

**City of Chicago**  
**DISTRICT COUNCIL #2**  
**COMMUNITY COMMISSION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND ACCOUNTABILITY**

**MEETING MINUTES**

MEETING TYPE:  Regular  Special  Closed

MEETING DATE:  12/14/2023 \_\_\_\_\_

MEETING LOCATION AND ADDRESS: Church of the Good Shepherd, 5700 S Prairie Ave, Chicago

MEETING START TIME: 6:32pm

**Attendance & Quorum**

OMA Meeting cannot take place without 2 of the 3 members present in person.

<b>District Council Member Name</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
Chair: Alexander Perez	Present: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Remote: <input type="checkbox"/> Absent: <input type="checkbox"/>
Community Engagement: Julia Kline	Present: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Remote: <input type="checkbox"/> Absent: <input type="checkbox"/>
Nominating Committee: Ephraim Lee	Present: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Remote: <input type="checkbox"/> Absent: <input type="checkbox"/>

Quorum (2 out of 3 members): Yes:  No:

**Public Comment**

Dr. Vince Davis – OIG isn't being transparent.

Sheila Tukes - concerned about the aggressive actions that police have taken towards residents. She mentioned that she was able to videotape one incident.

### Approval of Minutes

Minutes are approved by the second regular meeting after they are taken.

Approved minutes are posted online within 10 days after approval.

Councilor Perez asked if there are any corrections to the November minutes; Councilor Kline said that there are numerous. Councilor Perez asked Councilor Kline why she did not make the changes to the minutes. After a discussion (see below, “discussions,”) a vote on the minutes was taken. Councilors Lee and Perez voted to approve the minutes; Councilor Kline voted to disapprove them. The minutes for the November meeting of the 2<sup>nd</sup> District Council were approved.

### District Council Member Updates

#### **Chair (Alexander J. Perez)**

Councilor Perez gave his updates regarding the Yearly meeting taking place on 12/15/23 as well as the process of organizing the yearly meeting. Councilor Perez also spoke about the letter of five items that councilors from across the city weighed in on as items of importance for the commission to work on in 2024. Councilor Perez highlighted that the letter will be made public once it is formally submitted to the CCPSA President.

Councilor Perez spoke about the arbitration ruling and what it means going forward.

#### **Community Engagement (Julia Kline)**

Follow-up question to Ms. Tukes about whether she had reported any of these incidents of police misconduct to COPA. She said she hadn't, although she had discussed one incident with former Alderperson Sophia King. Councilor Kline extended the offer of support if Ms. Tukes wanted to file with COPA and made an impassioned plea for why it's so important to do so with every act of police misconduct.

**Update on the FOP contract vote at City Hall.** Councilor Perez noted that all 4 alders overlapping the 2<sup>nd</sup> Police District (Robinson, Yancy, Taylor and Dowell) voted no on the arbitration question. Councilor Kline provided a bit of background on the issue and explained how we got to where we are with the FOP contract.

Councilor Kline listed the 13 alderpersons who voted to approve the arbitration clause in the new contract: Anthony Beale, Felix Cardona, Chris Chico, Derik Curtiss, Jim Gardiner, Brian Hopkins, Nicole Lee, Ray Lopez, Anthony Napolitano, Samantha Nugent, Matt O'Shea, Marty Quinn, Brendan Reilly, Debra Silverstein, Nick Sposato, Silvana Tabares and Gil Villegas.

Councilor Kline referenced remarks made by Alderperson Taylor (20), Alderperson Fuentes (26) and Alderperson Vazquez (40).

**Follow-up to issue of police misconduct raised in public comment at the November public meeting.** Councilor Kline noted that an incident of police misconduct had been brought to Councilors' attention during public comment at the November meeting. She went on to say that she followed up with that resident (who asked to remain anonymous), as well as other residents she learned had witnessed the incident. As a result of what she found, she filed an incident report with COPA. The log number for that complaint is 2023-0005599. Councilor Kline finished by explaining that the investigation is now being handled by BIA (Bureau of Internal Affairs).

