1	COMMUNITY COMMISSION for PUBLIC SAFETY and ACCOUNTABILITY
2	PUBLIC MEETING
3	Thursday, January 30, 2025, 6:30 p.m. Malcolm X College
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5	APPEARANCES:
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7	President Anthony Driver Commissioner Aaron Gottlieb Commissioner Sandra Wortham
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- 1 PRESIDENT DRIVER: Good evening, everyone.
- The January 30, 2025, meeting of the Community
- 3 Commission for Public Safety and Accountability
- 4 is called to order at 6:36 p.m.
- 5 We will begin with the call of the
- 6 roll. Commissioner Gottlieb.
- 7 COMMISSIONER GOTTLIEB: Present.
- 8 PRESIDENT DRIVER: Commissioner Driver is
- 9 present.
- 10 Commissioner Minor.
- 11 COMMISSIONER MINOR: Present.
- 12 PRESIDENT DRIVER: Commission Rubi Navarijo.
- 13 Commissioner Terry. Commissioner Wortham.
- 14 COMMISSIONER WORTHAM: Present.
- 15 PRESIDENT DRIVER: With four out of six
- 16 members of the Community Comission for Public
- 17 Safety and Accountability present, we have a
- quorum to conduct the Commission's business.
- The next item of business is public
- 20 comment. If you would like to share something
- 21 related to the Commission's work on public safety
- 22 and accountability, you have a few options. You
- 23 can speak at a public meeting. You can also
- submit public comment in writing or email your

- 1 comment to
- 2 CommunityCommissionpubliccomment@CityofChicago.
- org, or you can bring a copy of your comment to
- 4 the Commission's public meeting, give it to
- 5 someone on the Commission or someone on the
- 6 Commission staff.
- 7 People who wanted to speak during
- 8 the public comment period tonight were asked to
- 9 submit their names in writing earlier tonight.
- Names were then drawn at random by a member of
- 11 the Commission staff. Speakers will be called in
- the order in which their names were drawn. If
- your name is called to offer public comment, we
- 14 ask you to approach the microphone and line up in
- the order in which your name is called. When it
- is your turn to speak, please say your name and
- spell your name and then offer your comments.
- 18 Each speaker will have two minutes. We've
- 19 allotted a total of 20 minutes for public
- 20 comment.
- Our first -- I will call you in
- threes. If you are not able to approach the
- 23 microphone, please alert someone on the
- 24 Commission staff who will bring one to you.

- Our first three speakers are Grace
- 2 Patino, Alees Edwards, and Kamara S.
- 3 MS. PATINO: Good evening. So my
- 4 understanding is that there is going to be some
- 5 discussion tonight, a vote or something around
- 6 the idea of punting, drafting the ordinance
- 7 around traffic stops, whether you guys will
- 8 handle that, or whether that will be punted over
- 9 for the Consent Decree to handle it. I just want
- 10 to say that I don't think it should be moved over
- 11 to the Consent Decree.
- We worked and fought really hard
- for you guys to get the powers that you have now,
- and so I think that you should flex that power
- and be the ones to draft an ordiance around
- traffic stops. And I don't think you should
- 17 relinquish that power for this matter.
- 18 And I'm also hoping -- I don't know
- 19 that it will be tonight or what -- if we can get
- some type of update around the task force that
- 21 the Mayor is putting together regarding the Oath
- 22 Keeper officers. We just want to know as a
- community how we can be involved in that process,
- and at what point we get to have a voice in that

- 1 process. Thank you.
- MS. EDWARDS: Hello. Alees Edwards. I am
- 3 the Police District Councilor for 11. I am here
- 4 to ask that we create a process within CCPSA for
- 5 a CPD policy that ends pretextual traffic stops,
- 6 limits the types of the low-level offenses that
- 7 can lead to a traffic stop and ends consent
- 8 searches during traffic stops. These stops
- 9 disproportionately target black and Latino
- drivers, leading to unnecessary harassment and
- 11 trauma.
- I wanted to specifically talk about
- a scenario where someone who I knew in my
- 14 community, someone who is a pillar in the
- 15 community, their son was stopped by CPD. They
- were harassed by CPD. His car was tossed. It
- tended up having like eight officers that were
- 18 there, and they gave him a bogus ticket. They
- 19 asked for a white shirt. The white shirt came
- and backed up the officer. He had to take off
- work, go to court and have this whole ticket
- 22 erased, or they just threw it out because it was
- 23 bogus. They gave him a ticket for having his car
- lights on while the street lights were on.

- If there is a way that I can tell
- 2 you and express to you the trauma that it caused
- 3 his mom, the trauma it caused his dad, his sister
- 4 who taped it, and he himself who would not put in
- a COPA complaint because he was afraid of what
- 6 CPD would do.
- 7 Some of these pretextual traffic
- 8 stops when it's very low level are unnecessary,
- 9 especially when they're making up reasons to stop
- 10 people. We ask you make a policy for that.
- 11 Thank you.
- 12 PRESIDENT DRIVER: Thank you.
- MR. KAMARA S: Hello. Good evening.
- 14 Firstly, I wanted to say that I think that the
- 15 CCPSA may be misinterpreting its role in building
- 16 community trust with CPD. If an auto technician
- is taking a jackhammer to a transmission, you
- would want to stop that person and have them
- 19 removed from your vehicle. If a manager or a
- foreman at the worksite is operating their shop
- in a way that exposes workers to toxins and
- 22 carcinogens, that foreman or manager should be
- 23 separated from the workers and removed from that
- 24 worksite.

- So CCPSA should not be fostering an
- abusive relationship between the people of
- 3 Chicago and CPD.
- So I'm hoping you all think about
- 5 reinterpreting your mandate for fostering trust
- 6 with the community and don't push the community
- 7 into an abusive relationship with its police
- 8 force.
- 9 Also, I think that CCPSA should be
- 10 encouraging. You all should be holding cop watch
- 11 trainings. If you can't do that, you need to be
- helping to coordinate them. If you can't do
- that, you need to be encouraging them. Again, in
- order to provide the community to have the
- capacity to defend themselves from the things
- that the Commission is not able to address.
- 17 And also I would hope that the next
- 18 time you all get to speak with Larry Snelling,
- that you would ask him about the 17 complaints
- that he racked up in his six years before leaving
- 21 for AT & T and the sustained complaints that he
- faced for physically slapping people, the
- 23 accusations of smashing children's heads into the
- 24 concrete. Thank you.

- 1 PRESIDENT DRIVER: Thank you. Our next three
- 2 speakers are Maya, District Councilor Arewa, and
- 3 Faayani Aboma.
- 4 MS. SIMLEIN: Hi, all. Thank you for the
- opportunity to speak today. My name is Maya, and
- 6 I am here with Chicago Appleseed Center for Fair
- 7 Courts, an organization that's using mixed
- 8 methods research approaches to interrupt cycles
- 9 of poverty, mass incarceration, and racial
- injustice inherent to the legal system.
- It's important that we address the
- 12 critical issue of pretextual traffic stops and
- emphasize the role of the CCPSA in representing
- 14 our communities' priorities.
- While we're glad that CCPSA is
- hosting these listening sessions, we really hope
- that it commits to actually taking into account
- 18 the feedback. That would look like giving
- 19 community members an opportunity to respond to a
- 20 draft policy and being really transparent about
- 21 how community feedback will be incorporated into
- 22 that policy.
- We're also frustrated with how long
- the CCPSA is taking to act. Ending pretextual

- 1 vehicle stops is an urgent issue. In these seven
- 2 extra months of community engagement, people will
- 3 continue to being harassed by police on the
- 4 roads.
- 5 We need action to be taken as soon
- 6 as possible.
- 7 People have been coming to these
- 8 meetings for months already. We're part of the
- 9 Free2Move Coalition which started coming in 2023.
- We got 2000 signatures on a petition and have
- outlined really concrete policy changes for
- 12 government that community members have shown wide
- 13 support for.
- Data shows that almost 70 percent
- of stops in Chicago were for light or
- 16 registration violations. These do not impact
- public safety. Less than 2 percent of the stops
- were for actually dangerous violations such as
- 19 speeding, reckless driving, or DUI. That's only
- 20 2 percent of a giant amount of CPD resources
- 21 being extended to mostly minor offenses.
- We know that stops for minor
- violations are racially biased and
- 24 disproportionally targets marginalized

- 1 communities, eroding trust between the public and
- the police.
- The data is clear, this practice
- 4 does not enhance public safety. CCPSA is well
- 5 aware of that.
- 6 We also know that consent searches
- 7 enable cops to conduct fishing expeditions of
- 8 people that have a racially disparate impact.
- 9 Law enforcement needs to have an
- independent legal basis to search before asking
- 11 for consent instead of relying on their
- subjective judgment leading only to racially
- 13 biased results.
- In conclusion, the problem of
- pretextual traffic stops is extensive and
- 16 requires strong and swift action.
- 17 CCPSA has the power to make
- meaningful change, and we urge y'all to use that
- 19 power to ensure that the policies negotiated
- 20 actually reflect the priorities of the community.
- 21 Thank you.
- 22 PRESIDENT DRIVER: Thank you.
- MS. WINTERS: Good evening. District Council
- woman Arewa Winters, 15th Police District.

