

CITY OF CHICAGO
DISTRICT COUNCIL 003
COMMUNITY COMMISSION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND ACCOUNTABILITY
MEETING MINUTES

MEETING TYPE: X Regular ☐ Special ☐ Closed

MEETING DATE: 2/28/2025

MEETING LOCATION & ADDRESS: Jackson Park Fieldhouse 6401 S Stony Island Ave, Chicago, IL 606037

MEETING START TIME: 607 PM

 Attendance & Quorum

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

District Council Member Name	Attendance
Chair: Kenya Franklin	Present: X Remote: <input type="checkbox"/> Absent: <input type="checkbox"/>
Nominator: Vacant Seat	Present: Remote: <input type="checkbox"/> Absent: <input type="checkbox"/>
Community Engagement: Janice Jones	Present: X Remote: <input type="checkbox"/> Absent: <input type="checkbox"/>

Quorum (2 out of 3 Members): Yes: X No: ☐

Public Comment

Speaker: Vicki Willis (Zoe's Organic Herbal Blend)

Comment: Criticized Council Member Janice Jones for her alleged poor attendance at council meetings and suggested her removal from the position.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- **Date of Minutes:** October 21, 2024
- **Outcome:** Approved unanimously

Chair's Updates – Kenya Franklin

- **Meeting Called to Order & Roll Call**
- **Key Approvals:**

- **2025 Meeting Schedule**
 - Frequency: Last Friday of each month
 - Time: 6:00 PM
 - Location: Jackson Park Center
 - Communication Methods:
 - Email and text reminders
 - Social media posts via Council 003 Facebook page
 - **Outcome:** Schedule approved without opposition
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Upcoming Events

- **Rap Sheet Workshop** – 35th & Michigan
 - **COPA People’s Academy & Certification Program**
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Council Business

1. Vacancy Update – Third District Council

- **Vacant Seat:** Tribunal
 - **Submitted Candidates:**
 - Kaliah Franklin
 - Christopher Levy
 - Anthony Crawford
 - Nicole Lynch
 - Stevens
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Community Engagement Report – Janice Jones

Key Points:

- Emphasis on improving attendance at Chicago Police District beat meetings.
 - Encouragement of greater community participation to address violence, crime trends, and local concerns.
 - Promotion of resources and community events for stronger engagement.
 - Advocacy for transparency and accountability in police-community relations.
 - Recommendations:
 - Join block clubs
 - Use neighborhood phone trees to facilitate timely police response
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Chair's Follow-Up Report – Kenya Franklin

Focus Areas:

- Strengthening police-community relationships, especially with young men.
- Promoting positive police visibility through school-based interactions.

Public Safety Issues Identified:

- Shortage of police vehicles and bicycles for patrol
- Insufficient fire truck availability poses winter safety risks
- Abandoned lots are becoming illegal dumping grounds
- Lack of foot and cycle patrols in critical areas

Action Plan:

- Improve communication of meetings
 - Host Strategic Plan Town Hall
 - Facilitate public discussions focused on safety improvements
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Community Concerns Raised

Brad:

- Ineffective attendance tracking at beat meetings
- Absence of formal resignation documentation for Officer Delbert Howell
- Concerns over leadership and management in the district

Janet Martin Fox:

- Fire truck shortages, especially critical during winter months
- Inadequate supply of police cars and bicycles
- Safety concerns around senior living facilities

Sharon's Initiative:

- Organizing a petition to partner with the Fourth District on safety enhancements
 - Proposed strategies:
 - Closing specific entrances to deter criminal activity
 - Redirecting traffic flow to high-visibility areas
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Next District Council Meeting

- **Date:** March 28, 2025
- **Location:** Jackson Park Fieldhouse
6401 S. Stony Island Avenue, Chicago, IL 60637

Meeting Adjourned: 6:07 PM