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COMMUNITY COMMISSION for PUBLIC SAFETY
And ACCOUNTABILITY
PUBLIC MEETING
Wednesday, October 9, 2024, 4:30 p.m.
City Hall

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- APPEARANCES:
Vice President Remel Terry
Commissioner Aaron Gottlieb
Commissioner Sandra Wortham
Commissioner Kelly Presley
Commissioner Abierre Minor
Executive Director Adam Gross

1 VICE PRESIDENT TERRY: The October 9, 2024,
2 Special Meeting of the Community Commission for
3 Public Safety and Accountability is called to
4 order.

5 We'll begin by calling the roll to
6 establish a quorum.

7 Commissioner Driver.

8 Commissioner Gottlieb.

9 COMMISSIONER GOTTLIEB Here.

10 VICE PRESIDENT TERRY: Commissioner Minor.

11 COMMISSIONER MINOR: Here.

12 VICE PRESIDENT TERRY: Commissioner Presley.

13 COMMISSIONER PRESLEY: Here.

14 COMMISSIONER TERRY: Commissioner Terry.
15 Here.

16 VICE PRESIDENT TERRY: Commissioner Wortham.

17 COMMISSIONER WORTHAM: Here.

18 VICE PRESIDENT TERRY: With five members of
19 the Community Commission for Public Safety and
20 Accountability present, we have a quorum, and we
21 can conduct the Commission's business.

22 The next item of business is public
23 comment. If you would like to share something
24 related to the Commission's work on public safety

1 and accountability, you have a few options; you
2 can speak at a public meeting. You can also
3 submit public comment in writing by emailing your
4 comment to
5 CommunityCommissionPublicComment@cityofchicago.
6 org. Or you can bring a copy of your comment to
7 one of the Commission's public meetings and give
8 it to someone on the Commission or someone on the
9 Commission staff.

10 People who wanted to speak during
11 the public comment period tonight were asked to
12 submit their names in writing earlier tonight.
13 Names were then drawn at random by a member of
14 the Commission staff. Speakers will be called in
15 the order in which your name is called. When
16 it's your turn to speak, please say your name,
17 then spell your name, then offer your comments.
18 Each speaker will have two minutes. We have
19 allotted a total of 20 minutes for public
20 comment.

21 Do we have any public speakers?
22 Seeing that we do not have public comments, we
23 are on to our new business. The next order of
24 business and the sole focus of this meeting is

1 Police Board nominations.

2 Commissioner Presley will discuss
3 the Police Board nominations.

4 COMMISSIONER PRESLEY: Thank you,
5 Vice-President Terry.

6 As we have reported earlier in the
7 Commission meetings, the Commission has been
8 working to fulfill the Commission's role under
9 CCPSA ordinance Chapter 2-80-080, specifically as
10 it pertains to identifying qualified candidates
11 to present to the Mayor to fill Police Board
12 vacancies.

13 The law gives the Commission
14 responsibility for nominating candidates to serve
15 on the Police Board. The Mayor has the final say
16 on who's on the Police Board, but the Mayor can
17 only choose from the list created by the
18 Commission.

19 Today, the Commission will vote as a
20 body on the names of qualified candidates to
21 submit to the Mayor to fill four vacancies.

22 Please note that according to the
23 criteria established under Paragraph 532 of the
24 Consent Decree and codified under Municipal Code

1 of Chicago 2-80-80(c), one of the four vacancies
2 must be filled by a candidate with at least ten
3 years' experience as a former law enforcement
4 officer, and one of the four vacancies must be
5 filled by a candidate with at least ten years of
6 community engagement or organizing.

7 I move to nominate the following
8 candidates to the Police Board: Steven Block for
9 reappointment to the Board.

10 Nanette Doorley's seat, which is a
11 Police Board criteria requiring at least ten
12 years of experience as a former sworn law
13 enforcement officer, Valencia Ahmed and Cynthia
14 Velazquez.

15 For Paula Wolff's seat, a Police
16 Board seat requiring ten years' experience in
17 community engagement or organizing, I nominate
18 the names Chris Griffin, Arlette Porter, and
19 Jacque Stephanic.

20 For Mareilé Cusack's seat, I
21 nominate Debra Dyer-Webster, Chris Griffin (if
22 not selected for Paula Wolff's seat), Tyler Hall,
23 Arlette Porter (if not selected for Paula Wolff's
24 seat), and Jacque Stephanic (if not selected for

1 Paula Wolff's seat).

2 Pursuant to the Municipal Code,
3 within 30 days, i.e. by November 8th, the Mayor
4 shall select a candidate for each of the four
5 vacancies or reject the candidates and provide
6 the Commission with a written explanation, which
7 the Commission shall make publicly available no
8 later than three business days after receipt.

9 The Police Board appointments are
10 subject to the advice and consent of City
11 Counsel.

12 COMMISSIONER WORTHAM: Second.

13 VICE PRESIDENT TERRY: Commissioner Presley
14 has moved to forward to the Mayor the names of
15 the following individuals for his consideration
16 to fill three vacancies on the Police Board:
17 Valencia Ahmad, Steven Block, Debra Dyer-Webster,
18 Chris Griffin, Tyler Hall, Arlette Porter, Jacque
19 Stephanic, Cynthia Velazquez.

20 Commissioner Wortham has seconded
21 the motion. Is there any debate on the motion?

22 (NO RESPONSE.)

23 VICE PRESIDENT TERRY: Hearing none, we'll
24 move to a vote.

1 Those in favor of adopting the
2 motion to confirm the names of Steven Block,
3 Cynthia Velazquez, Valencia Ahmad, Arlette
4 Porter, Chris Griffin, Debra Dyer-Webster, Jacque
5 Stephanic, Tyler Hall as qualified candidates
6 that the Mayor may select from in filling three
7 vacancies on the Police Board, please signify by
8 saying aye.

9 (CHORUS OF AYES.)

10 VICE PRESIDENT TERRY: Those opposed, say
11 nay.

12 (NO RESPONSE.)

13 VICE PRESIDENT TERRY: The ayes have it and
14 the motion carries.

15 Are there any questions from the
16 Commission? All right.

17 To connect with the Commission via
18 social media, you can find us at Facebook,
19 Instagram, Twitter, as well as YouTube at
20 CCPSA_Chicago and for Facebook search Community
21 Commission for Public Safety and Accountability.

22 Our next meeting is going to be
23 Wednesday, October 30th, 6:30, p.m. at Kennedy
24 King College.

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Is there any further business for
the Commission?

(NO RESPONSE.)

VICE PRESIDENT TERRY: Seeing none, I would
like to thank you all for joining us tonight.

We hope to see you on October 30th,
and we hope you'll stay engaged and encourage
people to join us in the work.

(WHEREUPON, the
proceedings were adjourned.)

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) SS:
2 COUNTY OF C O O K)

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4 MAUREEN A. WOODMAN, C.S.R., being first
5 duly sworn, says that she is a court reporter
6 doing business in the City of Chicago; that she
7 reported in shorthand the proceedings had at the
8 hearing of said cause; that the foregoing is a
9 true and correct transcript of her shorthand
10 notes, so taken as aforesaid, and contains all
11 the proceedings of said meeting.

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