Report of Proceedings had at the City of Chicago Police Board Meeting held at 3510 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, on the 18th day of February, 2016, commencing at the hour of 7:36 p.m.

APPEARANCES:

CHIEF EDDIE T. JOHNSON
SHARON FAIRLEY
   Chief Administrator, Independent Police Review Authority
LORI LIGHTFOOT,
   President,
GHIAN FOREMAN,
   Vice President,
MELISSA BALLATE
WILLIAM CONLON
RITA FRY
JOHN SIMPSON
RHODA SWEENEY
CLAUDIA VALENZUELA
RALPH PRICE
   General Counsel to the Superintendent
MS. LIGHTFOOT: Good evening, everyone. I'm Lori Lightfoot, president of the Chicago Police Board, and I'm calling the meeting to order. The first item of business is approval of the minutes of the Board's meeting of January 21, 2016. Is there a motion to approve the minutes?

MR. SIMPSON: So move.

MR. FOREMAN: Second.

MS. LIGHTFOOT: All those in favor?

(Chorus of ayes.)

MS. LIGHTFOOT: Any opposed? The motion passes.

Our next regular public meeting will be on Thursday, March 17th at 7:30 p.m. here at Chicago Public Safety Headquarters.

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

MS. FRY: So move.

MR. CONLON: Second.

MS. LIGHTFOOT: All those in favor?

(Chorus of ayes.)
MS. LIGHTFOOT: Opposed? The motion passes.

A report of disciplinary actions taken by the Board during a previous month has been made available at this evening's meeting. This report and the Board's written findings and decisions are posted on the Board's website.

The Police Board, as authorized by the Open Meetings Act, is considered in a closed meeting one disciplinary case. The Board will now take final action on this case. Regarding Case No. 15 PB 2891, the Superintendent filed charges to discharge Police Officer Katrina Gray from the Chicago Police Department for shoplifting while off duty. The Superintendent subsequently moved to withdraw the charges without prejudice because the respondent resigned from the CPD.

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

MS. BALLATE: So move.

MS. LIGHTFOOT: Second?

MR. FOREMAN: Second.

THE COURT: All in favor?

(Chorus of ayes.)

MS. LIGHTFOOT: Any opposed?
Voting in favor are Board Members Foreman, Ballate, Conlon, Fry, Simpson, Sweeney, Valenzuela, and myself. The motion passes.

The General Orders and other directives issued by the Superintendent of police during the previous month are listed in the blue books and are available on the Police Department's website.

The next item is the Superintendent's report to the Board. Is there a motion to waive oral presentation and receive the monthly report in writing?

MR. SIMPSON: So move.

MR. FOREMAN: Second.

MS. LIGHTFOOT: All those in favor?

(Chorus of ayes.)

MS. LIGHTFOOT: Any opposed? The motion passes.

Before proceeding to the public comments portion of the meeting, I would like to update the public and the folks gathered here today on the following Police Board matters: First, the superintendent search. As you know, we opened up the application --

(Crowd interruption.)

MS. LIGHTFOOT: As you know, we opened up the
application process -- I'm sorry. The people in the back of the room are having difficulty hearing. The Superintendent search: We opened up the Superintendent's search in December of this year. The deadline for applications was January 15th. Since that time -- Since that time, we have been going through the applications vetting candidates and we expect, as I previously reported, that we will make recommendations to the Mayor by the end of February.

I also wanted to update you on the status of the Dante Servin case. As many of you know, the Superintendent filed with the Police Board in late 2015 charges against Detective Dante Servin relating to the fatal shooting of Rekia Boyd and recommended that Dante Servin be discharged from the Chicago Police Department. A pre-hearing conference of this case is scheduled for next week. At that time, an evidentiary hearing may be scheduled. The date of the evidentiary hearing will be posted on the Board's website and the hearing will be open to the public.

Finally, I wanted to report on the case that was filed from the Police Board involving the death of David Koschman. Earlier this month, the Superintendent filed with the Board disciplinary
charges relating to the Koschman homicide investigation. The first status hearing of the two officers charged, Lieutenant Denis Walsh and Sergeant Sam Cirone, is scheduled for Tuesday, February 23rd.

