

1 COMMUNITY COMMISSION for PUBLIC SAFETY
2 and ACCOUNTABILITY

3 September 26, 2024
4 6:30 p.m.

5 Morgan Park High School
6 1744 West Pryor Avenue
7 Chicago, Illinois

8 PRESENT:

9 MS. REMEL TERRY, Commission Vice President;
10 MS. KELLY PRESLEY, Commission member;
11 MS. ABIERRE MINOR, Commission member;
12 MR. AARON GOTTLIEB, Commission member;
13 MR. ADAM GROSS, Executive Director.

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1 VICE PRESIDENT TERRY: So the September 26th
2 meeting of the Community Commission for Public
3 Safety and Accountability is called to order at
4 7:13 p.m.

5 I'm going to lead us in the roll
6 call. So we will begin by calling the roll to
7 establish a quorum.

8 Commissioner Gottlieb.

9 COMMISSIONER GOTTLIEB: Present.

10 VICE PRESIDENT TERRY: Commissioner Driver.

11 Commissioner Minor.

12 COMMISSIONER MINOR: Present.

13 VICE PRESIDENT TERRY: Commissioner Presley.

14 COMMISSIONER PRESLEY: Present.

15 VICE PRESIDENT TERRY: Commissioner Terry is
16 present.

17 Commissioner Wortham.

18 With four members of the Community
19 Commission for Public Safety and Accountability
20 present, we have a quorum, and we can conduct the
21 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 such as this. You
3 can also submit public comment in writing by
4 emailing your comment to the
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. Names were drawn
13 at random by a member of the Commission staff.
14 Speakers will be called in the order in which
15 their names were drawn. If your name is called
16 to offer public comment, we ask you approach the
17 microphone and line up in the order that your
18 name is called. When it's your turn to speak,
19 please say your name then spell your name, then
20 offer your comments. Each speaker will have two
21 minutes. We have allotted 20 minutes for public
22 comment.

23 So our members -- so the first
24 virtual comment we have is Grace Patino. Grace

1 isn't there.

2 The next person we have for public
3 comment is Brian Young, Junior.

4 The last person we have for virtual
5 comments, Maurice Woodard.

6 So for those in-person comments, we
7 have Beth Rochford, Jasmine Smith, and Amika
8 Tendaji. If you all can line up in the order
9 that your names were called to provide your
10 public comment. You each will be provided two
11 minutes.

12 MS. ROCHFORD: Elizabeth, traditional
13 spelling, Rochford, R-O-C-H-F-O-R-D. I'm a 17th
14 District Councilor, and I wanted -- we had a
15 meeting last week Thursday, and the community
16 asked me to bring two things forward. They want
17 to know what the next steps are for the traffic
18 stop -- rewriting of that policy. They want to
19 eliminate tact teams, and they wanted to know the
20 status of joining with the Mayor's Office to look
21 into what are the plans for making sure that
22 there are not Oath Keepers or other officers who
23 are still part of extremist groups. And I know
24 we have talked about it in the past, that you

1 guys were doing some kind of a task force with
2 the Mayor's Office. So we'd just like an update
3 on what's happening with that. Thank you.

4 VICE PRESIDENT TERRY: Thank you.

5 MS. SMITH: Good evening, everyone, Activist
6 Jasmine Smith, Chicago Alliance Against Racial
7 and Political Oppression. I'm multitasking right
8 now, but I just want to come and congratulate
9 that we finally have a full City Council, despite
10 the fact that one is leaving, but still have a
11 full -- I mean not City Council, Community
12 Commission for Public Safety and Accountability.
13 And I just want to ask that -- and I know you
14 can't ask questions, but I'm hoping we can get an
15 update soon in regards to what's the move and
16 plan going to be regarding pretextual traffic
17 stops.

18 I know that there was a special
19 meeting that was had in regards to that, and we
20 thank you guys for that. But keeping that at the
21 top of y'all's to-do list. But just want to get
22 a sooner update or, you know, where the roads
23 lead to in regard to that, because it's still
24 very important, as you guys can see.

1 It seems like the police is getting
2 more and more loose and reckless with these
3 traffic stops, and these killings against
4 innocent people that shouldn't be killed by a
5 simple traffic stop or by just a simple encounter
6 with them.

7 So we'd definitely like to get some
8 of the things that protect them or just giving
9 them the urge to do the things that they do
10 without any accountability or repercussions. And
11 I just wanted to say that.

