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COMMUNITY COMMISSION for PUBLIC SAFETY
and ACCOUNTABILITY

July 25, 2024
6:30 p.m.
Malcolm X College
1900 West Jackson Boulevard
Chicago, Illinois

PRESENT:

- MR. ANTHONY DRIVER, Commission President;
- MS. REMEL TERRY, Commission Vice President;
- MS. SANDRA WORTHAM, Commission member;
- MS. KELLY PRESLEY, Commission member;
- MS. ABIERRE MINOR, Commission member;
- MR. AARON GOTTLIEB, Commission member;
- MR. ADAM GROSS, Executive Director.

1 COMMISSIONER DRIVER: Good evening,
2 everyone. The July 25th, 2024, regular meeting
3 of the Community Commission for Public Safety and
4 Accountability is called to order at 6:40 p.m.

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

7 Commissioner Driver is present.

8 Commissioner Gottlieb.

9 COMMISSIONER GOTTLIEB: Present.

10 COMMISSIONER DRIVER: Commissioner Minor.

11 COMMISSIONER MINOR: Present.

12 COMMISSIONER DRIVER: Commissioner Presley.

13 COMMISSIONER PRESLEY: Present.

14 COMMISSIONER DRIVER: Commissioner Terry.

15 VICE PRESIDENT TERRY: Present.

16 COMMISSIONER DRIVER: Commissioner Wortham.

17 COMMISSIONER WORTHAM: Present.

18 PRESIDENT DRIVER: With all six members of
19 the Community Commission for Public Safety and
20 Accountability, we have a quorum, and we can
21 conduct the Commission 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 up at the meeting. You can also submit
3 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 the Commission's public meetings and give it to
8 someone on the Commission or someone on the
9 Commission staff.

10 People who wanted to speak during
11 the public comment period were asked to submit
12 their names in writing earlier today. Names were
13 drawn at random by a member of the Commission
14 staff. Speakers will be called in the order in
15 which their names were drawn. If your name is
16 called to offer public comment, we ask you to
17 approach the microphone and line up in the order
18 in which the names were drawn.

19 If for any reason you are unable
20 to come to the microphone, please flag a member
21 of our staff so a microphone can be brought to
22 you. When it is your turn to speak, please state
23 your name and spell your name, then offer your
24 comments. Each speaker will have two minutes.

1 We have allotted a total of 20 minutes for public
2 comment.

3 For tonight's meeting, the
4 Commission has placed an emphasis on conducting
5 outreach to residents of the City who are
6 concerned about public safety in the City. As
7 with all public comment periods, we will take
8 note of any themes that arise. We also intend to
9 reach out to more individuals and groups in the
10 City that we are working on public safety
11 solutions with. This information will be used to
12 develop Commission recommendations during the
13 goalsetting process, and in the development of
14 budget recommendations, and in carrying out other
15 Commission duties.

16 Our first speaker is Kobi Guillory.

17 MR. GUILLORY: Good evening, everybody.
18 Thank you, Commissioners, for allowing us all to
19 speak.

20 So like a lot of you all outside,
21 we're here today to ask that the Commission have
22 a public special session to eliminate the
23 pretextual traffic stops, the kind of policing
24 practice that allows for the racism of the police

1 to come out in full swing. The exact policing
2 practice that ended in the murder of Dexter Reed
3 only a few months ago when they fired 96 shots
4 into a residential neighborhood. 13 of those
5 shots hitting and killing Dexter Reed. Most of
6 those shots that hit him hit him while he was
7 outside of his car. So we need to eliminate
8 that.

9 And only about three years ago, I
10 remember when people thought that it was
11 impossible for us to have a Commission like this
12 in the first place. People thought it was
13 impossible for us to have District Councilors.
14 People thought it was impossible for us to
15 eliminate the gang database. But what we've been
16 showing over and over again is that it is
17 possible when we have people power, and when we
18 have the motivation and the political will to get
19 these things done. We are able to push the
20 bounds of what is possible. It is definitely
21 possible to end these pretextual traffic stops.
22 It is possible to eliminate the tact teams that
23 killed Dexter Reed, and they do nothing to keep
24 black communities safe. They only harass and

1 arrest people, then kill people, while doing
2 nothing about the crime, while doing nothing
3 about the violence.

4 So those resources that are spent
5 on tact teams, we need those to go back into the
6 community to invest in mental health, to invest
7 in jobs, to invest in safe and stable housing and
8 education. That's why we need that special
9 session of the Community Commission. And we're
10 going to get that. We're going to show it's
11 possible. Thank you.

12 COMMISSIONER DRIVER: Our next speaker is
13 Jay. I'm going to call a few people. If you are
14 able to, you can wait in line. Next speaker
15 after Jay is W. Robert Schultz the Third, then
16 Beth Rochford.

17 JAY: Hello. Good evening, Commissioners.
18 First of all, I told this body before, it should
19 take a proactive, overinclusive interpretation of
20 this role in policy change, regardless of its
21 role in policy making, and this is according to
22 the depth and breadth and the scope of your work
23 laid out and authorized in the legislation
24 creating your job. And that also your coworkers,

1 District Councilors, who are lawyers, agree with
2 this point.

3 And so the Commission should take
4 its job and its role in its full scope seriously
5 by working to decriminalize sex workers, working
6 to decriminalize drug workers, and even if you
7 all can't make those changes, you all can make
8 recommendations -- your ability to use your
9 mouths and to write things.

10 Again, you all can put together a
11 few hundred words about these vital issues.

12 Also, we have homeless deterrence
13 technology and acoustic and sound machines that
14 are terrorizing our homeless populations and
15 inserting and intruding private interest in the
16 public spaces in very fundamentally problematic
17 ways.

18 And so there are a number of issues
19 that you all need to work on, including the
20 decommodification of food, housing, and
21 healthcare, and utilities.

