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EHS-B224: Oh, okay.

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EHS-B224: Good afternoon, everyone. My name is Sonia Merchant-Jones, and I want to welcome all of you to the 2025 Johns Hopkins Police Accountability Board on this beautiful October afternoon.

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EHS-B224: I will be introducing the board members, but before that, I'll just give a little bit about myself. I am a community person who represents the Homewood campus. Now to the introductions of our wonderful board members.

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EHS-B224: Ed Congethy, you... well, first, let me just say, everyone gets at least one to two minutes to introduce themselves, to tell you a little bit about who they are and why they serve, as much or as little as they like. First is Edward Kenethi.

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Ed Kangethe: Good evening. Thank you, Ms. Sonya.

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Ed Kangethe: My name, as someone said, my name is Ed McGethey, and I am the community member

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Ed Kangethe: From the East Baltimore campus, and I'll pass it to the next member.

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EHS-B224: Next is Sabrina Harris from Mount Vernon.

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EHS-B224: Good evening, my name is Sabrina Harris, and I am a resident of the Mount Vernon community, and I am here representing the Mount Vernon Belvedere Community Association to share information, to get feedback to bring back to the board.

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EHS-B224: Next, Sam Johnson.

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EHS-B224: It is not here yet.

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EHS-B224: Sam is not here with us, just yet. When he gets here, then you will go back to, Sam. April Waring?

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EHS-B224: Hi, everyone. My name is April Warren. I am serving as the current board chair. I also reside in the East Baltimore community, and I am happy to be here with all of you tonight.

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EHS-B224: Dr. Elizabeth Hazel is not with us, this afternoon. Dr. Penasis Galiastos.

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EHS-B224: He's not signed in yet.

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EHS-B224: Dr. Daniel Webster.

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Daniel Webster: Hi, good evening. I'm Daniel Webster. I'm a professor in the School of Public Health.

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Daniel Webster: And also part of the Center for Gun Violence Solutions. I'm relatively new to the JHU Police Accountability Board, and recently got connected as co-chair of the Policy Committee.

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Daniel Webster: I believe the next on our list is Laura.

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EHS-B224: Hi, and good evening. My name is Laura Rossi. I am, the HR Director for the Peabody Institute of the Johns Hopkins University, serving as a staff representative.

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EHS-B224: Natasha Ortiz-Fortierre.

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EHS-B224: Good evening, everyone. I'm Natasha Ortiz-Fortier. I work at the Bloomberg Center for Public Innovation as a Senior Advisor. I serve as the staff representative on the Johns Hopkins University Police Accountability Board.

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EHS-B224: This is my first annual meeting, so I am public meeting, and I'm very excited to, learn here and through this process. Thank you.

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EHS-B224: Next, we have Dr. Sumana Gondol. Hi, good evening. I am Sumana. I am a preventive medicine resident physician here at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. This is also my first, annual Police Accountability Board meeting with the public, and

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EHS-B224: I'm here to represent, the public health angle through serving as co-chair for the Policy Committee, as well as the Governance Committee.

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EHS-B224: Next, we have Isabel Chung. Hi, good evening, everyone. My name is Isabel. I'm an undergraduate student at the Homewood campus, and I'm representing that student body. This is also my first annual public meeting, and I'm very happy to be here.

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EHS-B224: Next, Jonathan Aguilar.

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EHS-B224: Hi everyone, I'm Johnny Aguilar, and I'm here on behalf of the... on behalf of all undergraduates. I'm in my second year, and I look forward to being here.

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EHS-B224: Yuli Wang is absent, and so I thank all of the board members for their introductions. I would like to turn the meeting over to Board Vice Chair Sabrina Harris.

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EHS-B224: Good evening, thank you, Solda.

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EHS-B224: So, I would, like to, turn the... turn the meeting over to, well, first introduce our Madam Chair, April Warren.

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EHS-B224: As she has stated earlier, she resides in East Baltimore Community and has been following the creation of the John Hopkins Police Academy Accountability Board since she moved to Baltimore in 2021.

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EHS-B224: So I would like to, introduce April Wareon to you, and I'll turn it over to you, Madam President.

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EHS-B224: Thank you, Sabrina. I appreciate you, and I appreciate everybody for joining the meeting here tonight. So as you've noticed, we're going to do a short introduction, with a

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EHS-B224: about the board, what the board does, and our roles, and then we will be handing the, vast majority of this meeting over to the public for their, their comment for our annual public meeting. So first, I will be joining it over... turning this over to, Dr. Daniel Webster, who is going to be speaking to you about the, board

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EHS-B224: Structure and authority.

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EHS-B224: Dr. Berkson.

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Daniel Webster: Yeah, you probably have some sense of the structure, just having met many of our board members, but we have a total of 14 members.

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Daniel Webster: The 10 members, 10 of these 15 members are, Johns Hopkins students, faculty, and staff. This includes at least one member of J2's Black Faculty and Staff Association.

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Daniel Webster: 5 members of the Baltimore City community that are not affiliated with the university.

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Daniel Webster: Of these, one is appointed by the mayor of Baltimore, one by the city council president.

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Daniel Webster: One community member, from Homewood, one from East Baltimore, and one member from Peabody.

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Daniel Webster: That's our basic board structure.

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Daniel Webster: And I am going to hand it over to John Aguilar, who is going to,

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Daniel Webster: Talk a little bit about our statutory role.

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EHS-B224: Thank you so much, Dr. Webster. JHPD, the Accountability Board's statutory role, consists of sharing community feedback directly with JHPD leadership.

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EHS-B224: Reviewing JHPD metrics involving crime, assessing current and prospective department policies, procedures, and training to provide recommendations for improvement.

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EHS-B224: Without further ado, I'll turn it over to Jarrell Bratcher.

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EHS-B224: And I apologize, Jarrell did not get a chance to introduce himself, so Jarrell, go ahead, you can introduce yourself as well. It's okay. Oh, it's all good. Superl Brancher, my, what, second time?

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EHS-B224: With engaging in the, the annual public meeting, serve as a, staff, representative, on the board.

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EHS-B224: I'll just briefly, touch on the meeting objectives and the rules of engagement.

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EHS-B224: And so we just ask everyone to, you know, abide by the following rules and...

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EHS-B224: Respect, give space, to everyone, who wishes to participate and engage with us through this, mechanism today. And, allowing one person to speak at a time.

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EHS-B224: limited comments and questions to 2 minutes each. There will be a timer, and the mics will be muted beyond 2 minutes, and let's, keep it civil and avoid, name-calling, slander, and any,

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EHS-B224: you know, slurs are otherwise meaning, languages, or, anything of that sort. And we ask that everyone be willing to listen and fully engage, cordially converse, with those, who answer, questions.

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EHS-B224: And, as pertains to any recommendations that folks, bring forth, I now turn it over to my fellow board member, Natasha.

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EHS-B224: Do I have to unmute? No, you just... Yeah, I have it.

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EHS-B224: Thank you, Jarrell. The JHU Police Accountability Board, roles and responsibilities. We serve as a source... serve as a resource. Excuse me one second. Thank you. Okay.

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EHS-B224: We serve as a resource to enable community members to share community concerns regarding the police departments, directly with police leadership, review police department metrics involving crime.

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EHS-B224: And review current and prospective police department policies, procedures, and training.

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EHS-B224: And I'll hand it over to Dr. Suma Kundam.

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EHS-B224: To continue our discussion here,

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EHS-B224: Whether we provide recommendations and feedback on existing police department policies and practices, including police department standards for hiring and recruitment, as well as propose ideas and provide recommendations for improving police department policies, procedures, performance, and including ideas for community-based public safety initiatives. Now, I will hand this meeting back over to our chair, April.

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EHS-B224: Awesome, thank you so much, Dr. Condel. So, we are going to the, next slide, which is the JHPD

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EHS-B224: Leadership?

