- 1 Public Board Meeting
- 2 Of the Civilian Complaint Review Board
- Wednesday, March 13, 2013
- 4 10:00AM
- 5 40 Rector Street 2nd Floor
- 6 New York NY 10006

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- 8 DANIEL D. CHU, ESQ., CHAIR
- 9 JOAN M. THOMPSON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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- 12 PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA:
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- 14 1. Call to Order
- 15 2. Adoption of Minutes
- 16 3. Report from the Chair
- 17 4. Report from the Executive Director
- 18 5. Committee Reports
- 19 6. Old Business
- 7. New Business
- 21 8. Public Comment

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- 1 BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT WERE:
- 2 Dr. Mohammad Khalid
- 3 James Donlon, Esq.
- 4 Youngik Yoon, Esq.
- 5 Bishop Mitchell G. Taylor
- 6 Janette Cortes Gomez, Esq.
- 7 Rudolph Landin
- 8 Tosano J. Simonetti
- 9 David G. Liston, Esq
- 10 Alphonzo A. Grant, Esq.
- 11 Jules Martin. Esq

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- 2 CHAIRMAN CHU: Okay, let's call this
- 3 meeting to order. Good morning, everyone.
- 4 Welcome. The first order of business is the
- 5 adoption of the minutes from February 2013. Do
- 6 I hear a motion?
- 7 BISHOP TAYLOR: Aye.
- 8 CHAIRMAN CHU: Do I hear a second?
- 9 COMMISSIONER SIMONETTI: I Second.
- 10 CHAIRMAN CHU: All those in favor of adoption of
- 11 the February 2013 minutes please say Aye.
- 12 COMMISSIONER LISTON: Aye.
- 13 COMMISSIONER LANDIN: Aye.
- 14 CHAIRMAN CHU: Any in opposition should say Nay.
- 15 Any abstentions? Seeing there are no
- 16 objections, no abstentions, the minutes are
- 17 adopted.
- 18 The Board appeared yesterday before the City
- 19 Council. We testified briefly regarding our
- 20 budget and also regarding two additional issues.
- 21 One being the effects or post effects--the
- 22 effects of post Sandy on some of our numbers.
- 23 I will address that and the Executive
- 24 Director will also address those numbers in her
- 25 report.

- 1 The second update that we provided to
- 2 Council yesterday afternoon was an update on the
- 3 Administrative Prosecution Unit and, again,
- 4 that's going to be addressed as part of the
- 5 Committee Reports.
- 6 We held an APU Committee meeting this
- 7 morning. I will say that I'm very happy to
- 8 report that the publication was yesterday. So,
- 9 30 days from now it will take effect. We will
- 10 start taking cases for the AP Unit to be
- 11 prosecuting in the trial room at the department.
- 12 In terms of our search for a new Executive
- 13 Director, we have now concluded the first round
- 14 of interviews. 17 candidates had been
- 15 interviewed and 8 had been advanced to the
- 16 second round.
- 17 We're now scheduling--we're in the process
- 18 of scheduling the second round interviews for
- 19 the Executive Director finalists. We expect the
- 20 interviews to take place in the next week or so.
- 21 And once those interviews are completed, we plan
- 22 on having a final round.
- 23 I'm hoping that we will have close to the
- 24 whole Board, if not the full Board present since
- 25 this is a very important selection process.

- 1 I've gotten a lot of good input from the
- 2 Board. So, I thank you for that. The resumes
- 3 have been sent to all the Board members, along
- 4 with the interview notes and cover letters.
- 5 So, if there are any questions regarding any
- 6 of the candidates, any additional input that any
- 7 of the Board members would like, please provide
- 8 that to us. All right?
- 9 I'm going to turn now to Ms. Thompson for
- 10 the Executive Director's report.
- 11 MS. JOAN M. THOMPSON: Okay. The monthly
- 12 statistics are as follows: The CCRB received 273 complaints
- 13 in February. This is 141 fewer complaints than at
- 14 the same period in 2012 when the CCRB received
- 15 414 complaints. It is a 34 % decrease in
- 16 complaint activity for that period.
- 17 The Board closed 277 cases in February.
- 18 The substantiation rate was 19 % of full
- 19 investigations. The Board substantiated 9 cases
- 20 and the truncation rate was 75 %, which is 8
- 21 points higher than in 2012, when the February
- 22 truncation rate was 67 %.
- 23 The agency's docket at the end of February
- 24 stood at 3,667 cases, which is a 1 % decrease
- over the open docket at the end of 2012 when it