22 As we face climate change, we've
23 seen clouds of fire smoke from Canada come over
24 our City. Things we have never seen in our

1 lifetimes.

2 So you need to take your role
3 seriously. And you need to fight, not just for
4 the carve-outs in terms of strictly policing
5 issues that this City has followed, in terms of
6 mental health or schools. You need to deal with
7 sex workers and people who sell drugs and people
8 affiliated with street organizations, and you
9 need to decriminalize --

10 PRESIDENT DRIVER: That's your time.

11 JAY: -- decriminalize black life and take
12 this seriously.

13 MR. SCHULTZ: Good evening. I'm W. Robert
14 Schultz the Third. That's W. R-O-B-E-R-T
15 S-C-H-U-L-T-Z, the Third. I'm with the Active
16 Transportation Alliance. We're here because
17 pretextual traffic stops are an ineffectual
18 crime-fighting tool, and they do not add to
19 public safety, traffic safety on the streets.

20 So we support the CCPSA to hold a
21 hearing on traffic stops.

22 I tell the story that 20 years ago
23 when I was at Amnesty International, we did a
24 report on racial profiling in major cities,

1 including Chicago, and we called out the practice
2 of pretextual traffic stops 20 years ago, and
3 we're still fighting that battle now.

4 It's time to end the practice of
5 pretextual traffic stops. It's been documented
6 how ineffective they are, and I can't wait
7 another 20 years for a change in policy. Thank
8 you.

9 MS. ROCHFORD: Good evening. Elizabeth,
10 traditional spelling, Rochford, R-O-C-H-F-O-R-D.
11 I'm a 17th District Councilor, and this past
12 Saturday we had our District Council meeting, and
13 had 13 people make public comment. 11 of the 13
14 people raised concern about the Oath Keeper who
15 is working in the 17th District and all of the
16 Oath Keepers who are currently employed by CPD.

17 My community is pushing us to ask
18 you to work with the Superintendent to see what
19 options there are for putting these people on
20 desk duty or whatever you can do to relook at
21 what the options are to not have Oath Keepers
22 interacting with the community. So I would like
23 you to consider that.

24 I don't know how exactly that can

1 get done, but it was what my community is asking
2 of you.

3 And then you heard me talk last
4 month about the traffic stops, so going to put in
5 another plug and hoping that you will consider
6 having a hearing. Thank you.

7 COMMISSIONER DRIVER: Our next three and
8 final speakers are Brian Young, Junior, Pastor
9 Doyle, and Darrell Dacres.

10 MR. BRIAN YOUNG, JR: Hello. I'm Brian
11 Young, Junior. Organizer at Community Renewal
12 Society. We are an organization that brings
13 together people of faith and congregations with
14 the community and community leaders to fight for
15 racial justice.

16 We represent over 60 congregations
17 in and out of Chicago.

18 And I want to read to you the
19 testimonies of our beloved communities that we
20 were able to talk to and collect over 2000
21 signatures to end pretextual stops. "Hell, yeah.
22 I'm proof we need to do something," said a man of
23 Latino descent from the 25th District as he
24 pointed down to his ankle monitor. "They pulled

1 my son over last week," said a black woman of the
2 10th District at this year's Juneteenth Fest.
3 "96 times. Pulled him over and shot him like an
4 animal." This was a black lady at the rally in
5 the 11th District following the killing of Dexter
6 Reed.

7 These are the testimonies we've
8 received from talking to our communities.
9 Testimonies that live with the black and brown
10 and working-class people as we go about our day.

11 At any time an officer could pull
12 us over, whether on a bike, in our cars listening
13 to music, and without any reason as we walk down
14 the streets, and our supposed crime is being
15 black or brown.

16 We of the organizing and policy
17 team at CRS are black people and also members of
18 our communities.

19 Imagine the caps we have to wear
20 following the killing of Dexter Reed. Now
21 compare that to the cap that a parent or a loved
22 one has to wear when you get that call that your
23 loved one got pulled over by a police officer,
24 and we can finish that sentence.

1 We at CRS call on the CCPSA to hold
2 a special hearing to end these racist and
3 discriminatory traffic stops called pretextual
4 stops, because for black and brown folks in all
5 of our communities --

6 PRESIDENT DRIVER: Thank you. That's your
7 time.

8 MR. YOUNG, JR -- a routine traffic stop by
9 the police is an unwelcoming dance with the
10 potential of death. Thank you.

11 MR. DACRES: I thought there was another
12 speaker.

13 So I'm Darrell Dacres, District
14 Councilor for the 20th District. I was on the
15 Nominating Committee, meaning I helped get you
16 all elected to your positions. I've seen your
17 files. I trust your judgment, and that's why I
18 want the Commissioners, as well as the rest of
19 the CCPSA, to take care of the issues in the
20 community.

21 This has not been something that we
22 have been blessed with allowing the powers that
23 be to have control over these issues. If we
24 allow them to pacify us and push these pretextual

1 stops over to the Consent Decree or any other
2 issue, they will not be rectified. This can only
3 happen with the people. The power of the people
4 have invested in us. They elected us as DCs
5 because they trust us. And me being from my
6 community, I never would have thought that the
7 way the police were harassing me and doing me
8 injustices that my community would see fit to
9 elect me to represent them.

10 We want change. So we have
11 responsibility to be a part of that change, and I
12 hope that this Commission can make that happen.
13 Thank you.

14 PASTOR DOYLE: Good evening. D-O-Y-L-E,
15 Doyle. Landry, L-A-N-D, as in David, R-Y. And
16 my comment is, first general, because of the
17 excellent work of you all as a Commission, again
18 me as a former full-time journalist, for your own
19 highlighting purposes, our National Association
20 of Black Journalists Convention convenes this
21 Wednesday, July 31st. If all of you would like
22 to Google NABJ Chicago, it should come up.
23 Everything should be self-explanatory. It's an
24 opportunity for you to educate journalists from

1 around the country who will be here in Chicago
2 starting -- well, many of them are here now. But
3 our convention starts Wednesday, and it's my
4 sincerest hope that you all take the opportunity
5 to promote what is good.