12 Thank you, guys, and keep up the
13 great work, and we pushing for the referendum,
14 y'all, to give this body more power right now.

15 VICE PRESIDENT TERRY: Thank you.

16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi. We are pushing
17 for a referendum to give this body more power.
18 We also --

19 VICE PRESIDENT TERRY: Name, please.

20 MS. TENDAJI: My name is Amika Tendaji. We
21 are pushing for this body -- for the referendum
22 for the this body -- to give this body more
23 power. But we urgently need this body to take up
24 the work of ending pretextual stops. Being a

1 Chicagoan with the police behind you just in
2 general, it is a mental health crisis. I'm
3 terrified for myself. I'm terrified for my
4 community. I'm terrified for my children.

5 I just also went to the Police
6 Board hearing where I watched police exhibit
7 their tendency to just straight up lie. People
8 were told that the meeting was over; they were
9 not allowed in. It is a public meeting.
10 Revolving door is barred. People were turned
11 around, lied to, condescending, and there's not
12 even an understanding of these are working people
13 who may not be able to get to that meeting
14 exactly on time. There are some disabled folks
15 in that meeting, like me, who might need the help
16 and support of somebody leaving out.

17 There are also families that are
18 singing happy birthday to their loved one who
19 should be here that was taken out by police,
20 right? So maybe somebody needs some assistance
21 from the community to get on out of that meeting.

22 Reginald Clay's family at the
23 Police Board meeting singing happy birthday and
24 crying tears. He was killed in a foot pursuit.

1 David Curry was just killed in a
2 foot pursuit. And this is happening in the same
3 ward, my ward, where Alderman David Moore is
4 trying so hard to keep ShotSpotter, an
5 investigation of the harm that that contract has
6 done, and why we end up with these expensive
7 contracts, like the predatory parking is preying
8 on my community which results in parking tickets,
9 boots, and another mental health crisis, in
10 addition to loss of work.

11 So we need investigations into what
12 happened with David Curry, what's the drag on the
13 Consent Decree.

14 VICE PRESIDENT TERRY: We've reached the end
15 of public comment period. Thank you, again, to
16 all the speakers. We do value your input.

17 The next order of business is the
18 approval of the minutes. Before today's meeting,
19 draft minutes of the Commission's regular meeting
20 held on July 25th and August 14th and special
21 meetings held on July 15th, August 14th, August
22 27th were shared with all Commissioners.

23 Are there any corrections to the
24 draft minutes that have been circulated?

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(NO RESPONSE.)

VICE PRESIDENT TERRY: If there are no corrections, I move to approve the minutes.

COMMISSIONER PRESLEY: Second.

VICE PRESIDENT TERRY: I have moved to approve the minutes of the Commission meeting held on the aforementioned dates. Commissioner Presley has seconded. Is there any debate on the motion?

(NO RESPONSE.)

VICE PRESIDENT TERRY: Hearing none, we will move to the vote. Those in favor of adopting the motion to approve minutes of the Commission's meeting held on the aforementioned dates, please say aye.

(CHORUS OF AYES.)

VICE PRESIDENT TERRY: Those opposed, please say nay.

(NO RESPONSE.)

VICE PRESIDENT TERRY: All right. The ayes have it. The motion carries.

Our next order of business will be new business. The next item is the approval of a series of closed meetings. Section 2(c)(3) of

1 the Illinois Open Meetings Act allows the
2 Commission to meet in closed session to consider
3 the following subjects: The selection of a
4 person to fill a public office, as defined in
5 this Act, including a vacancy in a public office,
6 when the public body is given power to appoint
7 under law or ordinance, or the discipline,
8 performance, or removal of an occupant of a
9 public office, when the public body is given
10 power to remove the occupant under law or
11 ordinance.

12 Section 2(a) of the Act authorizes
13 the Commission to take a vote to hold a series of
14 closed meetings over the course of not more than
15 three months from today and only for the purposes
16 cited under Section 2(c) (3).

17 Over the next few months, the
18 Commission may need to meet in closed session for
19 reasons that are allowed under the Open Meetings
20 Act, including to discuss filling vacancies on
21 the Police Board.

22 I move to hold a series of closed
23 meetings to take place for the maximum period
24 allowable as authorized by Section 2(c) (3) of the

1 Open Meetings Act. Is there a second?

2 COMMISSIONER GOTTLIEB: Second.

3 VICE PRESIDENT TERRY: Commissioner Terry has
4 moved to hold a series of closed meetings to take
5 place for the maximum period allowable as
6 authorized by Section 2(c)(3) of the Open
7 Meetings Act. Commissioner Gottlieb has
8 seconded. Is there debate on the motion?