Now we'll call upon the members of the public who signed up in advance to speak. When your name is called, please step up to the microphone. And, again, as always, we will ask you to limit your comments to two minutes in deference to the people who will be coming behind you to speak.

Sabryna-Joi King-Bell is our first speaker.

Good evening, ma'am.

MS. KING-BELL: Hi. Greetings and salutations, members of the Diez (phonetic) community members family. My name is Sabryna-Joi King-Bell, and it is both an irony and a tragedy that I have to address the Chicago Police Department Board during African descent history month. This evening I will cover four foundational cornerstones: Rescission, resolution, redemption, and respect. Rescission: We continue to have people of African descent abused, detained, falsely charged, and worse yet killed with wanton disregard of the law and their birth rights as
citizens.

To that end, let me state without hesitating or prevaricating, it stops tonight. Families, get your timepieces. It is now 19:39 hours on Thursday, February 18th. Mark this is the official time the standing order of shoot to kill on people of African descent is rescinded now. I am and always have been an agent of change. Many of you know me from years of community service. As such, I have crafted a plan of resolution that can be easily and immediately implemented.

On November 30th last year, I had the unfortunate occasion to have to engage CPD. The disrespectful behavior and treatment I received is and remains unconscionable. I had a court order which the responding police officer from the Third District chose to ignore. Time does not permit me to digress with complete event specifics. However, the Independent Police Review Authority which is, of course, a misnomer issued a complaint -- excuse me -- CPS 13292 on December 28th.

MS. LIGHTFOOT: Your time is running out.

MS. KING-BELL: Just a moment.

Resolution: I also want to make note of
the fact that, Chief Johnson, I've left multiple message for you and I have yet to receive even one courtesy phone call.

MS. LIGHTFOOT: Your time is up.

MS. KING-BELL: Immediately, if not sooner, we must work together. Citizens must stand up and provide cover for criminals -- must no longer provide cover for criminals in the commencement of activities and --

MS. LIGHTFOOT: Your time is up.

MS. KING-BELL: -- we will not need more cops or police officers. We demand and are entitled to law enforcement professionals. As an AARP member, dinosaur, and old soldier --

MS. LIGHTFOOT: Ma'am, your time is up.

MS. KING-BELL: -- citizen, and taxpayer, forgiveness like respect is earned. So redemption is the next order of business.

MS. LIGHTFOOT: Ma'am, your time is up.

MS. KING-BELL: These shooting of our people must be thoroughly investigated by people from multiple agencies to ensure there's no complicity or conflict --

MS. LIGHTFOOT: Ma'am, your time is up.
MS. KING-BELL: Please don't take my paper.
Please don't take my paper. Don't touch me and don't
take my paper. Back away from me. Back away from me.

MS. LIGHTFOOT: The next speaker is Kaya Feaster.

MS. FEASTER: My name is Kaya Feaster.

MS. LIGHTFOOT: Good evening, ma'am.

MS. FEASTER: Okay. I'm tired. I'm tired of
this ignoring and/or rewarding criminal behavior.
Pension after you commit murder? What is that? Dante
Servin should have been fired years ago. His pension
should have been taken. I'm tired -- I'm tired of the
cycle of people political favors plummet, they want to
create a task force, a review board, or some other
group. And I'm tired of those broken promises of
transparency, accountability, safety. It's bull. You
have done nothing. I'm tired of hearing it's a
top-down issue, but not seeing top officials held
accountable. It is quoted from -- what is the name
Sergio Acosta who's on the same task force as you,
Ms. Lightfoot, supervisors -- supervisors and other
police officers are aware of who the bad apples are.
It's a question of putting the right procedures in
place to weed out those officers. What procedures are
those that can't stop murderers, criminals, rapists,
all of these other things? So what procedures are in place that we can't get rid of these officers? I'm tired of looking at cops and feeling disgust. I'm scared for my own future, that it might be stripped away. I'm scared that my future children, might have to deal with the same bullshit that I have had to deal with with the police.

MS. LIGHTFOOT: Ma'am, please watch your language.