6 Now with regards to President
7 Driver. You were not present in June at the 22nd
8 District Commission meeting where one of the
9 Commissioners happened to be present, and
10 happened to be clear about what her goals were or
11 are as a Commissioner. And I was very clear,
12 because both Commissioner Bielecki and
13 Commissioner Parker are here tonight, that I
14 would be present tonight.

15 So in terms of the accountability,
16 as well as balance, I'm speaking of Commissioner
17 Wortham, and with 30 seconds left to go, I am
18 intrigued, that's the word I'll use, that she's
19 here because today is her birthday. So how many
20 of you all should have seen it coming? Because
21 my point is, happy birthday.

22 COMMISSIONER WORTHAM: Thank you.

23 PASTOR DOYLE: Because God truly birthed you
24 for a powerful purpose. And with your mother

1 being present, continue your excellence. All the
2 best.

3 COMMISSIONER DRIVER: The next order of
4 business is approval of minutes. Before today's
5 meeting, draft minutes of the Commission's
6 meeting held June 27th, 2024, were shared with
7 all Commissioners.

8 Are there any corrections to the
9 draft minutes that have been circulated?

10 COMMISSIONER WORTHAM: I have just one. Hi.
11 And I'm sorry. I'm not sure if this email got
12 across, but my only correction is just really an
13 addition to add -- wait. Which meeting was this?

14 PRESIDENT DRIVER: 27. June 27th.

15 COMMISSIONER WORTHAM: Actually, I have none
16 for that. You're okay.

17 COMMISSIONER DRIVER: Are there any further
18 corrections to the draft minutes? If there are
19 no corrections, is there a motion to approve the
20 minutes of the Commission's meeting held on June
21 27th, 2024?

22 VICE PRESIDENT TERRY: So moved.

23 PRESIDENT DRIVER: Is there a second?

24 COMMISSIONER PRESLEY: Second.

1 Under Chicago Municipal Code
2 Section 2-80-070, when there is a vacancy in a
3 District Council, the existing members of the
4 District Council have 30 days to nominate three
5 candidates for the vacancy to the Commission.
6 The Commission then has a total of 60 days from
7 the creation of the vacancy to select one of
8 these candidates to recommend to the Mayor for
9 appointment to the District Council. Then the
10 Mayor chooses someone to fill the vacancy.

11 I will begin by discussing our
12 recommendation to fill two District Council
13 vacancies, one on the 6th District Council and
14 one on the 24th District Council.

15 Pursuant to the law I described,
16 the remaining members of each of the two District
17 Councils held an application process and
18 interviews for candidates to fill the vacancies.
19 The remaining Councilors worked diligently to
20 ensure wide promotion of the application
21 opportunity and a careful process for reviewing
22 qualified candidates. The Commission thanks the
23 remaining members of District Council 6 and 24
24 for their hard work in raising awareness about

1 the vacancy and vetting candidates to join their
2 respective Councils to serve their districts.

3 After completing their review of
4 qualified applicants, the remaining Councilors of
5 each of the two Councils voted in public meetings
6 to nominate three candidates for the respective
7 vacancies. The names then went to the Commission
8 for consideration. The Commission reviewed the
9 application materials for all six candidates,
10 three for each vacancy. The Commission has also
11 conducted interviews of all candidates.

12 Before proceeding to
13 recommendations, the Commission thanks all the
14 candidates for applying to serve on their local
15 District Councils. For those we did not select
16 for recommendation, we hope you will stay
17 involved with the work of the CCPSA.

18 At this time, the Commission is
19 still in the process of reviewing the candidates
20 for the District -- for the 6th District Council
21 vacancy and is not prepared to recommend a name
22 to the Mayor. We will therefore postpone
23 consideration of this item until our next public
24 meeting.

1 Now we shall move on to the vacancy
2 on District Council 24. Is there a motion to
3 recommend to the Mayor a candidate to fill the
4 vacancy of the 24th District Council?

5 VICE PRESIDENT TERRY: I move that the
6 Commission recommend that the Mayor appoint
7 Gregory Gross to fill the District Council 24
8 vacancy.

9 Gregory Gross is a 24th District
10 resident living in Edgewater. He has an
11 extensive nonprofit leadership experience, having
12 worked for organizations working to end
13 homelessness for Chicago's youth and
14 organizations addressing food insecurity. He is
15 also an ordained minister, and in 2020 received
16 Child Advocate of the Year award from the United
17 Voices for Children.

18 COMMISSIONER DRIVER: Is there a second?

19 COMMISSIONER PRESLEY: Second.

20 COMMISSIONER DRIVER: Commissioner Terry has
21 moved to recommend that the Mayor appoint Gregory
22 Gross to fill the vacancy on the 24th District
23 Council, and Commissioner Presley has seconded.
24 Is there any debate on the motion?

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(NO RESPONSE.)

PRESIDENT DRIVER: Hearing none, we will now move to a vote. Those in favor of adopting the motion to recommend that the Mayor appoint Gregory Gross to fill the vacancy on the 24th District Council, please signify by saying aye.

(CHORUS OF AYES.)

COMMISSIONER DRIVER: Are there any nays?

(NO RESPONSE.)

COMMISSIONER DRIVER: The ayes have it, and the motion carries.

Congratulations, Mr. Gross. We will send your name to the Office of the Mayor for Mayor Johnson to consider selecting an appointment to the 24th District Council vacancy.

Our next order of business will be reports and updates. We will begin by announcing Commission working groups and membership. The Commission is mandated to work collaboratively with a variety of stakeholders. To accomplish this in a manner that is compliant with the Illinois Open Meetings Act, we have broken up into groups of two Commissioners who serve as the primary points of contact for the assigned

1 subject matter.