- 1 stood at 3,693.
- 2 82 % of our open investigations were filed
- 3 within the last year and 39 % were filed in the
- 4 last four months. Of the open cases, 1,532 are
- 5 awaiting panel review, or 42 % of the docket.
- 6 1,803 are being investigated and 332 cases
- 7 are in the mediation program. By date of
- 8 incident, 74 cases in the CCRB's open docket are
- 9 18 months and older, as opposed to 12 in February
- 10 of 2012. This is 2 % of the open docket.
- 11 One case is on D.A. hold; Six cases were
- 12 filed months after the date of incident. In
- 13 three cases the delay has no apparent
- 14 justification, in two cases, there is a complex
- 15 set of circumstances that delayed the interview
- 16 process. And, in one case, the officer is on
- 17 military leave. Sixty-one cases are pending
- 18 board review.
- 19 In January, the Police Department closed 27
- 20 substantiated cases involving 33 officers. The
- 21 department did not impose discipline against 12
- 22 officers and one officer retired.
- 23 This is a disciplinary action rate of 30--excuse
- 24 me, 62.5 and the department declined to
- 25 prosecute rate was 30 %. The guilty after trial

- 1 rate was 33 %. In cases in which the department
- 2 pursued charges and specifications, the rate at
- 3 which officers were found or plead guilty was
- 4 67%
- 5 CHAIRMAN CHU: Let's start the Committee Reports.
- 6 That's okay. What? You know what, Laura, do
- 7 you want to give us a report, since Commissioner
- 8 Liston has stepped out of the room for a moment
- 9 and give a quick overview for the Board members
- 10 who did not attend the meeting this morning?
- 11 MS. LAURA EDIDIN: Certainly. Good morning,
- 12 everybody. So, we had several items for the APU
- 13 Committee this morning. We talked about the
- 14 progress in establishing the APU, including
- 15 staffing issues. All of our attorneys
- 16 are now on board. And we talked about the fact
- 17 that both, the CCRB and the Police Department
- 18 have published our rules, as of yesterday, and
- 19 30 days from which we will begin to take cases.
- 20 And, basically, how happy we are to have such
- 21 an outstanding staff ready to go. In the meeting,
- 22 we talked about some open issues. Some of which were
- 23 new, and some were from a continued discussion from
- 24 last month's meeting. We talked about the DADS system
- 25 at the NYPD. We have an agreement that we'll

- 1 have read only access to certain parts. So, we will be
- 2 transmitting information to the Department about
- 3 our cases. They will be entered by the department
- 4 staff and once the security features are put in
- 5 place, we will have access to that information.
- 6 We have our own database that we'll be using
- 7 in house to track cases. But, because the
- 8 department database interfaces with the court's
- 9 database, we need also to have access to that system
- 10 which means we will have access to more information.
- 11 We talked also about the issues of our
- 12 ability to prosecute OMN's when they're
- 13 attached to FADO allegations and access to
- 14 officers' disciplinary history. Those have
- 15 been two ongoing issues.
- 16 In fact, they were issues that came up in
- 17 2001 when the APU was first proposed. Although
- 18 they were discussed previously, and continue to be,
- 19 we are quickly reaching resolution on both of them.
- 20 And, then, the final topic we talked about
- 21 was a technology update. We talked
- 22 about the steps we've taken towards updating
- 23 our system, CTS with the creation of the APU.
- 24 We talked about how our Deputy Jon Darche
- 25 has created a temporary database to be a