- 1 Per the ECPS ordinance, whereas the
- 2 ordinance also establishes District Councils for
- 3 the purpose of, one, building connections between
- 4 CPD and community; and, two, collaborating in the
- 5 development and implementation of community
- 6 policing initiatives, which have never been
- defined for us, never explained to us, and
- 8 therefore it leads us to our own interpretation.
- 9 So in the 15th District, we have a
- 10 vision what an initiative can look like and how
- it could help us gain visibility, hold police and
- 12 community accountable, and fulfill our integral
- 13 purpose as District Councilors.
- I spoke with Adam about this months
- 15 ago. We had introduced this to our constituents.
- We've gone over with our commander, and he gave
- 17 us some constructive feedback.
- So over the next several months, we
- worked on developing the 15th District tribunal
- initiative that will embody restored justice,
- 21 mediation, conflict resolution, and, if needed,
- 22 racial healing practices.
- Our tribunal will be made up of one
- 24 District Counselor, one community member in good

- standing and trained in all areas of our tribunal
- and one CPD officer that resides in the 15th
- 3 District, also in good standing and trained in
- 4 all areas of our tribunal.
- 5 All that we are doing right now --
- 6 because everything in this whole endeavor has
- 7 been trial and error. One thing I learned about
- 8 working with CPD is they are excellent in telling
- 9 us what they can't do.
- So in the 15th District, we just
- want to hear what they can do and what they are
- 12 willing to do to help us help them.
- 13 If we -- so we have focus groups
- 14 with stakeholders and shareholders in the
- 15 community to make sure we have significant and
- viable input, beginning with Marcia Thompson,
- 17 Esquire, who was the consultant for the City that
- brought the community -- the community mediation
- 19 program with the Center of Conflict Resolution.
- 20 She has volunteered to train our community
- 21 members with her expertise and time and -- what
- 22 else? So, yeah, if we do not receive support and
- acknowledgement of CPD, CCPSA, and the Community
- 24 Commission, we will confess this to our

- 1 constituents that our transformational efforts
- 2 have been thwarted by the powers that be and,
- 3 perhaps, that we should look --
- 4 PRESIDENT DRIVER: Your two minutes are up.
- 5 Can you wrap up your comment, please?
- 6 MS. WINTERS: -- civil rights violations for
- 7 being denied authority to exercise our powers to
- 8 perform our functions and duties. Thank you.
- 9 MR. ABOMA: Faayani. I'm a member of the
- 10 Chicago Alliance. You know, let's not forget the
- 11 spirit in which this ordinance was created. It
- was to hold the police accountable.
- This City has a long history of
- 14 torture cops, rogue superintendents, like the one
- that's in power right now, Larry Snelling, and
- it's important that we fight within this body to
- 17 hold the police accountable.
- So I'm raising my voice in support
- of any pretextual traffic stops and not letting
- those traffic stops go to the Consent Decree.
- 21 As it stands right now, CPD has a 7
- 22 percent clearance rate with the Consent Decree.
- In fact, in the 2nd District, CPD is not even
- following through on its Consent Decree

- 1 commitments.
- 2 And so -- so in regards to that, we
- 3 need to ensure that the Commission passes the
- 4 policy and it not go to the Consent Decree.
- 5 And, thirdly, in this spirit of the
- 6 Police Department now wanting to be held
- 7 accountable, you know, there are these oath
- 8 keepers on the force that have not been held
- 9 accountable. And it's important that the
- 10 Commission follow through on 2025 priorities that
- investigations of officers with hate group ties
- 12 be done by COPA instead of BIA.
- The police should not be
- investigating itself. It can't investigate
- itself. And BIA doesn't even have subpoena
- 16 power. So COPA should be investigating this.
- 17 And, lastly, in the creation of the
- 18 task force, because we were told by the Mayor
- that the task force was in the process of being
- formed, we want the Commission to ensure that
- community input is taken in to ensure that the
- task force actually follows through on
- investigating and rooting out white supremacist
- 24 extremists from CPD. Thank you.

- 1 PRESIDENT DRIVER: Thank you. Our last two
- 2 speakers, Alderman Daniel La Spata, District
- 3 Councilor Beth Rochford.
- 4 ALDERMAN La SPATA: Commissioner, thank you
- so much for the opportunity to meet with you
- 6 today. I have the privilege of serving as
- 7 alderperson for the 1st Ward and also as the
- 8 chairman for the Commission on pedestrian and
- 9 traffic safety for the Chicago City Council.
- 10 I'm really glad that this is the
- 11 second time that we're taking up the topic of
- 12 pretextual traffic stops with the Commission.
- 13 I'm really grateful for those within the
- 14 Freedom2Move Coalition who did the hard
- petitioning work to make that sure that first
- hearing happened. I'm here to add my voice to
- 17 the chorus encouraging now not to vote pretextual
- 18 stops to the Consent Decree.
- 19 Everything that I've learned over
- the last two years in office from advocates in my
- community confirms that there is no equitable
- version of a pretextual stop. There's no more
- just version of a pretextual traffic stop.
- 24 Conceptually, fundamentally, pretextual traffic

- 1 stops erode trust and cooperation with the
- 2 Chicago Police Department.
- 3 It fundamentally is detrimental to
- 4 the work to keeping Chicagoans safe. It was very
- 5 hard in challenging when we voted to vest
- 6 policy-making power with the Commission. We did
- 7 this because we trusted you and hoped that you
- 8 would use that power wisely and boldly on behalf
- 9 of the Chicagoans.
- I don't want to read about
- 11 non-concurrence at some point. I don't want to
- read about best efforts through the Consent
- 13 Decree. I really want to read and encourage and
- 14 applaud you all in making bold policy choices on
- behalf of any pretextual stops for Chicago.
- 16 Thank you.
- MS. ROCHFORD: Hi, Elizabeth Rockford. 17th
- 18 District Councilor. So I just want to echo a lot
- of what we heard tonight. I spoke at the Consent
- Decree hearing with the judge last year urging
- that you guys be trusted to keep traffic stops in
- your purview. So I want you to vote no on that.
- I would also ask that you give us a
- 24 draft policy, sooner rather than later, because

- the community should be able to look at this and
- weigh in on it as you're doing the listening
- 3 sessions. And we want a timeline, maybe like by
- 4 the end of the second quarter, to have this draft
- 5 policy, and at your listening session actually
- 6 get feedback on that draft policy, rather than
- 7 just hearing people's stories about their poor
- 8 experiences with police and traffic stops. So
- 9 please consider that. Thank you.
- 10 MR. PAVILON: Can I ask a question from the
- 11 floor?
- 12 PRESIDENT DRIVER: We do not take questions
- 13 from the floor.
- We reached the end of our public
- 15 comment period. Thank you again.
- 16 Actually, we had nine speakers who
- 17 signed up, so if you would like to come to the
- 18 microphone and make a comment, I will allow it
- 19 because we did not have a full ten.
- MR. PAVILON: Thank you. This was not an
- 21 easy place to find.
- 22 PRESIDENT DRIVER: Understand. Make sure
- you have you a microphone.
- MR. PAVILON: Thank you. I represent the

- 1 17th and the 19th and the 20th police councils.
- I bounce around, Lincoln Square, Ravenswood. I
- 3 started there about 14 months ago. And 14 months
- 4 ago, there was a lot of evidence coming in about
- 5 civilians within the police force. Civilians,
- 6 more civilians within the police force. And
- 7 there is much evidence to show that Houston, Los
- 8 Angeles, New York, and even Las Vegas is killing
- 9 us in terms of keeping homicides down to a level.
- I got the specific numbers here. But I am tired
- and frustrated, and I get angry when things don't
- happen when the evidence is there for such a long
- period of time. And I think even Superintendent
- 14 Snelling made a note of that when we were at the
- 15 Irish Center, but the question was not asked back
- at him as to how is that going, how many
- 17 civilians have been hired, and what are we going
- 18 to do next, because there is a huge difference in
- 19 homicides in particular when civilians are doing
- the work that cops really don't have to do, like
- 21 chasing parking issues. End of story. Good
- enough?
- 23 PRESIDENT DRIVER: Thank you. Could you
- 24 state your name for the record?

- 1 MR. PAVILION: Michael Pavilon.
- 2 PRESIDENT DRIVER: Thank you.
- We've reached the end of the public
- 4 comment period. Thank you again to all our
- 5 public speakers. We value your input.
- The next order of business is
- 7 approval of minutes. Before today's meeting,
- 8 draft minutes of the Commission regular's meeting
- 9 held on December 12th were shared with all
- 10 Commissioners. Are there any corrections to the
- 11 draft minutes that have been circulated?
- 12 (NO RESPONSE.)
- 13 PRESIDENT DRIVER: Hearing none, I move to
- 14 approve the minutes.
- 15 COMMISSIONER GOTTLIEB: Second.
- 16 PRESIDENT DRIVER: I moved to approve the
- minutes of the Commission's meeting held on
- 18 December 12. Seconded by Commissioner Gottlieb.
- 19 Is there any debate on the motion?
- 20 (NO RESPONSE.)
- 21 PRESIDENT DRIVER: We will now move to a
- vote. All in favor, signify by saying aye.
- 23 (CHORUS OF AYES.)
- PRESIDENT DRIVER: Are there any nays?

(NO RESPONSE.) 1 2 PRESIDENT DRIVER: The ayes have it. The motion is approved and the minutes for the 3 December 12th meeting are approved. 4 The next order of business is 5 approval of the Commission's 2025 regular meeting 6 schedule. Before today's meeting, a draft 7 schedule was shared with all the Commissioners. 8 Are there any corrections to the 9 draft schedule circulated? 10 (NO RESPONSE.) 11 12 PRESIDENT DRIVER: In accordance with the Illinois Open Meetings Act, I move to approve the 13 Commission's 2025 early schedule. 14 15 COMMISSIONER GOTTLIEB: Second. 16 PRESIDENT DRIVER: I moved and seconded by 17 Commissioner Gottlieb to approve the 2025 CCPSA yearly schedule. Is there any debate on the 18 motion? Hearing one, we will move to a vote. 19 Those in favor of adopting the motion to approve 20 the Commission's 2025 yearly schedule, signify by 21 22 saying aye. (CHORUS OF AYES.) 23 24 PRESIDENT DRIVER: Are there any nays?