MS. FEASTER: Going on to my next point, I'm tired that my future children have to deal with the same bullshit that I've had to deal with --

MS. LIGHTFOOT: Ma'am --

MS. FEASTER: -- the same bullshit that my mom has had to deal with --

MS. LIGHTFOOT: Ma'am, please watch your language.

MS. FEASTER: -- that my grandmother has had to deal with. When does it stop?

MS. LIGHTFOOT: Your time is running down.

MS. FEASTER: My time is -- I'm done. It's time that we divest from CPD and fund black futures.

MS. LIGHTFOOT: Your time is up.

Sana Bell.
MS. BELL: Hello. So as stated before, Lori Lightfoot is also on the task force of police accountability and have been quoted as saying the task force wants to get the lay of the land with current policies and procedures. The lay of the land for black women has consisted of experiencing violence, harassment, and sexual assault by CPD. The policies that exist prevent families like Rekia Boyd, Bettie Jones, or Quintonio LeGrier of getting any hope of justice.

The lay of the land in Chicago looks like cycles of brutalization that are plaguing low income black communities. This criminalization is perpetuating in part by the advocacy that the Fraternal Order of Police gives the CPD. As the FOP upholds the (inaudible) of CPD, Chicago taxpayers have had to pay $521 million for police misconduct settlements over the past decade, meanwhile the City has -- meanwhile the City has closed mental health clinics and schools in the name of budget crisis, a crisis that hasn't seemed to affect the CPD budget.

This task force and IPRA appraisal of the lay of the land and City policies should include an investigation of the FOP's Police Bill of Rights. The
fact that police have policies that place a veritable
barrier between them and accountability while the
rights of low-wage workers and teachers are not valued
or under attack is a reflection of the inequality and
corruption that this City has become known for and we
will not stand for this.

MS. LIGHTFOOT: Thank you. Notasha Stingley.

Notasha Stingley. (No response.)

Irving Wright. Irving Wright. (No
response.)

Ashley Boyd. Good evening.

MS. BOYD: So this is my eighth meeting I've been
to and I have to say that the only thing that I've
seen change is the amount of outrage at your
inactions. While folks all over this City have called
for the firing, of withholding pensions, and the
arrest of police like Servin, Van Dyke, and Glen Evans
who assault and harass black people on a daily basis,
the CPD's program that seeks to identify and intervene
when these folks act up is completely inadequate.

Ideally, and I say this as one who does not
believe in the police force at all, like y'all
shouldn't even exist to begin with, ideally the job of
the police in relation to the people requires an
amount of good faith when those police have an
increasing amount of power and authority. Therefore,
the police like Servin and those who commit crimes
should be fired without a pension and arrested and we
should not have to pay for (inaudible) to live in big
houses, to gloat about who they kill, and to be
protected by the FOP, by this Board, and by the Mayor.
I am sick to death of it.

All of you should be ashamed of yourself.

It's ridiculous. We've been here month after month
after month. You hear folk cry, share their pain, and
you do nothing. I don't understand it. The only way
this makes sense is in the context of white supremacy,
and that's what this shit is.

MS. LIGHTFOOT: Your time is up now. Thank you.

Rachel Williams.

MS. WILLIAMS: Okay. Rekia Boyd was killed in
2012, a month after I turned 21. In a week, I will
turn 25 and we are still up here for her. Now, part
of the responsibility is on Anita Alvarez for not
doing her job and undercharging him, but it's also
your job to do yours because there's no reason I
should look at your smug faces every month. There's
no reason we should be here. So I would like for the
families of Bettie Jones, Ronnie Mann, Dakota Bright, and Rekia Boyd to stand up because you will see these families who are here. They should not be here. We should not be here. This building should not be here and so should those fuck boys in them suits be here.

MS. LIGHTFOOT: Ma'am ...

Dorothy Holmes.

MS. HOLMES: Good evening, y'all. Okay. Since y'all couldn't sanction me, I just want y'all to know to be aware of me. You pay a murderer 80,000 a year when the money can be used towards schools and you claiming you broke? George Hernandez is a cold-blooded murderer and so are the rest of you that are paying to keep him on the force. Everyone that commits a crime should be charged for that crime because if you're not going to charge an officer, then maybe y'all should be charged.

