

City of Chicago
COMMUNITY COMMISSION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

MEETING MINUTES

MEETING TYPE	Regular Meeting
MEETING DATE	Tuesday, August 27, 2024
MEETING LOCATION	DuSable Museum
TIME CALLED TO ORDER	6:30PM

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

CPD = Chicago Police Department

UNC = University of North Carolina

- 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. Sixteen (16) speakers offered comments. Public comment may be viewed at the Chicago CCPSA YouTube page: www.youtube.com/@chicagoccpsa.

IV. Reports and Updates

Commissioner Wortham provided an update from the policy working group. She announced that CPD has several policies posted on their website for community input. They are as follows:

- [Gang and Narcotics-Related Loitering Suite of Directives](#), the comment period for this of policies ends on September 9th.
- [Police Encounters and the Fourth Amendment Policy Suite](#), the comment period for this of policies ends on September 9th.
- [Interactions With Persons with Disabilities Policy Suite](#), the comment period for this group of policies ends on September 12th.

V. Panel Discussion

President Driver introduced the subject matter hearing on “Pretextual Traffic Stops”. He explained the ordinance creating the Commission gives residents of Chicago the power to

require the Commission to hold a special meeting on a specific subject. If at least 2000 Chicago residents sign petitions supporting a meeting on some subject, the Commission must meet to discuss it. On July 25, 2024, the Commission received a petition with more than 2000 signatures, calling for a special meeting on “pretextual traffic stops.” The purpose of this special hearing is to learn about how “pretextual traffic stops” impact communities and public safety, and to learn from other jurisdictions that have changed their policies on police-initiated traffic stops.

President Driver then highlighted the order of guest speakers consisting of representatives from the Free2Move Coalition petitioners, a CPD Constitutional Policing representative, and several subject matter experts who have worked on or studied changes to traffic stop policy in other jurisdictions. Below is the list of speakers in order of appearance:

- **Joi Imobhio**, Impact for Equity, Free2Move Coalition
- **Amy Thompson**, Impact for Equity, Free2Move Coalition
- **Chief Angel Novalez**, CPD Constitutional Policing
- **Dr. Frank Baumgartner**, UNC-Chapel Hill professor
- **Rory Pulvino**, Justice Innovation Lab, Director of Analytics
- **Dr. Joseph “JJ” Naddeo**, Justice Innovation Lab, Economist
- **John Choi**, Ramsey County Attorney
- **Charmin J Leon, MPA**; Center for Policing Equity, Co-Director of Law Enforcement
- **Max Carter-Oberstone**, San Francisco Police Commission, Vice President

Preluding the opening statements of the speakers, Commissioner Terry explained the City of Chicago is currently a defendant in a class action lawsuit on the subject of traffic stops. Because of the lawsuit, there are limitations on what City officials can say. This means that the lack of any City or CPD response to statements made or data presented at this hearing should not in any way be construed as the City’s agreement with or acceptance of any such statements or data and should not be construed as an admission of any wrongdoing. Additionally, Dr. Baumgartner, one of the panelists, has been retained as an expert witness against the City in another pending lawsuit and as part of his work in that matter has reviewed materials related to the class action traffic stop lawsuit and written an opinion in support of the plaintiffs’ case and against the City.

This won't have an impact on the Commission's work. Going forward, the Commission will continue to gather input from community about solutions. Next outreach steps include:

- Reaching out and learning from people most impacted and getting their input regarding solutions;
- Listening to all stakeholders and other constituents to determine the most impactful approach for Chicago;
- Additional hearings on traffic stops; and
- Working in partnership with CPD to determine the purpose and strategy for using traffic stops, and to define how CPD evaluates the outcomes of their strategies.

The full panel discussion can be viewed on the Chicago CCPSA YouTube page: [CCPSA Special Hearing on Pretextual Traffic Stops- August 27, 2024](#).

VI. Close

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32PM