

CITY OF CHICAGO

DISTRICT COUNCIL 024

COMMUNITY COMMISSION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

MEETING MINUTES

MEETING TYPE: X Regular Special Closed

MEETING DATE: 3/23/25

MEETING LOCATION & ADDRESS: Rogers Park Library 6907 N Clark Chicago, IL 60626

MEETING START TIME: 3:06 PM

Attendance & Quorum

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

District Council Member Name	Attendance
Chair: Veronica Arreola	Present: X Remote: <input type="checkbox"/> Absent: <input type="checkbox"/>
Nominator: Marilyn Pagan Banks	Present: <input type="checkbox"/> Remote: <input type="checkbox"/> Absent: x
Community Engagement: Keo Jean- Joseph	Present: X Remote: <input type="checkbox"/> Absent: <input type="checkbox"/>

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

Public Comment:

Joshua: increase community control of police reform, stressed the commander being at the meeting

- oath keepers
- ICE

Mara:

- Beat meeting vs DC meeting
- difficult communicating with DCs

Liam:

- Community power over policing

Dorron- online

- Beat meetings
- Police and neighbors present

Approval of Minutes: 2/23/25 approved

Discussions:

Role of the Council in Public Safety and Police Accountability

Advocacy: The council serves as advocates for the community, presenting issues and trends at quarterly and annual meetings.

Feedback Mechanism: Community members are encouraged to submit feedback through forms, which can influence policing strategies and public safety measures.

Relationship Building: Emphasis on building relationships with the police commander to implement community-suggested improvements.

Attendance at Meetings: Council members are volunteers with limited time. Community members are encouraged to attend meetings and use feedback forms to relay information.

Liaison Role: The council serves as a liaison, collecting information from various community meetings and communicating it back to the commission.

Accessibility of Meetings: Discussion on making meetings more accessible, especially for first-time attendees, and simplifying the use of acronyms.

Staff Introductions and Roles Eboni Allen: Community Outreach Coordinator supporting the council by creating and distributing flyers, managing social media posts, and handling meeting updates.

New Director and Deputy Director: Introduction of new leadership aimed at increasing the department's structure and organization.

7. Use of Communication Channels Email: Members are encouraged to use the new email address (dc24cityofchicago.org) for communications.

Social Media: Information and updates will also be shared on Instagram (24thDistrictCouncilBlueSky) and Facebook.

Flyer Distribution: Mediation flyers will be emailed to members and added to the Facebook page.

Councilor Reports:

- Quarterly Meeting
- Restorative Justice Report
- Attended CCPSA meeting in Feb @ Sullivan H.S.
- Mediation COPA

Updates: 1. **Priority Proposals and Commission Focus** Annual Meeting Outcomes: The commission meets annually to determine focus areas for the upcoming year.

December Updates: In December, eight priority proposals were sent to the citywide commission. Six of these have been or will be taken up by the commission, operating on parallel tracks.

Six Priority Proposals: Building trust through transparent justice. Improving crime clearance rates. Proactive officer wellness. Building a path for alternative responses for appropriate 911 calls. Community mediation processes for low-level complaints. Transfer investigation of officers with ties to hate groups to COPA. Ending discriminatory pretextual traffic stops for low-level violations.

- Gina Piemonte was appointed to fill the vacancy on the Commission. Her appointment will be taken up by City Council in March.
- The Commission is beginning the process of launching the search for the next Chief Administrator of COPA. By law, the Commission has the responsibility of selecting the COPA Chief, subject to City Council approval.
- The Commission has begun the process of developing a policy proposal on the issue of traffic stops. The Commission has established a plan for how that policymaking process will work if the issue of traffic stops gets incorporated into the Consent Decree.
- 2025 goals for the CPD Superintendent, COPA Chief, and Police Board President are online. Links to each are included below.

Announcement of the Next District Council Meeting

NEXT MEETING DATE: 4/27/25

NEXT MEETING LOCATION (if available): Rogers Park Library

District Council ended the meeting at 3:56 PM