

City of Chicago
COMMUNITY COMMISSION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

MEETING TYPE	Special Meeting
MEETING DATE	Wednesday, August 14, 2024
MEETING LOCATION	DuSable Museum
TIME CALLED TO ORDER	7:16PM

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

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. Nine (9) speakers offered comments. Public comment may be viewed at the Chicago CCPSA YouTube page:
www.youtube.com/@chicagoccpsa.

IV. Panel Discussion

President Driver introduced the next order of business as the subject matter hearing on “Establishing the Office of Gun Violence Reduction through ordinance.” This meeting is being held in accordance with MCC 2-80-060(c) which states that “Upon submission to the Commission of a petition signed by at least 2,000 Chicago residents (“Qualifying Petition”), the Commission shall hold a special meeting.” On July 19, 2024, the Commission received a qualifying petition.

Although the Commission does not have the power to establish an Office of Gun Violence Reduction, the Commission is open to hearing the community's ideas regarding public safety in the city.

For context and to educate both the Commission and the public of the substance of this special meeting a representative from the petitioning body was invited to give a summary of why the petition was submitted. A panel of experts who can speak to this subject matter were also invited to share their perspectives. The panel discussion will end with questions from the Commissioners.

The following people served as special guests at the hearing:

- **Artinese Myrick**, LiveFree Illinois, Director of Organizing and Policy
- **Norman Kerr**, Trajectory Changing Solutions, Founder
- **Rev. Dr. Otis Moss III**, Trinity United Church of Christ, Senior Pastor
- **Dan Hinkel**, Injustice Watch, Journalist

President Driver introduced each guest, then moderated the panel discussion. Each question was directed to the special guest(s) that could best respond based on their personal and professional experiences.

- The full panel discussion may be viewed at the Chicago CCPSA YouTube page, at time marker 27:29: [CCPSA Public Meeting - August 14, 2024 \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CCPSA_Public_Meeting_-_August_14,_2024)

V. Miscellaneous Business

Commissioner Wortham addressed a public comment that was addressed to her regarding statements she made at the July 25, 2024, public meeting. Commissioner Wortham said, the following:

“I take very seriously our charge to increase public safety as a portion of our work here. District Councilor McGill made a statement made in public comment that I do feel the need to respond to because it misquoted me and it relates specifically to the totality of our city using every tool possible to increase public safety. At our July 25th meeting, I did make a statement regarding pretextual stops, but not in isolation as was indicated by District Councilor McGill. What I said was President Driver announced that we received petitions to have a hearing on pretextual traffic stops. I expressed an opinion that I thought it was inappropriate for us as a commission to title a hearing, “a hearing on pretextual traffic stops” as ‘pretextual’ because it is a legal conclusion. I think it is very important for us to have hearings explore issues related to public safety in any way. I’ve discussed this with CCPSA staff, I understand staff’s position as it relates to the interpretation of the ordinance and why we are titling the hearing in the way that we did. I did not, in isolation, say ‘pretextual stops’ is an inappropriate term. So, I’ll stand by anything I say in any of these meetings always, but I do take issue with being misquoted or quoted out of context because I think it’s very important that everything each of us say relates to our long-term mission of acting out our responsibilities per ordinance. I wanted to clarify that because that is what I said and what I have issue with titling it with a legal conclusion when it should really be a hearing to explore the totality of the issue. I want to clarify that because it’s important for me to have my record clear. Thank you”.

VI. Announcement of the Next Meeting

The announcement of the next meeting was not provided.

VII. Close

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45PM