Well, the other person that was filling in for McCarthy when he got dumped, he's not here, but it will get back to him and so will whatever I say get back to everybody, Sharon Fairley, whatever his name was that was covering for McCarthy. I read the police report that y'all say that y'all had delivered -- that was hand delivered to you as well as the other person
that was here. Y'all might as well be guilty as to
that crime, too, because on that report it's a lot of
lying going on there, 43 pages of lying. What goes
around -- I'm going to say it again -- comes around.
Y'all got kids. Y'all got grandkids. When it turn
around and they shoot one of y'all, don't try and come
join our team because to hell with all of y'all.

MS. LIGHTFOOT: Thank you. Latoya Jones. Good
evening, ma'am.

MS. LATOYA JONES: Good afternoon, everybody. We
are the children of Bettie Jones. My name is Latoya
Jones. This is my sisters Latanya Jones and Latisha
Jones. We would like to know why (inaudible) still on
the payroll. He needs to be fired. He don't need to
be working. My mama not working, he's not going to be
working. She can't make a dime, he's not going to
make a fucking dime.

MS. LIGHTFOOT: Ma'am, watch your language,
please.

MS. LAYTOYA JONES: But my thing is, y'all ain't
doing what y'all supposed to do, but y'all expect for
us to just bend over and live with the situation that
happens to our loved ones? Hell, no. While y'all
sitting peaceful, we crying because we miss our mama.
Y'all still probably got y'all damn mamas. Do you know what I'm saying? But my thing is, y'all better do something before I do something about it, because if I have to matters in my own hand, it's going to be hell to pay. My mama would not be living in vain, she will get justice and her voice will be heard, point blank period.

MS. LATANYA JONES: Who wants to look at their mother's death as a day-after-Christmas tragedy? Y'all call it accidental. It wasn't no fucking accident. That was done purposely. Was no accident, and that's not accidental when you read the story about it. That's not no accident. Y'all been trying to cover your all butt to impress the press. If we don't come out and get our loved one's voice heard, y'all got (unintelligible). Y'all got to pay for it. Y'all go to sleep every night peacefully because we can't (unintelligible). Y'all think we want to put T-shirts of our mama? No, we don't want to see that. We walking wrong with our mama's own shirts while y'all get to go home to y'all mamas smiling in her mother-fucking face.

MS. LIGHTFOOT: That's it. Your time is up. Your time is up.
Next speaker, Sandra Cole.

Next speaker Dan Fein.

Are you Sandra Cole?

MS. COLE: Yes.

MS. LIGHTFOOT: You're next. Let's go.

MS. COLE: Hi. My name is Sandra Cole. I was here last month regarding my son Tony McCoy who was murdered July 16, 2011. There was some information that was actually on the police report that was not correct and I had asked for it to be removed. Actually, I went to court and the judge said that they should vacate that off the police report because it was stopping, as far as I'm concerned, the investigation because my son was labeled by Commissioner Hammer as a gang member, that he was very active in the gang, and then he later recanted that statement, but it's still in this police report; and today this case is still open. So how do I get there first?

MS. LIGHTFOOT: Chief Johnson, would you take a moment and speak with Ms. Cole, please?

CHIEF JOHNSON: Sure.

MS. LIGHTFOOT: Chief Johnson will speak to you separate.
MS. COLE: Thank you.

MS. LIGHTFOOT: Mr. Fein.

MR. FEIN: My name is Dan Fein. I'm speaking for the Socialist Workers party. The police cannot be reformed. This body is not a body to oversee the police, to bring about any kind of justice. You're here to cover it up. The entire system of capitalist exploitation which the police defend is the problem. There's no such thing as a good cop. There's no such thing as a good cop. Every cop who's part of the repressive apparatus of the capitalist state that's used to defend the system of exploitation, unemployment, low wages, unsafe working conditions, and imperious war. That's what the police are for. That's what their purpose is.