- 1 placeholder that allows us to track our cases,
- 2 look at trends, stay on top of things that we
- 3 need to be done until CTS is updated.
- 4 And, then, finally, we talked about the very
- 5 exciting project that's being headed up by
- 6 two of our attorneys, Heather Cook and
- 7 Gretchen Robinson, which is taking all of the
- 8 Deputy Commissioner of Trials' opinions that have been
- 9 handed down since 2000. There are several
- 10 hundred of them, digesting them, producing
- 11 a summary of each case, the facts of the case,
- 12 the outcome of the case and highlighting certain
- 13 terms that we might want to go back and look at,
- 14 at a later time. This is, basically, our
- 15 version of Lexis Nexis or Westlaw .
- 16 There is no digest of these cases. There is no
- 17 way, currently, to look at patterns across them,
- 18 how do certain judges look at things, how are
- 19 certain allegations handled. This is
- 20 something that they have decided they wanted to
- 21 take on. The whole team is now involved in digesting
- 22 the cases and working with Jon in creating
- 23 searchable terms within them.
- 24 There is an existing database on OATH cases
- 25 that's on the OATH website. So, we

- 1 will consider it at a later time, whether we
- 2 want to integrate those in as well.
- 3 But, they about a third of the way through
- 4 that project.
- 5 CHAIRMAN CHU: Thank you so much. Are there any
- 6 other committees making reports this month?
- 7 BISHOP MITCHELL G. TAYLOR: Yes, the
- 8 Outreach Committee Mr.Chair. We have been meeting
- 9 to talk about outreach and the data that has been
- 10 collected by outreach during the year. I want to say,
- 11 first of all, Dawn Fuentes, who is the single
- 12 only outreach person that the agency has, is doing
- 13 a fabulous job in leveraging interns and other
- 14 people to help us execute some of these
- 15 objectives that because--for example, over the
- 16 last eight weeks, she has conducted
- 17 approximately 21 outreach sessions attended by
- 18 almost 425 people. And all of those sessions
- 19 were held by herself and an intern.
- 20 We have successfully executed the CCRB
- 21 Ambassadors' Program and a lot of people are
- 22 excited about the possibility of expanding that,
- 23 broadening it to a citywide initiative. And,
- 24 you know, a lot of this really can't be
- 25 accomplished unless we expand the Outreach

- 1 budget.
- 2 I think that our agency is too important to
- 3 have limited resources in an area where we
- 4 should have expanded resources to make the
- 5 public aware of their rights to make complaints.
- 6 But, beyond that, the Ambassadors' Program, in
- 7 and of itself, is also a sensitivity
- 8 awareness initiative for young people, so that
- 9 they know how to interact with law enforcement
- 10 and they will spread that word to other youth
- 11 groups, through the peer to peer education
- 12 departments in the Ambassadors' Program.
- 13 So, I would like to ask the Board to consider
- 14 expanding or including an expanded budget
- 15 for outreach and if the Board is able to come to
- 16 that agreement, we have a foundation that is
- 17 willing to fund us again for the Ambassadors'
- 18 Program. But, they want to know that we have the
- 19 capacity on which we are going to continue, you know,
- 20 these outreach efforts.
- 21 So, it is critical for us to, to consider
- 22 that.
- 23 CHAIRMAN CHU: Sure. And, just to remind
- 24 everybody, how many--how many years has the
- 25 Ambassadors' program been in existence?

- 1 BISHOP TAYLOR: Two right Dawn? Yes?
- 2 Yes, two years. This, this is year two.
- 3 CHAIRMAN CHU: But, you've had how many
- 4 graduating classes of the program?
- 5 BISHOP TAYLOR: So, Dawn, just give us a
- 6 little brief update on the statastics of it, so
- 7 the Chair's fully aware and Board is fully aware
- 8 of those outcomes.
- 9 MS. DAWN FUENTES: Yes, the outcomes that we
- 10 have most recently served over 30 community
- 11 people now throughout all of Western Queens that
- 12 have come to see and hear our presentations.
- 13 As far as students are concerned,
- 14 we've served 100 college bound students
- 15 who were actually trained in leadership
- 16 components and also on how to go out
- into the community, get the community engaged,
- 18 learn about de-escalation through skits that
- 19 the students created themselves.
- 20 So, the grant itself is a year's grant. We
- 21 exceeded expectations by 50 % and it's been
- 22 successful. We have evaluations from the public
- 23 who feel that this was a very important issue to
- 24 be addressed.
- 25 And every time we go out into the community