9 (NO RESPONSE.)

10 VICE PRESIDENT TERRY: Hearing none, we will
11 move to a vote. Those in favor of holding a
12 series of closed meetings to take place for the
13 maximum time period allowable as authorized by
14 Section 2(c)(3) of the Open Meetings Act, please
15 say aye.

16 (CHORUS OF AYES.)

17 VICE PRESIDENT TERRY: Those opposed,
18 please say nay.

19 (NO RESPONSE.)

20 VICE PRESIDENT TERRY: The ayes have it, and
21 the motion carries.

22 The Commission is authorized to
23 hold a series of closed meetings to take place
24 for the maximum time period allowable as

1 authorized by Section 2(c)(3) of the Open
2 Meetings Act.

3 So now the next order of business
4 will be reports and updates. We will begin by
5 discussing working group updates.

6 First, we will -- first one will be
7 the update from Commissioner Gottlieb of the COPA
8 working group.

9 COMMISSIONER GOTTLIEB: Thank you,
10 Commissioner Terry.

11 So, the COPA working group met with
12 COPA Chief Administrator Kersten and her team on
13 September 17th. The working group had the
14 opportunity to meet with COPA's new director of
15 mediation Daisha Muhammad.

16 COPA is working on a new program
17 that allows someone who brings a complaint to
18 COPA to meet with CPD, together with a trained,
19 impartial community mediator, to see if there is
20 a way to resolve the issue without a traditional
21 COPA investigation.

22 The mediation program is only
23 available for certain kinds of complaints. And
24 the mediation process could only be used in

1 situations where both sides agree to mediation.
2 So, it would only be an option when someone who
3 brings a complaint about a police officer wants
4 to use the process.

5 And anyone who chooses mediation
6 can decide to end it at any point.

7 And the mediation process only gets
8 resolved if both sides agree to it.

9 If a case gets resolved through the
10 mediation, then the complaint gets closed. The
11 Commission, along with several District
12 Councilors, are meeting with Director Muhammad in
13 early October to learn more about the mediation
14 program.

15 So in addition to the mediation
16 program, at our last meeting, Chief Kersten and
17 her team also informed the Commission that COPA
18 has reached operational compliance with 90
19 percent of its obligations under the Consent
20 Decree.

21 In October, the working group will
22 meet to discuss updates to the 2024 goals and
23 evaluations, covering work from July through
24 September. At that meeting, Chief Kersten will

1 also provide an update on COPA'S Policy &
2 Research Division.

3 We will provide update on these
4 items at the Commission's October meeting.

5 VICE PRESIDENT TERRY: Thank you,
6 Commissioner Gottlieb.

7 Are there any questions from the
8 Commission?

9 (NO RESPONSE.)

10 VICE PRESIDENT TERRY: Next we will have an
11 update from Commissioner Presley of the Police
12 Board working group. But before I turn it over
13 to Commissioner Presley, I do want to acknowledge
14 and thank Alderman Matt O'Shea for being here. I
15 also want to acknowledge our newly appointed
16 commissioner, which makes us a full Commission,
17 Angel Navarijo.

18 And I also would like to acknowledge
19 the District Councilors who attend these meetings
20 who are represented across the city.

21 Commissioner Presley.

22 COMMISSIONER PRESLEY: Thank you.

23 After engaging in a city-wide
24 community outreach effort, the Commission

1 received a record number of applications to fill
2 Police Board vacancies.

3 Commissioners are in the process
4 of reviewing applications and interviews will
5 begin shortly.

6 Next month, Commissioners will meet
7 with the Police Board leadership to review goals
8 and evaluations for 2024 and get ready for the
9 2025 goal process.

10 We will provide an update on these
11 items at the Commission's October meeting.

12 VICE PRESIDENT TERRY: Thank you,
13 Commissioner Presley.

14 Are there any questions from the
15 Commission?

16 (NO RESPONSE.)

17 VICE PRESIDENT TERRY: Next will be an
18 update from Commissioner Minor of the Community
19 Engagement working group.

20 COMMISSIONER MINOR: Good evening, everyone.
21 The Community Engagement working group has put
22 together a plan for expanding the Commission's
23 community engagement in Chicago communities most
24 impacted by policing and public safety issues.