No new procedures can change this. No civilian review board can change this. No new police chief, superintendent can change this. The police can only be changed through a revolution, a working class revolution that takes the power out of the hands of the boss and the billionaires who the police serve. The police do not protect and serve the people in this audience. They protect and serve the billionaires, the rulers of this country, Wall Street. That's their
role. That's what they're supposed to do. It's not 
one bad apple or two bad apples. It's the entire 
police force which you cover up for, which the 
Democrats, Republicans defend, which the capitalist 
state is all about.

There's only place where the police don't 
do this and this is in revolutionary Cuba where 
workers and peasants made a revolution and replaced 
the police. They replaced the army and brought it 
under popular control of the workers and peasants. 
There's no such thing as putting an end to police 
brutality, police killings, and the murders that the 
people have testified about tonight under capitalism. 

We can slow it down with the protests and 
demonstrations and more videos that are being shown, 
and more families are stepping up giving stories to 
what happened to their loved ones a year or two or 
three years ago which was covered up in the past. And 
this is good. The police are being exposed to what 
they are, the repressive force of the capitalist 
dictatorship in this country.

MS. LIGHTFOOT: Thank you, sir.

Babur Balon.

MR. BALON: Do you know what, I was going to
talk, but do you know what, I have here Ms. Pancy
(phone) here, the mother of (unintelligible) here
so she's going to take my spot.

MS. LIGHTFOOT: Sir, no. Sir. No. No. You did
not sign up ahead of time. People must sign up ahead
of time.

The next speaker John Hawkins. The next
speaker John Hawkins. (No response.)

(Crowd chanting)

MS. LIGHTFOOT: The next speaker is Crista Noel.

MR. BALON: She should have a right to talk here.

They killed her son. You have no right to take away
her speech right here. How can you come here talking
about this bullshit? Let her speak.

MS. LIGHTFOOT: The next speaker, John Hawkins.

(No response.)

The next speaker, Crista Noel.

Sir, it's time for you to take your leave.

Please escort him out of the building, please.

Ms. Noel, your time is starting.

MS. NOEL: Come on now, Lori.

MS. LIGHTFOOT: No, absolutely not. We are not
going to have a situation where people are coming up
here -- I understand -- We're not going to have a
situation --

(Crowd interruption.)

MS. LIGHTFOOT: Ms. Noel are you choosing to speak? Ms. Noel, your time is running. Do you choose to speak or not? Do you choose to speak or not?

MS. NOEL: You have to let the families talk.

You got to let them get it out. Okay.

MS. LIGHTFOOT: But they can't use that kind of language in here.

(Crowd interruption.)

MS. NOEL: This is the only place they can come and talk and tell you guys how they feel. This is the only place. They don't get to express themselves. They don't get to express themselves anywhere else.

MS. LIGHTFOOT: Your time is running.

MS. NOEL: They don't get to express themselves anywhere else.

MS. LIGHTFOOT: It's not about expressing, you know that.

MS. NOEL: Is Martinez here?

MS. LIGHTFOOT: Ms. Noel, your time is running down.

The next speaker, EveAngel.

(Crowd interruption.)
MS. LIGHTFOOT: Good evening, ma'am. Go ahead, ma'am.

MS. YHWNEWBN: This letter dated February 9, 2013, is addressed to Lisa Madigan, the Attorney General. Chicago leads the nation in unlawful searches and seizures in violation of the 4th and 14th Amendment Constitutional rights.

On January 12, 2016, I was stopped for no lawful reason after speaking at a heated Chicago Board meeting -- Police Board meeting. I left in my decorated van showing victims killed by police including LaQuan McDonald and the officer that shot him 16 times when I contend was the real motive for the traffic stop. From 63rd and South Halsted to 63rd and Ashland, I was unaware that my lights were not on. I made a right turn at Ashland and a man on the corner shouted "Turn your lights on." I turned them on immediately. Before I could turn at 59th Street, I noticed the police car at 60th Street and Ashland. The officer stopped me, told me I was being videotaped, and asked to see my license. I asked him, Why am I being stopped?

