

**CITY OF CHICAGO**

**DISTRICT COUNCIL 024**

**COMMUNITY COMMISSION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND ACCOUNTABILITY**

**MEETING MINUTES**

MEETING TYPE: X Regular

MEETING DATE: 4/27/2025

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:**

**Divestment from Israeli Bonds:**

Liam Collier highlighted the Illinois Treasurer's investment of over \$50 million in Israeli bonds, linking it to the genocide in Gaza and illegal settlements in the West Bank.

Joshua Crutchfield echoed Liam's sentiments, adding concerns about racial profiling and the need for community control over policing.

Ruth Scott, Meredith Carroll, Elam Karabush, Serena, Phil, Zelda, and others emphasized the moral imperative to divest from these bonds and redirect funds to local community safety initiatives.

**Local Policing Practices:**

Calls to end pretextual traffic stops and invest in restorative justice and community-based safety strategies.

**Restorative Justice Court:**

Appreciation for efforts to establish a restorative justice community court, serving as an alternative to incarceration.

Approval of Minutes: approved March minutes

#### Discussions:

Michael Freirex from the Illinois Treasurer's Office, who provided insights into the department's initiative to return approximately \$5 billion in unclaimed money to residents.

#### Councilor Reports and Updates

Gina Piemonte appointed as the new West Side Attorney Commissioner to the CCPSA.

Ongoing discussions with Alderwoman Hatton about hosting a pop-up space on Howard Street.

Participation in One Northside community building meetings.

Support for a resolution endorsing progressive revenue solutions in the new state budget, including:

Raising over \$6 billion through a digital ad tax on big tech, a wealth tax on billionaires, and closing the carried interest loophole.

Allocation of funds to violence prevention, youth intervention, mental health crisis response, and community-based initiatives.

Quarterly district council meetings scheduled, with the next on June 7th.

Progress on establishing the restorative justice court in Cook County.

Communication improvements with the Chicago Police Department (CPD) through a newly established general order.

#### General Order Rollout

Established protocols for improved communication and cooperation with the CPD.

Procedures include:

Submission of memos to the police department for information

requests.

Tracking and accountability measures for information provided.

Options for police presence in meetings, including attire and arming policies.

Public Q&A session addressed:

Submission and handling of informational questions.

Formal requests for CPD liaisons.

Differentiation between public and personal informational questions

Evaluate the effectiveness of the new communication protocols with the CPD.

Address any barriers or challenges encountered in implementing the general order.

Public Information Distribution:

Consider differentiating between public and personal informational questions to streamline responses.

Explore methods for sharing responses, such as newsletters or direct emails.

Announcement of the Next District Council Meeting

NEXT MEETING DATE: 5/21/25

NEXT MEETING LOCATION (if available): Warren Park

District Council ended the meeting at 4:30 PM