- 1 (NO RESPONSE.)
- 2 PRESIDENT DRIVER: Hearing none, the ayes
- 3 have it and the motion passes.
- 4 Our next order of business will be a
- 5 vote on General Order GO1-11, Community
- 6 Commission for Public Safety and Accountability
- 7 and District Councils, as well as a sub policy
- 8 GO1-11-01, Community Commission for Public Safety
- 9 and Accountability ordinance. Commissioner
- 10 Wortham will present from the Policy Working
- 11 Group.
- 12 COMMISSIONER WORTHAM: Thank you,
- 13 Commissioner Driver. Good evening, everyone.
- 14 Under the CCPSA ordinance, as was articulated
- earlier, the Commission has the authority to
- 16 review, develop, and review Chicago Police
- 17 Department policies known as General Orders, as
- long as they are outside of the jurisdiction of
- 19 the Consent Decree.
- Last April, the Commission received
- 21 a new draft of general order GO1-11 from the
- 22 Chicago Police Department that outlines a set of
- 23 quidelines and requirements for how Chicago
- 24 Police Department engages with the Commission and

- 1 our District Councils.
- 2 So the background of this order
- 3 demonstrates how the Commission works to
- 4 represent the interests of all 22 police
- 5 districts. At the end of 2023, District Councils
- 6 will fulfill their ordinance requirement and
- 7 propose a set of priorities for the Commission
- 8 for 2024. Those priorities included the
- 9 development of written processes and expectations
- 10 for how Chicago Police Department works and
- 11 collaborates with the Community Commission for
- 12 Public Safety and Accountability. In turn, the
- 13 Commission included the 2024 goals for
- 14 Superintendent Snelling to produce these written
- 15 guidelines. That led to the creation of the
- 16 draft of -- the first draft of General Order
- 17 GO1-11.
- So we worked with the Chicago
- 19 Police Department from the Policy Working Group
- 20 perspective on the general order for nine months
- 21 and are ready to entertain a motion for passing
- of the order. GO1-11 establishes the following.
- Please bear with me. It educates Chicago Police
- Department member on how Community Commission for

- 1 Public Safety and Accountability works, including
- 2 roles of the Commission and District Councilors.
- 3 It includes a sub Order GO1-11-01 that lays out
- 4 information on the CCPSA from our ordinance. It
- 5 establishes an authorized designee in the
- 6 Superintendent's Office to oversee coordination
- 7 with the CCPSA. It sets an expectation of the
- 8 Chicago Police Department commanders attend
- 9 public meetings with their district, and it
- 10 encourages other members of the Chicago Police
- Department to attend as well. It lays out a
- 12 process for the Commission and DCs to submit
- requests for records, information, and data which
- will be documented, tracked, reviewed, responded
- to, and transmitted. It states that commanders
- and captains should make efforts to attend
- 17 District Council public meetings, but if you are
- unavailable, designate a supervisor to attend the
- 19 monthly District Council meeting.
- It also states that the District
- 21 Council may request in writing for the Chicago
- Police Department to not attend by citing
- specific reasons, and the Commander may determine
- 24 whether or not attendance is required.

- 1 We want to highlight there that it
- is very clear that a District Council cannot
- 3 prohibit a Commander from attending a meeting.
- 4 It further states that the
- 5 Commander will collaborate with the District
- 6 Council to explore other options, such as
- 7 non-sworn Chicago Police Department members or
- 8 CPD members opting to not wear their uniforms or
- 9 expose their firearms while in attendance. It
- 10 dictates that the Chicago Police Department
- members designate -- designated to attend the
- 12 District Council meeting shall make efforts to
- actively participate when requested by the
- 14 District Council, given reasonable notice of the
- topic in hand. It establishes regular check-in
- meetings between the District Council and the CPD
- district leadership with expectation that the
- 18 Commander will strive to attend.
- 19 It requires a district-level CPD
- 20 point of contact for the District Councils which
- should be a supervisor, but might vary depending
- on what the District Council needs, of course the
- 23 Commander's discretion as well.
- It provides a way for District

- 1 Councils to request speakers from the Chicago
- 2 Police Department, and encourages the Chicago
- 3 Police Department to work with District Councils
- 4 to find other useful community engagement
- 5 strategies that establishes training
- 6 requirements, calls for CPD to work with the
- 7 CCPSA to develop training opportunity with the
- 8 District Council, Commissioners, and CCPSA staff.
- 9 And, finally, it states that the
- 10 Commission and the DC members will be included in
- 11 CPD'S overall community engagement plan and
- development of policy and training.
- So summarizing all of this, the
- 14 point is the Commission through Policy Working
- Group and also input from all the Commissioners
- and District Councilors went back and forth for
- several months on this to try to incorporate
- 18 feedback from the Department, from the
- 19 Commission, from the community, to come up with
- an order that fits both for the Department and
- 21 District Councils and Commission working together
- as best as possible, because after all, that is
- the point.
- So the Commission has worked hard

- on this order viewing different versions, all of
- which are on the website, our website.
- 3 Throughout the process the Commission -- I said
- 4 that.
- 5 So the point is we incorporated
- 6 feedback from everyone, District Councilors,
- 7 Commission, community, and we believe this order
- 8 will provide a good baseline for how Chicago
- 9 Police Department collaborates with District
- 10 Councils and provides direction for the future
- 11 really of this collaboration. Provides more
- awareness for who we are as a Commission, who
- District Councilors are, among the members of the
- Department, and hopefully just cultivate a
- 15 greater working relationship.
- So with that, does any Commissioner
- wish to make a motion to approve GO1-11, along
- with the accompanying suborder GO1-11-01? Me, I
- move to approve GO1-11 and accompanying suborder
- 20 GO1-11-01.
- 21 COMMISSIONER GOTTLIEB: Second.
- 22 PRESIDENT DRIVER: Moved by Commissioner
- Wortham and seconded by Commissioner Gottlieb to
- approve GO1-11 and GO1-11-01. Is there any

- 1 debate on the motion?
- 2 (NO RESPONSE.)
- 3 PRESIDENT DRIVER: Hearing none, we will
- 4 move to a vote. All those in favor of adopting
- 5 the order, please signify by saying aye.
- 6 (CHORUS OF AYES.)
- 7 PRESIDENT DRIVER: Are there any nays?
- 8 (NO RESPONSE.)
- 9 PRESIDENT DRIVER: The ayes have it and the
- motion carries. GO1-11 and GO1-11-01 are
- 11 approved.
- 12 Our next order of business is an
- amendment to the public comment and decorum
- 14 section of the bylaws.
- Prior to this meeting, all members
- of the Commission received copies of this
- 17 amendment.
- This amendment has a few things. It
- 19 provides that public comment being given at the
- 20 Commission meetings must be limited to matters
- 21 related to business that is before the
- 22 Commission. Comments of a personal nature
- unrelated to the operations or business of the
- 24 Commission, directed towards individual

- 1 Commissioners, employees of CCPSA, or any other
- 2 individual is not permitted.
- 3 It further provides that
- 4 unauthorized remarks, stamping feet, whistling,
- 5 and similar demonstrations are prohibited during
- any meeting of the Commission, and that during
- 7 any meeting of the Commission, people must not:
- 8 Interrupt the Commission's proceedings or the
- 9 comments of any person recognized by the Chair in
- 10 any manner.
- 11 Make profane, vulgar, threatening,
- 12 abusive, disruptive, or slanderous remarks.
- Display disruptive behavior,
- including disruptive or disrespectful conduct
- during others' presentations.
- Display demeaning, discriminatory,
- or harassing behavior and speech directed towards
- 18 others.
- Hold, wave, or display any banner or
- sign in a way that causes a physical hazard or
- 21 blocks another person's view of the proceedings.
- Refuse to follow instructions of
- 23 the Chair or comply with these polices or any
- other rules governing the Commission's

- 1 proceedings.
- 2 People who engage in behaviors
- 3 prohibited by the amendment will be asked to
- 4 cease engaging in the conduct. If it continues,
- 5 it will result in removal.
- The amendment goes on to further
- 7 update our public comment and decorum section of
- 8 the bylaw. The full update will be available on
- 9 our website if the vote to adopt this amendment
- 10 prevails.
- 11 Are there any questions from the
- 12 Commission?
- 13 COMMISSIONER MINOR: I have a comment. I
- 14 also move that we recommend -- I also move to
- 15 recommend additional language in addition to the
- language that we have proposed before us. I
- would like us to adopt the language that I sent
- 18 to CCPSA staff --
- 19 PRESIDENT DRIVER: I'm struggling to hear
- 20 you.
- 21 COMMISSIONER MINOR: I recommend that in
- addition to this language, we move to adopt
- language that I sent to CCPSA leadership on
- December 12th. Under Section F of our bylaws

- 1 entitled Conduct at Meetings, I have added
- 2 additional language to the email that I sent to
- 3 senior staff to make sure it is in alignment with
- 4 the language that is proposed to us today. I
- 5 recommend that we adopt the following language.
- 6 Any Commissioner may raise a point of order if a
- 7 speaker, including other Commissioners, members
- 8 of the public, or staff engages in the following
- 9 prohibited behaviors: Language or conduct
- specifically directed at individual's personal
- 11 characteristics, private life, or affiliations
- that is intended to demean, intimidate, or
- harass. This includes, but not limited to,
- comments about a person's race, ethnicity,
- religion, gender, sexual orientation, gender
- identity, age, disability, or political beliefs,
- the use of vulgar, obscene, or offensive language
- direct or implied threats of violence of harm,
- 19 personal attacks that are defamatory or --
- 20 defamatory or any language that is -- that a
- reasonable person would consider abusive. Any
- 22 action that intentionally impedes the orderly
- 23 conduct at a meeting, including, but not limited
- to, shouting, interrupting speakers excessively,

- 1 refusing to leave the floor when recognized and
- 2 engaging in personnel arguments and other -- with
- 3 other attendees or creating a physically
- 4 intimidating or hostile environment.
- 5 Any behavior that creates a hostile
- 6 environment based on the -- and any behavior that
- 7 creates a hostile environment based on the
- 8 individual protected characteristics as defined
- 9 in Section 1 above. This prohibition applies
- 10 regardless of the target status, commissioner,
- member of public, CCPSA employee or other
- individual. This is the language that I will
- 13 also like to be adopted.
- 14 PRESIDENT DRIVER: So as chair of the
- meeting, I think there's two options. I am happy
- to entertain that; however, I wasn't given notice
- of that to actually read the language ahead of
- 18 time. I'm not sure if other Commissioners or
- 19 people on our staff were. We can either vote to
- approve this now, or we can move to table it and
- add yours or vote to approve ours now and then
- 22 add yours at the next meeting after the
- 23 Commissioners had proper time to review.
- 24 COMMISSIONER GOTTLIEB: I think from my

- 1 perspective, I think we should consider them
- both, so we should table it now and then have a
- 3 vote, because I think it's important to not
- 4 just -- to not just make sure that community
- 5 members are engaging in improper conduct but also
- 6 us as Commissioners engage in proper conduct.
- 7 And the current -- prior to what Commissioner
- 8 Minor produced, that was not clear.
- 9 PRESIDENT DRIVER: Unless there is an
- opposition, I move to table this vote to the next
- 11 regularly scheduled CCPSA meeting.
- 12 COMMISSIONER MINOR: Thank you.
- PRESIDENT DRIVER: The next order of business
- will be the appointment of members to the
- Noncitizen Advisory Council. And for that, I
- 16 will pass it back to Commissioner Minor.
- 17 COMMISSIONER MINOR: Thank you, President
- Driver. We are excited to have the Noncitizen
- 19 Advisory Council join the Commission as partners
- 20 to include public safety.
- The purpose of the Noncitizen
- 22 Advisory Council is twofold: To ensure that the
- 23 Commission is meeting its high standards of
- inclusivity, access, and partnerships with our