- 1 and we've been keeping evaluations and
- 2 statistical evaluations, the response has been
- 3 at 92 % of even the general community has found
- 4 this information so informative and wish that we
- 5 could do more outreach, so we can go further in
- 6 to the communities and provide this information.
- 7 So, statistically wise, our percentage is
- 8 quite high. This is in general throughout the program.
- 9 But, this is true for the Community Outreach Program as
- 10 well as the Ambassadors' Program, it was also quite high.
- 11 BISHOP TAYLOR: Thank you, Dawn.
- 12 MS. FUENTES: You're welcome.
- 13 BISHOP TAYLOR: And so, you know, if we'd
- 14 been able to do this kind of work and it's
- 15 really that Dawn is, you know, burning both ends
- of the candle, and has been creative in leveraging
- 17 other human capital.
- 18 So, I think that this is so important. This
- 19 is the front door of the agency and we should
- 20 have a robust department that continues to
- 21 facilitate this type of work, especially when
- 22 you deal with systemic misunderstanding that I
- 23 think originates with our youths.
- 24 We can be a very good portal to help
- 25 facilitate a greater understanding of and

- 1 address the important causes, especially in the
- 2 urban centers.
- 3 CHAIRMAN CHU: I would agree and, again, I
- 4 commend Ms. Fuentes for all of her efforts.
- 5 I've seen a lot of the publications that you've
- 6 put out as well as the slide show and I've heard
- 7 nothing but good things.
- 8 And, as the Bishop Taylor indicated, it does
- 9 seem like you're at more than one place at a
- 10 time. So, please, accept the Board's gratitude
- 11 for a job well done.
- 12 That's certainly something that, I think,
- 13 the Board should take up, in terms of insuring
- 14 that we can continue this program into the
- 15 future.
- 16 Thank you for that report. Are there any
- 17 other committees making any kinds of reports
- 18 this month?
- 19 COMMISSIONER DONLON: Well, Reports and
- 20 Recommendations Committee. I know that the Semi-
- 21 Annual Report was sent to the Police Department
- 22 and--
- 23 ED THOMPSON: It's was there and it's been returned.
- 24 COMMISSIONER DONLON: It's back?
- 25 ED THOMPSON: It was sent to the printer

- 1 yesterday.
- 2 COMMISSIONER DONLON: Okay, very good. That's what
- 3 I thought, but I just wanted to make sure.
- 4 COMMISSIONER LISTON: Mr. Chair, maybe I should
- 5 just briefly acknowledge that the APU Committee
- 6 has, as you know, met this morning.
- 7 CHAIRMAN CHU: Yes. In your absence, your
- 8 understudy, Ms. Edidin, already gave us a brief.
- 9 COMMISSIONER LISTON: Excellent. So, you know all
- 10 about it?
- 11 CHAIRMAN CHU: I think everyone knows.
- 12 COMMISSIONER LISTON [interposing] What you said.
- 13 [laughter]
- 14 CHAIRMAN CHU: We can get a recap. Are there any
- other committees making reports this month?
- 16 If not, let's move on to old business.
- 17 As you heard during the Executive Director's
- 18 report, there is a very high number of cases
- 19 right now pending for Board review.
- 20 And, again, that has, I believe, a lot to do
- 21 with the effects of Superstorm Sandy and the
- 22 displacement from 40 Rector Street, as well as a
- 23 pretty high vacancy rate in the Investigations
- 24 Division that we've been able to remedy it, at
- 25 this point.