And he said, You have been driving without lights.
I said, My lights were on approximately three blocks when I was stopped. My lights remained on the entire time. The officer also asked for my insurance and I showed him the proof of insurance card in my wallet. He said that was not proof of insurance. He went to his car and returned with two tickets, one for not having lights and one for having no insurance. On January 15, 2016, I did a Freedom of Information request. On Monday, February 8, 2016 I received an FOI File No. 16-06-550 Media PIO 5634 OLA Unit 114 Notice of Response to my FOI request dated February 2, 2016, but it was postmarked February 3, 2016. The request date of November 29, 2015, was wrong. The letter asked for five things.

MS. LIGHTFOOT: Ma'am, your time is running out.

MS. YHWNEWBN: They asked for five things. I couldn't give them the police car number because the police told me to stay in the car. I could not read the police name; but on the request letter, they told me you have 14 days to file a revised FOI. I filed that revised FOI, but the next sentence said it has been denied. So why tell me I've got 14 days to revise --
MS. LIGHTFOOT: Your time is up, ma'am.

MS. YHWNEWBN: No. Do I have to file a lawsuit to get that --

MS. LIGHTFOOT: The next speaker, George Blakemore. Good evening, sir.

MR. BLAKEMORE: Good evening, Ms. Lightfoot. I'm not new at these dogs and pony shows. Reverend Daniel used to be head of this Board.

MS. LIGHTFOOT: Mr. Blakemore, can you speak up a little bit?

MR. BLAKEMORE: Reverend Daniel of Antioch. Now it's new faces, but the same old thing is going on; so I stopped coming to these shows. I needed other places where people can respect me and appreciate me, but I had to come out here. I was kidnapped. An old black man, 73 years old was kidnapped by the Chicago Police Department right in front of Giordano's restaurant, carried over to two blocks to Northwestern. I was out selling my product. Giordano's manager came out, unhooked my product, threw them in the alley. The police watched him and the police sent me over for a mental evaluation. I was only there maybe two minutes. I'm going to give this gentleman over here, I'm calling you a gentleman,
you know, as respect, I'm going to give you everything here. You should investigate this. You don't put it back to the 18th District where it occurred for these people to investigate. The games that you play. These are young black people. I'm old and I know that a change won't come until we make it come. They use black leadership. You know I heard you Ms. Lightfoot when you started talking all the change, but it's not occurring --

MS. LIGHTFOOT: Mr. Blakemore, your time is up.

MR. BLAKEMORE: -- because people are weak and only the strong survive. They're uneducated and the educated black use those that are not educated. I challenge you. I'm not one of these people. You know that. I'm going to give back to that gentleman, give him to --

MS. LIGHTFOOT: The next speaker, Monica James.

MR. BLAKEMORE: You read it and you investigate it, please, sir. The way the games go --

MS. LIGHTFOOT: Mr. Blakemore.

MR. BLAKEMORE: -- black educated people use black uneducated people.

MS. LIGHTFOOT: Mr. Blakemore.

MR. BLAKEMORE: Don't go there with me.
MS. LIGHTFOOT: Ms. James.

Mr. Blakemore, that's enough, sir.

Ms. James.

MS. JAMES: Good evening. I don't come here tonight to insult you guys. I come here tonight as a peaceful civilized human being that is just fighting for a decent way of living, fighting for a way that feels safe and comfortable for me each and every day, fighting for a way that gives me the benefit of the doubt and the privilege of being productive. But how can I be productive if I'm afraid to leave out of my door, if I'm afraid when I come in contact with the police officer?

The situations that we continue to see here every month, it can't keep happening like this before we all -- somebody is going to be hurt and I know we come strong. There's a lot of us. There's a lot of people that are invested in this and for a lot of reasons these people are invested in this. Some people have forsaken job, education, family, church, everything for this one piece of justice, this one thing that we can hold onto. And if you can't accept us all and listen to us all, create a safe space where the people who are directly impacted by the situations
that have occurred, whether they were maliciously
done, whether it was by mistake, whether it was an
accident, however, but create a safe space where you
can elicit and cultivate some of the ideas that they
speak about as far as being reform and change and
maybe you can add a little peace here and there. But
give them that safe space to grieve, to speak, and to
share and then also, too, give them that feel that you
are a human being just like them. Give them that
feeling that their lives matter just like your lives
matter.