- 1 immigrant and newcomer communities. And to
- 2 provide meaningful perspectives, input, and
- 3 guidance to the Commission on the policies and
- 4 issues that most impact noncitizen Chicagoans and
- 5 their loved ones.
- One of the most important issues
- 7 for us is ensuring that those who serve on the
- 8 Noncitizen Advisory Council can maintain their
- 9 privacy. We know that this position can bring
- 10 undue scrutiny or exposure. As a Commission, we
- 11 will work to reduce the risk as much as possible.
- I also want to talk a little bit
- about my personal beliefs at this moment.
- 14 The current federal
- administration's policies make it even more
- 16 critical that our immigrants and newcomer
- communities have a protected and empowered space
- 18 to influence public safety issues.
- I firmly believe -- and I say I
- 20 firmly believe -- that the fate of our
- 21 communities are inextricably linked. The
- connection is evident in the current federal
- challenges to the very definition of a
- naturalized citizen, including ICE deployments in

- 1 Puerto Rico and the harassment of Native American
- tribes. These incidents are deeply disturbing.
- 3 It is crucial to remember that the 14th amendment
- 4 protections for naturalized citizens were
- 5 originally designed to safeguard the decendents
- of enslaved Africans like my own family. These
- 7 protections allowed individuals to escape
- 8 discriminatory black holes and racial
- 9 intimidation in the south. My great grandfather,
- 10 for example, fled Mississippi to Chicago nearly
- 11 escaping a lynch mob after confronting a white
- man who insulted his wife, my great grandmother.
- 13 The same constitutional protections enabled him
- as a U.S. citizen to purchase a home in Englewood
- and build a new life, which I am benefitting from
- 16 today.
- 17 As a black woman in this country,
- 18 I'm acutely aware of how many of my -- I am
- 19 acutely aware of how my existence is often
- 20 minimized, even in the only country I have ever
- 21 known.
- My identity is frequently erased
- from the narrative of what it means to be an
- 24 American. I refuse to allow this administration

- 1 to target and authorize my peers like me who
- simply want to feel safe and protected in the
- 3 land that they call home.
- It is my personal belief that we
- 5 must stand together to ensure these the
- 6 fundamental rights are for all.
- 7 I thank you all for listening to
- 8 me.
- 9 First, I want to extend our thanks
- 10 to the individuals who served on the previous NAC
- 11 with the Interim Commission and the work they did
- in elevating the community concerns to the
- 13 Interim Commission.
- 14 Today we are excited to announce
- nominees for the next NAC. We have four
- individuals who have been nominated for today's
- 17 appointment to the NAC. These individuals offer
- 18 a diverse perspective both in their personal and
- 19 experiences.
- These individuals are part of our
- 21 process but not the end.
- We continue to receive
- 23 applications, as we're still working on
- recruiting more folks to this body. We are

- 1 particularly interested in expanding language and
- 2 cultural diversity within NAC.
- I also want to talk a little bit
- 4 more about the process. Commissioner Navarijo
- 5 and I have been deeply committed to building a
- 6 board that truly reflects the diversity of
- 7 Chicago's immigrant and newcomer population.
- 8 We have actively employed community
- 9 organization for community organizer principals
- in our recruitment efforts, including developing
- an outreach tracker to meticulously document our
- 12 phone calls and emails organizations to
- individuals from the background. These
- organizations have been instrumental in
- recommending potential applicants. I personally
- reached out to the groups such as the Muslim
- 17 Civic Coalition, the Coalition for Better Chinese
- 18 American Community, United African Organization,
- 19 Greater Cambodia Society, and AMP. Despite these
- 20 efforts, we still lack representation from
- several significant affinity groups within our
- 22 immigrant and newcomer population. We are
- 23 particularly seeking folks representation from
- individuals of Indian, Pakistani, Filipino,

- 1 Burmese, Iraqi, Afghan, Polish, Ukrainian,
- 2 Ecuadorian, and Democratic Republic of Congo
- 3 decent.
- 4 These communities currently have no
- 5 voice on the Board, and we believe this is
- 6 essential to be truly representative on the Board
- 7 and include backgrounds that are often less
- 8 represented in spaces like the Commission. Any
- 9 recommendations, and I mean any recommendations
- 10 to our mission you can do would be a great
- benefit to the productivity of this advisory
- 12 council. So thank you.
- In accordance with MCC2-80-50(i), I
- 14 move to confirm Christopher Marosi, Myra Gomez
- 15 Santana, Minerva Garcia, and Tenoch Rodriguez, so
- sorry for butchering your name, to the
- Non-Citizen Advisory Council for a two-year term.
- 18 COMMISSIONER GOTTLIEB: Second.
- 19 PRESIDENT DRIVER: Commissioner Minor has
- 20 moved, and Commissioner Gottlieb seconded the
- 21 confirmation of four of new members of the
- Non-citizen Advisory Council. Any debate on the
- 23 motion?
- 24 (NO RESPONSE.)

- 1 PRESIDENT DRIVER: Hearing none, we will now
- 2 move to a vote. Those in favor of adopting the
- 3 motion to confirm the four individuals as members
- 4 of the Non-citizen Advisory Council, signify by
- 5 saying aye.
- 6 (CHORUS OF AYES.)
- 7 PRESIDENT DRIVER: Are there any nays?
- 8 (NO RESPONSE.)
- 9 PRESIDENT DRIVER: The ayes have it, and the
- 10 motion caries. Congratulations, everyone.
- 11 Our next order of business will be
- the consideration and approval of the goals for
- the COPA Chief Administrator and Police Board
- 14 President and the Chicago Police Superintendent.
- 15 A very important part of the
- 16 Commission's oversight responsibility is to set
- 17 strategic goals and expectations every year for
- the leaders of the three entities that we
- 19 oversee.
- The ordinance that created the
- 21 Commission says that the Commission must set
- goals at the beginning of each year, and then at
- 23 the end of the year do a performance assessment
- where we look at how mch progress they made

- 1 towards meeting the goals to this day.
- 2 Here is a timeline of where we are
- 3 in the process:
- The process started in November when
- 5 the Commission sent recommended -- sent
- 6 recommended goals out to COPA, Police Board, and
- 7 the Police Department.
- On December 1st, the Superintendent,
- 9 and COPA Chief, and the Police Board President
- 10 all submitted draft goals.
- During December, Commissioners
- reviewed the draft goals, met with the leaders
- and drafted proposed goals.
- 14 At the end of December, after
- holding discussions with each agency, the
- 16 Commission gave the Superintendent, the Chief
- 17 Administrator, and the Police Board President the
- 18 Commission's proposal for the goals for the next
- 19 year.
- CPD, COPA, and the Police Board then
- 21 had about two weeks to propose changes to what
- the Commission laid out.
- The Commission has taken that input,
- along with input submitted by the public, to

- 1 draft final goals which will be discussed today.
- 2 The final goals will be available on our website
- 3 at the beginning of February.
- This mandated process is the first
- 5 step toward evaluating each agency.
- These evaluations will be based on
- 7 standards established within the final goals.
- As part of the year-end assessment,
- 9 the Commission will do a written evaluation of
- 10 the progress the Superintendent, COPA Chief, and
- 11 Police Board President have made towards those
- 12 goals.
- 13 COMMISSIONER GOTTLIEB: Good evening. And
- thank you, President Cooper, for joining us.
- We have established one goal for
- 16 2025 for the Police Board President. This goal
- is broken into three parts. The Police Board
- 18 President will work with the Board to conduct a
- 19 comprehensive review of the rules and regulations
- to determine which existing rules and regulations
- should be revised, modified or deleted, and to
- identify the rules and regulations that should be
- implemented to ensure that the Chicago Police
- Department rules and regulations align with the

- 1 principles of 21st-century constitutional
- 2 policing, promote transparency and
- 3 accountability, enhance community trust, and
- 4 equitable and effective law enforcement
- 5 practices.
- 6 2: Develop a process to conduct review
- 7 of revision of the rules.
- 8 And 3: Hold listening sessions with
- 9 both governmental, District Councils, community
- organizations, and other stakeholders specified
- in the goal.
- 12 PRESIDENT DRIVER: Thank you, Commissioner
- Gottlieb. Are there any questions or comments on
- the proposed goals?
- Hearing none, we will now give
- Police Board Kyle Cooper five minutes to discuss
- 17 the goals and the process and to indicate whether
- 18 he accepts and commits to the goals. President
- 19 Cooper.
- 20 PRESIDENT COOPER: Thank you, President
- 21 Driver and the fellow Commissioners and staff of
- 22 CCPSA for working so closely and effectively with
- myself, Executive Director Max Caproni of the
- Police Board, and the rest of the staff of the

- 1 Police Board in helping us work in a
- 2 collaborative manner to put together this goal
- 3 for 2025.
- 4 This goal is in addition to the
- 5 regular work that the Police Board does on an
- 6 annual basis of handling disciplinary cases,
- 7 handling appeals by applicants to become Chicago
- 8 police officers, and deciding disagreement cases
- 9 between Superintendent and the Chief
- 10 Administrator of COPA when it comes to
- 11 disciplinary -- the decision to bring
- 12 disciplinary decisions.
- You know, we're really looking
- 14 forward to beginning this process of evaluating
- and determining what rules and regulations of the
- 16 Chicago Police Department need to be modified,
- 17 updated, redrawn, or discarded.
- 18 It's been several years, and in
- 19 fact decades, since there's been a schematic
- overhaul of the rules and regulations of the
- Department. For example, during the December
- 22 CCPSA meeting, one of the Commissioners brought
- up that one of the rules and regulations that
- currently is in practice prevents Chicago police

- officers from smoking pipes on the job while
- they're on duty. And while that is certainly a
- goal, it doesn't necessarily reflect the
- 4 practices that currently take place on a
- 5 day-to-day basis involving policing the City of
- 6 Chicago.
- 7 So one of the things that I know
- 8 I'm most interested in looking forward to, and I
- 9 know that the Board is, is having conversations
- 10 with members of the public, the District Council,
- 11 the Commissioners here, the Police Department,
- the unions, and all the stakeholders who have an
- interest in making sure that Chicago is not an
- outlier when it comes to having rules and
- regulations that govern 21st-century policing in
- the United States. And I'm looking forward to
- having that conversation and having the public
- 18 also participate.
- So with that, I accept the goals
- and thank you for your collaboration and work in
- 21 getting that together.
- 22 PRESIDENT DRIVER: Thank you.
- 23 COMMISSIONER GOTTLIEB: In accordance with
- MCC 2-80-050 (e), I move to adopt the 2025 goals

- 1 for the Police Board President and deliver them
- 2 to the president.
- 3 PRESIDENT DRIVER: Commissioner Gottlieb
- 4 moved to adopt the 2025 goals for the President
- of the Police Board and deliver them to the
- 6 President. Do we have a second?
- 7 COMMISSIONER MINOR: Second.
- 8 PRESIDENT DRIVER: It's been moved by
- 9 Commissioner Gottlieb to adopt the 2025 goals for
- the President of the Police Board and seconded by
- 11 Commissioner Minor.
- 12 Is there any debate on the motion?
- 13 (NO RESPONSE.)
- 14 PRESIDENT DRIVER: Hearing none, we will now
- move to a vote. Those in flavor, please signify
- 16 by saying aye.
- 17 (CHORUS OF AYES.)
- 18 PRESIDENT DRIVER: Any nays?
- 19 (NO RESPONSE.)
- 20 PRESIDENT DRIVER: The ayes have it and the
- 21 motion carries. The 2025 goals for Police Board
- 22 President Cooper will be adopted and will be
- 23 delivered. Thank you, sir.
- 24 PRESIDENT COOPER: Thank you, sir.