- 1 But, again, it took time for the
- 2 investigators to be trained and get up to speed
- 3 and be able to carry their caseloads.
- 4 I think we're near that point. I know that
- 5 the investigators have been doing overtime to
- 6 try to work out some of the backlogs and, as a
- 7 result, we have cases that are pending Board
- 8 review.
- 9 As Board members, again, I know we all have
- 10 day jobs. We all have a lot on our plates. I
- 11 certainly do, myself. And, I want to thank the
- 12 people who stepped up, such as Commissioner
- 13 Landin, Commission Taylor and I. The three of
- 14 us have done emergency panels to try to ensure
- 15 that cases do not fall by the wayside due to the
- 16 statute of limitation issues.
- 17 I know that others, when I've called upon
- 18 for assistance, have very willingly stepped up.
- 19 So, I want to thank them for that. But, on the
- 20 whole, at this point, I mean you've heard the
- 21 numbers. I think it's 42 %.
- 22 So, we really--we've asked the investigators
- 23 to do their part. We need to step up and do our
- 24 part and I really look forward to completing one of
- 25 those emergency panels today. We've asked the staff

- 1 to pull out some of the old cases that are near the
- 2 15 month point, so that we can work on them and
- 3 get them processed and closed out, so that the
- 4 docket size gets back to normal.
- 5 I anticipate that happening in the very near
- 6 future. Obviously, at this point, there's a lot
- 7 of work that remains to be done. So, I'm looking
- 8 for everyone to pitch in and really cut those
- 9 numbers down.
- 10 In terms of other old business, we had our
- 11 senior staff members interfacing with the Police
- 12 Department and their staff, their executive
- 13 staff, in discussing some of the follow up
- 14 statistics that came out of the study on housing,
- 15 on patrolled housing.
- 16 And that's another issue that I believe
- 17 needs to be discussed in the full Board in terms of
- 18 what we'd like to do with that. There are some
- 19 differences of opinion as to some of the
- 20 categorizations and classifications. So, that's
- 21 something that I believe needs to be discussed
- 22 with the full Board going forward.
- 23 And, in terms of old business, I think that
- 24 is pretty much what I have. Is there any other
- 25 old business that any other commissioners would

- 1 like to bring about at this time? I know before
- 2 you say anything that Commissioner Liston had
- 3 mentioned last time the possibility of using
- 4 subpoenas in order to compel complaining witnesses
- 5 in limited circumstances. We have yet
- 6 to discuss that with the full Board. But,
- 7 that's certainly an issue that we can do as
- 8 well.
- 9 Is there anything else at this time? If
- 10 there isn't, then, we'll move on to new
- 11 business. Does anyone have any new business to
- 12 discuss?
- 13 All right, no new business. So, we will now
- 14 open it up to public comments and first - .
- 15 CHRIS DUNN: All right. Good morning.
- 16 CHAIRMAN CHU: Good morning.
- 17 CHRIS DUNN: All right. So, I guess we'll
- 18 start with the bad news. It feels to me that
- 19 the Executive Director's report is a disaster,
- 20 on several levels this month.
- 21 First, the significant drop in complaints, I
- 22 have to think that it's, again, is a function of
- 23 the intake process and whether there are
- 24 continually new problems with intake. It's such
- 25 a big percentage. It has to be something more

- 1 than just a change in the normal complaint pattern.
- 2 And there wasn't a discussion about where things are
- 3 with the intake problems. At the last meeting,
- 4 Joan, you reported that, as we were sitting here
- 5 that you had just received a report that the 311
- 6 link was now back up and working. I don't know
- 7 if that has proven to be entirely incomplete
- 8 information , but it seems to remain a problem.
- 9 I worry when I see this sort of significant one
- 10 month drop in the intake processing of cases.
- 11 Secondly, again, yes, there are a large
- 12 number of cases pertaining to Board review.
- 13 But, I think the bigger problem is more
- 14 dramatically seeing the increase of 18+ month cases
- which is a fatal problem because they will simply
- 16 disappear. For those of you who were not at the APU
- 17 meeting. Tony mentioned that he had just today or the
- 18 last couple of days just reviewed five or six cases that
- 19 are being subbed that are all going to break the
- 20 statute of limitation very shortly, too soon
- 21 before the Police Department can or will do anything.
- 22 Again, I see on the report that there is
- 23 something like a--there is a huge increase in
- 24 the 18 plus month cases. In my report, I don't
- 25 have the normal tables that typically gets