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EHS-B224: Perfect. All right, so, we have our current, JHPD leadership, in charge, we have Dr. Branville Bard, who's the Vice President of Public Safety and Chief of Police. Monique Brown is the first Deputy Chief, for Operations.

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EHS-B224: Shane Buckwall-Nichols, Deputy Chief for... investigations.

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EHS-B224: Looking forward to spring 2026, the dimmer will be, turned on, so JHPD will move to 24-7 operations, and they hope to be completely, fully staffed within 1-2 years.

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EHS-B224: Also, oh, and I apologize, we also have, Monique Brown is the...

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EHS-B224: Deputy Chief for Operations. The PAL, the, Police Athletic League, launched, at Collington Square Elementary School, so they started doing some programming there.

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EHS-B224: And as of right now, there are 27 total employees, 24 officers, and 3 non-sworn civilians, and the, PAL director has been hired. So this is,

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EHS-B224: just a general, JHPD update, in the annual report, which you can also access as, been released as well.

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EHS-B224: So now, we are going to be introducing it over to the, each committee. Each committee is going to give a brief update. And so first, I'm going to hand it over to, Dr. Panague, who also did not get a chance to introduce himself.

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EHS-B224: So if you would like to do that, Dr. Panagues, just introduce yourself, and then, you can check out the, data, board report slide.

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Panagis Galiatsatos: Yes, no, thank you, and thank you for allowing me to join last minute. I'm just still caught in traffic as I left the hospital to try to get home. Nice to meet you all. I'm Panagiscalos. I'm an associate professor in medicine and oncology at Johns Hopkins. I'm representing the faculty.

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Panagis Galiatsatos: But also know I'm born and raised in East Baltimore, specifically, around the Highlandtown area. So I... I feel like I can have a duality of both

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Panagis Galiatsatos: Baltimore City Citizen and Hopkins employee at the same time. So, an honor to be here. Thank you.

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EHS-B224: And if you could just, so the,

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EHS-B224: the data committee, their role is to analyze and propose recommendations based off of regularly reported crime and police conduct data. They aim for transparency in policing metrics and support, to support accountability to community. So one of the things that the data committee is going to be working on this coming year is, deciding what actual data they are

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EHS-B224: hoping to get back from Hopkins, and then how they're going to report it back. And so one of those things is the dashboard, which is in its very early infancy stage, but that will soon be available... well,

maybe not soon, but it will eventually be available to the public once it's worked out. But if you would like to look at the current data that the Johns Hopkins Police Department has, all that is also in the

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EHS-B224: Annual report.

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EHS-B224: So, next, we have the, Governance Committee, and so that is, my, dear friend, Dr. Sumana Kondal. I'll have you,

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EHS-B224: Share with the governance?

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EHS-B224: Yes, thank you, April. So, for our committee, our main role is to analyze and propose recommendations based on the JHPD adherence to both state and local laws, specifically the Community Safety and Strengthening Act, which established the JHPD.

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EHS-B224: Awesome. Beryl, do you have anything to add as co-chair?

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EHS-B224: He's all good. All right, moving on, we'll have the, Policy Committee, and that will bring us back to, Dr. Daniel Webster and, Dr. Sumana Kondal as, co-chairs.

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Daniel Webster: Yeah, hi. Just very simply, the, role of this committee, the policy committee, is to analyze and propose, analyze existing

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Daniel Webster: JHPD policies, and also proposed policy recommendations to improve

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Daniel Webster: how the police department functions. Of course, we're very eager to get ideas about how to improve those policies, and hope that this discussion tonight will inform that.

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EHS-B224: Wonderful, thank you so much. And for the, training committee, we have our co-chairs, Laura Rossi and Natasha Ortiz-Goutier. And our

role is to analyze and propose training recommendations to improve the function of the JHUP.

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EHS-B224: And Lauren, would you like to share about, the trainings and things that we've been doing so far this year?

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EHS-B224: Sure, so, we've had the opportunity...

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EHS-B224: To actually participate, in...

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EHS-B224: training sessions, that Bill provided to, officers, provided the opportunity for us to hear, listen, and participate in each of these, trainings.

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EHS-B224: And actually actively provide feedback, to allow for, improvement, including clarity.

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EHS-B224: And then also anything that we felt may have been mis... I think the... the...

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EHS-B224: the training content itself. So it's a great opportunity for us.

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EHS-B224: Perfect, awesome. Thank you so much, Laura. And last but not least, we have our Community Engagement Committee, which is co-chaired by Ms. Sonya Merchant-Jones and Sabrina Harris.

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EHS-B224: Good evening, again. So, the purpose of the Community Engagement, Committee, of which I am the, Vice Chair with Ms. Sonya Jones, who,

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EHS-B224: I expect to be receiving some training in this area to assist with this committee. But our role is to analyze and propose recommendations to improve the relationship

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EHS-B224: of the JHPD and the Baltimore community to which it serves. We engage with community stakeholders to solicit feedback.

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EHS-B224: So we are thankful to everyone who, are out and here with us today, so that we can...

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EHS-B224: Hear what the, community, might you have feedback on.

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EHS-B224: And, I'll... And then... And then Sonya. Alrighty, and as a long-time board member, and,

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EHS-B224: chairing this, co-chair, now co-chairing, the Community Engagement Committee. It has always been, our goal to interact

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EHS-B224: with those in the community. And we look forward to doing that by being invited in

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EHS-B224: to your board meetings. And so, we're in the new stage of doing that, and so I hope to hear from you all soon. I hope to get an invitation soon, and we'll come in and we'll have conversation with you. Thank you.

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EHS-B224: turning it back over to Madam Chair. All right, awesome. Thank you so much, everyone, and I know, many of you are eager to, give your feedback, and so please, submit your questions via the chat, or, raise your hand to, to speak. Our,

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EHS-B224: illustrious Calvin will be, sharing, some questions and, promoting those folks who would like, to be, a panelist. And so, when you are chosen, you will get 2 minutes to speak.

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EHS-B224: If you would like a response, please let us know. We will answer everything that we can in real time. Those questions that we

cannot answer, everything will be recorded, and we will, then, be answering those in a larger document later. Additionally.

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EHS-B224: If you do not wish to receive a response, that is absolutely fine, and we will, move on to the next, person.

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EHS-B224: Alright.

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EHS-B224: Well, thank you, everybody, and... We will be looking for our first question.

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EHS-B224: And so...

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Public Safety: And the first person who raised their hand, I am adding them to you now.

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EHS-B224: Perfect, thank you.

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EHS-B224: And Lara and Jarrell, sorry, if I could just have you guys move down this way? What was this? Yeah, just because when the video picks up that way, it, like...

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EHS-B224: all your head. Not that I would just be me, but it's...

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EHS-B224: Hello, Ms. Floyd.

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Joan Floyd: Hello, this is not a question, this is testimony. Johns Hopkins University still refuses, after more than 3 years, to publish jurisdiction maps that comply with the boundary limitations that are set forth in state law.

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Joan Floyd: Baltimore citizens are not safe with a JHU private police force that refuses to limit itself to statutory jurisdictional boundaries.

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Joan Floyd: Those who say they support having a private JHU police force don't know where those police are supposed to be contained, and where they're not supposed to operate. Their support is meaningless. You can't support what you haven't been given the opportunity to understand. This jurisdictional boundary issue has been raised time and again, and has supposedly been looked into by this body, but absolutely nothing has come of it.

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Joan Floyd: It is clear that this body is unable to serve the interests of Baltimore citizens, and can only serve the interests of J-2, which chooses most of the members, and has even placed someone from its communications, i.e. propaganda division, on this body.

