

Police Board Public Meeting
July 17, 2025

CHICAGO POLICE BOARD
CITY OF CHICAGO
PUBLIC MEETING

3510 South Michigan Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Thursday, July 17, 2025
7:30 p.m.

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APPEARANCES:

MEMBERS OF THE POLICE BOARD:

KYLE COOPER, President
CLAUDIA BADILLO, Vice President
STEVEN BLOCK (Via Telephone)
TYLER HALL
KATHRYN LISS
ARLETTE PORTER
ANDREAS SAFAKAS
JUSTIN TERRY

ALSO PRESENT:

YOLANDA TALLEY, First Deputy Superintendent of
the Chicago Police Department;
LaKENYA WHITE, Interim Chief Administrator of the
Civilian Office of Police Accountability;
DEBORAH WITZBURG, Inspector General for the City
of Chicago;
TIMOTHY MOORE, Deputy Director of the Chicago
Police Department's Bureau of Internal Affairs;
SCOTT SPEARS, General Counsel to the
Superintendent of Police;
MAX CAPRONI, Executive Director of the Chicago
Police Board;
JAZMYNE ROLLINS, Executive Administrative
Assistant of the Chicago Police Board;
MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

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1 PRESIDENT COOPER: Good evening, everyone.
2 I'd now like to call the Board's July 17th public
3 meeting to order. My name is Kyle Cooper, and I
4 am the president of the Police Board. I'd like
5 to thank CAN-TV for covering this month's
6 meeting. It is being live-streamed at CAN-TV.org
7 and on the CAN-TV app. It is also being
8 televised on CAN-TV Channel 27.

9 Along with myself, we have the
10 following Board members attending in person this
11 evening: The Vice President of Police Board, Ms
12 Claudia Badillo, Board Member Tyler Hall, Board
13 Member Katy Liss, Board Member Arlette Porter,
14 Board Member Andreas Safakas. Rushing to his
15 seat, Board member Justin Terry, and Board Member
16 Steven Block is on the line, and Board Member
17 Cynthia Velazquez is on the line as well or will
18 be joining us shortly.

19 For Board Members Block and
20 Velazquez, is there a motion to allow them to
21 join remotely?

22 VICE PRESIDENT BADILLO: So moved.

23 BOARD MEMBER LISS: Seconded.

24 PRESIDENT COOPER: All in favor, please raise

1 your hands and say aye.

2 (CHORUS OF AYES.)

3 PRESIDENT COOPER: In addition to the Police
4 Board, we have the following City officials with
5 us this evening. We have the First Deputy
6 Superintendent Yolanda Talley representing
7 Superintendent of Police Mr. Larry Snelling. We
8 have the Interim Chief Administrator of the
9 Civilian Office of Police Accountability, Ms.
10 LaKenya White. We have the Inspector General of
11 the City of Chicago, Ms. Deborah Witzburg, who is
12 here for Deputy Inspector General Public Safety
13 Ms. Tobar Richardson. We have Deputy Director
14 of the Chicago Police Department's Bureau of
15 Internal Affairs, Mr. Timothy Moore. We have the
16 General Counsel to the Superintendent of Police,
17 Mr. Scott Spears, and, as always, we have the
18 Police Board's Executive Director, Mr. Max
19 Caproni.

20 We will now proceed to the items on
21 the meeting agenda.

22 Is there a motion to approve the
23 drafts of the minutes of the Board's public and
24 closed meetings held on June 18th?

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1 VICE PRESIDENT BADILLO: Yes, so moved.

2 BOARD MEMBER LISS: Second.

3 PRESIDENT COOPER: All in favor, raise your
4 hands and say aye.

5 (CHORUS OF AYES.)

6 PRESIDENT COOPER: Seeing all hands raised
7 and hearing all ayes, the motion passes.

8 The next regular meeting of the
9 Chicago Police Board will take place five weeks
10 from now on August 21st at 7:30 p.m., and that
11 meeting will take place where all the Chicago
12 Police Board meetings take place, which is right
13 here at the Chicago Public Safety Headquarters.

14 The next item on our agenda is
15 closed meetings. The Police Board meets in
16 executive session to discuss various matters.
17 Those discussions are closed to the public as
18 authorized by Section 2(c)(1), (4), (11), and
19 (21) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act.
20 Information on matters discussed in the executive
21 sessions is included in the minutes of the
22 meetings posted on our website.

23 Is there a motion to close a series
24 of future executive sessions authorized by these

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1 sections of the Open Meetings Act?