2 All commissioners contribute to the
3 work that is done by the groups by providing
4 feedback about the work being done to individual
5 members of working groups and CCPSA staff.

6 The Commission's working groups are
7 as follows: The first working group is CPD goals
8 and evaluations, and that will be Commissioner
9 Minor and myself, Commissioner Driver.

10 The Police Board goals and
11 evaluations will be Commissioner Presley.

12 CPD policy is Commissioner Wortham
13 and Terry.

14 And CPD Superintendent search, also
15 Commissioner Wortham and Terry.

16 The public safety working group will
17 be Commissioner Minor and Commissioner Wortham.

18 COPA goals and evaluations is
19 Commissioner Presley and Gottlieb.

20 CPD budget review will be
21 Commissioner Gottlieb and Driver.

22 Community policing will be
23 Commissioner Wortham and Terry.

24 COPA Chief Administrator search will

1 be Commissioner Presley and Driver.

2 And community engagement will be
3 Commissioner Minor and Gottlieb.

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: That was kind of fast.
5 Can we find this written somewhere?

6 COMMISSIONER DRIVER: We'll post it on our
7 website. Do you need me to read it again or is
8 posting fine?

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: As long as it's
10 posted.

11 COMMISSIONER DRIVER: Next, Commissioner
12 Minor and I will be providing an update regarding
13 the CPD Superintendent's quarterly goals updates.
14 Commissioner Minor.

15 COMMISSIONER MINOR: CPD has submitted their
16 report on their goals deliverables for Quarter 2.
17 The Superintendent has six goals for 2024. The
18 goals include improvement in crime fighting,
19 community policing, investigations, member
20 wellness and morale, leadership, and workforce
21 allocation.

22 Commissioner Driver and I, as
23 members of the CPD goalsetting working group,
24 also met with Superintendent Snelling and his

1 staff to discuss their progress. We plan to meet
2 with them again to continue these discussions.
3 In addition to speaking about progress towards
4 goals, we had a robust discussion regarding how
5 best to move forward on the goals -- on the issue
6 of traffic stops, focusing on the Commission's
7 role, and including the role of training.

8 Some of the items to note from the
9 Quarter 2 report and the meetings are: Objective
10 1 - Crime Fighting. CPD reported fewer stops in
11 all districts but 7, 14, 20, 22, and 25 during
12 Quarter 1 and fewer stops in all districts but
13 the 20th District in Quarter 2 when compared to
14 2023.

15 Objective number 2 - Community
16 Policing. CPD has enlisted the Civic Consulting
17 Alliance to complete an assessment of its
18 community policing strategy.

19 CPD and CCPSA have been working to
20 define communication and partnership expectations
21 for Commanders and District Councilors. This has
22 led to the development of a general order, which
23 members of the policy working group will discuss
24 later in this meeting.

1 We also have Objective 3 -
2 Investigations. In January of this year, the
3 Bureau of Detectives launched a citywide Homicide
4 Unit Pilot program to increase clearance rates.
5 Since the pilot program's implementation, the
6 number of personnel has increased by 10 percent
7 from last year, from 165 homicide detectives to
8 182 homicide detectives.

9 As of July -- as of July 1st, 2024,
10 the CPD's homicide clearance rate is also 60
11 percent .44 -- 60.44 percent.

12 CPD is looking to hire a Deputy
13 Director of Prosecutorial Strategies in the
14 coming months to promote collaboration between
15 detectives and prosecutor offices.

16 The Bureau of Detectives is
17 creating a "Guide to Homicide Investigations for
18 Families," in partnership with UIC and community
19 partners to provide an explanation to families on
20 the protocols and timelines involved in
21 investigations, as well as FAQs and contact
22 information for relevant resources and agencies.

23 CPD has expended its hiring efforts
24 for additional victim advocates in Quarter 2.

1 CPD has 20 vacant positions for
2 Crime Victim Advocates and has received 230
3 applications to fill those vacancies.

4 CPD has 23 vacancies for Domestic
5 Violence Advocates and has received 152
6 applications to fill those vacancies.
7 Commissioner Driver.

8 COMMISSIONER DRIVER: Objective 4 of our
9 goals is member wellness and morale. CPD, the
10 City's Department of Fleet and Facilities
11 Management, and the City's Office of Budget and
12 Management hold regular monthly meetings to
13 discuss ongoing facility improvement plans and
14 have bucketed issues into short-term,
15 medium-term, and long-term plans.

16 For short-term issues, Fleet and
17 Facilities Management has completed building
18 assessments of all issues and begun working on
19 those issues with a priority towards facility --
20 fixes facility related to the DNC.

21 For medium-term issues, Fleet and
22 Facilities Management is hardening department
23 facilities, including updated camera systems,
24 access control, and bullet-resistant glass.

1 Fleet and Facilities Management has also begun a
2 locker room rebalancing project to align space
3 with CPD's changing demographics. Work is
4 anticipated to start in 2025 within the 11th
5 District.

6 CPD has rolled out a comprehensive
7 events calendar for all potential holiday day off
8 cancellations. Based on staffing projections,
9 members will be notified 28 days in advance for a
10 potential day off cancellation and 14 days in
11 advance if the day has been officially cancelled.

12 Objective 6 is Workforce
13 Allocation. CPD has identified a qualified
14 service provider to conduct its Workforce
15 Allocation study and, as of M2024, has developed
16 the scope of work for the study that meets the
17 requirements of the Consent Decree and the needs
18 of the Department.

19 Are there any questions on CPD
20 goals from members of the Commission?

21 VICE PRESIDENT TERRY: Commissioner Terry.
22 Did they give any dates related to when the
23 community policing strategy assessment will be
24 completed?

1 COMMISSIONER DRIVER: No. I think that's --
2 if I'm not mistaken -- Adam, maybe you can help
3 me. Is that supposed to be done by Quarter 3?