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Joan Floyd: 2. State law mandates at least one annual public meeting, quote, to seek input on police department policies, procedures, and training from community members of Baltimore City, end quote. Tonight's meeting cannot serve that statutory purpose because of truly inadequate publicity that relied on private emails instead of public notices. The information that tonight is your only night this year to express your concerns on the

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Joan Floyd: public record about JHU's private police, and here's how to do it, just wasn't put out there for the public. Again, this serves the interests of JHU.

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EHS-B224: Thank you, Ms. Floyd.

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EHS-B224: So, Susan Kimos?

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EHS-B224: That ends... Okay, steps.

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EHS-B224: Hello, Suzanne...

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Suzanne Roos: I'm sorry, I hadn't realized that I was the person being called upon.

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Suzanne Roos: My name's Suzanne Roos. I've taught at Hopkins for more than 30 years. I live about a block from the patrol area.

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Suzanne Roos: Early on the morning of May 8th this year, when a group of students tried to set up a pro-Palestinian encampment on campus, Dr. Bard and a group of campus police officers told them that since their protest involved setting up a tent, it was defined as illegal by the university's policy on open spaces. The officers ended up pulling down the tents.

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Suzanne Roos: enforcing the students to disperse. When a smaller group of students from the same organization came to campus later that same day to demonstrate, they weren't permitted to do so. The smaller group had told the Hopkins newsletter later that they hadn't been planning to set up an encampment.

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Suzanne Roos: Didn't that mean that their protest was perfectly lawful? When asked about this during a public meeting, Dr. Bard said no, that he felt that the second protest could be understood to be an extension of the first one.

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Suzanne Roos: When asked how the Hopkins Police defined an encampment, he said, well, it depends, saying something to the effect that even if they didn't have a tent, even if they weren't putting up a structure, the protests could still be understood to be an encampment.

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Suzanne Roos: I have to confess, that logic just doesn't make a lot of sense to me. But in any case, once a demonstration has been ruled to be illegal by the Hopkins Police.

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Suzanne Roos: The final policies state that the Hopkins Police can give a dispersal order, and once they give a dispersal order, if the people addressed don't leave, the policy allows for the Hopkins Police to arrest them for trespassing. That's a criminal charge.

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Suzanne Roos: Whether, even if they're not Hopkins students. At a time when the Trump administration appears to have used records of things like minor traffic violations as a pretext for revoking people's visa.

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Suzanne Roos: That's something that would put international students at a terrible risk.

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Suzanne Roos: Does the Hopkins Police Accountability Board plan to look into the question of whether this interpretation of Hopkins policy is legitimate, and on whether the officers were justified in ordering the second group of protesters to disperse?

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Suzanne Roos: Thank you.

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EHS-B224: Thank you, Suzanne.

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Public Safety: So, you all are welcome to answer that question, because we do not have anyone else who has, made interest that they wanted to speak.

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Public Safety: So, if anybody else wants to speak, please raise your hand.

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00:25:37.550 --> 00:25:41.329

EHS-B224: Can I jump in?

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Daniel Webster: Yes, so, I appreciate you raising this question, Suzanne. It's an important one with important consequences, as you identified. This is something that, I think probably should be, a priority for our

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Daniel Webster: review.

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Daniel Webster: And, I'm, again, appreciative of you raising this.

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EHS-B224: That's...

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EHS-B224: Thank you so much. So, Suzanne, we will, be taking the transcript of your, of your question, and then be working, working out an answer for you, working to find out an answer for you.

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EHS-B224: after the meeting is over. Gabrielle Dean says, I would like to speak, but I'm not sure how to get recognition to do so.

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Suzanne Roos: Oh, thank you!

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Public Safety: So, she... I will add her after, Nike.

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EHS-B224: Okay, alright, night... should I... I got?

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Nike Carstarphen: Hi, can you hear me?

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Public Safety: Yes.

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EHS-B224: Yes.

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Nike Carstarphen: Hi, my name's Nika Karstarfin. I live about a block from the Homewood campus, and right behind the,

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Nike Carstarphen: public safety office on 30th Street. I had two questions. One, has crime increased or decreased on Hopkins campuses and the immediate surrounding areas since the police department started working? And the purpose of my question is, that was the whole reason for having the private police department in the first place. My second question is, do you track

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Nike Carstarphen: your recommendations and ideas that you come up with, or that the public brings to you, and submit those to the police department, and then also track what their responses are in terms of whether or not they adopt the recommendations or ideas, or discuss them, or what happens. Because if these bodies are going to be

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Nike Carstarphen: you know, spread out over months, or, you know, it would be helpful for the community and for an accountability perspective to actually have some tracking mechanism that is available to the public to see where these issues stand. Joan Floyd already mentioned that she'd raised an issue and feels that that has not been responded to, so it would be helpful to know what, you know.

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Nike Carstarphen: Is this just a check-the-box meeting, or is it, you know, an actual dialogue?

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Nike Carstarphen: Thank you.

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EHS-B224: Alright, and so Jarrell said he would like to answer? Yeah, that,

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EHS-B224: I think, we have someone to answer.

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EHS-B224: The first question.

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EHS-B224: The second question, that you posed, the answer to that is, yes, yes, and yes. We've been doing that throughout the process, starting, with the initial engagement.

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EHS-B224: And then feedback around the policies, and having feedback loops along the way that individuals and members of the community

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EHS-B224: have raised in a number of our meetings that were held, on a monthly basis, throughout the year, and so taking that feedback.

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EHS-B224: folding it into our own, and many of those have already been adopted. Now, in terms of a tracking mechanism.

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EHS-B224: Not quite sure to that point, but, if you go to the policy website, like, for instance, within, most of the policies, our feedback, were implemented, I would want to say, you know, north of, 83%-ish or so, or 85% of the feedback that was given.

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Public Safety: What's that?

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EHS-B224: Oh, okay, 88%, that was, given and made by the Police Accountability Board, so we've had a great response, at least from my perspective.

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EHS-B224: in terms of implementa- implementation and adoption of recommendations, idea, thoughts, and feedback that we've had between, both, police department, public safety, because Dr. Bard is over both, entities, so...

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EHS-B224: Did I miss anything? I don't think so. And then just, lastly, the other, recommendations, I can... I mean, we can talk about it as a... as a group, but if there's a way to, publicly share our recommendations, we can...

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EHS-B224: You know, absolutely look into doing that so that we can

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EHS-B224: track those over time. Those recommendations as... as board... as a board, that we...

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EHS-B224: Deliver, quarterly, so... I will make a note of that, thank you.

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Nike Carstarphen: Thank you.

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Public Safety: And just as a general statement, crime in Baltimore City is down, and crime in the areas around the three jurisdictional footprints, likewise, is down.

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00:30:46.950 --> 00:30:48.400

EHS-B224: Thank you, Calvin.

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EHS-B224: And Kevin, just to clarify, you're... you're...

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EHS-B224: Promoting people, yes? Or am I calling on people?

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Public Safety: I'm, I'm actually, doing it right now. Gabrielle.

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EHS-B224: Okay.

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Public Safety: The next person?

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EHS-B224: Go ahead. Gabrielle Dean?

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EHS-B224: There you go.

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Gabrielle Dean: Hi, thanks for taking my call. I guess, I want to second a couple of the comments that have been made already.

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Gabrielle Dean: First, I feel like saying that crime is down is not a satisfying answer. I'm really sorry, but we need a lot more specific data than that, and I think the idea of a public dashboard where we can see the types of incidents, where they occur, hopefully within the boundaries, as stated before.

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Gabrielle Dean: and how they were resolved, you know, that would be, I think, absolutely necessary for the actual reputable functioning of this accountability board, because as community members, we really... we don't have a lot of hard information to respond to.

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Gabrielle Dean: The other comment I would like to second is the one about the timing of the announcement of this meeting. I found out about it yesterday, and I was... we had one business day to register for this meeting, and that is really not adequate in terms of the...

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EHS-B224: Yeah, yeah.