This is all that these people are asking
for. And these face-to-face stand-offs, they just
can't continue to keep happening because then there's
going to be more blood. And the more that we continue
to come in here and fight and --

MS. LIGHTFOOT: Your time is up.

MS. JAMES: -- hurl insults, we're not getting
anywhere. We're just building on to anger that's
already there.

MS. LIGHTFOOT: Thank you, ma'am.

MS. JAMES: And as a person, as a Board that's
here to serve and protect and restore, restore these
people's lives by creating that safe space and
allowing their voices to be heard --

MS. LIGHTFOOT: Thank you, ma'am. Your time is up.

MS. JAMES: -- because it's their peace that we're all fighting for. It's their justice. Thank you.

MS. LIGHTFOOT: Next speaker, Robert More.

Mr. More.


It is February 18, 2016. Mr. Assistant Superintendent, what is the basis of the absence of the acting superintendent from this meeting?

MS. LIGHTFOOT: Mr. More --

MR. MORE: Why is he not here?

MS. LIGHTFOOT: -- continue on, please.

MR. MORE: Okay. I object because I've encountered interruption and that constitutes a deprivation of a First Amendment right here. I have five, six questions for you, Ms. Lightfoot, how can I get these questions to you so that I can get answers to these questions? My time is already running. I'm at 28 seconds. I can ask them as quickly as I can, but how can I get these into your hands so that --
there an e-mail address or what --

MS. LIGHTFOOT: Give that to the sergeant.

MR. MORE: Okay. I'll give that to the Sergeant in Arms and he'll present that to you.

MS. LIGHTFOOT: Absolutely.

MR. MORE: Okay. Moving along here. First of all, I'm complaining, why in 2016 is the public of posterity having to pay a court reporter for a transcription when we could simply use a recording device and eliminate that cost and have an accurate record of what's transcribed? I'm complaining about that. That's not a justified expenditure of public funds. I have to go to all this trouble to record the devices and present my position and then respond to what I encounter. I'm complaining about that. That's not justified in 2016.

Okay. Moving along. I -- Basically, I have complaint -- I object to the continued existence and operation of the nominal City of Chicago, so I get that in before I start.

Now, moving on to -- You said last week there was some way to get a hold of you and members of the Board. I can't find that. So my e-mail address is anselm, A N S E L M, 45@gmail.com. Please provide
me that formula because I'm seeking a way to opt out of these meetings. You claim that there is a theater which citizens are provided, Ms. Lightfoot, the opportunity to question the Superintendent of the City of Chicago Police Department who is, pursuant to the authority of Monell vs. Department of Social Services of the City of New York, the chief policy maker --

MS. LIGHTFOOT: Time is running out, Mr. More.

MR. MORE: Pardon?

MS. LIGHTFOOT: Time is running out.

MR. MORE: I can't hear you.

MS. LIGHTFOOT: Your time is running out.

MR. MORE: I know. The point is, I'm trying to get answers to this question: Why is the theater in which questions can be posited -- and I have the rest of these six questions. This is all posted at thirstforjustice.tripod.com/thieolpvmpg21816.html, there's questions and everything else I'm trying to do.

MS. LIGHTFOOT: (Inaudible.)

MR. MORE: If I can get answers to my questions --

MS. LIGHTFOOT: Your time is up, sir.

MR. MORE: -- we can save the public funds here.
MS. LIGHTFOOT: I appreciate your comments.

MR. MORE: I'm not getting an answer to the question.

MS. LIGHTFOOT: Thank you.

John Pizano (phonetic).

MR. PIZANO: Well, just to piggyback on that question real quick, why is it that the Police Board does not have individual e-mails because they're City employees like everybody else? I don't know if you got the e-mail I sent you and Mr. Conlon as far as my opinions on the Superintendent search or not, but I had to send them to your personal law firm e-mails because the Police Board do not have e-mails you can contact at. I think that needs to be remedied, for one.

Chief Johnson, in January -- or June of '13 at the Puerto Rican Fest, then Captain Marc Buslik of the 14th District, there was a complaint issued against him for harassment, intimidation, ordering police to file a false citation against a business owner, and basically extremely foul language. The investigation proceeded, and sometime in early '14 it was a sustained complaint where he only received a verbal reprimand.
A year later, this same captain was then given the interim commander spot in the 14th District when Commander Valdez was moved to the 10th District and then subsequently nine months later was awarded and promoted the Commander's spot of the 14th District and now he was placed as the liaison to the Department of Justice about this ongoing investigation about past practices.