- 1 included in Executive Director's report breaking out
- 2 all those 18 plus month cases.
- 3 I realize there may be some glitches in the
- 4 records in the packet. I hope that you guys got
- 5 it. You don't have that one? All right.
- 6 MARCOS SOLER: There was a problem with the copier.
- 7 CHAIRMAN CHU: Okay. We'll get that to you.
- 8 But, the larger point is in Joan's report, where
- 9 she reports that in contrast to the 12 cases over
- 10 18 months last February, there are seven four
- 11 this February. Those are all cases for which there
- 12 can be no prosecution .
- 13 And I understand the problem is with the
- 14 storm. I also understand that there were some
- 15 investigating problems. That was two or three
- 16 months that people were out of business. I'm
- 17 not sure that this gets us through a number of
- 18 statute of limitation cases you're now facing or not.
- 19 And, for some of you who were not here maybe
- 20 a year ago, two years ago, Dan, there was a
- 21 similar problem with another 18+ month number of cases
- 22 and the Board said--and, I think they can
- 23 put into place some special procedures to make sure
- 24 that those cases were getting caught much
- 25 earlier.

- 1 I know there's always this problem or getting a
- 2 flood of cases coming through and you go back and
- 3 you pull out some cases or other cases keep coming
- 4 through. But, there has got to be a way to get to
- 5 cases before they reach the statute of limitations.
- 6 Whatever criticisms may be unfairly lobbed
- 7 to the Board about certain things you cannot do, the
- 8 one thing which you cannot do is let cases break
- 9 the statute of limitations. That has to be the top
- 10 priority. Okay, the other thing is to report that's a
- 11 big problem is, again, I don't have the part of the
- 12 Executive Director's report with the Disposition Report.
- 13 But, 30 % of the cases got duped last month
- 14 apparently. We are getting back to the
- 15 historical numbers that we saw, I think, in
- 16 2007, 2008 with the department duping your
- 17 cases.
- 18 And, I don't know what the numbers are in
- 19 there. I don't know if that's 1 of 3 cases or 3
- 20 of 10 cases or 30 of 100 cases.
- 21 But you folks have been quite good in working with
- 22 the department when the dup number has gotten too
- 23 high, maybe it is time to go back to talk to the
- 24 department and find out what is going on Maybe,
- 25 it's a one month aberration. But, we have seen

- 1 -- going up and up and up. So, you really have
- 2 to look at that closely.
- 3 All right. Moving on from the report, related
- 4 to the issues about the dupes , there was a
- 5 discussion during the APU meeting about this new
- 6 process by which, essentially, it interposes
- 7 itself between you subbing a case and you
- 8 prosecuting a case.
- 9 And, as you know, we have said many, many
- 10 times, you guys doing the prosecution is great.
- 11 Fully supported, very exciting, it is a great
- 12 thing. An issue was raised this morning at the
- 13 committee meeting about and Tony raised the issue
- 14 that if you substantiate cases that are close to
- 15 the statute of limitation, how quickly can you make the
- 16 statute of limitation? Part of the problem which refers
- 17 to the serving of the charges and specification on the
- 18 officer. And, as Laura pointed out and I take it to
- 19 be accurate, as I have not gone back to the MOU
- 20 or the rules. But, you first have to send the
- 21 notice that you're going to prosecute the case
- 22 to the department.
- 23 And the Commissioner has to opportunity to
- 24 put the kibosh on that. And, apparently, there
- 25 was a problem whereby the rules do not mandate a