- 1 PRESIDENT DRIVER: Thank you, Commissioner
- 2 Gottlieb.
- 3 Also, Commissioner Gottlieb and I
- 4 will discuss goal setting for the Civilian Office
- of Police Accountability.
- 6 COMMISSIONER GOTTLIEB: Thank you. Before we
- 7 discuss the goals, I want to thank Chief
- 8 Administrator Kersten and her team for their
- 9 collaboration during this process.
- 10 Goal one is: COPA will draft a policy
- in coordination with CCPSA that addresses COPA's
- 12 communication with the media and other key
- 13 stakeholders about open cases. COPA will meet
- 14 with subject matter experts and other key
- 15 stakeholders. The goal is to creat a policy that
- will utilize best practices when speaking about
- open investigations. It is important that any
- new policy respects the need for transparency
- while also protecting the integrity of all
- 20 investigations.
- Goal 2: COPA will implement a
- 22 robust pattern-and-practice investigation policy
- and mechanism that improves public safety
- outcomes in the City of Chicago. The policy will

- include: How investigators can surface an issue
- for pattern and practice during an investigation.
- 3 How the policy, Research and Analysis Division
- 4 will conduct this investigation, including how
- 5 investigators will be included in the
- 6 pattern-and-practice investigation and how that
- 7 PRAD will develop findings. How findings will be
- 8 published and disseminated, and how the agency
- 9 will use its powers to enforce recommendations
- 10 stemming from its findings.
- Goal 3: COPA will create a mediation
- policy built on community feedback and implement
- the mediation program by the end of 2025.
- This policy is something our District
- 15 Councilors asked us to include in this year's
- 16 goals. Their feedback will be part of the
- 17 process as COPA works towards completion of this
- 18 policy.
- 19 Goal 4: Implement a finalized policy
- that defines and supports a collaborative
- relationship between COPA and CCPSA. This policy
- 22 will govern how the two agencies work together.
- 23 Creating clear procedures and guidelines is
- critical for the two agencies to work

- 1 collaboratively.
- 2 PRESIDENT DRIVER: Are there any questions or
- 3 comments from the Commission on proposed goals?
- We will now give COPA Chief
- 5 Administrator Andrea Kersten five minutes to
- 6 discuss the goals and the process and to
- 7 indicated whether she accepts and commits to the
- 8 goals. Chief Kersten.
- 9 CHIEF ADMINISTRATOR KERSTEN: Good evening
- and thank you, Commissioners, for the opportunity
- 11 to be here. Hello, members of the public. I am
- excited to be joined tonight by a lot of members
- from COPA's leadership team and other staff that
- 14 support the critical work of our agency.
- I want to echo what Mr. Gottlieb
- said about the collaborative process between
- 17 CCPSA and COPA in development of these goals. I
- think this is my third goal-setting journey with
- 19 the Commission, and I think you all improved your
- approach each time making it more rooted in what
- the feedback is over the year and also making it
- 22 more of a dialogue, so I appreciate that
- 23 opportunity.
- I spoke last month about each of

- these four goals, so I won't belabor those points
- 2 much, other than to just touch on the fact that
- goal one relative to transparency and public
- 4 communication about our work is of critical
- 5 importance.
- I believe the Commission and myself
- and my staff share and recognize COPA's need to
- 8 be independent in the remarks that we make in the
- 9 materials that we release and the decisions that
- 10 we render, but also there needs to be guidance on
- policies that support all of those decisions
- that's understandable and available to the public
- and governed by best practices.
- 14 So we look forward to the
- opportunity to develop that goal -- or that
- 16 policy.
- 17 With respect to the
- 18 pattern-and-practice investigations goal, that is
- something again that we're really excited to be
- able to make significant progress on in the
- 21 coming year.
- For the first time in COPA's
- history, we actually have a policy research and
- 24 analysis division that is fully staffed.

- When I became Chief Administrator,
- there were really no dedicated full-time
- 3 employees to -- assigned to that work. So
- 4 creating that unit and really making it a robust
- 5 mechanism within our agency is something that's
- 6 happened and finally come to fruition just in
- 7 November of 2024.
- 8 So we're really excited to work
- 9 with the Commission moving forward on that.
- With respect to the mediation
- 11 policy goal, I didn't get five feet into this
- meeting before a District Council member asked me
- about mediation. It is one of the single most
- important topics on the minds of -- yes, Alees, I
- was talking about you. I love the question. I
- love the question, because I think people get
- 17 really excited about mediation and for good
- 18 reason. Mediation provides an opportunity to
- take what could be a complaint that maybe we
- 20 could investigate and maybe we could recommend
- 21 discipline. But instead of taking that path,
- mediation allows for an opportunity to develop a
- 23 conversation. To, perhaps, gain an understanding
- between the police officer that was involved and

- 1 the community member that was involved, allowing
- 2 a neutral third-party to facilitate that
- 3 conversation, hoping to create transformation, as
- 4 opposed to an end result that may or may not
- 5 really change people's understanding of one
- another's experience.
- 7 So we're really excited, and our
- 8 director of mediation is here with us, Daisha
- 9 Muhammad. Many of you met her and her work is
- 10 well underway.
- 11 And then finally with respect to goal
- 12 4, I think earlier in the night we heard a lot of
- about CPD's new policy relative to their
- 14 relationship with CCPSA. As always, CPD sets the
- mark in policy development, and so I think it
- will be easy for COPA to follow suit and develop
- something that will better inform our staff and
- your staff as to how our agencies can best work
- 19 together.
- I appreciate the opportunity to
- 21 develop these goals and look forward to the
- success of 2025 will bring for my agency. Thank
- 23 you.
- 24 PRESIDENT DRIVER: Thank you, Chief

- 1 Administrator Kersten.
- Is there a motion on the proposed
- 3 goals for the COPA Chief Administrator?
- 4 COMMISSIONER GOTTLIEB: In accordance with
- MCC 2-80-050(e), I move to adopt the 2025 goals
- 6 for the Chief Administrator of the Civilian
- 7 Office of Police Accountability and deliver them
- 8 to the Chief Administrator.
- 9 PRESIDENT DRIVER: Is there a second?
- 10 COMMISSIONER MINOR: I second.
- 11 PRESIDENT DRIVER: Commissioner Gottlieb has
- moved to adopt the 2025 goals for Chief
- 13 Administrator of the Civilian Office of Police
- 14 Accountability and deliver them to the Chief
- 15 Administrator. Do we have a second?
- 16 COMMISSIONER MINOR: Second.
- 17 PRESIDENT DRIVER: Commissioner Minor
- 18 seconded. Is there any debate on the motion?
- 19 (NO RESPONSE.)
- 20 PRESIDENT DRIVER: Hearing none, we will move
- 21 to a vote. Those in favor of adopting the motion
- to adopt the 2025 goals for the Chief
- 23 Administrator of the Civilian Office of Police
- 24 Accountability and deliver them to Chief

- 1 Administrator Kersten, signify by saying aye.
- 2 (CHORUS OF AYES.)
- 3 PRESIDENT DRIVER: Are there any nays?
- 4 (NO RESPONSE.)
- 5 PRESIDENT DRIVER: The ayes have it and
- 6 the motion carries. The 2025 goals for COPA
- 7 Chief Administrator Andrea Kersten have been
- 8 adopted and delivered to Chief Kersten. Thank
- 9 you. Thank you, Commissioners.
- Next, Commissioner Minor and I will
- discuss goal setting for the Superintendent of
- 12 the Chicago Police Department.
- 13 COMMISSIONER MINOR: First, I'd like to thank
- 14 you, Superintendent Snelling, and his team for
- their collaboration during this goal-setting
- 16 process. Commissioner Driver and I had
- 17 productive meetings with the Superintendent over
- 18 the past several months to establish these goals.
- 19 And in 2025, the Commission tried to incorporate
- 20 results that centered on timeliness and quality
- as a part of our commitment to strengthen our
- goals and evaluation process. I also want to
- 23 note that the 2024 goals evaluation should be
- 24 available. If not, they should be published

- soon. I highly recommend that you all look into
- 2 them.
- And also, the Commission also looks for
- 4 ways in which the Superintendent's goals could
- 5 advance Consent Decree compliance. We look
- forward to working with CPD over the next year as
- 7 they progress in these crucial goal areas.
- 8 Goal 1: Traffic stops and Fourth
- 9 Amendment. This goal focuses on ensuring that
- 10 all officers have a strong foundation in
- 11 constitutional policing, based on impartial
- 12 policing to guide their work every day. This
- goal includes CPD drafting a policy
- 14 collaboratively with the Commission that
- addresses traffic stops and incorporates
- 16 community input throughout the policy
- 17 development. This goal also includes the
- 18 completion and implementation of a comprehensive
- 19 stops document system.
- 20 Goal 2: Workforce Allocation. This
- goal centers on the execution and completion of
- the workforce allocation study in 2025. The
- execution of this workforce study includes
- several phases which insist on community

