

City of Chicago
COMMUNITY COMMISSION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

MEETING MINUTES

MEETING TYPE	Regular Meeting
MEETING DATE	Thursday, January 30, 2025
MEETING LOCATION	Malcolm X College
TIME CALLED TO ORDER	6:36PM

ATTENDANCE:

Commissioner Name	Present or Absent / In-Person or Remote
Aaron Gottlieb	Present, In Person
Abierre Minor	Present, In-Person
Angel Rubi Navarajo	Absent
Anthony Driver, Jr. – President, Chair	Present, In Person
Remel Terry – Vice President	Absent
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

IMT = Independent Monitoring Team

NAC = Noncitizen Advisory Council

OAG = Office of the Attorney General

OIG = Office of the Inspector General

PB = Police Board

- 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. **Approval of the Minutes**

President Driver called for a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on December 12th. Commissioner Gottlieb seconded the motion. There was no debate on the matter and the motion passed 4-0.

V. New Business

Vote to Approve 2025 Meeting Calendar

President Driver called for a motion to approve the Commissioner's 2025 regular meeting schedule. Commissioner Gottlieb seconded the motion. There was no debate on the matter and the motion passed 4-0.

Vote to Approve G01-11 and G01-11-01

President Driver called for a motion to approve G01-11 and suborder G01-11-01. Commissioner Gottlieb seconded the motion. There was no debate on the matter and the motion passed 4-0.

Vote to Adopt Public Comment and Decorum Amendment to Bylaws

President Driver called for a motion to approve an amendment to the public comment and decorum section of the bylaws. Commissioner Gottlieb seconded the motion. There was debate on the matter from Commissioner Minor, and the motion was tabled.

The full debate transcript can be found on the CCPSA website and viewed at the Chicago CCPSA YouTube page: www.youtube.com/@chicagoccpsa.

Vote to Confirm Noncitizen Advisory Council

Commissioner Minor introduced the next order of business. The purpose of the NAC is twofold:

1. To ensure that the Commission is meeting high standards of inclusivity, access, and partnerships with our immigrant and newcomer communities; and
2. To provide meaningful perspectives, input, and guidance to the Commission on the policies and issues that most impact non-citizen Chicagoans and their loved ones.

In accordance with MCC 2-80-050(i), Commissioner Minor called for a motion to confirm the following nominees to the NAC for two-year terms:

- Christopher Marosi
- Mayra Gomez Santana
- Minerva Garcia
- Tenoch Rodriguez

Commissioner Gottlieb seconded the motion. There was no debate on the matter and the motion passed 4-0.

VI. Reports and Updates

Vote to Adopt 2025 Goals for Police Board, COPA, and CPD

President Driver introduced the next order of business to consider and approve the goals for the Police Board President, COPA Chief Administrator, and the CPD Superintendent. He provided an overview of the goalsetting process and timeline for the three agencies. The final goals will be posted on the CCPSA website at the beginning of February 2025.

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Police Board Goalsetting:

Commissioners Gottlieb gave a synopsis of the single Police Board 2025 goal: Review and update the Rules and Regulations of the Chicago Police Department.

President Driver gave the Commissioners an opportunity to ask questions prior to inviting Police Board President, Kyle Cooper, to comment on the proposed goal.

Commissioner Gottlieb moved to adopt the proposed 2025 goals for the Police Board President. Commissioner Minor seconded the motion. There was no debate on the matter and the motion passed 4-0.

COPA Goalsetting

Commissioner Gottlieb and Driver gave a synopsis of the COPA 2025 goals.

1. Draft policy in coordination with CCPSA that addresses COPA's communication with the media and other key-stakeholders about open cases.
2. Implement a robust pattern-and-practice investigation policy and mechanism that improves public safety outcomes in the City of Chicago.
3. Create a mediation policy built on community feedback and implement the Mediation Program. Report on its progress to the Commission by the end of 2025.
4. Implement a finalized policy that defines and supports a collaborative relationship between COPA and CCPSA.

President Driver gave the Commissioners an opportunity to ask questions prior to inviting COPA Chief Administrator, Andrea Kersten, to comment on the proposed goals.

Commissioner Gottlieb moved to adopt the proposed 2025 goals for COPA Chief Administrator. Commissioner Minor seconded the motion. There was no debate on the matter and the motion passed 4-0.

CPD Goalsetting

Commissioners Minor and Driver gave a synopsis of the CPD 2025 goals.

