Safety Headquarters.

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

15 MS. BALLATE: So moved.

16 MR. EADDY: Second.

17 VICE-PRESIDENT FOREMAN: The motion
18 passes.

19 A report of disciplinary actions
20 taken by the Board during the previous month
21 has been made available at this evening's
22 meeting.

23 This report and the Board's
24 written Findings and Decisions are posted on

1 the Board's website.

2 The Board will now take final
3 action on disciplinary matters.

4 The Police Board, as authorized
5 by the Open Meetings Act, has considered in a
6 closed meeting several disciplinary cases. The
7 Board will now take final action on these
8 cases.

9 Regarding case number 13 BP 2837,
10 is there a motion to find Police Officer
11 Marcela Romero guilty of engaging in
12 unjustified altercations with police officers
13 and to discharge her from the Chicago Police
14 Department?

15 MR. EADDY: So moved.

16 MS. BALLATE: Second.

17 VICE-PRESIDENT FOREMAN: All in favor?

18 (CHORUS OF AYES.)

19 VICE-PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Any opposed?

20 Voting in favor are board members Carney,
21 Ballate, Conlon, Eaddy, Fry, McKeever,
22 Rodriguez, Sweeney and myself. The motion
23 passes.

24 Is there a motion to adopt the

1 written findings and decision that has been
2 reviewed by all Board members who participated
3 in the case?

4 MS. FRY: So moved.

5 MR. CONLON: Second.

6 VICE-PRESIDENT FOREMAN: All in favor?

7 (CHORUS OF AYES.)

8 VICE-PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Any opposed?

9 The motion passes by unanimous
10 vote.

11 Regarding case number 13 BP 2838,
12 the Superintendent filed charges to suspend
13 Police Officer James Booker for 45 days for
14 driving under the influence of alcohol while
15 off duty. The Superintendent subsequently
16 moved to withdraw the charges because the
17 Respondent resigned from the Chicago Police
18 Department.

19 Is there a motion to grant the
20 Superintendent's motion to withdraw the
21 charges?

22 MS. BALLATE: So moved.

23 VICE-PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Second?

24 MS. McKEEVER: Second.

1 VICE-PRESIDENT FOREMAN: All in favor?

2 (CHORUS OF AYES.)

3 VICE-PRESIDENT FOREMAN: The motion passes
4 by unanimous vote.

5 Regarding case number 13 BP 2845,
6 the Superintendent filed charges to discharge
7 Officer Michaeline Maciejewski from the Chicago
8 Police Department for submitting false official
9 reports. The Respondent filed a motion to
10 dismiss the charges. Is there a motion to deny
11 the Respondent's motion to dismiss the charges?

12 MR. EADDY: So moved.

13 VICE-PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Second?

14 MR. CONLON: Second.

15 VICE-PRESIDENT FOREMAN: All in favor?

16 (CHORUS OF AYES.)

17 VICE-PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Any opposed?

18 Voting in favor are board members Carney,
19 Ballate, Conlon, Eaddy, Fry, McKeever,
20 Rodriguez, Sweeney and myself. The motion
21 passes.

22 Is there a motion to adopt the
23 written memorandum and order that has been
24 reviewed by all Board members who participated

1 in the case?

2 MS. FRY: So moved.

3 MR. CONLON: Second.

4 VICE-PRESIDENT FOREMAN: All in favor?

5 (CHORUS OF AYES.)

6 VICE-PRESIDENT FOREMAN: The motion passes
7 by unanimous vote.

8 Regarding case 14 SR 2318, is
9 there a motion to not sustain the allegations
10 of Police Officer Lawrence Williams that he
11 violated rules by firing a warning shot and to
12 reverse the 30-day suspension ordered by the
13 Superintendent?

14 MS. FRY: So moved.

15 MR. EADDY: Second.

16 VICE-PRESIDENT FOREMAN: All in favor?

17 (CHORUS OF AYES.)

18 VICE-PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Voting in favor
19 are Board members Carney, Ballate, Conlon,
20 Eaddy, Fry, McKeever, Rodriguez, Sweeney and
21 myself. The motion passes.

22 Is there a motion to adopt the
23 written findings and decision that have been
24 reviewed by all Board members who participated

1 in the case?

2 MS. BALLATE: So moved.

3 MR. EADDY: Second.

4 VICE-PRESIDENT FOREMAN: All in favor?

5 (CHORUS OF AYES.)

