City of Chicago COMMUNITY COMMISSION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

MEETING MINUTES

MEETING TYPE
MEETING DATE
MEETING LOCATION
TIME CALLED TO ORDER

Regular Meeting Thursday, June 26, 2025 Copernicus Center 6:45 PM

ATTENDANCE:

Commissioner Name	Present or Absent / In-Person or Remote
Aaron Gottlieb	Present, In-Person
Abierre Minor	Present, In-Person
Angel Rubi Navarijo	Present, In-Person
Anthony Driver, Jr. – President, Chair	Present, In-Person
Gina Piemonte	Present, In-Person
Remel Terry – Vice President	Present, In-Person
Sandra Wortham	Present, In-Person

QUORUM PRESENT: Yes.

Acronyms:

CCPSA = Community Commission for Public Safety and Accountability

COPA = Civilian Office of Police Accountability

CPD = Chicago Police Department

IMT = Independent Monitoring Team

OAG = Office of Attorney General

PB = Police Board

- **I.** President Driver called the meeting to order.
- **II.** President Driver called the roll and established the quorum.
- III. The Commission held a public comment session. Three (3) speakers offered comments. Public comment may be viewed at the Chicago CCPSA YouTube page: www.youtube.com/@chicagoccpsa.

IV. Approval of the Minutes

President Driver called for a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meetings held on May 29th. Vice President Terry seconded the motion. There was no debate on the matter and the motion passed 5-0 with one (1) abstention.

V. New Business

Vote to Authorize Closed Meetings

President Driver explained that Section 2(A) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act authorizes the Commission to take a vote to hold a series of closed meetings over the course of not more than 3 months from today, and only for the purposes cited under Section 2(c)(3).

Over the next few months, the Commission may need to meet in closed session for reasons that are allowed under the Open Meetings Act, including to discuss selecting the next COPA Chief Administrator.

President Driver called for a motion to hold a series of closed meetings for the maximum period allowable, and only for the purposes cited under Section 2(c)(3) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act. Vice President Terry seconded the motion. There was no debate on the matter and the motion passed 6-0.

Presentation by the Chicago Police Department

President Driver introduced Chief Angel Novalez to present on the Chicago Police Department's First Amendment policies and their policies related to federal immigration and custom enforcement activities in Chicago. Following Chief Novalez's presentation, Commissioner Driver invited the Commissioners to ask questions.

The full presentation and Commissioner questions may be viewed at the Chicago CCPSA YouTube page: https://www.youtube.com/@chicagoccpsa.

Presentation by the Mayor's Office of Community Safety

President Driver introduced Director Manuel Whitfield and First Deputy Jason Sandford of the Mayor's Office for Community Safety to present on the Mayor's Summer Safety Plan. Following Director Whitfield's presentation, President Driver invited the Commissioners to ask guestions.

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VI. Reports and Updates

COPA Chief Administrator Search

Vice President Terry provided an update on the COPA Chief Administrator search.

The Commission conducted four public listening sessions on the Southside, Northside, Westside, and virtually. The Commission continues to seek input from community members about what qualities the Commission should be looking for in a COPA Chief Administrator. The Commission will be using all of the input gathered during the search process from subject matter experts, community organizations, COPA employees, and CPD members to develop the application, interview questions, and to inform the selection of the next COPA Chief Administrator.

The Commission is also required to retain a search firm to assist us with a national search for the next COPA Chief Administrator. The Commission is in the process of vetting firms and will provide information as it becomes available.

For more information on the Commission's COPA Chief Administrator search and the Community Feedback survey, please visit the Commission's website: https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/depts/ccpsa/supp_info/COPASearch0.html.

Traffic Stops Update

Commissioner Wortham provided an update on the Commission's traffic stops work.

On April 21, the City of Chicago submitted two versions of a draft traffic stops policy to the Illinois Attorney General and the Independent Monitor in the Consent Decree between the City of Chicago and the State of Illinois. One version of the policy is from CPD and one is from the Commission.

The policies were submitted to the OAG and the IMT because the Monitor advised the judge overseeing the Consent Decree that traffic stops should be included in the Consent Decree. If the traffic stops policy is included in the consent decree, then changes to CPD's policy would be made through the procedures laid out in the Consent Decree and the policy would be overseen by the IMT and federal judge. Currently, the Commission has the legal authority to set traffic stop policy for CPD and if the policy moves into the consent decree, the Commission will continue to play a major role.

Earlier in June, CCPSA hosted a public webinar in which CPD summarized the draft traffic stops policy and CCPSA staff summarized the current positions of Commissioners. Attendees were able to ask questions of CPD and CCPSA to wrap up this webinar.

To view both CPD and the Commission's draft traffic stops policies, please visit the CCPSA website: https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/depts/ccpsa/supp_info/traffic-stop-policy.html. To view the webinar recording, please visit the Commission's YouTube page: https://www.youtube.com/@chicagoccpsa.

VII. Announcement of the Next Meeting

President Driver announced that the next meeting will be Thursday, July 31, 2025 at JLM Abundant Life Community Center.

VIII. Close

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 PM.