1 In phase one, the Commission will
2 be meeting with groups and organizations that
3 focus on the following:

4 Youth violence prevention and
5 outreach. Faith leaders. CVI/violence
6 prevention groups. Justice impacted
7 organization -- and justice impacted
8 organizations.

9 If there are any groups or
10 organizations you think the Commission should
11 meet with, please let CCPSA staff know or send an
12 email to myself or Commissioner Gottlieb. That
13 concludes my report.

14 VICE PRESIDENT TERRY: Thank you,
15 Commissioner Minor.

16 Are there any questions from
17 the Commission?

18 (NO RESPONSE.)

19 VICE PRESIDENT TERRY: Next, I will provide
20 update from the CPD Policy working group.

21 So Commissioners received a revised
22 version of the General Order 01-11 on September
23 17th. GO1-11 is a new CPD policy that provides
24 direction and guidance about how CPD should work

1 with and support the CCPSA Commission and the
2 District Councils.

3 Once CCPSA received the revised
4 policy, we compared it with the original policy,
5 and we checked that the new version incorporated
6 the recommended changes that the Commissioners
7 discussed with CPD.

8 CPD did incorporate some of the
9 recommended changes but not all the changes.

10 The Commissioners will work with
11 CPD to ensure necessary changes and feedback are
12 incorporated.

13 We are meeting with CPD's Policy
14 Research and Development team on October 1st with
15 the following agenda: Resolve any outstanding
16 concerns regarding G-11 -- G01-11. Learn about
17 the implementation of G08-03, which is the
18 general order on prohibitions on criminal and
19 bias-based organizations. The current policy has
20 been in effect since April of 2024.

21 Commissioners will ask CPD about
22 the training efforts related to this policy,
23 including content, delivery method, and what
24 percentage of CPD employees have been trained on

1 this new policy.

2 Commissioners will also request all
3 the data related to any violations of this order.

4 Commissioners will inquire about
5 any additional organizations that have been added
6 to any list maintained by the Bureau of
7 Counterterrorism.

8 Commissioners will also ask about
9 how CPD monitors their members' social media
10 activity, including: Fundraising/making personal
11 contributions to specific criminal or bias-based
12 organizations, posting, sharing, liking,
13 following, or otherwise distributing or
14 redistributing content on social media.

15 The Commissioners will also compile
16 this information and update the community at an
17 upcoming Community Commission meeting.

18 Are there any questions from the
19 Commission?

20 (NO RESPONSE.)

21 VICE PRESIDENT TERRY: Next, we will update
22 on the CPD budget, and I'm going to turn it to
23 Commissioner Gottlieb.

24 COMMISSIONER GOTTLIEB: So Commissioner

1 Driver and I attended a town hall on CPD's 2025
2 budget at St. Agnes of Bohemia with the
3 Little Village Community Council on September
4 18th.

5 We heard directly from the impacted
6 community members regarding their concerns about
7 public safety in Little Village and how they
8 think CPD should be prioritizing its spending.

9 Communities members were
10 particularly concerned with increasing CPD's
11 victim liaison services, including improving
12 language access services, and with there being
13 greater transparency in the budget around public
14 safety spending.

15 The working group has also been
16 working with the District Councils to collect
17 each District's feedback on CPD's budget
18 priorities.

19 The thoughts from the District
20 Councils will help inform how Commissioner Driver
21 and I plan to review CPD's proposed budget.

22 As the City's budget process moves
23 into October, we look forward to reviewing CPD's
24 proposed budget for next year and providing an

1 update on any recommendations that the Commission
2 makes of the Department at our next meeting.

3 VICE PRESIDENT TERRY: Thank you,
4 Commissioner Gottlieb.

5 Are there any questions from the
6 Commission?

7 (NO RESPONSE.)

8 VICE PRESIDENT TERRY: All right. So next is
9 an update on the CPD goals and evaluation, and
10 I'm turning it back over to Commissioner Minor.

11 COMMISSIONER MINOR: Thank you.
12 Commissioner Driver and I will be meeting with
13 Superintendent Snelling and his staff next month
14 to discuss the Department's Quarter 3 goal
15 deliverables.

16 We look forward to hearing what
17 progress CPD has made to the 2024 goals,
18 particularly interested in the workforce
19 allocation study goal, and training updates on
20 traffic stops, and we will provide further
21 updates on CPD goals at our next meeting.

22 The Commission will be assessing
23 the status of the workforce allocation study,
24 which is laid out in both our 2024 CCPSA goals

1 for the Superintendent and also by City Council
2 ordinance.