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Gabrielle Dean: For purposes of this board, you know, in terms of its, you know, your legal requirements to,

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Gabrielle Dean: to be public. So here's my, I guess, my final kind of question.

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Gabrielle Dean: I have read in the news that the police... the Hopkins Police Force is gonna... by the way, I should say that I am both a community member who lives very close to the Homewood campus, and a staff member at Hopkins.

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Gabrielle Dean: And it is really with that second hat as a staff member that I'm asking this question. I've read in the news that the police force is going to be growing by 25 or 30 people?

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Gabrielle Dean: this year, and I'm... I'm kind of upset, because I didn't get a raise this year. You know, we're seeing cuts in all of our budgets. This is a moment of hiring freeze and incredible fiscal uncertainty.

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Gabrielle Dean: So, I'm just really curious about how this is gonna be paid for, and what's gonna justify... that's an astounding growth in the police force in one year. 25 to 30 hires is what I read in the news. So, I'd love to hear your comments about that. Thank you very much for taking my call.

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EHS-B224: Alright, thank you, Gabrielle. And so, the one...

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EHS-B224: to, to answer a portion of your question, the Clery data at, Clery data is available, on all... for all campus areas, and so that is data on crime in...

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EHS-B224: not just on the, campus, but the partial part of the surrounding campus area that is required by law. So that data is available, I believe under Crime Stats, under JH...

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EHS-B224: Public Safety on the Public Safety website, so that's available at any time. This, specific dashboard that we were speaking about, previously that is in the works, would be, for... specific to Johns Hopkins Police Department. And so if you wanted to, there would probably be a way to

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EHS-B224: look at, the Baltimore City map data and the Johns Hopkins Police Department data, but also all of the arrest

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EHS-B224: records, stops, pull, you know, pullover data, all of that is available in the annual report that was just released as well. And so that, that is,

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EHS-B224: kind of a partial answer to your... to your question about crime. Additionally, last year.

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EHS-B224: We stated at our annual meeting that the, police department, the dimmer switch, it was going to be a slow turn-on for the public to see the Johns Hopkins Police Department in full force. That was always going to be, targeted at 100% on.

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EHS-B224: by 2020...

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EHS-B224: 6, 2027. And so, this year would just be a continuation of that. And again, more information about that is also in the annual report. And so, while I can't speak to how it's going to be paid for, things like that, that is

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EHS-B224: for public safety. We, as the Accountability Board, deal with, you know, police.

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EHS-B224: conduct and policies, procedures, and giving feedback. So, thank you.

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EHS-B224: Oh, and drop, go ahead. And just to briefly add to the, the funding pieces, I know some of the folks who might be newer to us in the work,

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EHS-B224: the...

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EHS-B224: The funds for the police department are pre-allocated, so this isn't... that's not something new that's happening with the standing up of the police department with the initial MOU. There's a, separate

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EHS-B224: Calvin, correct me if I'm wrong, what, discretionary, non-discretionary accounts, so this is separate of, you know, what staff, you know, may see. So, hopefully, with you being a fellow staff like myself.

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EHS-B224: That'll be able to quell some rumors in that, you know, we've got some new monies that we're now taking and allocating, towards this effort.

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Public Safety: At this moment, I believe only one other person raised their hand, and Kush, I'm gonna allow you to talk if you still want to ask a question.

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EHS-B224: Oh, gosh, yeah. Got it, okay.

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kush rat: Hello? Push?

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EHS-B224: Hello, Push! Welcome!

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kush rat: Yeah, I want to reiterate the comments made by Joan Floyd earlier.

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kush rat: I sincerely hope that another proper attempt is made at holding what is supposed to be the state-mandated annual public input meeting, because this surely cannot satisfy that statutory requirement.

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kush rat: The lack of a public turnout for this meeting should not surprise anyone, given the fact that people were primarily invited via private emails. The majority of people who know about this meeting, its purpose, and how to provide input on the public record, only know so due to people who are unaffiliated with JHU.

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kush rat: who are opposed to the JHO private police. Another reason for the turnout is the fact that in-person attendance was voted down. If this were an in-person hybrid meeting, the turnout would likely look

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kush rat: Very different. So, if this is to be the annual public meeting, I can't imagine that the Maryland General Assembly would be satisfied.

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EHS-B224: Did you... did you want a response?

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EHS-B224: Oh, there isn't.

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Public Safety: I mean, any of you are welcome to respond if you want. Again, there's no one else who,

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Public Safety: Has any questions that are... is currently an attendee?

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EHS-B224: Perfect.

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EHS-B224: All right? And so, I mean, I, I will say, just number one, the text messages that, or the, the,

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EHS-B224: email that we got saying that it wasn't going to be a public meeting. I believe the people that are saying that watch all of our meetings and knew from, like, 2 months ago when we stated that this was going to be our annual public meeting.

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EHS-B224: as it is almost always in October, with the exception of last year when we had to postpone it. And so that's a little absurd to me, personally. Secondly, for the most part.

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EHS-B224: when you go to an annual public meeting, you don't always know how you're going to give feedback, but we have always offered feedback to people, at the end of it. So, it's a little absurd to me to think that you would not know that

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EHS-B224: just by showing up, you would be able to participate. I knew that as a brand new person before

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EHS-B224: the board was even, like, rolling as it is now. So, I can understand the disappointment, but to say it was select emails, it's the same email list that it's always been, and it's been posted publicly on the website, and those that are

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EHS-B224: interested in the Johns Hopkins Police Department already know that, and know to check that, and would know that before we even posted it, since all of our meetings are public, and you've seen it. So...

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EHS-B224: Sure.

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EHS-B224: And also, I mean, the... Jarrell here, I mean, I...

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EHS-B224: I'm sure many of you read the news stories or listen to it in the morning. I mean, typically when we host some of our meetings, one of them being the annual public meeting, which is one that we always host. I mean, all of our meetings are recorded.

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EHS-B224: I mean, that's shared out through news and media. I mean, there were two, news articles that were put out about it in LEED.

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EHS-B224: up to this meeting, and correct me if I'm wrong, I mean, even... the opportunity for the public to engage

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EHS-B224: have not just existed within the format of this annual public meeting, albeit the mechanism might not be a mechanism that, you know, some members or some folks in the community, you know, may like in that it's virtual, but it's not virtual and limited to only a few. It's open to all this call-in number, so on and so forth, but even

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EHS-B224: Some of our past, committee meetings we've invited, never asked for and allowed for comment and feedback.

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EHS-B224: Within... so I think the context of that is more so maybe the format, that it's, virtual as opposed to in-person. For those of you that were there at our last meeting, I mean.

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EHS-B224: You know, the context of what's been happening around this country with, you know, these politically motivated incidents, you know, positive and negative.

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EHS-B224: played a part into the decision to move this to a virtual format for the safety of not only us fellow members here, but also for the public and with being in public spaces, so it was the best, you know, format and modality.

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EHS-B224: I, I do hope.

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EHS-B224: I'm sure if you all go back and listen to, which I'm... I don't want to assume that many folks don't, you know, that we may get to that point, or back on that path to be able to do

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EHS-B224: an in-person engagement. I'm sure, you know, I can say this from talking with my fellow, you know, board members around the table.

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EHS-B224: that everyone feels the same thing, same way and same thing, but it's just, you know, it has to be a time and space that feels, you know, safe, right, and appropriate for everybody to be able to do so. I love to be sitting in people's living rooms and having these conversations, but... Thank you, Joe.

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EHS-B224: Alright, awesome. Nick, or Nika? I'm sorry, has...

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Public Safety: And Kush has a follow-up, it looks like.

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EHS-B224: Oh, go ahead. Kush, go ahead.

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kush rat: Yeah, I mean, I want to push back against the idea that this really was... anywhere,

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kush rat: close to being adequate, because you say people...