2 VICE PRESIDENT BADILLO: Yes, so moved.

3 BOARD MEMBER LISS: I second.

4 PRESIDENT COOPER: All in favor, raise your
5 hands and say aye.

6 (CHORUS OF AYES.)

7 PRESIDENT COOPER: Seeing all hands raised
8 and hearing all ayes, the motion passes.

9 The next item on the agenda is
10 police disciplinary cases, which includes taking
11 final action on one case, and then an update on
12 the status of arbitration litigation.

13 The Police Board hears cases when
14 the Superintendent files charges recommending
15 that a sworn officer be discharged from the
16 Chicago Police Department for violating the
17 Chicago Police Department's rules of conduct.

18 The Board, as authorized by the Open
19 Meetings Act, has discussed in closed meeting one
20 police disciplinary case we will be deciding
21 today. We will now take final action on that
22 case.

23 Regarding case No. 24 PB 3042, is
24 there a motion to find Police Officer Marshall

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1 Andrews, Jr., guilty of testing positive for and
2 using cannabis in violation of the rules
3 governing the conduct of Chicago police officers
4 and to suspend him without pay for 90 days?

5 VICE PRESIDENT BADILLO: Yes, so moved.

6 BOARD MEMBER LISS: I second.

7 PRESIDENT COOPER: I will now call on members
8 of the Board for their vote. Board member
9 Badillo.

10 VICE PRESIDENT BADILLO: Aye.

11 PRESIDENT COOPER: Board Member Block.

12 BOARD MEMBER BLOCK: Aye.

13 PRESIDENT COOPER: Board Member Hall.

14 BOARD MEMBER HALL: Aye.

15 PRESIDENT COOPER: Board Member Liss.

16 BOARD MEMBER LISS: Aye.

17 PRESIDENT COOPER: Board Member Porter.

18 BOARD MEMBER PORTER: Aye.

19 PRESIDENT COOPER: Board Member Safakas?

20 BOARD MEMBER SAFAKAS: Aye.

21 PRESIDENT COOPER: Board Member Terry.

22 BOARD MEMBER TERRY: Yes.

23 PRESIDENT COOPER: And if she is on the line,
24 Board Member Velazquez. I don't think she is on

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1 the line yet. I also vote in favor of the
2 motion.

3 Voting in favor are Board Members
4 Badillo, Block, Hall, Liss, Porter, Terry, and
5 myself. The motion passes by a vote of 8 to 0.

6 Is there a motion to adopt the draft
7 of the written findings and decision that's been
8 reviewed by all Board members who participated in
9 deciding this case?

10 VICE PRESIDENT BADILLO: Yes, so moved.

11 BOARD MEMBER LISS: Second.

12 PRESIDENT COOPER: All in favor.

13 (CHORUS OF AYES.)

14 PRESIDENT COOPER: Board Member Block?

15 BOARD MEMBER BLOCK: Aye.

16 PRESIDENT COOPER: Hearing all ayes and
17 seeing all hands raised, the motion passes. The
18 written findings and decision will be entered as
19 of today's date, sent to the parties, and
20 promptly posted on the Police Board's website.

21 I want to take a quick moment and do
22 something we haven't been doing in a lot of these
23 Police Board meetings, which is to read from the
24 Board's decision to provide both the public who

1 are in the room tonight and the audience at home
2 a little bit of background explaining the Board's
3 decision regarding this disciplinary case.

4 While the Board has discharged
5 officers from the Chicago Police Department in
6 the past for using cannabis, medical and
7 recreational use of cannabis is now permitted by
8 Illinois law. In fact, this case that we decided
9 tonight is the first cannabis case to come before
10 the Board before the legalization of cannabis in
11 2020. Officers who use cannabis are no longer
12 violating a law they swore to uphold. In
13 addition, because of legalization, there's less
14 risk that officers who use cannabis will become
15 involved with a person or enterprise engaged in
16 the illegal sale, delivery or manufacture of
17 drugs. Nevertheless, CPD's policy prohibiting
18 cannabis use continues to be justified, and
19 officers who violate this policy are subject to
20 significant discipline up to, and including,
21 discharge.

22 The Police Board, however, will
23 continue to determine discipline on a
24 case-by-case basis and impose appropriate

1 discipline based on the specific facts and
2 circumstances of each case.