4 COMMISSION MEMBER GROSS: I --

5 COMMISSIONER DRIVER: I'll have to pull it
6 up. I don't have it off the top of my head, but
7 it is outlined in our goals that they're supposed
8 to have that done by a certain time. You mean
9 the thing with the Civic Consulting Alliance?

10 VICE PRESIDENT TERRY: Right.

11 PRESIDENT DRIVER: Oh, actually that, from my
12 recollection, goes into next year. So they
13 started working on it now, and expect to have it
14 done by Quarter 1 next year.

15 Next -- any other questions for CPD
16 goals?

17 Next, Commissioner Wortham will
18 provide an update regarding policy development.

19 COMMISSIONER WORTHAM: All right. In
20 response to the Chicago Police Department goals
21 set by the Interim Commissioners, the Chicago
22 Police Department provided a draft General Order,
23 which is G01-11, which provides guidance to CPD
24 members on the CCPSA ordinance and how to -- on

1 how CPD will interact with the Commission and
2 with District Councilors.

3 So the order also establishes the
4 process for collaboration between CPD and the
5 CCPSA and introduces a form for CPD to document,
6 track, and transmit records requests from CCPSA.
7 Feedback was collected from the District
8 Councilors and Commissioners and submitted to
9 CPD. We as new Commissioners have been briefed
10 on the process of this order, and we will be
11 meeting with CPD next week to discuss feedback
12 from all parties in efforts to finalize. Any
13 questions?

14 COMMISSIONER DRIVER: Thank you, Commissioner
15 Wortham.

16 Next we have an update regarding
17 COPA's goals from Commissioner Gottlieb and
18 Presley.

19 COMMISSIONER GOTTLIEB: So, thank you,
20 Commissioner Driver.

21 So the Commission has received
22 COPA's updates on the 2024 goals.

23 We can report that COPA is making
24 progress towards the completion of these goals.

1 The COPA working group team will be
2 meeting with Chief Administrator Kersten and her
3 team tomorrow to discuss these.

4 We would like to highlight a few of
5 these deliverables that they're working on.

6 So one of the deliverables relates
7 to COPA's Mediation Program. The Mediation
8 Program creates a confidential process in which
9 the complainant and accused CPD member meet, and
10 with the assistance of a neutral mediator,
11 discuss the alleged misconduct with the goal of
12 arriving at a mutually agreeable resolution.

13 COPA has now hired a director of
14 mediation who will begin work sometime in August.

15 COPA has also drafted a revised
16 mediation policy that included input from the
17 community.

18 We have heard from District
19 Councilors who are interested in learning more
20 about this program and meeting with the new
21 director.

22 We will be discussing this with the
23 Chief Administrator at our meeting tomorrow.

24 COPA is also working in partnership

1 with the National Alliance of Mental Health
2 Awareness, also know as NAMI. When family
3 members of people who were shot and killed by
4 police view video of the shooting, mental health
5 personnel from NAMI are now attending to provide
6 support to family members. The same service is
7 being offered to COPA's staff. This relates to
8 COPA's goal of creating a trauma-informed
9 approach when communicating with victims,
10 impacted families, and members of CPD.

11 PRESIDENT DRIVER: Thank you. I will also
12 remind, Commissioners, we've got some comments
13 online about making sure that, one, the mic is on
14 and speaking into the microphone. While the
15 audience might be able to hear us, sometimes it's
16 hard for folks on the livestream to hear us.

17 Are there any questions for
18 Commissioner Gottlieb?

19 COMMISSIONER WORTHAM: I do have maybe --
20 one, maybe two questions. So the first question
21 is, in terms of the mediation program, it's my
22 understanding that as is there -- when complaints
23 come into COPA, some are closed for lack of
24 merit, for lack of a better phrase, that's not

1 the technical term. Is there going to be any
2 change to that process with mediation program?
3 And then the related question is, how will cases
4 be determined to be eligible for mediation?

5 COMMISSIONER GOTTLIEB: So that's a great
6 question, and that's something that I'm hoping to
7 get more clarity on at the next meeting, just as
8 we continue to work on it. I'm not sure of it at
9 this point.

10 COMMISSIONER WORTHAM: Okay. Then, I guess,
11 my third question would be, your remarks indicate
12 that COPA received input from the community as it
13 relates to the revised mediation policy. Was
14 there any input solicited from members of the
15 Chicago Police Department?

16 COMMISSIONER GOTTLIEB: So, sorry, can you
17 just repeat that one more time?

18 COMMISSIONER WORTHAM: Sure. In your
19 comments you say that COPA received input from
20 the community as it relates to the revised
21 mediation policy. Did COPA solicit input from
22 any members of the Chicago Police Department
23 regarding the revised mediation policy?

24 COMMISSIONER GOTTLIEB: Yeah, we'll find out

1 tomorrow. Yeah, we will find out tomorrow.

2 COMMISSIONER DRIVER: Is that something that
3 you're specifically requesting? So the working
4 groups -- have you all met with COPA yet on the
5 goals? So we just formed the working groups for
6 context for the public. Much of this work
7 carried over from the Interim Commission. So I
8 know it may seem as though a lot of us up here
9 now don't have all the answers. Remel and I
10 would generally have a little more context
11 because we were Interim Commissioners. As
12 Commissioner Gottlieb said, they're meeting with
13 COPA for the first time on their goals tomorrow
14 because these are rolling over from the Interim
15 Commission.

16 So if that's something that you're
17 specifically requesting, then I think
18 Commissioner Gottlieb and Presley can probably
19 take that to Chief Administrator Kersten in the
20 meeting tomorrow.

21 COMMISSIONER WORTHAM: Oh, for sure. I
22 understand. I'm new on the working group, too.
23 That's why I asked the question.