1. **Traffic Stops and Fourth Amendment:** Ensure that all officers have a strong foundation in constitutional policing based on impartial policing to guide their work every day by implementing policies that further impartial policing, including drafting a policy that addresses traffic stops.
2. **Workforce Allocation:** Execute an interim approach for managing Department resources while the Workforce Allocation Study (WFA) is ongoing. Execute the WFA and develop an implementation plan upon its completion.
3. **Prohibitions on Criminal and Biased Organizations:** Implementation of G08-03 and establish mechanisms to track complaints tied to the General Order.
4. **Community Policing:** Build and foster a true collaborative partnership through engagements that result in greater public trust between the department and the community.
5. **Member Wellness and Support:** Develop and implement systems and improve facilities to ensure a healthy and resilient workforce.
6. **Victim Services:** Ensure that the department supports every victim of crime, including referrals to other city agencies where appropriate.

President Driver gave the Commissioners an opportunity to ask questions prior to inviting Superintendent, Larry Snelling, an opportunity to comment on the proposed goals.

Commissioner Minor moved to adopt the proposed 2025 goals for the CPD Superintendent. Commissioner Gottlieb seconded the motion. There was no debate on the matter and the motion passed 4-0.

Traffic Stops Policy

President Driver provided an update on traffic stop policy. He explained the following:

- The Commission does not have the power to vote what is added or omitted from the Consent Decree. It is the decision of federal judge, Judge Pallmeyer.
- If traffic stops policy goes into the Consent Decree, the Commission wants to be added to the Consent Decree also. This will allow the Commission to write the policy and have resources of IMT, OIG, and the Consent Decree to follow through with policy enforcement and analysis.
- The Commission and CPD will work together on traffic stops policy. We'll work with CPD to try to come to an agreement about policy details before the City negotiates with the OAG on traffic stops policy.
- The Commission, CPD, and the Department of Law are committed to working together as quickly as possible to develop and enact traffic stops policy that is consistent with the consent decree.
- The Commission will continue to conduct community engagement while working on policy.
- We are working with CPD to create a timeline that will be made public on our website.

VII. Miscellaneous

BIA Extremism Taskforce

Commissioner Minor provided an update on the extremism taskforce. The taskforce is comprised of representatives from CCPSA, the Mayor's Office of Community Safety, Office of Racial Equity and Justice, CPD's Bureau of Internal Affairs, Office of Public Safety Administration, and the City's Department of Human Resources. More information regarding taskforce's initiatives, timeline, and updates will be given after its next meeting.

President Driver added that the taskforce is being led by the Mayor's office. For more direct information regarding the taskforce, questions should be directed to Deputy Mayor, Garien Gatewood.

Traffic Stop Listening Session Feedback

Commissioner Minor addressed concerns she received from some attendees of the January 24th listening session. Commissioner Minor indicated that prior to her public comments on this issue she spoke with Commissioners who were available for an OMA Compliant meeting. She expressed there was a tense interaction between a commissioner and someone that provided public comment, which led to a few audience members feeling as if their voices were not welcome. She explained that although she does not believe the interaction was intentionally malicious, she wants to acknowledge their perspective and publicly apologize. Commissioner

Minor suggested the following solutions for the creation of traffic stop policy:

- A strengthened decorum policy for public meetings;
- Rotate commissioners that serve on the panel for the traffic stop listening sessions; and
- All commissioners should have an equal opportunity to provide feedback on the creation of the policy.

Commissioner Wortham added to the conversation. In Commissioner Wortham's response, she clarified that she was present at said meeting, and Commissioner Minor did not speak with her prior to making her public comments. Commissioner Wortham also indicated that it is important to her to ensure that all members of the Community, from all perspectives, feel welcome and comfortable at our meetings. She further indicated that she has heard from members of the community who have indicated that they do not feel comfortable at CCPSA meetings because of the aggressive language and behavior of some attendees. She acknowledged that she was one of the commissioners on the panel of the January 24th listening session and encouraged the audience to watch the recording of the meeting on the Chicago CCPSA YouTube page: www.youtube.com/@chicagoccpsa.

Commissioner Wortham further explained what occurred at the January 24th listening session. She detailed that there were two speakers that expressed wanting to know more information regarding CPD's current traffic stops policies. Commissioner Wortham recounted that she and Commissioner Terry did not initially answer the CPD policy question because that was not the format of the meeting. However, Commissioner Wortham further indicated that moving forward she believes it to be the responsibility of the Commission to provide relevant information to the public regarding existing Chicago Police Department policies where said information will be useful for the conversation.

Commissioner Gottlieb echoed Commissioner Minor's suggestions that the full Commission have the opportunity to panel the listening sessions and have equal opportunity to provide feedback on the creation of the policy.

VIII. Announcement of the Next Meeting

President Driver announced that the next traffic listening session will be Thursday, February 20, 2025, at European Chalet Banquets in the 8th Police District.

IX. Close

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05PM