3 Two of community's questions on
4 traffic stop updates, one portion of that is that
5 under the 20 -- under the 2024 goals for the
6 Police Superintendent, Superintendent Snelling
7 has agreed to place a special focus on traffic
8 stops in trainings on constitutional policing,
9 and will do so in a manner that is guided by
10 well-articulated, community-informed strategies.

11 The 2024 goal states that CPD
12 practices must be data driven, effective, and
13 mindful of equity issues.

14 As a part of its evaluation for
15 2024, the Commission will be looking for evidence
16 about whether CPD goals -- I'm sorry -- CPD
17 traffic stop practices will meet that
18 description.

19 In addition to community's comments
20 for BIA update. At the Commission's July monthly
21 meeting, I addressed community's concerns and
22 frustrations about BIA's investigation into the
23 Oath Keepers investigations -- I'm sorry -- into
24 the Oath Keepers allegations, the outcome of that

1 investigation, and BIA's subsequent decision not
2 to reopen the investigation at the recommendation
3 of the Inspector General.

4 One of my commitments to the public
5 was that the Commission will -- will take a
6 careful look into the Inspector General's
7 recommendation for the mayoral task force that
8 will, "Plan and implement a comprehensive,
9 whole-of-government approach to preventing,
10 identifying, and eliminating extremist and
11 anti-government activities and associations
12 within CPD."

13 The Commission has been working
14 with Deputy Mayor Gatewood and the Office of
15 Community Safety to schedule a conversation
16 between myself, Commissioner Terry, and Deputy
17 Mayor Gatewood to discuss the current status of
18 the task force. I will continue to provide
19 public updates on this as they become available.
20 And I want to say thank you to the leadership of
21 our Commission for their continued support and
22 advocacy on this initiative.

23 VICE PRESIDENT TERRY: Thank you,
24 Commissioner Minor.

1 Are there any questions from the
2 Commission?

3 (NO RESPONSE.)

4 VICE PRESIDENT TERRY: Next I will provide an
5 update on traffic stops.

6 So as many of you know, the
7 Independent Monitor for the CPD Consent Decree
8 has recommended that traffic stops be included in
9 the Consent Decree. That would give Illinois
10 Attorney General and the Independent Monitor a
11 role in reviewing traffic stop policy and
12 potentially in making changes to traffic stop
13 policy.

14 The Commission's view is that if
15 traffic stops are included in the Consent Decree,
16 the Commission must play a significant role.
17 That will include a significant role in exploring
18 any potential changes to CPD policy related to
19 traffic stops.

20 The Commission has a proposal for
21 how it could be included in this Consent Decree
22 work. It would look a lot like the way the
23 Commission now works on policy with CPD, and then
24 it would include the Attorney General and the

1 Independent Monitor in the same way they now work
2 on policy under the Consent Decree.

3 We will be meeting soon with the
4 Attorney General's Office, the Police Department,
5 and the City's Department of Law to work towards
6 an agreement about the Commission's role in the
7 process if traffic stops are included in the
8 Consent Decree.

9 We look forward to sitting down
10 with all the parties to resolve these issues and
11 begin this important work together.

12 The meeting should happen before
13 the Commission's next meeting in October, and we
14 will provide an update at that time if we have
15 met.

16 Are there any questions from the
17 Commission?

18 Seeing none, we will move to
19 adjournment.

20 COMMISSIONER MINOR: To connect with the
21 Commission via social media, you can find us at
22 www.Facebook.com/ChicagoCCPSA, or you can search
23 Community Commission for Public Safety &
24 Accountability at Instagram and Twitter. You can

1 follow us @CCPSA_Chicago, and you can find us on
2 YouTube @ChicagoCCPSA.

3 VICE PRESIDENT TERRY: Thank you. The
4 Commission's next regular meeting will be
5 Wednesday, October 30th, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. at
6 Kennedy King College.

7 Is there any further business for
8 the Commission?

9 (NO RESPONSE.)

10 VICE PRESIDENT TERRY: Seeing none, I would
11 like to thank you all for joining us tonight. We
12 hope to see you on October 30th, and we hope you
13 stay engaged and encourage people you know to
14 join us in our work.

15 There being no further business
16 before the Commission, the meeting is now
17 adjourned at 7:37 p.m. Thank you, all.

18 (WHEREUPON, the proceedings
19 were adjourned at 7:37 p.m.)

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