24 If we can take the question to

1 COPA, and if they have not solicited said
2 input -- I think if this is a program that's
3 going to be involving community members who make
4 complaints as well as members of the Department,
5 then there should be feedback solicited from all
6 stakeholders in terms of finalizing a policy,
7 absolutely.

8 COMMISSIONER DRIVER: Thank you.

9 Are there any other questions from
10 Commissioners?

11 Next we'll have an update regarding
12 Police Board's goals from Commissioner Presley.

13 COMMISSIONER PRESLEY: Thank you,
14 Commissioner Driver.

15 The Commission has received the
16 Police Board's 2024 Quarter 2 goal updates.

17 Recently, the Police Board
18 onboarded three new members. These members were
19 nominated by the Commission and selected by the
20 Mayor. As a part of the 2024 goals, the Police
21 Board agreed to set up some additional training
22 for all its members. This includes training on
23 assessing different types of evidence, how to
24 assess credibility of testimony, how to weigh

1 evidence presented by witnesses, and how to apply
2 the preponderance of the evidence standard. We
3 are happy to see that this training is underway.

4 The Police Board working group will
5 also be setting up some listening sessions with
6 CPD members and subject matter experts over the
7 next few months as a part of the Commission's
8 responsibility under the Decree.

9 We are currently accepting
10 applications for the Police Board. You can find
11 a link to the application on our website. The
12 Police Board is looking for individuals with
13 significant community-building experience. We
14 are also looking for a former member of law
15 enforcement to serve.

16 If you have any questions or know
17 of individuals who may be interested in joining,
18 you can speak with me or any member of the CCPSA
19 staff.

20 COMMISSIONER DRIVER: Thank you, Commissioner
21 Presley.

22 Are there any questions from
23 Commissioners?

24 We will now move on to miscellaneous

1 business, which is our next order of business.

2 We will begin with the announcement
3 of a special meeting of the Commission. The
4 ordinance creating the Commission says that if at
5 least 2000 Chicago residents sign a petition
6 calling for a special meeting about a specific
7 issue or concern, the Commission must hold a
8 special meeting on that issue or concern within
9 21 days.

10 On July 18th, 2024, the Commission
11 received a qualifying petition to hold a hearing
12 on the subject of "Establishing an Office of Gun
13 Violence Prevention by Ordinance." This meeting
14 will be held on August 14th, 2024, at a location
15 that is still to be determined. Details will be
16 posted on the Commission's website as they become
17 available.

18 Additionally, earlier today, the
19 Commission received a petition to hold a special
20 meeting on pretextual traffic stops. The
21 Commission will hold a special public meeting on
22 pretextual traffic -- excuse me. Actually, can
23 we take a three-minute recess?

24 (Brief pause.)

1 COMMISSIONER DRIVER: We will violate the
2 Open Meetings Act. There was discussion between
3 Commissioners, which I think is appropriate for
4 us to have this conversation and not violate the
5 Open Meetings Act, per our lawyer, in a public
6 manner.

7 What I have here in this script
8 says we're having a meeting on August 14th. When
9 I went to sleep last night, it was my
10 understanding that we're having a meeting on
11 August 14th for the Office of Gun Violence
12 Prevention establishing that, and we were having
13 the hearing on August 26th on pretextual stops.

14 I am unclear as to when that
15 changed, and so I am trying to get clarity on
16 when and why that changed.

17 I personally am in favor of having
18 that meeting later in the month. I'm in favor of
19 having the August 14th meeting on the Office of
20 Gun Violence Prevention per their petition, and
21 I'm in favor of having a meeting on August 26th
22 or 27th on pretextual traffic stops. This threw
23 me off. I apologize I got rattled. But I'm
24 trying to figure out what happened. So can

1 somebody help me understand what happened.

2 VICE PRESIDENT TERRY: I don't know what
3 happened, but I wasn't aware of the 26th, so I
4 only knew about having them both on the 14th.

5 COMMISSIONER DRIVER: So I will ask Adam and
6 Charlie or anybody else on our staff that, one,
7 if there is any issue having on it on the 26th or
8 27th?

9 COMMISSIONER PRESLEY: I'm not here on the
10 26th. I'm out of town.

11 COMMISSIONER DRIVER: What about 27th?

12 COMMISSIONER PRESLEY: I can make that work.

13 PRESIDENT DRIVER: Can we agree on the 27th?
14 Can people check their calendars for that date?

15 COMMISSIONER WORTHAM: Are we still on the
16 date issue, or could I say something else?

17 COMMISSIONER DRIVER: We're talking about the
18 date.

19 COMMISSIONER WORTHAM: Adam may have a
20 comment.

21 COMMISSIONER DRIVER: So should we -- I know
22 we can't take a vote. Can we do like an informal
23 poll? Is there anybody who can't make the 27th?
24 You have to specify per the OMA that if you are

1 taking a vote on a particular thing, it has to be
2 noticed, and it was not noticed 48 hours in
3 advance, so we can't vote on it, but I think we
4 can come to consensus.

5 So the hearing on pretextual
6 traffic stops will be held by CCPSA on August
7 27th, and the location is to be determined.

8 COMMISSIONER WORTHAM: Okay. So what I have
9 to say about that, I'm available that day, but
10 having not seen these petitions -- and, again,
11 we're not violating the Open Meetings Act, so I
12 didn't see that email either, but my only note on
13 that is I'm not in agreement to label it as a
14 hearing on pretextual traffic stops. I said this
15 before. That is a legal -- you're making a
16 conclusion about a whole set of stops. It's
17 really an individual stop conclusion. So if we
18 want to have an exploratory hearing on traffic
19 stops, and we are able to do that. I have not
20 seen the petition. So if the petitions are 2000
21 and actually accurately request that type of
22 hearing, then that's fine. Other than that, that
23 language is not appropriate.

