

**POLICE BOARD  
CITY OF CHICAGO**

**REPORT OF COMMUNITY INPUT RECEIVED  
AT THE PUBLIC MEETING ON NOVEMBER 21, 2019**

Fifteen members of the public spoke during the public comments portion of the meeting. See the transcript of the meeting, posted on the Board's website, for a complete report of each speaker's remarks.

The Chicago Police Department responded to the remarks made by Lori Burns, June Norfleet, Jennifer Edwards, Matt Brandon, and Debbie McBound (see below).

The Civilian Office of Police Accountability responded to the remarks made by Octavia Mitchell and Gloria Jean Sykes (see below).

The Office of the Police Board determined that the remarks made by the following speakers did not require a response in addition to that provided at the meeting: Phyllis Gill, Eric Russell, George Blakemore, Crista Noel, David Dewar, Queen Sister, and Michael Ben Josef.



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**VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL**

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Re: Response to Community Input from the November 21, 2019 and January 16, 2020  
Police Board Meetings

Dear Mr. Caproni,

Thank you for forwarding the transcripts of the November 21, 2019 and January 16, 2020 Police Board Meeting so that the community comments can be reviewed, and the Chicago Police Department (CPD) can provide a report of the steps it has taken to address the concerns that these individuals raise. The Department responds to the remarks made by Debbie McBound as well as those made by Lori Burns, June Norfleet, Jennifer Edwards and Matt Brandon at the November meeting.

Chief of Patrol, Fred Waller, has spoken with Ms. McBound on several occasions since the November Police Board meeting, including as recently as this month, and will continue to reach out to Ms. McBound to ensure that her concerns have been addressed by the officers in the 5<sup>th</sup> District. In response to Ms. McBound's concerns several officers have been dispatched to her home to observe the complaints she has made and investigate whether criminal activity has occurred. The Department will continue to work with Ms. McBound to investigate her allegations and will take enforcement action when supporting evidence is observed.

With respect to the remarks made by Lori Burns, June Norfleet, Jennifer Edwards and Matt Brandon the Department thanks them for the positive feedback about the community conversations and welcome their participation in future meetings. Their input is very helpful as the Department moves through the Consent Decree and works to improve its relationship with

the community. As Mr. Brandon said, it is important that CAPS principles begin in the Academy and continue with every officer in the Department throughout their career. Moving forward the Department intends to create working groups to address a variety of directives, training and policy issues and we encourage these members to become part of those working groups and to continue to provide ideas for top down uniform implementation of community policing.

Sincerely,



Dana M. O'Malley  
General Counsel  
Office of the Superintendent



**COPA Remarks Regarding Public Comment  
Chicago Police Board Meeting  
November 21, 2019 & January 16, 2020**

During the November 21, 2019 Chicago Police Board (Board) meeting Ms. Gloria Sykes spoke regarding an investigation conducted by the Independent Police Review Authority (IPRA) that was ruled unfounded. Ms. Sykes stated she spoke to the Civilian Office of Police Accountability's (COPA) General Counsel, Kevin Connor and recommended the investigation be re-opened.

- **February 20, 2020** - COPA has not received any correspondence or evidence regarding the investigation that warrants re-opening at this time.

During the January 16, 2020 Chicago Police Board (Board) meeting Ms. Mitchell requested an update of the Civilian Office of Police Accountability (COPA) regarding the re-opening of an investigation into the case related to the death of her son, Izeal Jackson. Below is a summary of COPA's communication with Ms. Mitchell regarding to her request.

- **January 28, 2020:** COPA General Counsel, Kevin Connor sent a closure letter by electronic and First-class Mail to Ms. Mitchell's attorney, Phillip Aaron summarizing COPA's efforts and has therefore closed the investigation conducted pursuant to Ms. Mitchell's request. The results of COPA's review does not support a supplemental request to the Superintendent of the Chicago Police department to grant further, broader authorization to continue investigation.
- **February 7, 2020:** Closure letter forwarded to Ms. Mitchell by Public Information Officer, Ephraim Eaddy.