3 I will now provide an update on the
4 status of litigation on the arbitration of police
5 disciplinary cases.

6 As many of you know, the case before
7 the Illinois Appellate Court is still pending.
8 As I reported last month, oral arguments were
9 held last month on the issue of whether
10 arbitration proceedings of the most serious
11 instances of police disciplinary cases will be
12 open to the public or will take place behind
13 closed doors. It will likely be several weeks,
14 if not months, before the Appellate Court renders
15 its decision, then there's likely to be an appeal
16 to the Illinois Supreme Court. It therefore
17 appears it will be quite some time before the
18 arbitration process is developed. Then once a
19 process is in place, I fully expect there will be
20 a backlog of cases to be heard, as all discharge
21 cases in which the accused officer elected
22 arbitration had been on hold for more than a
23 year.

24 I want to again encourage all the

1 officers who are in the room and who are
2 listening to continue to have the Police Board
3 hear the cases involving the most serious
4 instances of police misconduct, rather than wait
5 an indefinite amount of time for their case to
6 proceed through a currently undefined arbitration
7 process.

8 I assure you that the Police Board
9 is committed to holding expeditious and fair
10 hearings that uphold the due process rights of
11 all parties.

12 I believe the recent data bear out
13 the Board's commitment in this area.

14 In the cases the Board recently
15 decided, it took less than nine months from the
16 officers being served with charges until the
17 Board issued its decision.

18 And since 2021, the Police Board has
19 decided 45 cases following the full hearing on
20 the charges. In 35 percent of those cases, the
21 Board ordered the accused officers discharged
22 from the CPD. In another 35 percent of those
23 cases, the Board imposed a lesser penalty than
24 that recommended by the Superintendent, and in

1 about 30 of those cases, the Board found the
2 officers not guilty of all the charges. These
3 outcomes reflect a Board that takes seriously its
4 responsibility of impartiality and to assess each
5 case on its own merits.

6 I can assure you that for as long as
7 I serve as president of the Board, the Board will
8 remain committed to that responsibility in
9 deciding each case on its own merits.

10 The members of the Board are not
11 ideologically driven and do not prejudge cases;
12 rather, we approach our role as neutral
13 decision-makers - like baseball umpires calling
14 balls and strikes - based solely on the evidence
15 presented and applicable law in each case.

16 The Police Board website
17 Chicago.gov/Police Board will continue to keep
18 the public informed on any new developments in
19 the ongoing litigation and of the status of
20 disciplinary cases currently pending before the
21 Board.

22 I encourage you to check out the
23 news and police discipline section of our website
24 for the most current information.

1 At this time, I would like now to
2 call on First Deputy Superintendent Yolanda
3 Talley to give the Superintendent's report.

4 FIRST DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT TALLEY: Good
5 evening. We started this month with securing 4th
6 of July festivities throughout the City. From
7 our neighborhoods to our beaches to our business
8 corridors, our officers were visible and present
9 citywide to protect all those celebrating during
10 the holiday weekend.

11 For the third consecutive year,
12 Chicago successfully hosted the NASCAR street
13 race over the 4th of July weekend, demonstrating
14 a robust security and operational framework that
15 safeguarded both the event and the entire City.

16 The Chicago Pride Parade
17 successfully closed out the month of June drawing
18 over a million attendees to celebrate the City's
19 LGBTQ+ community.

20 Despite the logistical challenges
21 of back-to-back major events, CPD maintained
22 robust safety protocols to ensure everyone in
23 attendance was able to celebrate safely.

24 We extend our deepest gratitude to

1 the dedicated Chicago police officers who worked
2 tirelessly through sweltering heat and canceled
3 days off to ensure the safety of both the Chicago
4 Pride Parade and NASCAR street race.

5 We still have more summer events
6 ahead of us, including Lollapalooza, the Air and
7 Water Show, and the Bud Billiken Parade. As
8 always, we will ensure sufficient resources are
9 in place to keep all attendees safe, while also
10 having sufficient resources in our neighborhood.

11 We're continuing to enhance public
12 safety through tools and stronger collaboration
13 within the Department.

14 Just last week, we unveiled a new
15 public transportation section, Strategic Decision
16 Support Center, focused solely on public safety
17 on the CTA.

18 This new room now has detectives
19 from the robbery task force embedded into the
20 space, alongside SDSC room officers.

21 The personnel assigned to this room
22 can monitor the transit system in real-time and
23 relay that information to officers in the field.
24 This allows for a stronger collaboration between

1 both officers in the SDSC room, officers in the
2 field, and detectives investigating transit
3 crime. These officers and detectives work across
4 the Bureau of Counterterrorism and the Bureau of
5 Detectives. They also work closely with CTA
6 safety and security to strengthen safety across
7 the transit system. These efforts are geared
8 toward preventing crime, addressing crime, and
9 bringing justice to the victims of crime. Thank
10 you.