- 1 engagement during each phase. The Department is
- working with an outside agency to complete this
- work; however, the Department will need to
- 4 provide this agency with information to complete
- 5 the study in a timely fashion. This goal also
- 6 includes a deliverable where the Department
- 7 reports publicly on their interm approach for
- 8 managing Department resources while the Workforce
- 9 Allocation Study is ongoing. The Commission has
- 10 a representative on the Steering Committee for
- 11 the study. President Driver participated in the
- 12 first Workforce Allocation Study steering
- 13 committee which held their kickoff meeting
- 14 earlier this month.
- Goal 3: Implementation of GO8-03,
- 16 Prohibitions on Criminal and Biased
- 17 Organizations. This goal centers on the
- implementation of the Association's order which
- 19 forbids CPD members from associating with and/or
- supporting groups that are criminal or hate and
- 21 biased-based groups. This goal focuses on
- 22 establishing mechanisms to track complaints tied
- 23 to the General Order, regular and public
- reporting on violations of this order, and the

- 1 training and processes for investigating any
- 2 reported violations on this order.
- Now, I will turn it over to
- 4 Commissioner Driver to discuss the last three
- 5 goals.
- 6 PRESIDENT DRIVER: Thank you, Commissioner
- 7 Minor.
- 8 Goal 4: Community Policing. This goal
- 9 is focused on building and fostering a
- 10 collaborative partnership through engagements
- 11 that result in greater public trust between the
- 12 Department and community. The community policing
- goal has two broad objectives. The first
- objective is for CPD to complete their community
- policing assessment that began in 2024. Related
- to this objective is increased community
- 17 engagement, including incorporating the District
- 18 Councils into collaborative and strategic
- 19 district-level policing. The second objective of
- the Community Policing goal focuses on CPD's
- 21 implementation of GO1-11 which institutes
- 22 structures and processes that allow District
- 23 Councils and Commanders to build connections
- between the police and the community.

- 1 Goal 5: Member Wellness and Support.
- 2 This goal focuses on developing and implementing
- 3 systems and improve facilities to ensure a
- 4 healthy and resilient workforce. The goal has
- 5 two objectives. The first objective centers on
- 6 CPD building and implementing the Early
- 7 Intervention and Support System, or EISS. The
- 8 Department will combine and automate current
- 9 legacy performance management systems into a
- single policy-based application. The second
- 11 phase of implementation planned for 2026 will be
- the deployment of a predictive analytics system
- that will give CPD supervisors a risk-level
- overview of their officers and provide real-time
- alerts as out-of-policy, adverse and at-risk
- 16 events occur. Combined, these systems will help
- 17 the Department to deliver proactive risk
- 18 management and officer support for its members.
- The second broad objective of this goal
- is focused on addressing facility issues. This
- objective is an extension of the 2024 goal which
- focused on identifying and addressing facility
- issues. There's still work to be done to provide
- Department members with adequate facilities for

- daily use. The goal for 2025 is to develop
- formal structures to discuss issues and continue
- advocating for better facilities to support the
- 4 Department members' health.
- 5 Goal 6: Victim Services. This goal
- 6 focuses on building CPD's Crime Victim Services
- 7 assessment completed as part of their 2024 CCPSA
- 8 goals. This goal centers on providing timely and
- 9 appropriate services and referrals to victims of
- 10 crime, including referrals to other city
- 11 agencies.
- We thank you, Superintendent
- 13 Snelling, and his team for their collaboration
- 14 and goals in the process.
- 15 Are there any questions or comments
- 16 from the Commission on proposed goals?
- 17 (NO RESPONSE.)
- 18 PRESIDENT DRIVER: Hearing none, we will now
- 19 give Police Superintendent Larry Snelling five
- 20 minutes to discuss the goals and the process and
- 21 to indicate whether he accepts and commits to the
- 22 goals. Superintendent Snelling.
- 23 SUPERINTENDENT SNELLING: Good evening,
- everybody.

- I said good evening to the
- 2 community and to the Commission and thank you for
- 3 your collaboration on this.
- The first thing I'd like to do
- instead of going through every single goal, there
- 6 are things that I know that are important to
- 7 people in here, and I've listened to some of the
- 8 things that you said. And I'd like to address
- 9 some of those things as I'm going through our
- 10 goals.
- Our first effort is to make sure
- that we can protect the public and make sure that
- 13 the public is safe.
- Now, in order to do that, we have
- to work together. So in order to do that, we
- have to build trust. Now building trust is not
- something that happens overnight. I've heard
- 18 people step up to the mic and speak about certain
- 19 things. Maybe some trauma that you feel from a
- stop or encounter with a police officer. We know
- 21 that right now, there's nothing that we are going
- to say or going to do that's going to instantly
- 23 regain your trust, because if you feel in some
- 24 way that you've been harmed, it's going to take

- time to rebuild that trust through repetitious
- 2 actions. That's the goal of the Police
- 3 Department right now.
- 4 That being said, in order to build
- 5 trust with our Police Department and our
- 6 community members, we have to first acknowledge
- 7 some of the things that have affected our police
- 8 officers.
- 9 Our police officers are the people
- who are on the ground, have been given orders by
- 11 previous administrations and maybe some of those
- things have led to the work that those officers
- 13 have done that has eroded trust.
- Now, I don't hold those officers
- 15 accountable for that. I hold leadership
- 16 accountable for that.
- 17 If we want to change or transform
- the Department, we have to start with leadership
- 19 and that starts with me. So when we start with
- our leadership, and we enforce the training, the
- rules and regulations that we make changes on,
- it's going to be effective for our police
- 23 officers.
- So when our police officers have

- been traumatized or feel like they've been
- through some trauma from the leadership in this
- 3 Department, we now have to make sure that we step
- 4 up and repair our officers and build that trust
- 5 with our officers.
- Once we can do that through
- 7 wellness, we now have a very well-trained police
- 8 department with officers who are available to the
- 9 community with a clear understanding of what it
- is the community needs.
- 11 That's my job. I want to make sure
- that our officers are safe. In order to do that,
- everyone has to be safe. We're going to continue
- 14 to build on those officers.
- I know I skipped over to the
- officer wellness goal, but let me start another
- one.
- The traffic stops. I've heard
- 19 people here talk about the Commission and their
- 20 role in traffic stops. I don't know if people
- 21 believe that the Commission has not had a role or
- they're not stepping up. I can tell you this
- 23 right now, every time we meet, they express how
- much they want to have a seat at the table, and

- they want to be involved in the policy
- development around traffic stops, and I welcome
- 3 that. We've done it, we sat and talked about
- 4 these things, and it is extremely important that
- 5 we understand that policy development is not just
- 6 about the Chicago Police Department, and it's not
- 7 just about the Community Commission on public
- 8 safety. It's also about the input from our
- 9 community members and the coalition. We're going
- to take everything into consideration when we're
- 11 redoing our policies.
- Now, if it goes into the Consent
- Decree -- I said if it goes into the Consent
- Decree, here's what's important to understand.
- We can develop a policy, but what about the
- 16 sustainment when I leave? How do we know that
- 17 the next administration will continue those
- 18 policies? There has to be some place where we
- 19 sustain it. So if we put it in the Consent
- Decree, we know there's going to be sustainment.
- One of the Consent Decrees that
- people praise all the time is L.A., which took 10
- 23 to 11 years to complete. This does not happen
- overnight, but we are focused on making sure that

- 1 it does.
- So, again, I want to thank the
- 3 Community Commission for their part in this,
- 4 their diligence, their resilience in making sure
- 5 that during these meetings, that they maintain
- 6 their position in helping us develop policy
- 7 around this.
- 8 There was another question asked
- 9 about civilians. We've hired approximately 160
- 10 civilians in 2024. I take this seriously,
- 11 because if the police are siloed from the
- 12 community, we don't truly have a good
- understanding of what's going on and what they're
- 14 thinking. But now if we're working together, the
- 15 community now starts to understand the police and
- the police now start to understand community.
- We can work better because of it.
- 18 It is not simply because we want to get police
- officers out of roles that civilians can do. We
- 20 want civilians there so we can learn from each
- other and teach each other. That's another
- 22 extremely important part of it. So we do want
- feedback, even if it goes into the Consent
- Decree. Anything that we do that goes into the

- 1 Consent Decree, we want feedback.
- The fourth goal. When we talk about
- 3 collaborative partnerships, community policing,
- 4 the key here is to get all of our officers
- 5 community minded. Every single officer. Every
- 6 single stop, every single encounter that we make
- 7 with our public, we want to make sure that our
- 8 officers are doing it respectfully. We want to
- 9 make sure that our officers are policing
- 10 constitutional.
- When we talk about officer wellness,
- again, I have to treat my officers with respect.
- I have to treat my officers like human beings
- 14 because that's exactly what they are. They see
- trauma on a regular basis. They see people who
- have been brutalized, women who have been sex
- 17 trafficked, children who have been molested and
- 18 abused. They see murder on a regular basis. We
- 19 had 573 homicides last year. Our officers at
- some level witnessed all of those things. I have
- 21 to acknowledge that and make sure our officers
- 22 are well. We have to make sure that the
- facilities that they are working in are adequate
- for them to do their job as professionally and

- 1 humanly possible. We're going to continue to do
- 2 that.
- When we talk about community, I've
- 4 said this before and sometimes people don't
- 5 understand, as a police agency, if I say
- 6 community first, I'm working backwards, because
- 7 my job is to put police officers into the
- 8 community. If I truly care about the community,
- 9 I'm going to work as hard as I can to put the
- 10 best possible police officers in those
- 11 communities. That's why my police officers have
- to come first because I have to develop the best
- possible product for these communities, so that
- we know that we're not putting anyone in the
- 15 community that will do it harm.
- Lastly, when it comes to bias-based
- 17 criminal groups and criminal affiliation, I will
- stand here and tell you I am the first to say
- that I would love to have someone else with
- 20 credibility do those investigations.
- The Chicago Police Department and
- 22 any other police department or anywhere else,
- there is no place for people who are members of
- hate groups, bias-based groups, and criminal

- 1 groups.
- 2 The investigation that we did, we
- 3 posted it, and we posted it for transparency.
- 4 There are a lot of moving parts to that. But
- 5 what I would like everybody to understand is
- 6 this, if there is -- and I hope there is, because
- 7 we welcome a task force to investigate this. I
- 8 hope that task force doesn't stop with the
- 9 Chicago Police document, because hate is hate,
- 10 racism is racism. And if we're going to talk
- about hatred and racism, and we're true in
- understanding that's something that we want to
- put an end to, then that task force needs to be
- investigating everything and everybody, not just
- the Chicago Police Department, because racism
- just doesn't lie there, hate groups doesn't just
- 17 lie there. We need to look at everyone. So if
- we're serious about moving forward and making
- sure that we are developing in a way where we're
- 20 working together, these are the things that we
- 21 have to do. Now I'm dedicated to making sure we
- get these things done. I'm willing to speak
- with, listen to, and talk to anyone as long as
- we're looking to get better together.

