

**CITY OF CHICAGO  
DISTRICT COUNCIL 002  
COMMUNITY COMMISSION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND ACCOUNTABILITY**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Meeting Type:** ☐ Regular ☒ Special ☐ Closed

**Meeting Date:** July 8, 2025

**Meeting Location & Address:** Good Shepard Tower Senior Building, 55 E. Garfield

**Meeting Start Time:** 7:03 PM

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**Attendance & Quorum**

Per the Open Meetings Act (OMA), a quorum requires at least 2 out of 3 members present in person.

<b>District Council Member</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
<b>Chair:</b> Ephraim Lee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Remote <input type="checkbox"/> Absent
<b>Nominator:</b> Marquinn McDonald	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Remote <input type="checkbox"/> Absent
<b>Community Engagement:</b> Alexander Perez	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Remote <input type="checkbox"/> Absent

**Quorum Established:** ☒ Yes ☐ No

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**Main Topics Discussed**

**1. District Goals & Collaboration**

- **Monthly Coordination Meetings**
    - Goal: Establish monthly coordination between Councilor McDonald and Commander Williams.
    - Purpose: Discuss initiatives, opportunities, and district challenges.
    - **Action:** Quinn will reach out to Commander Williams to schedule.
  - **Neighborhood Walks**
    - Plan: Host monthly walks at the end of each month on Saturday mornings.
    - Objective: Canvas neighborhoods and reintroduce council members to residents.
    - **Action:** Flyers to be printed and distributed.
    - **Responsibility:** Quinn to coordinate with Commander Williams.
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## 2. Community Events

- **Back to School Bash**
    - **Date:** August 17, 2025, | **Time:** 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
    - **Location:** In partnership with Carter G. Woodson Elementary School (Bronzeville).
    - **Details:**
      - Donation of 200 backpacks with school supplies
      - Free haircuts for kids
      - Food and family-friendly activities
    - **Purpose:** Support families and students ahead of the school year
  - **Youth Activity Zone Event**
    - **Date:** August 8, 2025 | **Time:** 4:00 PM – 10:00 PM
    - **Partners:** City of Chicago, It Takes a Village Leadership Academy
    - **Details:**
      - Target audience: Youth ages 13–19
      - Activities: Safe space, basketball, sports
      - **Note:** Councilor McDonald to assist with resources and support
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## 3. CPD Collaboration and Meeting Participation

- **Commander Williams' Involvement**
    - Plan to invite Commander Williams or a senior official (e.g., captain) to:
      - Present CPD 2nd District reports
      - Share updates on “teen takeovers” and summer safety
      - Discuss major crime/safety trends
    - **Preferred Timing:** August meeting due to seasonal safety priorities
    - **Observation:** CPD brass have not consistently attended past meetings
  - **Alternative Liaisons**
    - If unavailable, Commander Williams should appoint a trusted senior leader to serve as liaison
    - **Emphasis:** Liaison should have decision-making authority
  - **Potential CAPS (Chicago Alternative Policing Strategy) Participation**
    - Discussion to invite CAPS representatives (e.g., Akia, community liaison)
    - **Purpose:** Strengthen collaboration and maintain clear communication
    - **Note:** No objections to extending the invitation
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## Action Items & Follow-Ups

- **Scheduling & Coordination**
  - Quinn to schedule monthly coordination meetings with Commander Williams

- Plan a special meeting including Commander Williams or a designated representative
  - **Neighborhood Walks**
    - Finalize walk dates and logistics
    - Print and distribute promotional flyers
  - **Community Event Planning**
    - Maintain coordination with Carter G. Woodson Elementary and It Takes a Village Academy
    - Ensure all supplies, services, and logistics are secure
  - **CPD Communication**
    - Formally invite Commander Williams or a senior brass to the upcoming council meetings
    - Explore CAPS liaison involvement to maintain a regular communication channel
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**Meeting Adjourned: 8:30 PM**