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kush rat: who know, who are already in the loop, can find it. Well, it's...

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kush rat: It's... that's not really the same thing as publicizing.

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kush rat: You would have to go to the website, the public safety website, and then go to the JHPD section, then go to the accountability board section, then go to the meeting section, then open the agenda, and it

says Feedback Session at the end of the agenda. That's how you find out about this, and I wouldn't have known if my friend hadn't have told me.

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kush rat: So, I don't want to push back against the idea, and we can debate about this, but at the end of the day, it'll be up to the General Assembly to determine if it's satisfactory.

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00:43:30.140 --> 00:43:44.449

EHS-B224: Okay, thank you. Do you have any recommendations? I would like to offer that as a follow-up question. So, Chris, we appreciate your comments. With that, we'll welcome any recommendations you might have. We're open.

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kush rat: Well...

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EHS-B224: Well, could you modem back up, Cal?

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Public Safety: Oh, he's... he's still... he's still active.

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EHS-B224: Okay.

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kush rat: I mean, there...

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kush rat: a lot of ways to publicize a meeting. You can send a university-wide email, you can post on your social media, you can make it easier to find on your website.

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00:44:07.200 --> 00:44:08.480

kush rat: Aww.

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kush rat: You can try any of those things, and you can also provide the purpose of the meeting on the page itself, not

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00:44:15.960 --> 00:44:18.149

kush rat: You know, hidden in the agenda.

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EHS-B224: It does say annual meeting. Yeah, it says annual meeting. It says annual meeting above it. When you actually click on the tab, the radio tab.

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EHS-B224: Even before that, it says online meeting.

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EHS-B224: Because all of our banks are listed on there. Yeah.

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EHS-B224: I mean, I checked today. So this wasn't... this... this is not, like, a surprise, like, we got you, you know, a date out of the blue. I mean, we pretty much had this date... Thank you. Well, I mean... I got it, I got it. Out of the blue.

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EHS-B224: Is there... There's, go ahead. A male...

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00:44:57.200 --> 00:45:00.519

EHS-B224: Oh, I'm sorry. Oh, emo. Emma.

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Emil Volcheck: Hello, good evening, everyone. Amel Volchek here, representing the ABLE Improvement Association. Some of you may know this, but some of you are new. The ABLE Improvement Association

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Emil Volcheck: community, in the neighborhood between Guilford and Green Mount.

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Emil Volcheck: west to east, and between 29th and 33rd Streets, south to north, plus the 3300 block of Able. ABLE Improvement Association officially opposes the Johns Hopkins University Police Department. Our membership voted against it in 2019, and has repeatedly reaffirmed our position. We're one of five neighborhoods around the Homewood campus that opposes the Johns Hopkins University Police Department.

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Emil Volcheck: And, there's not one neighborhood association around Homewood that does.

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Emil Volcheck: In fact, several this year have called for a City Council public hearing on the Johns Hopkins University Police Department, including the Charles Village Civic Association, Waverly Improvement, Able, and Harwood.

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Emil Volcheck: So, I'd like to share some of the reasons why we oppose the Hopkins Police Department.

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EHS-B224: Come on.

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Emil Volcheck: First, crime has been decreasing in our community. This is reported by the Banner, the Charles Village Community Benefits District, even Mayor Brandon Scott told President Trump that a reason for not bringing federal troops to Baltimore is because crime is going down, and there's no need for it.

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Emil Volcheck: A new private armed police force is not necessary to make us sick.

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Emil Volcheck: And I would hope that the Police Accountability Board, the JHUPAB, would consider unarmed security as well. For example, Baltimore City Community College, a public institution with a sworn officer police department.

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Emil Volcheck: Unarmed. Loyola University. A private institution. Their police is unarmed.

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Emil Volcheck: A second reason is that the Johns Hopkins University Police Department is ultimately accountable to President Ron Daniels, who is not an elected official.

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Emil Volcheck: The, your body, as lovely people as you are, you... your bylaws, your authorities under state law do not actually give you actual authority to hold the Hopkins Police Department accountable.

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Emil Volcheck: And this is a serious concern because in the city of Baltimore, we already have a public police department that is more transparent and more accountable than what you're attempting to run.

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Emil Volcheck: Third.

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Emil Volcheck: JHUPD is competing with the Baltimore Police Department for new officers. I know that there's a limit in the MOU on transfers of more experienced officers, but in terms of new officers.

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Emil Volcheck: the Baltimore Police Department is trying to hire more officers in order to comply with the federal consent to decree. And you're... what you're doing is hurting this effort because you're competing and taking away some of those new hires.

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Emil Volcheck: So those are just some of the reasons, that I'd like to share, for you to consider, and to take this community input into account, and as your statutory obligation, to please convey that to leadership. And then I have one more question. I have a question that's directed to Gerald.

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Emil Volcheck: Gerald, you may remember last spring, we had some lengthy conversations about how the Police Accountability Board conducted proceedings and votes that were in violation of its bylaws. You said that you would convey that to the full board, but I haven't seen any corrective action on this, and so I was wondering if there's anything you have to offer

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Emil Volcheck: In response to this. And this really matters, because if Johns Hopkins University can't be trusted to enforce bylaws, how can it be trusted to enforce laws?

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00:48:57.460 --> 00:48:58.429

Emil Volcheck: Thank you.

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Public Safety: Go ahead and unmute yourselves, room.

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00:49:37.120 --> 00:49:54.539

EHS-B224: Can you hear us now? Can you hear us? Yes. Okay. Oh, okay. Yeah, I got the gist of Emma's question, and just wanted to stop. Yeah, but first, before, before you spot the minute, you say Coppin's police force is unarmed? They're actually armed?

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00:49:54.560 --> 00:50:08.089

EHS-B224: Comptons Police Force, along with Morgan State University. But, going back to that, I believe, Emma, you're talking about, the bylaws, updates, and changes that we had made, and,

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EHS-B224: There were a number of meetings that we had, more than one, between November, December, and what, and probably March.

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EHS-B224: Where we, discussed that at length about, you know, our...

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EHS-B224: respective, quorum numbers, and, you know, and we had, you know, those votes based on, you know, Robert's Rules of Order. We checked extensively to be able to make these, so, I mean.

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EHS-B224: So I've got the full faith of this board that we made those with best intention, and not only that, making sure that we had the relative or respective numbers for the proportion of board members that we, had, serving at that time, so...

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EHS-B224: I mean, I...

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Emil Volcheck: You and I went through the fractions, we did the math, remember? And it didn't add up.

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00:51:01.160 --> 00:51:07.890

EHS-B224: Mine's added up, Emma.

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00:51:08.600 --> 00:51:20.950

EHS-B224: Well, for the amount of board members that we had at the time, it was proportional to, you know, those, and it added up then and, you know, does now. I mean...

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00:51:21.700 --> 00:51:40.810

Emil Volcheck: Gerald, you are a great guy, I love your energy, but you're talking to a math PhD here from UCLA. So I know those numbers. But thank you. I hear your response. I don't agree with it, and I'm sorry to hear that, but you do you.

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00:51:42.220 --> 00:51:46.489

EHS-B224: I mean, if we could vote again on the fourth quarter, that amazing.

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00:51:47.080 --> 00:51:48.060

EHS-B224: Bingo.

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00:51:48.490 --> 00:51:53.289

EHS-B224: We have other folks with their hands up.

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00:51:54.030 --> 00:51:57.119

EHS-B224: Was it Joan... Joan Floyd?

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00:51:57.830 --> 00:51:59.769

Joan Floyd: Can you hear me now?

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00:52:00.110 --> 00:52:00.900

EHS-B224: Yes, yes.