Now, how does a man who was basically accused of falsifying police reports, using foul language, and intimidating somebody the department liaison with the Department of Justice? Was there a vetting process on this guy? Because there's been policemen who have been fired for writing false parking tickets and this guy is a captain of police that was doing it and he still has his job and got a promotion and a sweet gig. Was there a vetting process to that?

CHIEF JOHNSON: I'll take a look at that.

MR. PIZANO: Thank you.

MS. LIGHTFOOT: Martinez Sutton.

Mr. Sutton, before you start, I want to remind you --

MR. SUTTON: I got it.
MS. LIGHTFOOT: I've cautioned you repeatedly about your language.

MR. SUTTON: I got it.

MS. LIGHTFOOT: We certainly appreciate your loss. We certainly appreciate the emotion around it.

MR. SUTTON: You appreciate my loss?

MS. LIGHTFOOT: Yes, we do.

MR. SUTTON: You appreciate that my sister's dead?

MS. LIGHTFOOT: I'm asking you one last time --

MR. SUTTON: I'm asking you --

MS. LIGHTFOOT: -- please do not use profanity.

MR. SUTTON: You said you appreciate my loss, I'm trying to understanding your wording because that don't sound right to me.

MS. LIGHTFOOT: Please continue, sir.

MR. SUTTON: I don't understand that. That kind of just rubbed me the wrong way, Ms. Lightfoot.

MS. LIGHTFOOT: I apologize for that. I'm expressing my condolences for your loss.

MR. SUTTON: I didn't come up here to be angry today because I've been angry for four years and nothing has happened yet. I've read some of these investigation files and I was blown back. Like, why
is this guy still here? Like, I don't know what y'all are reading, but I didn't even get through I don't even think a hundred pages yet out of over 2,200. And this stuff is mind-blowing.

I see the white privilege that's going on, but it's time to bring some change, people. It's time to bring some change. You see how angry this little crowd is. It's spreading all across the City. I'm saying this from my heart and because I care about humanity, these police officers as well because they just trying to feed their family, but not all of them, the guilty should be prosecuted. That's all me and my family ever asked.

I asked for help, mental help because it's not just me, I've got sisters, lost siblings. I'm willing to work with y'all. I'm willing to work with y'all. Let's form some kind of community connection because this back and forth, I see it ain't going nowhere. I've been hurting for over four years, four years. It's hard to maintain a job. It's hard to maintain schooling. It's hard for my sons, for me to look at my sons in the face because of the anger I've been hiding for over four years.

All I'm asking because since he's not
locked up, is that he get his due, gets what's due to
him. I don't got nothing against the police. I got
family that's police officers. I got friends that's
police officers. I don't got nothing against these
officers in here. But the murderers, the murderers,
that's who I got something against. I've been in this
fight for four years and I promised my sister, my
mother, and my whole family I won't stop until I see
him get what he deserve.

My past language, I grew up respectful of
God and I'm still respectful. As for my elders,
that's how we say it, excuse my language because
that's not me, but you can't suppress nobody's anger
because it causes bigger mental problems. They got to
let it out sometimes, even though it does sound
disrespectful. But that's all I'm asking for.

Let's get in touch and let's form some kind
of community bond. I feel for these officers' lives
on the street, too. You don't know what people will
do or whatever. Like, I love them like they my
brothers and sisters, like I love all humanity.

MS. LIGHTFOOT: Thank you, sir.

MR. SUTTON: That's all. That's it. Get in
contact with me.
MS. LIGHTFOOT: Thanks for your comments. At this time, all the people who signed up in advance to speak have been recognized.

Is there a motion to adjourn?

MS. FRY: So move.

MS. LIGHTFOOT: All those in favor.

(Chorus of ayes.)

MS. LIGHTFOOT: The motion passes. The meeting is adjourned.

(Which were all the proceedings had in the above-entitled cause.)
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