- The DNC worked because we all worked
- 2 together. It wasn't just about the Police
- 3 Department. We worked with our community
- 4 members. We spoke with every agency in every
- 5 department, and this is how we got to where we
- 6 needed to get.
- I know I've only got five minutes.
- 8 So I'm going to stop right there because there's
- 9 a lot more I can say, but I just want to ensure
- 10 everyone here right now that we're going to move
- 11 forward to make sure that we develop our
- Department in a way to make sure that our
- officers are encountering everyone in the most
- 14 respectful way that we possibly can.
- So I'd like to thank the Commission
- 16 for their work. I'd like to thank them for their
- partnership, and I look forward to working with
- 18 them as we move forward.
- So on behalf of Chicago Police
- Department, I accept the goals set forth, and I'm
- looking forward to working with you in 2025.
- 22 PRESIDENT DRIVER: Thank you, Superintendent
- 23 Snelling. Is there a motion on proposed goals
- for the Police Superintendent?

- 1 COMMISSIONER MINOR: I just want to say that
- was a Baptist five minutes, not a regular five
- 3 minutes.
- 4 In accordance with MCC
- 5 2-80-050(e), I move to adopt the 2025 goals for
- 6 the Police Superintendent and deliver them to the
- 7 Superintendent.
- 8 PRESIDENT DRIVER: Is there a second?
- 9 COMMISSIONER GOTTLIEB: Second.
- 10 PRESIDENT DRIVER: Commission Minor has
- moved and Commissioner Gottlieb seconded the
- adoption of the 2025 goals for the Police
- 13 Superintendent and have them delivered to the
- 14 Police Superintendent. Is there any debate on
- 15 the motion?
- 16 (NO RESPONSE.)
- 17 PRESIDENT DRIVER: Hearing none, we will now
- 18 move to a vote. Those in favor of adopting the
- motion to adopt the 2025 goals for the Police
- 20 Superintendent and deliver them to the
- 21 Superintendent, please signify by saying aye.
- 22 (CHORUS OF AYES.)
- PRESIDENT DRIVER: Are there any nays?
- 24 (NO RESPONSE.)

- 1 PRESIDENT DRIVER: The ayes have it, and the
- 2 motion is approved. Thank you, Superintendent
- 3 Snelling.
- So we're now going to move on
- 5 miscellaneous business. There was a vote that
- 6 was placed on our agenda. I want to further
- 7 clarify that. I want to clarify some
- 8 misperceptions. I do have a pre-written
- 9 statement to clarify where the Commission is in
- 10 regards to traffic stops, but I do believe
- 11 there's a lot of misunderstanding and/or -- is
- 12 everything okay? Okay. People started lining up
- in the back. I didn't know if something was
- 14 happening.
- In regards to traffic stops, we
- don't have the authority to vote to put something
- in or out of the Consent Decree. That is not
- something -- like if I wanted to today, if I took
- 19 that vote, it would be strictly symbolic, because
- we do not have that power. That is something
- that a federal judge has the power over in the
- 22 Consent Decree, Judge Pallmeyer.
- Also, I will say that you have heard
- us -- the first thing we did as a permanent

- 1 Commission, I went to a Consent Decree hearing
- where I read a statement from our Commission in
- 3 opposition to traffic stops being added to the
- 4 Consent Decree because it dilutes the
- 5 Commission's power. So I don't know where the
- 6 information came from that the Commission is
- 7 supporting putting this into the Consent Decree
- 8 in a way that would dilute our power.
- 9 With that being said, where we stand
- 10 currently and the reason why we believe that it's
- okay to be in the Consent Decree, it's because we
- want to go into the Consent Decree alongside this
- 13 policy.
- We want to be able to write this
- 15 policy. If there is anything that happens -- and
- we make this clear to the Superintendent, to the
- 17 Law Department, Office of Attorney General,
- 18 everybody else, if this is included in the
- 19 Consent Decree, and it takes away the
- 20 Commission's power to write this policy, I will
- 21 be out there with you adamantly opposing this.
- 22 That is not something we accept. We will not run
- away from our responsibility to be able to write
- this policy. We will not run away from our

- 1 responsibility to be able to engage with the
- 2 public.
- What's important here is that we
- 4 understand where we are in regards to this
- 5 policy.
- The reason why we are good with this
- 7 going into the Consent Decree along with the
- 8 Commission is because we have to be able to
- 9 follow through.
- 10 We can write the best policy in the
- 11 world. Everybody can give us A plus and pat us
- on the back. We have a staff of 23 people. How
- many people on Cody's team? Three. We have a
- 14 research and policy team of three people. There
- are thousands of traffic stops that the Chicago
- 16 Police Department conducts. Thousands. If we
- write the best policy in the world, and we have
- no means of enforcing that and no means of
- 19 analyzing that data, it's a disservice because we
- 20 will never know if it's actually -- if it's being
- followed through on.
- So the goal here is for us to go
- into the Consent Decree with traffic stops. We
- 24 write our policy in the same way that we always

- 1 have, and then we have the resources of the
- 2 Independent Monitor, the Attorney General, and
- 3 the Consent Decree to help monitor that. That's
- 4 our goal. That's where we stand as a Commission.
- 5 If there's anybody on the Commission that feels
- 6 differently, they can feel free to say that.
- 7 The second thing is investigatory
- 8 stops are already in the Consent Decree. The
- 9 Commission has no authority over anything that's
- in the Consent Decree. We're talking about
- 11 traffic stops. Investigatory stops are already
- in there. Those two policies need to work
- together. It makes sense for this to be in the
- 14 Consent Decree. We are not running away from our
- responsibilities. We're not running away from
- 16 writing this policy. No one on this stage -- I
- 17 think no one on this stage supports that. So I
- want to be clear that what we are supporting is
- us maintaining our ability to write policy and
- working in collaboration with government partners
- 21 to be able to monitor that policy. And to be
- 22 honest with you, the Office of the Attorney
- General has done a lot of work, and their staff
- has done a lot of work researching, looking at

- 1 best practices, talking to stakeholders. It
- 2 makes sense for us to work with partners to get
- 3 this done.
- So I will now agree read a prepared
- 5 statement. Before that, are there any
- 6 Commissioners that want to comment on this
- 7 specifically where we are with traffic stops?
- 8 So for the third or fourth time, we
- 9 are not supporting putting this into the Consent
- 10 Decree and taking away our ability to write this
- 11 policy.
- We're looking for help and enforcing
- the policy after we have done our process to
- 14 write it.
- Right now -- and this is a prepared
- statement, so probably going to reiterate some of
- 17 the stuff I already said.
- 18 Right now, CCPSA has the legal
- 19 authority to make policy on CPD traffic stops.
- 20 If traffic stops are incorporated in the Consent
- Decree with provisions clearly establishing a
- 22 major role for the Commission in policymaking,
- then the Commission would be giving up a power it
- now has, and, more importantly, giving up the

- opportunity for deep community engagement in the
- 2 process.
- 3 So from the beginning, the CCPSA's
- 4 position has always been that if traffic stops
- 5 are included in the Consent Decree, the
- 6 Commission would need to continue to play a
- 7 central role in policymaking related to traffic
- 8 stops.
- 9 The Commission has been working for
- 10 months now to make sure that there is a clear
- 11 understanding about the Commission's role in that
- 12 Consent Decree work, and a clear understanding
- that the work would be entered on community
- 14 engagement. It has taken a long time to get the
- answers that we need. A frustratingly long time.
- But this week, we finally got
- 17 assurances about what this Consent Decree process
- 18 will look like. Here are key points:
- Going forward, the Commission and
- the CPD will work together on traffic stops
- 21 policy. We'll work with CPD to try to come to an
- 22 agreement about policy details before the City
- 23 negotiates with the Attorney General on traffic
- 24 stops policy.

- 1 Number 2: The Commission, CPD, and the
- 2 Department of Law are committed to working
- 3 together as quickly as possible to develop and
- 4 enact traffic stops policy that is consistent
- 5 with the Consent Decree.
- Number 3: The Commission will
- 7 continue to conduct community engagement while
- 8 simultaneously working on policy.
- 9 We have written commitments about
- these points, and we will be working over the
- next few days to get all the details down in
- writing in a public document. We'll also be
- working with CPD and the City's Department of Law
- on a timeline for this process, which we will
- make public and report on regularly.
- We'll also be meeting probably next
- week to start working quickly on traffic stops
- 18 policy that is deeply informed by what we learn
- in the community engagement process and by
- 20 evidence in national best practices.
- The community engagement process
- 22 will include several different components.
- We will work with the District
- 24 Councils to get their input, so we're hearing

- 1 from every police district in the City.
- We'll hold listening sessions over
- 3 the next five months in locations across the
- 4 City. We had a listening session in December and
- 5 another last week, and we will have more every
- 6 month. At the end of the tonight's meeting, we
- 7 will share information about the next listening
- 8 session. We will meet with targeted focus groups
- 9 to get input on important issues. For example,
- 10 we'll have special sessions for youth, for
- 11 seniors, for members of the disability community,
- 12 and for law enforcement.
- We have a community survey posted
- online, and we already have 400 responses, and we
- will continue to work to get more responses from
- more people in more places.
- 17 It has taken a long time to get to
- 18 this point, and we are expected to be moving
- 19 forward in this most important work -- developing
- 20 policies that will keep all Chicagoans -
- civilians and police officers safer and more
- secure. And we will work hard to keep your
- voices at the center of that work.
- 24 Any comments or questions from the

- 1 Commissioners? Thank you, everyone.
- 2 COMMISSIONER MINOR: I also wanted to say
- 3 some business. I want to provide an update on
- 4 the task force. With that being said, the task
- force convened on January 13th, 2025. The task
- force was comprised of representatives from the
- following organizations, the Mayor's Office of
- 8 Community Safety, the Office of Equity and Racial
- 9 Justice, CPD Bureau of Internal Affairs, the
- 10 Office of the Public Safety Administration,
- 11 CCPSA, and the department -- the City's
- 12 Department of Human Resources.
- The task force is aiming to first
- develop a framework for the full force of
- government response to extremism in law
- enforcement that summarizes any work currently
- underway at addressing this and identifying any
- 18 gaps or barriers.
- I also wanted to say that during
- the meeting, we reviewed the task force
- objectives. We discussed related work underway
- for each agency. We discussed next steps for our
- next meeting, which is to address potential gaps
- on existing -- on and -- and ongoing work, along