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00:52:00.900 --> 00:52:19.920

Joan Floyd: Okay, so I just wanted to, elevate what was said by Kush about the, inadequacy of the, you know, just on that subject. It's... it's very simple, and to ask him for a recommendation is actually stunning, absolutely stunning, that this

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00:52:20.260 --> 00:52:29.589

Joan Floyd: A member of this board who works for JJU Communications would actually ask a member of the public how to publicize this meeting. Look, it's very.

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00:52:29.590 --> 00:52:30.520

EHS-B224: You didn't ask.

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Joan Floyd: It's easy to do this right.

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00:52:32.830 --> 00:52:47.860

Joan Floyd: You look at the statutory responsibility, look at what it says, that gives you the purpose of the meeting, you take that responsibility seriously, and you say, how do we get the greatest amount of input possible?

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00:52:47.860 --> 00:52:58.940

Joan Floyd: We do that by publicizing the meeting and telling people that they're going to be able to give input on the public record. And there are things called press releases.

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00:52:58.940 --> 00:53:00.180

EHS-B224: Is it fun?

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Joan Floyd: And there are things called

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Joan Floyd: press and media, and there are ways to do this, plus you have the website, and instead of being buried 5, 6 layers down in the website, you know, there's this thing on the website that says announcements, or new items, or whatever. My goodness, you have the JHU, the resources of JHU to publicize

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00:53:27.130 --> 00:53:31.910

Joan Floyd: this meeting. And so... It's really...

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00:53:31.910 --> 00:53:38.650

Joan Floyd: Simple, and you have all the means at your disposal. It was not done.

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00:53:38.820 --> 00:53:50.209

Joan Floyd: And it's... it's gonna be... it's a matter of public record that it wasn't done. So, that's what I just wanted to say. Elevate what Kush said, and in fact, you had a couple other people say the same thing.

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00:53:50.210 --> 00:53:51.240

EHS-B224: I hear you.

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00:53:51.240 --> 00:53:55.350

Joan Floyd: This is a time to listen and realize that that's exactly what happened.

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00:53:55.520 --> 00:53:56.470

Joan Floyd: Thank you.

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00:53:57.710 --> 00:54:00.990

EHS-B224: Thank you, Ms. Floyd. Did any... did anybody want to respond?

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00:54:02.130 --> 00:54:05.479

EHS-B224: We hear you. We appreciate your feedback.

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00:54:05.860 --> 00:54:12.390

EHS-B224: And I think we have... John, put us, I guess.

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00:54:15.030 --> 00:54:17.180

Public Safety: No, that's the same... that's the same raised hand.

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00:54:17.180 --> 00:54:23.079

EHS-B224: Gotcha, okay. I don't know if she was doing it. And I'm just slipping, I can only see...

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Daniel Webster: Can I, just very briefly,

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00:54:26.710 --> 00:54:30.800

Daniel Webster: say, I, I really appreciate the, the,

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00:54:31.340 --> 00:54:39.969

Daniel Webster: input on the communication about the meeting. I think, we're hearing that. I did,

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00:54:42.480 --> 00:54:44.120

EHS-B224: How are those...

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00:54:44.120 --> 00:54:48.649

Daniel Webster: regular communication that goes out through the School of Public Health. I just did that

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Daniel Webster: Simply because that's where I'm based, and I know the communications people,

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Daniel Webster: So... so maybe we can use similar sorts of mechanisms to...

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00:55:01.290 --> 00:55:08.630
Daniel Webster: Make this more, easier to... to find out about this.

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00:55:09.850 --> 00:55:10.510
EHS-B224: Hmm.

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00:55:11.900 --> 00:55:13.890
EHS-B224: Okay, thank you.

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00:55:19.200 --> 00:55:24.820
Public Safety: At this time, we have no more comments that I see.

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00:55:25.510 --> 00:55:30.290
Public Safety: And... no more hands up.

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00:55:30.690 --> 00:55:33.989
Public Safety: And so, Madam Chair, I just wanted to let you know that.

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00:55:35.270 --> 00:55:36.480
EHS-B224: Alright.

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00:55:36.480 --> 00:55:38.040
Public Safety: Wait, wait, wait, wait, wait, wait.

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00:55:38.040 --> 00:55:39.240
EHS-B224: And now?

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00:55:39.240 --> 00:55:39.880
Public Safety: Yep.

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00:55:40.290 --> 00:55:56.790
Emil Volcheck: I'm here with Sean, and I'd like to turn this over to, turn this over to him. Could you introduce yourself, Sean? Oh, yeah, hi, I'm Sean Hare, I'm an alumni and a resident in Oakenshaw, like, on the edge of the proposed boundary.

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00:55:57.520 --> 00:56:10.149
Emil Volcheck: I feel like you didn't really address both Kush's point and Amel's point, either of them fully. On Monday night, you didn't have the link

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00:56:10.540 --> 00:56:16.170

Emil Volcheck: To register for the meeting on the website, until people emailed you.

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00:56:16.410 --> 00:56:35.080

Emil Volcheck: And then you put up, like, the morning after, but it's your job... it's your state-mandated job to make it accessible to attend this meeting for the public. You didn't just... you just didn't sort of do it until people said, hey, you forgot to do your state-mandated requirement to make this actually a publicly accessible meeting.

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00:56:35.380 --> 00:56:45.340

Emil Volcheck: And also now, this question with the bylaws, like, this is a very clear map, you just didn't have enough people in February for that... that vote. I... I don't know...

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Emil Volcheck: it's... it's just really simple. It's... you need... I think it was, like, is it 2 thirds, 3 fourths, I think?

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00:56:52.030 --> 00:56:52.560

EHS-B224: Thank you.

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00:56:52.880 --> 00:57:05.680

Emil Volcheck: It's just, you need to... you just... you didn't have enough people to do that, to change that rule in the bylaws at that meeting. It's... we looked at the meeting notes, you didn't have enough people in attendance that voted. It's really simple.

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00:57:05.800 --> 00:57:09.169

Emil Volcheck: I don't know why y'all are trying to make it, like, oh, it's...

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Emil Volcheck: it's more complicated than that. It's actually not that complicated, it's really simple.

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Emil Volcheck: Both these things, and you sort of deflected from both those questions.

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Emil Volcheck: I don't have anything to say about that, I just feel like these meetings are just y'all deflecting from every single, like, legitimate criticism that someone brings.

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00:57:26.490 --> 00:57:28.429

EHS-B224: You got it. Huh.

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00:57:29.300 --> 00:57:42.010

EHS-B224: Right. And so, I mean, all I can say is the registration link went out via email, and it wasn't... and it was on the agenda, but it wasn't... no, it wasn't on the agenda, but it went out via email, so... so to the...

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00:57:42.130 --> 00:57:52.300

EHS-B224: 400-something people that I emailed it to, including community association representatives and things like that, who we always depend on to

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EHS-B224: you know, disseminate it as well.

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00:57:56.950 --> 00:58:10.839

EHS-B224: you know, I apologize, I... we will look into other ways of disseminating it further, but I, you know, I... I gotta be honest, this very particular group of people that are complaining about it.

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00:58:11.370 --> 00:58:21.290

EHS-B224: Joan Floyd literally tweeted about the annual meeting being October 15th, September 17th. So while you're saying the general public didn't know.

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00:58:22.510 --> 00:58:25.229

EHS-B224: Sure, but you all did.

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00:58:25.600 --> 00:58:26.779

EHS-B224: Every single one of you.

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00:58:27.940 --> 00:58:28.770

EHS-B224: I'm not...

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00:58:29.630 --> 00:58:34.859

Emil Volcheck: People are supposed to go about your meeting from Jones Floyd Twitter? Is that how people are supposed to find out about this meeting?

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00:58:34.860 --> 00:58:36.940

EHS-B224: Did you... did you hear what I said?

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00:58:37.160 --> 00:58:42.680

EHS-B224: I said the people that are on the... that... the very specific people that have this argument.