11 PRESIDENT COOPER: Thank you, First Deputy
12 Superintendent Talley.

13 Next, I'd like to call the Interim
14 Chief of the Civilian Office of Police
15 Accountability, Ms. LaKenya White.

16 INTERIM CHIEF WHITE: Thank you. Good
17 evening, everyone. COPA recently published its
18 Quarter 2 report, and I'd like to share a few key
19 highlights.

20 At the end of Quarter 2, COPA had
21 603 open investigations. 1,655 complaints were
22 received during this period. Of those, 1,237
23 were referred to BIA, while COPA retained 418.
24 The most common complaints involved Fourth

1 Amendment, including improper searches and
2 seizures of individuals or property. There were
3 ten officer-involved shootings in Quarter 2. 182
4 investigations were concluded in Quarter 2, 55
5 were closed with no findings, 47 included at
6 least one sustained allegation.

7 COPA participated in CPD's training
8 sessions on deescalation and high-risk vehicle
9 stops, contributing expertise on legal analysis,
10 tactical communication, and public safety.

11 Community outreach remained strong
12 with COPA attending 60 events across 42 community
13 areas in 33 wards. We also attended the Pride
14 Parade.

15 There were six video releases and
16 transparency postings made during the quarter.
17 If you'd like more detailed information, feel
18 free to go on COPA's website at
19 222.ChicagoCOPA.org. Thank you.

20 PRESIDENT COOPER: Thank you, Chief
21 Administrator White.

22 I'd now like to call on the
23 Inspector General for the City of Chicago, Ms.
24 Deborah Witzburg to give her report. No report.

1 At this time, I'd now like to call
2 on the public who have signed up to speak to come
3 to the podium and to address the crowd and the
4 Board with whatever they have on their mind.

5 I would just ask that the speakers
6 limit their comments to two minutes, which you
7 will be reminded that had elapsed based on the
8 alarm that may or may not go off so every member
9 of the public who signed up to speak will have a
10 chance to have their say.

11 The first individual who signed up
12 is TC McCoy.

13 MR. MCCOY: Good evening. My name is Otha
14 McCoy the Second. I'm known as TC McCoy. I am a
15 retired Chicago police officer for 28 and a half
16 years. Before that, I was five and a half years
17 with the Cook County Sheriff Department.

18 I'm here tonight to speak to the
19 Chicago Police Board because for the last 30
20 years, I've been trying to get someone to hear
21 the complaints of what happened on the west side
22 of Chicago in the 15th District.

23 I got two officers right here.
24 Stand up. This gentleman did 12 years in the

1 penitentiary for being framed by the Chicago
2 Police Department. This gentleman right here was
3 sentenced to 115 years in the penitentiary for a
4 crime he did not commit. This is Officer Gregory
5 Crittleton. This is Officer Edward Jackson,
6 Junior, better known as Pacman.

7 For 30 years, I've been talking to
8 the Chicago Police Department, and they been
9 playing me off.

10 Under the Deputy Superintendent
11 Michael W. Hoke, Commander Burge's first partner,
12 they came on the West Side in 1935 to try to
13 frame me and Jerry Saffold, Howard Saffold, one
14 of the original members of the Afro-American
15 Police League for doing my job.

16 They gave an undercover car to a
17 criminal to take to another undercover -- to take
18 to a criminal that looked something like me to do
19 a robbery with an FBI agent.

20 I've been working my butt off
21 trying to get the Chicago Police Department to
22 listen to us.

23 Our lawyer has been trying to
24 contact in the last month at least ten times the

1 Department of Internal Affairs, which he has not
2 returned his call.

3 I've talked to numerous people over
4 the years in Internal Affairs about this travesty
5 of justice. It took me 25 years with the people
6 in the community to help me get this gentleman
7 out of the penitentiary for a crime that he
8 didn't commit. I got some paperwork right here
9 that will prove -- this is just a little sample
10 that these gentleman were innocent, and we were
11 all innocent, and that the Internal Affairs
12 Division's corrupt practices played an integral
13 part in destroying the Austin community. I got
14 the whole Austin community behind me.

15 PRESIDENT COOPER: Thank you, Mr. McCoy. If
16 you stay after the meeting, I'm sure somebody
17 from the Chicago Police Department will be happy
18 to speak with you.

19 MR. MCCOY: Thank you very much.

20 PRESIDENT COOPER: The next individual who
21 signed up to speak is Sister Muhammad.

22 MS. MUHAMMAD: Thank you. I notice you
23 didn't call my first name.

24 PRESIDENT COOPER: Sorry.

1 MS. MUHAMMAD: Zakiyyah. My name is Zakiyyah
2 Muhammad, community activist, and I am a part of
3 the Men and Women Prison Ministry. As a matter
4 of fact, I think I saw you at the C number
5 (phonetic) picnic Saturday, brother. So I
6 support what you all are doing. I just want to
7 let you know that.