6 VICE-PRESIDENT FOREMAN: The motion passes
7 by unanimous vote.

8 Regarding case number 14 SR 2319,
9 is there a motion to sustain allegations
10 against Police Officer John Sullivan regarding
11 an off-duty domestic altercation and to sustain
12 the 30-day suspension ordered by the
13 Superintendent?

14 MS. FRY: So moved.

15 MR. EADDY: Second.

16 VICE-PRESIDENT FOREMAN: All in favor?

17 (CHORUS OF AYES.)

18 VICE-PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Voting in favor
19 are Board members Carney, Ballate, Conlon,
20 Eaddy, Fry, McKeever, Rodriguez, Sweeney and myself.
21 The motion passes.

22 Is there a motion to adopt the
23 written findings and decisions that have been
24 reviewed by all Board members who participated

1 in the case?

2 MS. Fry: So moved.

3 MR. CONLON: Second.

4 VICE-PRESIDENT FOREMAN: All in favor?

5 (CHORUS OF AYES.)

6 VICE-PRESIDENT FOREMAN: The motion passes
7 by unanimous vote.

8 The Board's decisions in all
9 cases on which the Board took final action this
10 evening will be entered as of today's date and
11 will be issued to the parties.

12 A written copy of the findings
13 and decisions will be posted on the Board's
14 website within ten business days pursuant to
15 Section 2-84-030 of the Municipal Code of
16 Chicago.

17 A panel of three members of the
18 Chicago Police Board, as authorized by the Open
19 Meetings Act, has considered in a closed
20 meeting one matter in which the Chief
21 Administrator of the Independent Police Review
22 Authority and the Superintendent of Police did
23 not agree on regarding the discipline of a
24 police officer.

1 The members of the panel, Board
2 members Ballate, Fry, and myself, will now take
3 final action on this case.

4 Regarding case 14 RP 01, which
5 involves allegations of excessive force by
6 Police Officer Donald Klein, is there a motion
7 to find that the Superintendent's response does
8 not meet the burden of overcoming the Chief
9 Administrator's recommendation for discipline?

10 MS. FRY: So moved.

11 MS. BALLATE: Second.

12 VICE-PRESIDENT FOREMAN: All in favor?

13 (CHORUS OF AYES.)

14 VICE-PRESIDENT FOREMAN: The motion passes
15 by unanimous vote.

16 Copies of orders issued by the
17 Superintendent of Police during the previous
18 month are listed in the blue books and are
19 available on the Police Department's website.

20 The next item is the
21 Superintendent's report to the Board.
22 Superintendent McCarthy.

23 SUPERINTENDENT McCARTHY: Good evening. I
24 apologize for being a few minutes tardy. I got

1 involved in a little bit of a caper with some
2 shots fired and a vehicle chase.

3 We're preparing for the summer
4 right now, as everybody knows. We're going to
5 make sure that we have a comprehensive plan
6 moving forward to reduce violence for the
7 several months.

8 Obviously, there's more people on
9 the street and crime conditions worsen as far
10 as more opportunity for violence. That's been
11 the focus for the last month or so.

12 We're recently pleased with the
13 fact that we're coming through the middle of
14 April in a better state than we were last year,
15 because that's always the goal, just keep
16 moving the needle. And we anticipate that what
17 we're going to be doing is going to have a
18 significant impact on what happens on the
19 streets this particular summer.

20 Very important summer based on
21 the success that we've recently had, as far as
22 reducing gun violence in this City, and we want
23 to keep it coming. That's been the focus of
24 what we're gearing up for.

1 Other than that, it's basically
2 been a lot of business as usual, just busy,
3 busy, busy. Don't have too much to report, and
4 I apologize for that.

5 VICE-PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you,
6 Superintendent.

7 I will now call upon those
8 members of the public who signed up in advance
9 to speak.

10 When your name is called, please
11 step up to the microphone. We ask that you
12 limit your comments to two minutes.

13 Godfrey Lawson.

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good evening,
15 everyone. Again, we are from the Greater
16 Roseland Chamber of Commerce, and we want
17 to -- just want to report back to you guys
18 about the progress that we have made within our
19 community. And we want to thank all of you for
20 hearing our concerns, and not only hearing
21 them, but actually helping us to implement some
22 changes.

23 I can proudly report that our new
24 Fifth District focus group, which involves the

1 chamber and Commander Watson and his team,
2 Glenn Brooks, and the other guys there are
3 doing a phenomenal job of working with us and
4 addressing our concerns.

