

City of Chicago
COMMUNITY COMMISSION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

MEETING MINUTES

MEETING TYPE	Regular Meeting
MEETING DATE	Wednesday, August 14, 2024
MEETING LOCATION	DuSable Museum
TIME CALLED TO ORDER	6:35PM

ATTENDANCE:

Commissioner Name	Present or Absent / In-Person or Remote
Anthony Driver, Jr. – President, Chair	Present, In-Person
Aaron Gottlieb	Present, In Person
Abierre Minor	Present, In-Person
Kelly Presley	Present, In-Person
Remel Terry – Vice President	Present, In-Person
Sandra Wortham	Present, In-Person

QUORUM PRESENT: Yes.

Acronyms:

CCPSA = Community Commission for Public Safety and Accountability

COPA = Civilian Office of Police Accountability

CPD = Chicago Police Department

PB = Police Board

DNC = Democratic National Convention

OEMC = Office of Emergency Management and Communications

- I. President Driver called the meeting to order.
- II. President Driver called the roll and established the quorum.
- III. The Commission held a public comment session. Ten (10) speakers offered comments. Public comment may be viewed at the Chicago CCPSA YouTube page:
www.youtube.com/@chicagoccpsa.

IV. Reports and Updates

District Council Vacancies

President Driver introduced new business. He explained under state law, when there is a vacancy in an elected position in Chicago, the Mayor has the power to fill the vacancy. But under City ordinance, when there is a vacancy for an elected District Council position, the District Council and the Commission also play a role in filling the vacancy. Under Chicago

Municipal Code Section 2-80-070, when there is a vacancy in a District Council, the existing members of the District Council have 30 days to nominate three candidates for the vacancy to the Commission. The Commission then has a total of 60 days from the creation of the vacancy to select one of these candidates to recommend to the mayor for appointment to the District Council. Then the Mayor chooses someone to fill the vacancy.

Pursuant to the law described, the remaining members of the District Council held an application process and interviews for candidates to fill the vacancies. After completing their review of qualified applicants, the remaining Councilors voted in public meetings to nominate three candidates for the respective vacancies. The names then went to the Commission for consideration. The Commission reviewed the application materials for three candidates. The Commission also conducted interviews of all candidates. Currently there is a vacancy in District Council 006.

Commissioner Terry called for a motion to recommend to the mayor to appoint Dr. Ciera Whitaker to fill the vacancy in District Council 006. Commissioner Presley seconded the motion. There was no debate on the matter and the motion passed 6-0.

Community Engagement Working Group

Commissioner Gottlieb provided an update on the DNC. District Councilors from the first, twelfth, and other most effected districts coordinated with CCPSA and CPD to get clarity on key issues regarding DNC.

Below are resources from the Office of Emergency Management and Communications (OEMC) website:

- [City of Chicago :: Democratic National Convention Public Safety](#)
- [City of Chicago :: First Amendment](#)

V. Close

The meeting was adjourned at 7:01PM