8 But I live in Woodland Park
9 Apartments, which is at 34th and Cottage Grove.
10 There's a situation going on now that is out of
11 control.

12 Our young people have found a new
13 spot to target and play loud music and fight all
14 hours of the night.

15 Our back bedrooms in the 637
16 building, which is right there by the church --
17 officer, you might be familiar with the areas
18 since you're out in the car, Sixth Grace Church
19 is at 35th and -- corner of 35th and Cottage
20 Grove on the east side of the street, while our
21 complex, Woodland Park Apartments, is right next
22 to it. So they park right there along 35th
23 Street there next to the church parking lot, and
24 they open their cars, and they party outside.

1 Then it stems around to Lake Park where the
2 residents and Lake Row Village right there at
3 3500. 3500 is the high-rise that sits there at
4 35th and Cottage Grove, and they really get it
5 on.

6 Now, what I witnessed two weeks ago
7 could have really gotten out of hand because they
8 had a fight about 5:00 o'clock in the morning.
9 It was a big fight. Fire trucks came, paramedics
10 came, police cars from all over, and one police
11 was trying to break up a fight, and the young
12 lady shoved and pushed the police.

13 Now, I can remember a time when
14 that happened, the police would kill one of us.
15 Just shoot you right there. Okay.

16 So I'm just saying we need a car --
17 when they first built that new bridge right there
18 going over, there used to be a car there, and I
19 have known from -- I'm here periodically
20 throughout the years saying the same thing. I
21 mean -- and the Superintendent can tell you, they
22 remember me, all of them, because I come and I
23 complain. We need protection. We want to rest.
24 We want to sleep through the night, and we want

1 to see police presence there, especially on the
2 weekend. Thank you.

3 PRESIDENT COOPER: Thank you, Sister Zakiyyah
4 Muhammad.

5 The next individual who signed up
6 to speak is Mr. Robert Tieri.

7 MR. TIERI: Hello, everybody. I'm Robert
8 Terry. I'm here today to show how the Chicago
9 Police Department discriminates against homeless
10 and disabled.

11 On December 15th, 2022, three were
12 killed in a shooting outside of the
13 establishment. There's no summary closure issue.

14 October 9th, 2023, Blum nightclub,
15 eight people were injured, they were shot, but
16 nobody was killed. That, again, was outside the
17 establishment. No summary closure was issued.

18 October 7th, 2024, at the JJ Fish
19 at 79th and Western, Paul Williams and David
20 Swick were assassinated by the manager inside the
21 establishment. This was a crime against
22 humanity. There was no summary closure issued in
23 this matter.

24 On November 14th, the violence

1 continued when I was attacked outside the
2 establishment for protesting. There was no
3 summary closure issued.

4 On May 9th, 2024, Happy Liquors at
5 79th and Cottage Grove, they were shut down with
6 a summary closure because there was a killing
7 near this location.

8 On July 2nd, 2025, Artist Lounge,
9 four were killed outside the establishment.
10 Summary closure was issued.

11 May 20, 2025, AB Liquor on 79th and
12 Exchange, there was summary closure issued for
13 loitering, public intoxication, and noise. But
14 in the case of 79th and Western, there was no
15 summary closure when the manager killed two men.

16 Please issue a summary closure for
17 the JJ Fish where the two men were assassinated
18 and for their continued violence against the
19 homeless and disabled when they attacked me
20 outside the establishment. Thank you.

21 PRESIDENT COOPER: Thank you, Mr. Tieri.

22 The next individual who signed up
23 is Mrs. Davis.

24 MRS. DAVIS: Good evening. My name is

1 Mrs. Davis. I represent the 3rd District at 7040
2 South Cottage Grove, and I'm coming up here
3 because I am really concerned about our police
4 and our community safety at this point. I
5 understand that they're supposed to be having
6 police doing more paperwork as part of the
7 Consent Decree, and if that paperwork is going to
8 be so intense, I want to know how they going to
9 be able to do that job writing papers up versus
10 being out on the street. Can someone answer that
11 for me?

12 PRESIDENT COOPER: Mrs. Davis, because this
13 is a public comment session, I'm sure somebody
14 from the CPD will be happy to answer your
15 question. If you stick around after the public
16 comment session, you'll get the answers to the
17 questions that I know you're looking for.