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00:58:43.550 --> 00:58:57.220

EHS-B224: would have found out about it from Joan Floyd's Twitter. Absolutely. Or from watching the meeting. And if you didn't, we also have emails. I believe some of you are also on our email distribution list.

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00:58:57.400 --> 00:59:05.069

EHS-B224: So, if there... while there are other ways that we can do these things, And we will pursue them.

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00:59:05.730 --> 00:59:17.409

EHS-B224: I don't... I don't think that the... the charge that we're not making it public or announcing it is fair, especially considering it's the same way we've done it for the past

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00:59:17.610 --> 00:59:20.380

EHS-B224: 4 years, 5 years, and this is the...

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00:59:21.870 --> 00:59:38.240

EHS-B224: exact same annual meeting in October. Go ahead. Yeah, I'll just add that, like, as a board, we obviously always strive for improvement, and in this given instance, it's... from my understanding, this is my first annual meeting. From my understanding, it's a system that's been in place

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00:59:38.240 --> 00:59:46.670

EHS-B224: But we want... we have this meeting in order to receive feedback to improve on those systems, and to put out better things for the general public.

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00:59:46.670 --> 00:59:54.990

EHS-B224: So, thank you for your concerns. We will... we duly take note. Thank you. And I see, with...

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EHS-B224: So sorry. Wisdom? Aladala?

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01:00:00.850 --> 01:00:04.089

EHS-B224: Did I say the correct word? Yeah, listen. There you go.

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01:00:04.740 --> 01:00:06.989

Wisam Awadallah: with Sam, we've met multiple times, April.

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01:00:07.160 --> 01:00:09.080

Wisam Awadallah: okay.

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01:00:09.080 --> 01:00:09.650

EHS-B224: Damn.

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01:00:10.080 --> 01:00:13.100

Wisam Awadallah: Yeah, I... sorry, I... just to reiterate.

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01:00:13.350 --> 01:00:22.600

Wisam Awadallah: I guess one for the member of... I believe you're the undergraduate member of the committee? Sorry, I don't know your name, I know you're new to the board.

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01:00:22.630 --> 01:00:40.069

Wisam Awadallah: Just for a little background as to why I'm also concerned about this, there has been a history of these community meetings being inaccessible, or I understand that April is concerned about a particular group of people, which is shorthand for people critical of the police.

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01:00:40.070 --> 01:00:43.970

EHS-B224: attending, but...

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01:00:44.010 --> 01:00:46.049

Wisam Awadallah: There is a history of...

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01:00:46.210 --> 01:01:01.790

Wisam Awadallah: a lack of accountability within the board itself, and a history of a lack of transparency within the board itself. I had to email you guys because you weren't posting meeting minutes as... on your website. By the way, you still haven't.

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01:01:01.820 --> 01:01:16.119

Wisam Awadallah: meeting transcripts don't fit the requirements of meeting minutes. I don't understand the hostility to people telling you you are not doing a great job of communicating this to the community, because somebody else tweeted this out.

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01:01:16.120 --> 01:01:34.900

Wisam Awadallah: that doesn't fulfill your responsibility to do this, because we know about it, because we're plugged into this, and because we're concerned about it, does not negate your responsibility to communicate things under the law. And honestly, just from a logistical point of view, if you actually are concerned with,

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01:01:35.010 --> 01:01:36.900

Wisam Awadallah: Getting community feedback.

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01:01:37.090 --> 01:01:48.610

Wisam Awadallah: you don't get to pick and choose if that community feedback is nice and from who... from where it comes. That negates the point of getting community feedback. Sometimes it might hurt your feelings.

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01:01:48.610 --> 01:01:51.210

EHS-B224: That's what happened.

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01:01:52.320 --> 01:01:57.339

EHS-B224: Thank you. Very quickly. Go.

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01:01:58.110 --> 01:02:06.499

EHS-B224: Yeah, yeah. Go ahead. What's so many other, individual, I mean.

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01:02:06.500 --> 01:02:07.070

Wisam Awadallah: fan.

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01:02:07.070 --> 01:02:09.930

EHS-B224: Huh?

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01:02:10.690 --> 01:02:21.869

EHS-B224: Sorry, I said with him, but yeah, with Sam, sorry about that, sorry about that. Great to hear from you. We do have, and have had the minutes posted on the website.

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01:02:21.870 --> 01:02:22.410

Wisam Awadallah: You didn't...

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01:02:22.410 --> 01:02:22.729

EHS-B224: I bet.

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01:02:22.730 --> 01:02:23.859

Wisam Awadallah: During the minutes.

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01:02:24.470 --> 01:02:25.780

EHS-B224: Repeat that, huh?

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01:02:25.780 --> 01:02:33.840

Wisam Awadallah: the AI meeting transcripts are generated by ZMark minutes. They don't actually have names required. Like, there are requirements for what minutes constitute

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01:02:34.180 --> 01:02:46.279

Wisam Awadallah: They don't have a... they don't have... no, sorry, may I just clarify why I'm concerned about this? You have meeting minutes up until, I think, you don't have them for the last 3 meetings.

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01:02:46.280 --> 01:03:04.280

Wisam Awadallah: Meeting minutes need to contain a record of who's attending and the agenda. If you have... take roll at the beginning, that AI transcript that is coming from Zoom does not actually transcribe that. So if you're relying on that and just posting it, that's not really fulfilling your responsibility to have meeting minutes up.

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01:03:06.170 --> 01:03:31.110

EHS-B224: We have the meeting minutes, like I was about to start off saying, for all of our meetings, that we've held, in the past, to date, up in, through September's, meeting. Again, that the communication that we share out about these meetings is also shared publicly. I know that the news and media also put out announcements

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01:03:31.110 --> 01:03:36.490

EHS-B224: About it, as with our previous meetings, and the one today, and last year.

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01:03:36.490 --> 01:03:43.360

Wisam Awadallah: 20th, September 4th, September 17th, do not have, do not have, minutes.

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01:03:43.360 --> 01:03:45.779

EHS-B224: Yeah, I'm looking... I'm looking right at it.

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01:03:45.780 --> 01:03:51.359

Wisam Awadallah: I am looking at the website, that's meeting transcript, meeting transcript, meeting transcript. The transcript.

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01:03:51.360 --> 01:03:57.540

EHS-B224: Well, it's a formality of terms. No, no, it's not a formality of terms, it's a legality. It's a legality.

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01:03:57.690 --> 01:04:21.789

EHS-B224: Thank you. Yeah, just two more seconds. And then also, I mean, last year, our attendance was, north of, like, 150 folks, and I believe last year, correct me if I'm wrong, wasn't that also online as well? Like, we did that online. So, I mean, I wouldn't say that necessarily attendance is a measure of our community

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01:04:21.790 --> 01:04:38.230

EHS-B224: engagement or dissemination of information. I mean, some folks do avail themselves to attend a particular meeting, and some don't, but we have a good amount of attendance at each of the board meetings that we have and host.

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01:04:38.230 --> 01:04:42.090

EHS-B224: which have been primarily, online.

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01:04:42.090 --> 01:04:45.249

Wisam Awadallah: May I briefly clarify just something about this meeting transcript?

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EHS-B224: Is it?

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01:04:46.100 --> 01:04:47.659

EHS-B224: Can you please mute him?

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01:04:48.540 --> 01:05:12.879

EHS-B224: Thank you. Additionally, our, email list is larger than it was, last year, and I also did invite press. I did not do a press release, but there were at least, two people that were... were done that. If you would like to get, public safety emails, notifications, things like that, additionally, you can also sign up for the mailing list.

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01:05:12.950 --> 01:05:21.729

EHS-B224: Suzanne Bruce asked, explain how you constituted the email list. It's the same, from last year, so people that, sign up to get.

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01:05:21.730 --> 01:05:33.010

EHS-B224: Email lists, there are community associations that also get on the list. City Council's office with all the associations? Yep, the, the associations, things like that.