24 What I'm telling you is what I've

1 seen as a Commissioner, so I'm just making a
2 statement. That's why I said I have not seen
3 them. Okay? So I'm not arguing with you. What
4 I'm telling you is, I have not seen them. So
5 absent me understanding that there are 2000 that
6 are properly labeled and that's the title, saying
7 a stop is pretextual, I don't want to go down a
8 legal rabbit hole here, but is inappropriate,
9 because you're presupposing the end result of
10 your inquiry, and that's not appropriate. That's
11 all I'm saying.

12 COMMISSIONER DRIVER: So if you all -- if
13 everybody can please maintain decorum in the
14 meeting.

15 So I hear what you're saying about
16 your legal analysis.

17 The language that we're using is
18 the same as the language for the Office of Gun
19 Prevention. It is what is stated in the actual
20 petition. So that's the language that -- that's
21 the language we're using.

22 So I don't know if you want to
23 respond.

24 COMMISSIONER WORTHAM: Yeah, I mean in that

1 case -- and we don't have to argue about it --
2 but in that case, if the Commission is saying you
3 received 2000 valid signatures -- hold on.

4 I'm -- now, we're going to have to -- we're not
5 going to be yelling from the audience though.

6 COMMISSIONER DRIVER: Listen, listen. Most
7 of you here -- time out. Most of you here have
8 asked us to have a hearing. We have agreed to do
9 that. Can we please get through the rest of this
10 meeting? Thank you.

11 COMMISSIONER WORTHAM: It's fine. It speaks
12 to your point about the timing, Commissioner
13 Driver, so that's fine. I haven't seen them.
14 Right? So I understand we're all working on an
15 accelerated time period here, but I just would
16 like my remarks noted for the minutes. Thank
17 you.

18 COMMISSIONER DRIVER: Thank you. As many of
19 you know -- go ahead.

20 COMMISSIONER GOTTLIEB: I will say, we did
21 receive an email indicating that there were 2000
22 signatures.

23 COMMISSIONER WORTHAM: That's not what the
24 email said. Okay. Go ahead.

1 COMMISSIONER DRIVER: As many of you know --
2 anybody else want to speak on the issue?

3 As many of you know, the
4 Independent Monitor for the Consent Decree with
5 the Chicago Police Department is recommending
6 that the Consent Decree be expanded to cover
7 CPD's traffic stop policy and practice, and the
8 Court that oversees the Consent Decree has had
9 several hearings to hear from the public on this
10 issue. The Court has the authority to decide
11 whether traffic stops should be included in the
12 Consent Decree. And that decision will have a
13 real impact on the Commission.

14 Under the ordinance creating the
15 Community Commission, one of the Commission's key
16 powers is to make policy for the Chicago Police
17 Department. It is a collaborative process, but
18 at the end of the day, new or revised general
19 orders for the Police Department need the support
20 of the Commission before they can go into effect.
21 However, because the Consent Decree was created
22 before the Commission came into existence, the
23 ordinance that created the Commission says that
24 CPD policies that are covered by the Consent

1 Decree are outside the Commission's policymaking
2 power.

3 So if traffic stops are
4 incorporated into the Consent Decree, the
5 Commission will lose the authority it currently
6 has to set policies that would govern traffic
7 stops.

8 Last month, on behalf of the full
9 Commission, I spoke at a hearing with the Consent
10 Decree judge and said that if traffic stops get
11 added to the Consent Decree, "The Commission
12 should retain its power to set policy. That
13 policymaking power should be carried out in
14 collaboration with CPD, the Independent
15 Monitoring Team, and the Office of the Attorney
16 General, just as the Commission is now required
17 by law to work on policy collaboratively with the
18 Police Department.

19 Since then, we have been working
20 with people involved in the Consent Decree - the
21 City Law Department, CPD, the Independent
22 Monitoring team, and the Attorney General. We're
23 working to reach an agreement about a
24 collaborative process with clearly defined roles

1 for each party, with a very significant role for
2 the Commission.

3 So far, those conversations are
4 going well, and we're hopeful that we are going
5 to be able to come to an agreement that combines
6 the Commission's current role in policymaking
7 with the policymaking process that is spelled out
8 in the consent decree. We'll provide regular
9 updates on that process at upcoming Commission
10 meetings.

11 The Commission's special meeting on
12 traffic stops on August 27th will be very helpful
13 as we prepare to be deeply involved in the work
14 around traffic stops.

15 At the beginning of the meeting, we
16 will have an extended public comment period, so
17 people who want to make their voice heard can
18 come and share theirs views.

19 Then, the majority of the meeting
20 will be an opportunity to learn what other places
21 around the country have done to address concerns
22 about traffic stops.

23 Over the last several years, a
24 number of states, cities, and police departments

1 have changed laws and policies that govern
2 traffic stops.

3 At the special meeting, we'll
4 include experts who are deeply knowledgeable
5 about what has happened in places that have made
6 changes to these stops -- stop laws and policies.
7 They'll talk about what changes were made, what
8 were the measurable outcomes of those changes,
9 and what lessons they have learned so far.

10 Commissioners will be able to ask
11 questions and engage in discussion with these
12 experts.

13 The goal with the hearing and
14 outside of the hearing is for Commissioners to
15 gather as much information as possible about what
16 is happening now in Chicago and around the
17 country, and to get the best data and information
18 to use when working to figure out what is best
19 for Chicago going forward.

20 After the August meeting, you can
21 expect that at every public meeting of the
22 Commission, we will include updates on the
23 Commission's work on traffic stops, and there
24 will almost definitely be additional Commission

1 meetings that are devoted mostly or entirely to
2 traffic stops.

3 Are there any Commissioners with
4 questions or comments?

5 Hearing no further questions, is
6 there any further business before the Commission?

7 COMMISSIONER MINOR: I have additional
8 business.

9 COMMISSIONER DRIVER: Go ahead.

10 COMMISSIONER MINOR: I just want to speak a
11 little bit to background, and then it will all
12 make sense. I promise you all. So thank you for
13 your attention.