18 MRS. DAVIS: Thank you.

19 PRESIDENT COOPER: The next individual who
20 signed up to speak is Mr. Robert Walker.

21 MR. WALKER: I'm Robert Walker. But a
22 question -- I just wanted to go back to your
23 question. You said I should table my question to
24 CPD after the meeting if I have question for CPD;

1 is that correct?

2 PRESIDENT COOPER: You're happy to ask it.

3 MR. WALKER: I guess the point is there is no
4 point if I'm --

5 PRESIDENT COOPER: So we're not going to go
6 back and forth during the public comment. That's
7 the whole point of one of these meetings. If you
8 stick around -- because there are a lot of
9 officers in the room who I'm sure will be happy
10 to provide you with the information and answers
11 that you're looking for, if you stick around
12 until after the public comment when the meeting
13 is over.

14 With that being said, Mr. Walker,
15 would you like to speak or would you rather wait?

16 MR. WALKER: Again, my name is Robert Walker.
17 I live in the 6th Ward, Englewood, and I just
18 wanted to get some feedback or some understanding
19 strategically specifically when it refers to the
20 south and west side strategic league in terms of
21 reduction of crime. You hear crime is down, but
22 I don't see that. I see a lot going on in
23 Englewood and other neighborhoods of color. And
24 so one of the things I'd like to do is see

1 numbers. We talk about numbers and what that
2 looks like, and but one thing is not clear how to
3 best support our communities and look at those
4 numbers and share those numbers and explain
5 numbers. That's what I would like CPD to do for
6 our neighborhoods, explain those numbers, where
7 they getting some of those numbers from and what
8 that looks like and how to better support our
9 communities.

10 Specifically, I'm referring to the
11 south and west side of Chicago. But I will stay
12 behind, and I don't want to hold up time.

13 PRESIDENT COOPER: We appreciate the comment,
14 and we appreciate you sticking around to get your
15 questions answered, Mr. Walker.

16 The next individual who signed up
17 to speak is Pastor Doyle.

18 PASTOR DOYLE: President Cooper and Board,
19 Doyle, Landry.

20 So what I've asked First Deputy
21 Superintendent Talley, there's a page for each of
22 you, and all tied in, because some things can
23 sometimes take care of themselves.

24 Since the First Deputy made an

1 impact -- First Deputy Superintendent made an
2 impact in Austin, hope it isn't lost on anyone in
3 the audience what happened when a 23-year-old
4 black male got angry and threw a Molotov cocktail
5 in a building and killed multiple people, not
6 white, not Hispanic, black. Hope it is not lost
7 the individuals also in the last month in River
8 North when a 27-year-old-black female going back
9 and forth with the social media about something
10 minor decides -- well, we already know the
11 outcome.

12 The point being is everything starts
13 with accountability, and it gets tiring
14 specifically to those who look like me in the
15 room because we're going to continue to have what
16 we have until we decide to hold our race
17 accountable.

18 It's not fashionable to look in the
19 eyes of black mothers who have burial plans for
20 their children who they had dreams for.

21 We're not talking about white people
22 and racists, we're talking about black pain,
23 black disrespect, and black hate.

24 So when I heard this senior citizen

1 talk about what's happening in the ward that's
2 populated by a black alderman -- the reason why
3 you have that copy in front of you is, again,
4 that's a trespassing matter that I took care of
5 myself, because, again, when you take care of
6 self, when you're taught to take care of self and
7 taught that the responsibility starts at home,
8 again the violence in Chicago, overwhelmingly the
9 data has nothing to do with white or Hispanic, it
10 looks like me.

11 PRESIDENT COOPER: Thank you, Pastor Doyle.

12 The next speaker we have signed up
13 is Mr. Benson Stewart. Do you want to go first,
14 Ms. Edwards? Okay. I apologize. So the next
15 speaker we have is Ms. Jennifer Edwards.

16 MS. EDWARDS: I want to make sure each one of
17 you get the handout that we're giving.

18 While you're doing that, I can talk
19 a little bit about our Communities Organized to
20 Win. What we decided to do is look at different
21 types of crime and bring it to our Area 1 and
22 Area 2 police districts and bring in some of the
23 top chiefs and whoever to talk about it because
24 we don't get the information necessarily or

1 people don't understand the information. So we
2 started on the 16th of -- 14th of June, we had a
3 carjacking prevention event at the 3rd District.
4 So that's why I gave you the map of the 3rd
5 District. And we talked a little bit about it.
6 If you look on the map, you'll see the boxes are
7 the hotspots that are in the area. You'll see
8 the little dots, red dots, that's where the
9 carjackings have occurred, okay, in the 3rd
10 District over a period of time. Those are the
11 different beats that are on yours. And if you
12 notice, that the edge of -- the left edge is an
13 express lane. It is not on there. That's the
14 expressway. The right edge goes to the
15 lakefront. So if you look at that and see the
16 carjackings, why would you think that they will
17 leave and go to those areas? I'm just asking you
18 all. Trying to be interactive with you. Anybody
19 can answer that. What do you think? Well, I'll
20 answer for you. It's because they can get away
21 quickly. All right. The next page that you see
22 is some of the incidents that have happened in
23 the 3rd District area, and some of the things
24 that we investigated with the data analyst.