5 We're just working as a team,
6 community effort for all of us.

7 We're addressing the needs of the
8 issues that plague our community, namely
9 signage, prostitution, nuisance businesses,
10 loose cigarettes, quite a few things. But
11 we're working together as a team.

12 I put together a packet of
13 information with some of the things that we
14 have accomplished since our first meeting, a
15 letter of acknowledgement to you guys thanking
16 you for your support, and we'll continue to
17 report to you our success and hope that
18 we -- as we are -- our slogan is we are working
19 as one for a greater Roseland community. So we
20 consider you guys as part of our team. Thank
21 you very much.

22 VICE-PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you.
23 Robert More.

24 MR. MORE: Robert More speaking on behalf

1 of Michael the Archangel. It is Holy Thursday,
2 April 17th, 2014.

3 I'm addressing a number of issues
4 here. I was trying to address -- I don't know,
5 didn't have enough time, but during that issue
6 before I was cut off at the -- 35 seconds
7 before my two minutes were up. I'm at 19
8 seconds right now.

9 The history of the project is
10 conveyance of concerns can be assessed at
11 thirstforjustice/tablecontents-HGM (inaudible)
12 or at the same domain name DYSDOCK.HTML, if
13 anyone is actually seeing this off of Youtube.

14 For historical record,
15 Mr. Superintendent McCarthy, why were you
16 absent for the past five -- not the past five
17 meetings, the five meetings previous to March
18 of 2014? I'm seeking -- either you are not
19 going to answer the question --

20 SUPERINTENDENT McCARTHY: I'm not going to
21 answer.

22 MR. MORE: Is there a reason?

23 SUPERINTENDENT McCARTHY: Yeah, because I
24 don't recall. I'm pretty busy.

1 MR. MORE: Would you have any objection to
2 my coming sometime and asking that question
3 with an opportunity to recollect your memory?

4 SUPERINTENDENT McCARTHY: I'm not going to
5 go through the exercise. I'm sorry.

6 MR. MORE: Next issue: What is the
7 present status of the Bland, Young and Spencer
8 murder investigations?

9 SUPERINTENDENT McCARTHY: No clue.

10 MR. MORE: You have no idea at all?

11 SUPERINTENDENT McCARTHY: I have no idea
12 what you're talking about.

13 MR. MORE: Mr. Price, the attorney next to
14 the Superintendent, are you --

15 COMMANDER O'NEILL: Commander O'Neill.

16 MR. MORE: There's no counsel?

17 COMMANDER O'NEILL: I am counsel.

18 MR. MORE: You are a licensed attorney?

19 COMMANDER O'NEILL: Yes.

20 MR MORE: Okay. Got you. Are you
21 familiar with present status of the Bland,
22 Young and Spencer murder investigations?

23 COMMANDER O'NEILL: No, I am not.

24 MR. MORE: No knowledge.

1 For the record, I have a proposed
2 stipulation. City of Chicago Police Department
3 will not have any objection to appointing a
4 special prosecutor regarding the probability of
5 prosecution for official misconduct in regard
6 to the non-investigation of Bland, Young and
7 Spencer murders via 720.CFR (inaudible) /33-3,
8 nor investigation and/or prosecution pursuant
9 to the provision of 18 U.S. 242, 241, 1346 and
10 1961. Two seconds. Can you address that
11 issue? Do you have any objection?

12 So I take this to the judge,
13 Judge Biebel, any objection from the City of
14 Chicago to that appointment?

15 VICE-PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Thank you,
16 Mr. More.

17 At this time, all those persons
18 who signed up in advance to speak have been
19 recognized.

20 Is there a motion to adjourn?

21 MS. FRY: So moved.

22 VICE-PRESIDENT FOREMAN: Second?

23 MR. CONLON: Second.

24 VICE-PRESIDENT FOREMAN: All in favor?

1 (CHORUS OF AYES.)

2 VICE-PRESIDENT FOREMAN: The motion
3 passes. The meeting is adjourned. Thank you
4 very much.

5 (WHEREUPON, the proceedings were
6 adjourned at 7:50 p.m.)

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4 MAUREEN A. WOODMAN, C.S.R., being first
5 duly sworn, says that she is a court reporter
6 doing business in the City of Chicago; that she
7 reported in shorthand the proceedings had at
8 the meeting 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 meeting.

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