14 In 2022, CPD was informed by the
15 Anti-Defamation League about potential extremism
16 within the Department.

17 In 2023, CPD Bureau of Internal
18 Affairs started an investigation into eight
19 members of the Department with alleged ties to
20 the Oath Keepers organization.

21 In April 2024, BIA determined that
22 these allegations against those eight Department
23 members were not sustained, and BIA concluded the
24 investigation without making any disciplinary

1 recommendations.

2 In June 2024, the Office of
3 Inspector General conducted a preliminary review
4 of BIA's investigations and found deficiencies in
5 both the conduct of the investigation and BIA's
6 analysis of the facts.

7 OIG recommended BIA reopen the
8 investigation to address those deficiencies, and
9 BIA declined because BIA did not believe that the
10 deficiencies the Inspector General highlighted
11 would change the overall outcome of BIA's
12 investigation. I will repeat that. BIA declined
13 because BIA did not believe that the deficiency
14 that the Inspector General highlighted would
15 change the overall outcome of BIA's
16 investigation.

17 The Commission has heard concerns
18 from the community members that BIA conducted an
19 incomplete or an inadequate investigation into
20 these allegations, and that community members are
21 frustrated with the outcome of the investigation.

22 Some are now calling on BIA to
23 reopen the investigation.

24 On July 2024, the investigation

1 into eight CPD members affiliated with the Oath
2 Keepers organization has concluded and is under
3 disciplinary rules that govern these
4 investigations.

5 Once this case is officially
6 closed, it cannot be reopened. But this case and
7 others raise questions about BIA. The Inspector
8 General raised concerns about BIA in this case
9 alleging CPD members have ties with Oath Keepers,
10 and the OIG previously raised concerns about
11 BIA's handling of cases involving officers with
12 alleged ties to the Proud Boys.

13 The Department of Justice in 2017
14 and the Police Accountability Task Force in 2019
15 also raised questions and concerns about how BIA
16 conducts its investigations and makes
17 disciplinary recommendations.

18 The Commission knows that within
19 Chicago's current accountability system, BIA
20 plays an essential role in investigating police
21 misconduct.

22 The Commission has created -- has
23 -- was created to increase police accountability
24 and build trust to improve interactions between

1 and among CPD and the people it serves.

2 BIA must conduct fair and thorough
3 investigation into allegations of misconduct.

4 The Office of Inspector General --
5 the Office of Inspector General has recommended
6 that the Mayor convene a task force to plan for
7 and implement a citywide, full government.

8 Excuse me, y'all. I'm reading handwriting, and
9 it's not mine. We're all struggling a little bit
10 on this stage. We got it. I'll backtrack.

11 So the Office of Attorney General
12 has recommended that the Mayor convene a task
13 force to plan and implement a citywide, full
14 government approach to prevent and eliminate
15 extremist and anti-government activities in
16 associations within the Chicago Police
17 Department.

18 The Commission will take a careful
19 look into the Inspector General's recommendations
20 and explore options, as we will report it and get
21 back to you at the upcoming Commission's public
22 meeting.

23 I hope that was clear. And, again,
24 thank you so much for your attention.

1 COMMISSIONER DRIVER: Are there any comments
2 or questions about Commissioner Minor's
3 statement?

4 COMMISSIONER WORTHAM: Yeah. Just -- okay.
5 So the first one is -- I think it was probably a
6 misstatement. Just for the notes, I want to be
7 clear. You said Attorney General recommended.
8 You meant the Inspector General, correct?

9 COMMISSIONER MINOR: Correct. The Inspector
10 General.

11 COMMISSIONER WORTHAM: And then the second
12 statement was just you saying that we're going to
13 look into the recommendation? Is that the
14 conclusion of your statement?

15 COMMISSIONER MINOR: The Inspector General's
16 recommendation to create a task force under the
17 Mayor's Office, that's correct.

18 COMMISSIONER WORTHAM: So you are just saying
19 we're going to look at it?

20 COMMISSIONER MINOR: More than look at it.
21 We're going to definitely explore the option, and
22 we're going to report back on what we want to do
23 moving forward at the next public hearing to make
24 sure that all Commissioners are on the same page

1 for a vote.

2 COMMISSIONER WORTHAM: Just so we're clear,
3 nobody -- I certainly was not aware this was
4 going to be on the agenda until earlier today.
5 I'm not making any agreement as to my opinion on
6 anything related to this. I think we definitely,
7 pursuant to our charge, need to have sufficient
8 time to review anything before making conclusory
9 statements about what the Commission will do as a
10 whole moving forward.

11 COMMISSIONER MINOR: Absolutely. And that's
12 why we're going to make sure that we talk more in
13 depth about this at our next public meeting and
14 have the time for us to make an official
15 decision.

16 But more than that, I will say
17 myself, staff, and the other Commissioners have
18 made sure that we share information with all of
19 us as a Commission so that we can be involved in
20 making the ultimate decision to have this
21 statement, as well as moving forward what we want
22 to do as a Commission, so that we can fulfill our
23 responsibilities to the community as well as our
24 responsibility to making sure that BIA has the

1 resources that they need to be successful.

2 COMMISSIONER WORTHAM: Which is essentially
3 what I just said.

4 COMMISSIONER DRIVER: Thank you, Commissioner
5 Minor.

6 If there's no further business
7 before the Commission, this meeting is now
8 adjourned.

9 (WHEREUPON, the proceedings
10 were adjourned at 7:32 p.m.)

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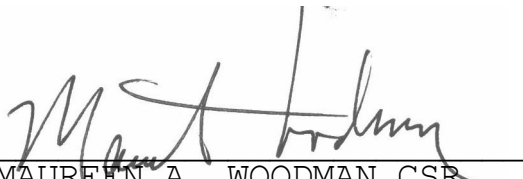
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