1 Don't look at the names. This is what we
2 presented, me and my pastor, over here presented.
3 It's going to take a little bit.

4 PRESIDENT COOPER: Take your time.

5 MS. EDWARDS: And you will notice the green
6 highlighted boxes. Those were arrests, and
7 arrests were by the task force. They also used
8 the license plate reader. The one over on the
9 left, you look at the time of day when these
10 carjackings happened. They had the City-wide
11 project unit come out. It was a robbery.
12 They're doing all types of things, but look at
13 the next page, you will see from 2024, the dark
14 red area is where all the carjackings were
15 happening. Okay? 2025, you will notice there
16 was a big reduction, and you will see that it's
17 shaded out. So the dark red areas, again, are by
18 the lakefront and then close to where the 6th
19 District is. So they made progress.

20 So I'm going to give you a quick
21 summary of what has happened, what the progress
22 was, and this was done at the 3rd District. This
23 is where we give the presentation. The
24 carjacking prevention show the collaborative

1 effort, including the Chicago Police Department,
2 the Cook County Sheriff, and the Illinois State
3 Police unit, along with the Cook County Sheriff's
4 Stolen Vehicle Unit. That's the other booklet
5 that I gave to each one of you. I want everybody
6 to register their cars. Okay. This will be
7 helpful.

8 The data presented at the event
9 showed that a collaborative effort made a
10 difference in the number of carjackings in Cook
11 County, whereas in the past, the policing units
12 worked separately.

13 The data that you have is Chicago
14 area/Cook County carjacking incidents from
15 January 2020 through 6/13/25 amounted to 8,688
16 incidents as compared to Los Angeles, New York,
17 Philadelphia, combined incidents in 2021 which
18 were 1,914 carjackings.

19 After the collaboration of the
20 three police agencies, the 2024 number of
21 incidents decreased by 40 percent to 1,268
22 carjacking incidents. So you see it made a big
23 difference when police decided to work together.
24 And this is where we're going to say thank you.

1 Glad that they noticed this and saw that this is
2 something that was needed.

3 We're hoping that we're going to
4 bring this information to other areas of the
5 districts with the support of the Police
6 Department with Ms. Talley. We're going to try
7 to have other things about robberies, the
8 different things that are going on in our
9 neighborhoods. We want to know why and what we
10 can do to maybe help it and get the community
11 involved.

12 The stolen vehicle brochure that
13 you have, you can register your car, and it makes
14 a big difference. We had for the stolen
15 vehicle -- that the Sheriff's stolen vehicle
16 department whose recovery numbers went from 212
17 hours to find a car in 2020 to 52 hours in 2025.
18 So we're suggesting that you register your cars,
19 even if you have an old car like mine. I
20 registered mine, because they don't care about
21 the cars.

22 The other person that's following
23 me, Mr. Benson, he's going to talk about what
24 they're doing, too. The community is trying to

1 get together to do some things with the police.
2 We're trying to inform our neighbors about this.

3 PRESIDENT COOPER: Thank you very much, Ms.
4 Edwards. This is very helpful and informative.

5 The next speaker, as Ms. Edwards
6 noted, is Mr. Benson Stewart.

7 MR. STEWART: Good evening. Members of the
8 Board. Thank you for giving me the opportunity
9 to speak to you tonight. My name is Vincent
10 Stewart, and I stand before you as a lifelong
11 concerned resident of Chicago, who like many in
12 our community, are deeply troubled by carjackings
13 in the Chicagoland area.

14 These carjacking events have
15 touched the lives of so many. Beyond the
16 immediate danger carjackings pose, they create a
17 ripple effect of fear and insecurity in our
18 communities that should feel safe.

19 Like all of you, I believe we need
20 creative, thoughtful, and effective strategies to
21 help mitigate the pain and the aftermath of these
22 types of events so we can restore the peace of
23 mind to our residents.

