

City of Chicago
COMMUNITY COMMISSION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

MEETING MINUTES

MEETING TYPE	Regular Meeting
MEETING DATE	Thursday, September 26, 2024
MEETING LOCATION	Morgan Park High School
TIME CALLED TO ORDER	7:13PM

ATTENDANCE:

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

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

- I. Vice President Terry called the meeting to order.
- II. Vice President Terry called the roll and established the quorum.
- III. The Commission held a public comment session. Three (3) speakers offered comments. Public comment may be viewed at the Chicago CCPSA YouTube page:
www.youtube.com/@chicagocccpsa.

IV. Approval of the Minutes

Vice President Terry called for a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meetings held on July 25th and August 14th and special meetings held on July 15th, August 14th, August 27th. Commissioner Presley seconded the motion. There was no debate on the matter and the motion passed 4-0.

V. New Business

Vote to Authorize Closed Meetings

Vice President Terry explained that Section 2a of the Act authorizes the Commission to take a vote to hold a series of closed meetings over the course of not more than 3 months from today,

and only for the purposes cited under Section 2(c)(3).

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

Vice President Terry called for a motion to hold a series of closed meetings for the maximum period allowable, and only for the purposes cited under Section 2(c)(3) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act. Commissioner Gottlieb seconded the motion. There was no debate on the matter and the motion passed 4-0.

VI. Reports and Updates

COPA Working Group

Commissioner Gottlieb provided an update on COPA. The COPA working group met with COPA Chief Administrator Kersten and her team on September 17, 2024. The working group met with COPA's new Director of Mediation, Daisha Muhammad. COPA is working on a new program that allows someone who brings a complaint to COPA to meet with CPD, together with a trained, impartial community mediator, to see if there is a way to resolve the issue without a traditional COPA investigation. The mediation program is only available for certain kinds of complaints and the mediation process can only be used in situations where both sides agree to mediation. It would only be an option when someone who brings a complaint about a police officer wants to use the process. Anyone who chooses mediation can decide to end it at any point and the mediation process only gets resolved if both sides agree to it. If a case gets resolved through mediation, then the complaint gets closed. The Commission along with several District Councilors are meeting with Director Muhammad in early October to learn more about the mediation program.

Chief Kersten and her team also informed the Commission, that COPA has reached operational compliance with 90% of its obligations under the consent decree. In October the working group will meet to discuss updates to the 2024 goals and evaluations, covering work from July through September. At that meeting, Chief Kersten will also provide an update on COPA's Policy & Research Division (PRAD).

Police Board Working Group

Commissioner Presley provided an update on the Police Board. After engaging in a city-wide community outreach effort, the Commission received a record number of applications for Police Board vacancies. Commissioners are in the process of reviewing applications and will begin interviews shortly.

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

Community Engagement Working Group

Commissioner Minor provided an update on the Community Engagement working group. The Community Engagement working group has put together a plan for expanding Commission engagement in Chicago communities most impacted by policing and public safety issues.

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

1. Youth violence prevention and outreach
2. Faith Leaders
3. CVI/Violence Prevention Groups
4. Justice Impacted Organizations

If there are other groups and organizations you think the Commission should meet with, please let CCPSA staff know or send an email to [Commissioner Minor](#) or [Commissioner Gottlieb](#).

CPD Policy Working Group

Vice President Terry provided an update on CPD Policy.

- Commissioners received a revised version of G01-11 on September 17th.
 - G01-11 is a new CPD policy that provides direction and guidance about how CPD should work with and support the CCPSA Commission and the District Councils.
 - Once CCPSA received the revised policy, it was compared to the original policy to ensure that the new version incorporated the recommended changes that the Commissioners discussed with CPD.
 - CPD did incorporate some of the recommended changes, but not all the changes. The Commissioners will work with CPD to ensure necessary changes and feedback are incorporated.
- The working group is meeting with CPD's Policy Research and Development team on October 1st with the following agenda:
 - Resolve any outstanding concerns regarding G01-11.
 - Learn about the implementation of G08-03 Prohibitions on Criminal and Biased Organizations. The current policy has been effective since April 2024.
 - Commissioners will ask CPD about the training efforts related to this policy including content, delivery method, and what percentage of CPD employees have been trained on the policy.
 - Commissioners will request all the data related to any violations of this order.
 - Commissioners will inquire about any additional organizations that have been added to the list maintained by the Bureau of Counterterrorism.
 - Commissioners will also ask about how CPD monitors their members' social media activity including:
 - Fundraising/making personal contributions to specific criminal or biased organizations.
 - Posting, sharing, "liking," "following," or otherwise distributing or re-distributing content on social media
 - The Commissioners will compile this information and update community at an upcoming Commission meeting.

CPD Budget Working Group

Commissioner Gottlieb provided an update on CPD Budget. He and President Driver attended a town hall on CPD's 2025 budget at St. Agnes of Bohemia, with the Little Village Community Council on September 18th. Community members were particularly concerned with increasing

CPD's victim liaison services, including improving language access services, and the need for greater transparency in the budget around public safety spending.

The working group has also been working with the District Councils to collect each District's feedback on CPD's budget priorities. The thoughts from the District Councils will help to inform how the working group plans to review CPD's proposed budget.

CPD Goals and Evaluation

Commissioner Minor provided an update on CPD Goals and Evaluation. She and President Driver have a meeting scheduled with the Superintendent and his staff in October to discuss the Department's Quarter 3 goal deliverables. The working group is looking forward to hearing what progress has been made on CPD's 2024 goals, particularly for the workforce allocation study goal, and training updates on traffic stops.

The Commission will be assessing the status of the work force allocation study, which is laid out in both the 2024 CCPSA goals for the Superintendent, and by ordinance. Under the 2024 goals for the Police Superintendent, Superintendent Snelling agreed to place a special focus on traffic stops in trainings on constitutional policing, and to do so in a manner that is guided by well-articulated, community-informed strategies. The 2024 goal states that CPD practices must be data-driven, effective, and mindful of equity issues. As part of its evaluation for 2024, the Commission will be looking for evidence about whether CPD traffic stop practices meet that description.

CPD Goals – BIA Investigations

Commissioner Minor provided an update on the BIA investigation into the Oath Keepers allegations. The Commission has been working with Deputy Mayor Gatewood and the Office of Community Safety to schedule a conversation between herself, Commissioner Terry, and Deputy Mayor Gatewood to discuss the status of the task force. The Commission will continue to provide public updates on this as they become available.

Traffic Stops

Vice President Terry provided an update on traffic stops. She reminded the public that the Independent Monitor for the CPD consent decree has recommended that traffic stops be included in the consent decree. That would give the Illinois Attorney General and the Independent Monitor a role in reviewing traffic stop policy and potentially in making changes to traffic stop policy. The Commission's view is that if traffic stops are included in the consent decree, the Commission must play a significant role in exploring any potential changes to CPD policy related to traffic stops.

The Commission has a proposal for how it could be included in this consent decree work. It would look a lot like the way the Commission now works on policy with CPD, and then it would include the Attorney General and the Independent Monitor in the same way they now work on policy under the consent decree.

The Commission is meeting with the Attorney General's Office, the Police Department, and the City's Department of Law to work towards an agreement about the Commission's role in the process if traffic stops are included in the consent decree. That meeting should happen before the Commission's meeting in October, and an update will be provided at the October meeting.

VII. Announcement of the Next Meeting

Commissioner Terry announced that the next meeting will be Wednesday, October 30, 2024 at Kennedy-King College.

VIII. Close

The meeting was adjourned at 7:37PM