Councilor Kline's activities for the month:

- Nov 13<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> attendance at the NACOLE (National Association for Civil Oversight of Law Enforcement) conference held here in Chicago. The CCPSA office was able to procure a registration for Councilor Kline (as well as approximately 15 other District Councilors) at no cost to her.
- Dec 2 – attended Muslim Civic Coalition Annual State of the Coalition brunch, at the South Shore Cultural Center.
- Dec 2 – attended the Hyde Park Chamber of Commerce casino night fundraiser.
- Dec 7 – attended via zoom the City Council Workforce Development Committee meeting
- Dec 13 – attended via zoom the City Council full meeting
- Throughout the month, had conversations with numerous journalists about the reporting they've been doing about police misconduct and the attempts by various Chicago agencies to hold them accountable.
- Throughout the month, attended numerous calls of the CPAT (Civilian Police Accountability and Transparency) coalition, all about the upcoming FOP contract vote in City Council.
- Spent a lot of time digesting COPA's 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter report, including numerous conversations with Mack Thurman, senior policy analyst at COPA
- Spent a lot of time discussing potential policy proposals with other District Councilors around the city, as part of her work on the new citywide working group on Policy Initiatives.

Discussion topics raised

- Update on the FOP contract vote at City Hall – see Old Business for more
- Follow-up to issue of police misconduct raised in public comment at the November public meeting – see Old Business for more
- Annual priorities for the 2nd District Council and the CCPSA – see Discussions for more
- Police attendance at monthly public meetings of the 2nd District Council – see Discussions for more
- Public meeting accessibility & transparency – see Discussions for more
- Zoom logistics for the monthly meeting
- Meeting minutes – the need for a system to create accurate minutes each month
- Audio quality for meeting recordings
- Written public comment

### **Nominating Committee (Ephraim Lee)**

Councilor Lee did not give his update due to frustration with Councilor Kline's behavior, very long report and unprofessionalism during the meeting. Prior to Councilor Lee departing, he apologized to the community for the lack of professionalism in the district and states that if the people wanted to see this type of disfunction they can just

attend a city council meeting.

### Discussions

Prior to the discussion, Councilor Kline states that she has old and new business to discuss to which Councilor Perez say that they will not be adding to the agenda because the items where never added to the December agenda in time to witch Councilor Perez states that If Councilor Kline wants to add the items to her report that is acceptable but the items will not be counted as official agenda items because they were not reflected on the original agenda. Councilor Kline states that the items should have been added a week ago and that this is silly. Councilor Perez then states that what really is silly is that Councilor Kline wanted to wait up until the 48 hours before the agenda needed to be posted to add her agenda items and asked why she waited so long and not once communicated with her colleagues about the agenda Items. Councilor Kline claims that she added the agenda items on Monday or Tuesday a few days prior and then goes on to say that this is a part time gig, and that Councilor Perez is spending 40 hours a week doing the job and does not know how he manages it with a full-time job and a toddler and that she does not have that and that she does the best that she can. Councilor Kline then states that she informed the 2<sup>nd</sup> District Community Outreach Coordinator that she would be adding agenda items 2 weeks prior but that the items were not ready because Councilor Kline has been out in the community developing these agenda items.

**FOP Contract vote.** There was a discussion among the 3 Councilors about whether the topic of the recent City Council vote on the FOP contract should be contained within the Chair Report, Community Report, or as a separate agenda item. It was decided that it should be a separate agenda item, under Old Business.

**Agenda.** There was ongoing discussion throughout the meeting about several agenda items Councilor Kline had proposed: where in the meeting they should go, and whether they should be discussion topics at all. The decision was made that Councilor Kline should bring up all of the items during the segment of the agenda labeled Community Report.

Councilor Perez and Councilor Lee challenged Councilor Kline regarding the lack of resources, opportunities, guest speakers, events and overall community engagement in the 2<sup>nd</sup> district in her time as community engagement coordinator. Councilor Kline responds by saying that she is doing the work the people elected her to do, and not hosting BBQs. Councilor Lee and Councilor Perez again questioned why there have been zero community engagement events in the eight months of being in office to which Councilor Kline responded that this is the first time it has entered her mind that community engagement events were supposed to happen.

**Priorities for 2024.** There was a discussion about priorities for the 2<sup>nd</sup> District Council and the CCPSA for 2024. Councilor Perez in his Chair Report described the laborious process that the citywide working group has undertaken, to develop a list of five priorities that the District Councilors as a citywide body will be sending to CCPSA after the annual meeting on December 16<sup>th</sup>. Councilor Kline circulated copies of that letter. Councilor Kline also circulated a list of 7 additional priorities she would like for the 2<sup>nd</sup> District Council to entertain, which didn't make it into the discussions of the citywide group. A motion was made by Councilor Kline to table this discussion to the January meeting, it was seconded by Councilor Lee and all 3 Councilors agreed to add the following agenda item for the January meeting: New Business - Annual priorities for the 2nd District Council and the CCPSA.

