

CITY OF CHICAGO
DISTRICT COUNCIL 014
COMMUNITY COMMISSION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND ACCOUNTABILITY
MEETING MINUTES

MEETING TYPE: X Regular ☐ Special ☐ Closed

MEETING DATE: April 5, 2025

MEETING LOCATION & ADDRESS: 3030 W Fullerton Ave

MEETING START TIME: 1:00PM

Attendance & Quorum

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

District Council Member Name	Attendance
Chair: Christopher Laurent	Present: X Remote: <input type="checkbox"/> Absent: <input type="checkbox"/>
Nominator: Ashley Vargas	Present: <input type="checkbox"/> Remote: <input type="checkbox"/> Absent: X
Community Engagement: David Orlikoff	Present: X Remote: <input type="checkbox"/> Absent: <input type="checkbox"/>

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

Public Comment

Public comment 1: Expressed concern about the lack of progress on sexual assault cases, particularly those from 2022, noting delayed DNA testing results. There was a call for the council to advocate for expedited processing through the appropriate Illinois state departments.

Public comment 2: Supported suggestion of a town hall to address issues surrounding sexual assault case handling was supported.

District Council Member Updates

Councilor Laurent – Public Safety

- An Area 5 detective reported increased staffing on sexual assault cases. A suspect has been identified, and evidence is being compiled.
- A mobile safety alert system through OEMC (Office of Emergency Management and Communications) was promoted. It allows individuals to alert emergency services via their phone.
- CPD Lieutenant Brian Courtney was introduced as interim commander. Members were encouraged to allow him time to acclimate to the role.

- A 10-week course offering insight into CPD operations was highlighted. Open to the public, held on Tuesday evenings. Council members encouraged attendance for transparency and education.

Councilor Orlikoff Update

Pretextual Stop Policy

- The commission has requested CPD to draft its own policy concerning traffic stopsthrough the typical means outside of the consent decree.
- Council members encouraged community input via an online survey related to public safety and accountability.

COPA (Civilian Office of Police Accountability) Chief Discussion

- Former COPA Chief Administrator Andrea Kersten resigned amidst controversy regarding perceived anti-police bias.
- Council discussed the importance of community participation in upcoming listening sessions for selecting a new COPA leader. Community feedback will inform the role's responsibilities and selection criteria.

Upcoming Events and Programs

- Free Self-Defense Training: Scheduled for Saturday, May 10, 1–4 PM at Pulaski Park Field House. Open to 33 participants.
- Ongoing Violence Prevention Workshops: Hosted at Grace Methodist Church on Mondays (April 7, April 21, May 5, May 21). Fee: \$15 per session.

Votes – Approval of Minutes

- February minutes were reviewed with proposed edits focused on maintaining neutral tone and clarity.
- There was discussion about challenges with current transcription and publication methods due to staffing constraints.
- Councilor Laurent motioned to approve February 1, 2025 Meeting. Councilors Laurent and Orlikoff voted to approve February 1st minutes with edits
- A proposal was introduced to amend the by-laws, removing the requirement for staff to maintain meeting minutes. The discussion will continue at the next meeting, pending further review and vote.

Announcement of the Next District Council Meeting

NEXT MEETING DATE: May 3 or May 17

NEXT MEETING LOCATION: TBD

District Council ended the meeting at: 2:00 PM