24 In response to these concerns, in

1 the fall of 2021, I developed a technology
2 solution that I believe could serve as an
3 important tool in mitigating and combatting the
4 impact of carjackings.

5 Without delving into the technical
6 specifics in this public forum, my solution is
7 designed to assist vehicle owners and law
8 enforcement into rapid notification tracking and
9 recovery of stolen vehicles. The goal is simple,
10 to reduce recovery time and make it harder for
11 carjackers to succeed in follow-on crimes and
12 easier for law enforcement to respond
13 effectively.

14 As a technology expert, I know that
15 there's no single tool or strategy can solve the
16 problem in time; however, I believe that this
17 innovative resource I designed from the ground
18 up, alongside the expertise and dedication of law
19 enforcement, can make a real difference. Why is
20 this important? Let me share a painful reminder
21 about the event on April 4th, 2025, an Army
22 veteran tragically lost his life as a result of a
23 carjacking right next-door to us in Oak Park.
24 His lifelong friend said he was the best of us.

1 This devastating incident highlights the urgency
2 of finding solutions to mitigate the impact of
3 carjackings. Vehicles can be replaced, lives
4 cannot.

5 When armed with the right tools,
6 knowledge, we can prevent senseless tragedies
7 like this from happening.

8 For me, it's about giving our City
9 additional tools to help protect its residents,
10 deter criminal behavior, and strengthen vehicle
11 public safety so that we can all feel safer and
12 drive in this place we call our home.

13 To show my commitment to the subject
14 of carjackings, I've been an virtual attendee
15 since Q1 of 2022 to the Illinois Secretary of
16 State's carjacking commission, which is called
17 the Vehicle Hijacking and Motor Vehicle Theft
18 Prevention and Insurance Verification Council. A
19 meeting where Commander Andrew Costello of the
20 CPD is generally in attendance and is a council
21 member.

22 It is my dream over the last several
23 years that this project that I've worked
24 tirelessly on can be an integral tool in the

1 carjacking task force vehicle public safety
2 toolbox.

3 I will welcome the opportunity to
4 share more information about this solution and
5 explore how it might fit into the larger public
6 safety strategies already in motion.

7 I'm committed to working
8 collaboratively with all stakeholders, law
9 enforcement policymakers, and the community alike
10 to address the pressing issue.

11 I thank you for your time, your
12 leadership, and commitment to making Chicago a
13 safer city for everyone.

14 I look forward to being part of the
15 continuing efforts to protect our residents and
16 neighbors. Thank you.

17 PRESIDENT COOPER: Thank you. And the final
18 speaker who signed up to speak at this month's
19 meeting is Mr. Ash Shaji.

20 MR. SHAJI: Hello. Thank you. This is my
21 second time coming here. I raised the issue
22 about the ongoing drug dealings in the premise of
23 the businesses.

24 So summer started, the more we

1 see -- there's so many people outside -- outside
2 the business selling drugs. So when I'm in the
3 business, I can call the police, because I know
4 that's not good for the business. But when
5 I'm -- I leave, then the group will get wider,
6 wider. At night, it will be like more than 10 to
7 15 people standing outside the business, just
8 simply doing the things, so that creates very
9 unsafe for the customers and the kids, and
10 because I know there is -- there is a solution,
11 but the police doing -- this is the second July
12 4th we didn't have any shooting up there because
13 I was actually calling the police if something
14 happened, you know.

15 So before I do go to the store,
16 there was history of shooting in that premises,
17 but since 2024, we didn't have any shooting up
18 there, only because I was giving -- calling the
19 police all the time. But the drug activity
20 really is out of my control. It's getting
21 nowhere, you know. Police come. They move
22 around for ten minutes, then come back again. So
23 many people, so many customers, so many neighbors
24 complain about it. So they don't -- 98 percent

1 of the people don't want this kind of stuff
2 ruining the business and neighborhood.

3 PRESIDENT COOPER: Thank you, Mr. Shaji. If
4 you stick around after this meeting, I'm sure
5 there will be --

6 THE WITNESS: Yeah, yeah, sure.

7 PRESIDENT COOPER: But thank you for coming.

8 All members of the public who have
9 signed up to speak have spoken. Is there a
10 motion to adjourn this month's meeting?

11 VICE PRESIDENT BADILLO: Yes, so moved.

12 BOARD MEMBER LISS: Second.

13 PRESIDENT COOPER: All in favor, raise your
14 hands and say aye.

15 (CHORUS OF AYES.)

16 PRESIDENT COOPER: The motion passes, the
17 meeting is adjourned.

18 (WHEREUPON, the proceedings
19 were adjourned at 8:15 p.m.)
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