- 1 a period of time by which the Commissioner
- 2 has got to make a decision about whether or
- 3 not you can proceed with the prosecution or not.
- 4 I am not suggesting that someone is going to
- 5 sit on the decision and let the clock run out.
- 6 But, there has got to be some sort of understanding
- 7 between you and the department when you sub a case,
- 8 that you're going to prosecute. That, when you
- 9 send it over there, that people understand that there
- 10 is a statute of limitation problem. They need to
- 11 move on it quickly.
- 12 And, it's 30 days, for instance, to take the
- 13 example that Tony was suggesting, someone has got
- 14 to come back to you in two weeks or a week and
- 16 say, okay, we can do this or not, just get
- 17 the process going. Because the one significant
- 18 inefficiency that the MOU introduces into the process
- 19 is the additional time; it's actually ping pong that
- 20 you and the Commissioner are going to play.
- 21 And that additional time could end up blowing the statute
- 22 of limitations given how many cases are close to breaking
- 23 the statute, just for process reasons. So, I
- 24 would urge you, even though the rules don't
- 25 mandate that you work out something with

- 1 the Police Department right now.
- 2 Okay. On the good news, Mr. Taylor, I want
- 3 to commend you on taking on the outreach issue.
- 4 I think having an outreach committee is of great
- 5 importance to the community. I see the heroic work that
- 6 Dawn is doing and that's great. She can't do it by
- 7 herself. I think outreach is a huge problem.
- 8 I've said this many times and you all know it.
- 9 The CCRB profile in the communities is not
- 10 what it should be. Again, looking at the
- 11 outreach report, Dawn is the one person unless
- 12 maybe I'm misreading the report. But, I
- 13 have said several times, Board members should be
- 14 going to some of these outreach events and I say
- 15 for several reasons, one, because I think that the
- 16 community sees Dawn, that's great. But the
- 17 community sees a Board member, I think that it
- 18 has a different impact.
- 19 Second, I think it would actually be quite
- 20 helpful for a Board member to see what happens
- 21 at these community meetings you serve and see
- 22 some of the responses communities provide.
- 23 I don't doubt that Dawn is an accurate
- 24 reporter on what she reports. But, I also don't
- 25 doubt that you will come away with a much fuller

- 1 understanding of, essentially, happening or not
- 2 happening in terms of the community sessions.
- 3 Two final things. The reports and recommendations,
- 4 glad that report is coming. I will
- 5 say, as I say every time that the annual and semi-
- 6 annual report is raised and there is a
- 7 discussion about the Police Department getting
- 8 comment opportunity. I have given up my plea
- 9 that the public should also get an opportunity
- 10 to comment on draft reports. But, I want to repeat
- 11 that, at the very least, the comments should be included
- in the report correspondence to the Police
- 13 Commissioner from the agency about the draft
- 14 report, and whatever written response you get back
- 15 about that from the department. It's a standard
- 16 auditing technique. I think it is only fair that the
- 17 public knows what the department has said to you before
- 18 you have finalized the report.
- 19 The other thing about reports and recommendations is
- 20 last year, Tony raised the question a basic question that
- 21 shouldn't the agency be doing more policy work?
- 22 I think there's more money now that is connected
- 23 to the APU. I have yet to hear a discussion
- 24 about the new policy issues and I hope
- 25 that they have not fallen off the radar.

- 1 And, then, the final thing, that does relate to
- 2 the trespass arrest business. So, at the last
- 3 meeting, there was a presentation about the
- 4 Board's analysis of the trespass arrest complaints
- 5 and the trespass stop arrest complaints. I
- 6 understand there's a whole new process for the
- 7 department. I just want to say, very strongly
- 8 there needs to be a further public discussion.
- 9 I will repeat this request that I made for
- 10 this report and for every report that is
- 11 done by the CCRB on this issue should be
- 12 made public and should be made public sooner as
- 13 opposed to later. Thank you.
- 14 BISHOP TAYLOR: I have one note for the
- 15 record that I do have an outreach committee made
- 16 up of board members and we have already
- 17 discussed--and board members have gone out in
- 18 the past to these outreach events and we planning
- 19 for 2013 to more visible as a committee .
- 20 CHAIRMAN CHU: And, just for the record, at this
- 21 point in time, there is no report on patrolled
- 22 housing. There are numbers, updated statistical
- 23 numbers. But, there is no report or any
- 24 recommendation. Just so we're clear. All
- 25 right?

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