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01:05:33.170 --> 01:05:44.990

EHS-B224: And so it's a variety of sources, as well as those that we individually, as board members, also, publicize as well. And so that's going to be, unless there's any additional

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01:05:45.310 --> 01:05:50.160

EHS-B224: conversation about that, that's the... The September, meet, minute.

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01:05:50.160 --> 01:05:57.719

Wisam Awadallah: It's completely inappropriate to completely gloss over the legal difference between minutes and a transcript.

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01:05:57.790 --> 01:06:05.670

Wisam Awadallah: like, that's not minutiae, that is actually, like, a legal definition. Like, that transcript, one.

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01:06:05.730 --> 01:06:25.500

Wisam Awadallah: even from, like, an ethical-moral perspective, ableist, because it's not really well written, and it's hard to parse, right? Second of all, it doesn't have a record of who attends if it just garbles your names. Like, that is a fundamental part of minutes, like, who attended the meeting.

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01:06:26.180 --> 01:06:31.209

Wisam Awadallah: like, I don't understand why you don't think this is... you don't see the difference here.

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01:06:32.540 --> 01:06:34.750

EHS-B224: We'll approve the next one, I think.

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01:06:34.780 --> 01:06:46.200

EHS-B224: Right. I can't approve what? No, we will... Right, but you can't, so... Right, right, so not... so I understand, and I will look into the, transcripts and meeting minutes.

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01:06:46.200 --> 01:06:55.970

EHS-B224: And we will get that situated. So thank you for bringing that to our attention. Gabrielle said it would be great to see an article in The Sun in the banner about upcoming public meetings a week in advance.

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01:06:56.030 --> 01:07:08.119

EHS-B224: Great. I don't know how... can we... I don't work for the son or the banner. We can ask, which we can ask them. It's up to them. But yeah, they are...

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01:07:08.220 --> 01:07:16.600

EHS-B224: You know, a publication that decides what they want to, you know, print and not print.

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01:07:18.110 --> 01:07:25.159

EHS-B224: September and November. Right, for September and November. Calvin, can I get... Muting ability?

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01:07:25.670 --> 01:07:26.919

EHS-B224: For 2 minutes.

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01:07:27.180 --> 01:07:28.619

EHS-B224: Who will you try to mute?

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EHS-B224: It was before, but... Thank you. Okay, I see... I believe...

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01:07:37.470 --> 01:07:40.259

EHS-B224: If you send them a... they do not have to...

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01:07:40.280 --> 01:07:57.559

EHS-B224: just because you send someone a press release does not mean they have to print it. Yeah. We send press releases all the time that do not get printed. I can guarantee that. And we'll approve September's at November's board meeting. October is the annual public meeting, so our next full board meeting will approve

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01:07:57.560 --> 01:08:10.279

EHS-B224: September's meeting minutes. Exactly. And then they'll be posted. You could email... so again, we... I do not... we, as board members, do not work, or... while some of us are employed by Johns Hopkins University, we are not

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01:08:10.810 --> 01:08:13.120

EHS-B224: We do not have access to the email lists.

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01:08:13.230 --> 01:08:19.390

EHS-B224: And listservs. And so that would be a different, mode, and we would... we would have to look into that as well.

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01:08:19.520 --> 01:08:22.070

EHS-B224: And I see Joan again.

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01:08:23.520 --> 01:08:30.189

EHS-B224: Nika? Nika? Oh, sorry, Nika. Nika. Nikkei?

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01:08:30.789 --> 01:08:35.469

EHS-B224: No, I mean, I just, you know, chat GPT'd,

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Nike Carstarphen: what are ways to publicize things? As other people have stated, you know, that's... that's... you have experts there who... who should be able to figure that out, and and if the... if the

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Nike Carstarphen: if the emails that you're using and sending out to community organizations aren't getting out, I mean, I didn't see anything from my community organization, so I don't know if that's because you didn't, you know, they didn't receive it, or they didn't forward it. So that is something that, you know, we can also follow up with, to... to our

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Nike Carstarphen: neighborhood organizations.

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EHS-B224: Thank you. Great. Can you... could you put in the chat your, neighborhood organization for me, please?

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Nike Carstarphen: Griot.

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EHS-B224: So we can follow up with them?

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Nike Carstarphen: Grea.

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EHS-B224: Korea.

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Nike Carstarphen: Greater Homewood neighborhood.

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EHS-B224: Okay, yeah, creative community and social, yeah, yeah, okay. They should be on the list, but I'll...

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Nike Carstarphen: I mean, I may have missed it too, you know, but... but, you know, one point I would make is that things need to be published

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Nike Carstarphen: multiple times. Emails need to be sent out multiple times, because we're all inundated with thousands of emails, at least I know I am, and sometimes things get missed, sometimes things end up in spam, you know, or whatever. So, you know.

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Nike Carstarphen: you can put that on automatic pilot, you know, once you have the link, the time, you know, you don't even have to literally do it anymore yourself. You can use, you know, programs to do that for you. Thank you.

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EHS-B224: Yeah. And, John, go ahead.

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Joan Floyd: Okay, can you hear me? Sorry.

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EHS-B224: Yes, ma'am.

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Joan Floyd: Okay, so here's the thing, I want to clear something up, because there seems to be perhaps a misconception

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Joan Floyd: When you're... as a public body, you... you do know that your.

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EHS-B224: blue.

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Joan Floyd: meetings...

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Joan Floyd: in order to... this is a slightly separate issue, but it's related. In order to comply with the Open Meetings Act, you have to post your meetings in a certain way by a certain time, and you create

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Joan Floyd: a pattern of, here's where they are posted officially, and that has to satisfy the state law. So what you do is you post your meetings on the public safety website, okay? And...

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Joan Floyd: There have been problems in the past, but if you actually do post the right information by the right time on that website, then you're gonna probably satisfy the Open Meetings Act. But here's the thing.

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Joan Floyd: Anything else you also post is expected to be right there, okay? So, I want you to understand that no email that you send to anyone

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Joan Floyd: in the universe is going to satisfy the General Assembly's expectation of where you are publicizing your meeting.

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Joan Floyd: Because you have set it up as you're putting it on this public safety website. Yes, it needs to be higher up on the website, it shouldn't be embedded like it is, but at least you're getting away with that. Okay, so...

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Joan Floyd: The thing is, this meeting... was misrepresented

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Joan Floyd: On the announcement, when it was checked by some people who really care about this stuff.

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Joan Floyd: It was discovered that it was just like a regular meeting. It was, you can watch the livestream, or you can listen only by telephone. That was all that was provided, okay? So that was the nature of the meeting.

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Joan Floyd: Until people started complaining, and then you started trying to put some kind of a link up, but still the detailed type of information about what the meeting was for was not there. So.

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Joan Floyd: it was definitely, definitely inadequate, and there's no question about it. Your information about the meeting needed to be... all the information, all the pertinent information needed to be on the website, which is where you normally put your meeting notices.

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Joan Floyd: It doesn't matter how many emails you sent out, what those emails said, who they went to.

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Joan Floyd: Those are extra.

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Joan Floyd: The most important thing is the thing you all did not do.

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Joan Floyd: Which is that public... Detailed public notice, which was a...

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Joan Floyd: Clearly telling people what this was for.

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EHS-B224: Thank you, John.

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EHS-B224: Alright.

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EHS-B224: And I don't see anyone else with their hands up.

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Public Safety: I do not either.

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EHS-B224: Are there... Alrighty.

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EHS-B224: Thank you, everyone. Is there any other, comments from, board members? Anything else you'd like to share?

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EHS-B224: All right, thank you so much, everyone. With that, we will... let me double check...

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EHS-B224: With that, we will, end the meeting. Thank you all for joining us, and any questions we could not answer, we will get back to you, and post them publicly shortly.

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EHS-B224: There's a.