- with deliveries, decide on time frame and making
- 2 sure we identify the owners.
- I also want to say stay tuned. At
- 4 the next meeting we will get an update on the
- 5 next meeting and things we discussed.
- I want to transition from -- I want
- 7 to transition from that update and talk a little
- 8 bit about --
- 9 PRESIDENT DRIVER: Before you go on to
- something else, can I comment on that?
- 11 COMMISSIONER MINOR: Absolutely.
- 12 PRESIDENT DRIVER: So another thing I would
- like us to be clear on here. That task force is
- being led by the Mayor's Office. We are happy to
- use part of our meeting time to provide updates
- 16 here, but we can't control that task force. That
- is the Mayor's Office.
- 18 If you have questions about it,
- 19 Commissioner Minor sits on the task force, but
- those are more proprietarily directed to Deputy
- 21 Mayor of Community Safety Garien Gatewood in the
- Mayor's Office. We don't have control of the
- 23 outcomes.
- The information that Commissioner

- 1 Minor just read is the first time I've even known
- what -- that they've met and what they have going
- on. I want to be clear about that, too. That
- 4 we're happy to take input back to the Mayor's
- 5 Office, but if you want a more direct line of
- 6 approach, I would recommend you reach out to
- 7 Deputy Mayor Gatewood in the Mayor's Office.
- 8 COMMISSIONER MINOR: I just want to react and
- 9 say one thing that I definitely will be emulating
- in that meeting making sure that all of our
- 11 meetings are publicly available. Again, I am
- just a part of the task force. I'm excited to be
- a part of the task force because I am committed
- 14 to the mission. I know that you all have called
- for this task force to convene, so I consider it
- 16 a win. But as Anthony mentioned, we do not have
- 17 power over the task force. Just participate in
- 18 it.
- 19 With that being said, I think
- that's some good work that can come from it. So
- 21 I'm definitely open to talking about the task
- force, similar to how we will provide updates for
- like the workforce allocation study which we're
- 24 also members in. Right? And I think it's super

- important for you all to be aware how we're using
- 2 our resources and using our time as
- 3 Commissioners.
- I want to transition, if that's
- 5 okay. I want to transition to some reactions
- 6 that I heard from community regarding our most
- 7 recent traffic stop listening session.
- I was a part -- I was in the room,
- 9 but I heard directly from community members
- 10 expressing, you know, deep disappointment from
- the last listening session. I was present and
- witnessed a tense interaction between a community
- member and a commissioner. One community member
- 14 even shared that they had a reluctance to
- continue engaging with us, expressing their
- belief that their opinions aren't valued. I had
- a conversation with my fellow Commissioners today
- 18 about that. Well, not all of my fellow
- 19 Commissioners. The ones that were available for
- 20 a particular compliant meeting. And so if we --
- we had to break off in silos of two, and as you
- 22 all know, our workload is very expansive, and so
- I haven't had a chance to engage with everyone
- like I would have wanted to. But with that being

- said, I just talked about some of the feedback
- that I received and some of the concerns that I
- 3 heard. While I do not believe -- and I want to
- 4 be very clear -- I do not believe that this
- 5 interaction or its aftermath was intentionally
- 6 malicious at any point. But with that being
- 7 said, I feel like I have an obligation to
- 8 sincerely apologize to those who felt left out,
- 9 for those who feel like they cannot come back,
- 10 for those who feel like they are not welcome in
- our meetings. I want to say that that is not
- 12 true. I want you to continue to show up and know
- that your input is crucial. I urge you to
- 14 continue to share your perspectives on this
- policy and understanding that this will
- significantly impact our collective future, so
- it's important that we hear diversity of thought
- in this space, and not just those that align with
- 19 mine. And for the people I'm speaking about
- specifically, those thoughts still align with,
- you know, mine and those community members that I
- do know personally.
- My goal is that our traffic stop
- policy will be something we can all look back on

- with pride knowing that we are part of a historic
- and impactful and meaningful change that improves
- 3 police and community interactions, similar to
- 4 some of the sentiments that we heard today. This
- is why I strongly recommend a strengthened
- 6 decorum policy as I recommended earlier today. I
- 7 believe that's important to hold everyone to the
- 8 same standard of neutral trust and respect. I
- 9 also suggest rotating Commissioners in these
- 10 listening engagements, allowing the community to
- 11 be familiar with our diverse perspectives because
- we have diverse perspectives on this board, and I
- think that's one of the ways in which we best
- 14 serve Chicago by having diversity of thought.
- 15 Finally, and most importantly, I
- believe that we all must have an equal
- opportunity to contribute to the language on this
- 18 traffic stop policy. We talked about wanting to
- be a part of this policymaking process. I
- 20 propose that the bulk of this work be conducted
- 21 not solely within a single working group but also
- through OMA compliant breakout groups and other
- 23 transparent channels.
- This collaborative approach will

- 1 ensure that we will arrive at a final product
- that our community deserves and a policy that
- 3 truly reflects our shared vision for a better
- 4 future.
- 5 Those are my thoughts, and I
- 6 welcome reactions.
- 7 COMMISSIONER WORTHAM: Well, thank you so
- 8 much, Commission Minor, for bringing that up. I
- 9 am really excited to address this since I was one
- of the Commissioners who sat to hear the
- listening session on Friday, so I won't beat
- 12 around the bush. I suppose, because you and I
- have not spoken today, what you're talking about
- is an interaction that happened at the end of the
- meeting. So what I'm going to say about that is,
- I would encourage everyone here to go watch the
- video from our meeting because it is publicly
- 18 available. And what I have always said since
- joining this Commission is, we do have a diverse
- 20 City. We have a diverse City with diverse
- opinions. Unfortunately, what we have heard at
- this meeting and at the listening sessions
- largely represents one perspective on traffic
- stops, which is totally fine. I would like to

- 1 hear that perspective. What I would also like to
- do is make sure that our meetings are open and
- 3 welcoming for people who have a different
- 4 perspective. I've said that at this meeting.
- 5 I'm probably going to now say it at every single
- 6 meeting until we have a final policy because I
- 7 have heard from members of the community -- and
- 8 "community," of course, is a word that's been
- 9 used in different ways and weaponized, but I see
- 10 community as many things and many perspectives.
- I heard from members of the community they don't
- 12 feel welcome at our meeting because some of the
- aggressive language and behavior that some people
- 14 have displayed. So it is very important for me
- to say to people that you are welcome to matter
- 16 what your perspective it.
- I will speak to directly to what
- 18 happened on Friday. Most of the people who spoke
- 19 had a particular perspective. Two people who
- spoke -- well, one person who spoke asked a
- 21 specific question about Police Department policy.
- 22 Initially, Commissioner Terry and I didn't answer
- the question because that wasn't the format we
- set out for the meeting. But when another

- 1 speaker in her remarks indicated kind of a
- 2 question or lack of understanding of existing
- 3 policy, what I said was, I believe it's incumbent
- 4 upon us as a Commission if we are going to have
- 5 listening sessions to ensure that the public at
- 6 least has information about what policies
- 7 currently exist. I specifically said, the public
- 8 might not like these existing policies, and
- 9 that's why we have this whole body and this work.
- But I do think we have a responsibility to
- 11 provide information where the information will be
- 12 useful for the conversation.
- So I just want to be super clear
- about that, because I, of course, don't like if
- anyone felt like they can't come back to CCPSA
- meetings, but I do think it's fair for the
- 17 Commission to be responsive to all questions and
- 18 all concerns, not just a particular perspective,
- and I want to make sure we reiterate that,
- 20 because the tables can turn quickly depending on
- 21 where we are. So one meeting might have a
- heavily attended perspective from one side of
- this issue, and then you can go to a different
- part of the City and everyone can be saying

- 1 something else.
- So we want to make sure that we're
- 3 making ourselves available to hear all of those
- 4 perspectives. And that is what I worked hard to
- 5 do on Friday, and what I will continue to work
- 6 hard to do as a member of the policymaking work
- 7 group going out on these listening sessions.
- 8 So thanks for bringing that up, and
- 9 I'm glad I've had an opportunity to address it.
- 10 COMMISSIONER GOTTLIEB: So just real briefly.
- I definitely am not here to litigate, like, the
- specifics of the listening session, but I want to
- echo Commissioner Minor's sentiments about how to
- 14 move forward. I think it's important that all
- Commissioners have a seat at these listening
- sessions and get to the diversity of the entire
- 17 Commission is heard. I also think it's critical
- that we make sure there are mechanisms that are
- in place to ensure the entire Commission gets the
- 20 direct language about the policy, not just one
- 21 working group.
- 22 COMMISSIONER MINOR: One of the practices
- that we have started is recognizing our officials
- in the room, so I just want to recognize Arewa

- 1 Winters, Alees Edwards, Ashley Vargas, Beth
- 2 Rochford, Deondre Rutues, Brad Kessler, and
- 3 Alderman La Spata. You all deserve a round of
- 4 applause. Is there any elected official I did
- 5 not recognize? Please stand. And Dion McGill, I
- 6 see you. That is all.
- 7 PRESIDENT DRIVER: Thank you. The next
- 8 listening session on traffic stops is February
- 9 20th at European Chalet Banquets in the 8th
- 10 Police District. There will be information about
- that session on our website. We will send
- information on the mailing list. Please follow
- us on all our social media accounts.
- 14 If there is no further business
- before the Commission, the meeting is now
- 16 adjourned. Thank you, everyone.
- 17 (WHEREUPON, the meeting was
- adjourned at 8:05 p.m.)

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1	REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE
2	IN RE: CCPSA Public Meeting January 30, 2025
3	January 30, 2023
4	I, MAUREEN A. WOODMAN, C.S.R., do hereby certify that the foregoing Report of Proceedings
5	was recorded stenographically by me and was reduced to computerized transcript under my
6	direction, and that the said transcript constitutes a true record.
7	I further certify that I am not a
8	relative or employee or attorney or counsel of any of the parties, or a relative or employee of
9	such attorney or counsel, or financially interested directly or indirectly in this action.
10	IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set
11	my hand of office at Chicago, Illinois this 10th day of January 2025.
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