**Police attendance at monthly meetings.** There was a discussion about the need to have meeting space at which community members could come and share their experiences about police harassment and misconduct in the district, free from police presence. It was noted by Councilor Perez that police cannot be barred from any public meeting. It was suggested that a separate meeting could be convened, at which only one Councilor would be present, to make it a non-public meeting. Councilor Kline that states that when the council was in violation of OMA it was decided that all three councilors were onboard with asking the 2<sup>nd</sup> Police District Command staff to not attend our meetings, to which Councilor Lee and Councilor Perez rejected as false. Councilor Kline then sates that she guesses that it was just her making that request to which Councilor Perez and Lee say yes, it was just her request, with Councilor Perez stating that even though Councilor Lee and Councilor Perez were not in agreement with the request, that they

accepted the request temporarily until Councilor Kline could come up with a plan for how to move forward but Councilor Perez points out that no plan was ever created by Councilor Kline. Councilor Kline states that Councilor Lee and Councilor Perez are lying, and that councilor Perez and Councilor Lee cut Councilor Kline out process for seeking another direction in forming a relationship with CPD. Councilor Perez then articulates that due to Councilor Kline's request, the 2<sup>nd</sup> District Council was retaliated against by the 2<sup>nd</sup> District command staff by not allowing the council to attend roll call, even though it was initially given the green light by then 2<sup>nd</sup> District Commander Wallace. Councilor Kline states that these are serious allegations to which Councilor Perez agrees and goes on to point out that He and Councilor Lee attempted to fight the retaliation with the help of the CCPSA and Councilor Kline but Councilor Kline informed Councilor Perez that she had better things to direct her time towards and that she was not interested in fighting to attend roll call. Councilor Lee requests that this item be shelved until the January meeting. There was a motion to table the discussion to the January meeting; this motion was approved by all 3 Councilors.

**Public meeting accessibility & transparency.** There has been discussion at past meetings, as well as over email, about a variety of issues under this heading. Councilor Kline raised them all for the purpose of establishing clarity among the 3 Councilors as well as among the public about what the procedure is for all of the following:

- Zoom logistics for the monthly meeting
  - The Zoom is now monitored every month by Dannette, our COC. Any questions or comments dropped in the zoom chat will be conveyed by her to the Chair.
  - The Zoom recording is currently available on the 2<sup>nd</sup> District council's facebook page. Councilor Perez asked for it to be a priority, as the CCPSA builds the new website, for an archive of meeting recordings to be made available.
- Meeting minutes
  - There was a discussion about the need for a system to ensure the timely and accurate creation of minutes for each month's meeting. Councilor Perez pointed out that the minutes are extremely time-consuming and he as Chair already shoulders the lion's share of the District Council's paperwork and requested support and questioned why councilor Kline would not help with the meeting minutes, to which Councilor Kline responded by stating that it was not her job. Councilor Kline again accused Councilor Perez of cutting people her of the process to which Councilor Perez asked Councilor Kline if she had not gone around telling people, including CCPSA staff, Alderman, community members and other District Councilors that she was resigning and disappeared for two months without communicating with her two colleagues, leaving Councilor Perez and Councilor Lee to assume that she was indeed stepping down and Councilor Perez assuming her responsibilities like doing the newsletter and training the Community Outreach Coordinator. Councilor Kline denied the allegations to which Councilor Perez stated that he takes his integrity very seriously and that he is not a liar, so all anyone must do is FOIA the 2<sup>nd</sup> district regarding this issue and that not much more needs to be said. No further discussion was had.
- Audio quality for meeting recordings
  - Councilor Kline pointed out that the audio quality of the October meeting had been quite poor but was much improved at the November meeting. She asked Councilor Perez what the difference was; he said it was likely room acoustics as much as anything.
- Written public comment
  - At the November meeting, a viewer on Zoom wanted to make public comment. This request revealed that there wasn't a clearly established procedure by which viewers can do that. In this discussion item, the now-established procedure was clarified: Anyone who wishes to make public comment can email [2nddistrictcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:2nddistrictcouncil@gmail.com) ahead of the meeting. This email address will soon be changing. Councilor Perez committed to ensuring that this information is in the newsletter.

Old Business

There was no old business

New Business

There was no new business

Votes

Summary of Votes taken:

A vote was proposed by Councilor Perez to approve the 2024 calendar of meeting dates. However, the final list of dates wasn't available. Therefore, the decision was made to postpone the vote on the 2024 meeting schedule for the 2<sup>nd</sup> District Council until the special meeting scheduled for December 26<sup>th</sup>.

Announcement of the next 2<sup>nd</sup> District Council meeting

NEXT MEETING DATE:

NEXT MEETING LOCATION (if available):

District Council ended the meeting at: \_\_\_ 7:53pm \_\_\_\_\_