

City of Chicago
COMMUNITY COMMISSION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

MEETING MINUTES

MEETING TYPE	Regular Meeting
MEETING DATE	Thursday, September 29, 2022
MEETING LOCATION	Malcom X College, 1900 W. Jackson Blvd
TIME CALLED TO ORDER	6:49 pm

ATTENDANCE:

Commissioner Name	Present or Absent / In-Person or Remote
Rev. Dr. Beth Brown	Present, In-Person
Anthony Driver, Jr.	Present, In-Person
Oswaldo Gomez	Present, In-Person
Yvette Loizon	Present, In-Person
Cliff Nellis	Present, In-Person
Remel Terry – Chair	Present, In-Person
Isaac Troncoso	Present, In-Person

QUORUM PRESENT: Yes.

AGENDA

- I. Chairwoman Terry called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the Commission.
- II. Chairwoman Terry called the roll and established the quorum.
- III. Pastor Reginald Wayne Sharpe Jr. provided an invocation.
- IV. Commissioner Brown provided an opening statement from the Commission.
- V. The Commission held a public comment session. 14 speakers offered comments. Public comment may be viewed at the Chicago CCPSA YouTube page: www.youtube.com/@chicagoccpsa.
- VI. Business

Chairwoman Terry began the business session of the meeting by explaining that at this point of a meeting, the Commission will usually provide reports. However, since this is the Commission’s first meeting, the Commission will instead provide background about the Commission and the Commissioners. Chairwoman Terry then introduced Executive Director Adam Gross.

Mr. Gross noted that the Commission is a product of legislation passed by the Chicago City Council in July 2021, establishing (1) a Community Commission with oversight authority over the Chicago Police Department, the Civilian Office of Police Accountability, and the Police Board; and (2) District Councils, which will be democratically elected in each police district in Chicago. Mr. Gross discussed how the District Councils would work to engage people at the district level in the process of police accountability work. He described how the District Councils and the Commission together will operate to give Chicagoans a meaningful role in police oversight and to improve public safety. He then discussed the authority of the

Community Commission to assist in the selection and removal of the CPD Superintendent, the COPA Chief Administrator, and the members of the Police Board; to set policy and establish goals for these bodies; and to promote community engagement and transparency. He also explained how the current interim Commission came into being, and how the District Councils will function to nominate Commissioners in the future. He ended by stating that the Community Commission is required to hold a public meeting at least once a month.

Chairwoman Terry asked each Commissioner to introduce themselves, stating their names and where they reside.

Chairwoman Terry called for the election of Commission officers.

ACTION ITEM #1: ELECTION OF OFFICERS

A motion was made and seconded to nominate Anthony Driver to serve as President and Oswaldo Gomez to serve as Vice President of the Commission. Chairwoman Terry asked for debate. There was none. Chairwoman Terry called for a vote.

Aye: Brown, Driver, Gomez, Loizon, Nellis, Terry, Troncoso

Nay: /

Motion Passes.

Chairwoman Terry yielded the chair to President Driver.

ACTION ITEM #2: ADOPTION OF MEETING SCHEDULE

President Driver asked for a motion to establish a meeting schedule. A motion was made and seconded to adopt a schedule whereby the Commission will meet on the last Thursday of each month, except in November and December, when the Commission will meet the second Monday of the month; that all meetings will begin at 6:30 pm; that this schedule will run from September 2022 through August 2023. President Driver asked for debate. There was none. President Driver called for a vote.

Aye: Brown, Driver, Gomez, Loizon, Nellis, Terry, Troncoso

Nay: /

Motion Passes.

President Driver announced that a detailed schedule of dates and times for the Commission meetings will be posted on the Commission website and elsewhere as required by the Open Meetings Act.

ACTION ITEM #3: CREATION OF COMMITTEES

President Driver explained that the Commission will proceed with its work primarily via a committee system. He asked for a motion to create the committees. A motion was made and seconded to create the following committees:

- The Executive Committee, which will be made up of the President and Vice President and oversee operations of the Commission, including drafting agendas for Commission meetings, developing strategy, and conducting an evaluation of the Executive Director.
- The Chicago Police Department Budget and Resource Allocation Committee, which will lead the Commission's annual effort to review and respond to the CPD budget.

- The Policy Review and Development and Consent Decree Compliance Committee, which will lead the Commission's work to review proposed policies, develop policies, and assess and promote Consent Decree compliance.
- The Community Policing Committee, which will lead the Commission's work to assess and seek to strengthen CPD's community policing efforts.
- The Chicago Police Department Goal-Setting and Performance Assessment Committee, which will lead the Commission's annual work to establish goals for CPD at the beginning of the year, and assess CPD's performance in meeting those goals at the end of the year.
- The COPA Committee, which will develop processes to fill vacancies for COPA Chief Administrator and lead the work to fill vacancies when they occur; lead the annual work to establish goals for COPA at the beginning of the year, and assess COPA's performance in meeting those goals at the end of the year; track COPA's work; and keep the Commission informed about COPA on a regular basis.
- The Police Board Committee, which will develop processes to nominate candidates to fill vacancies for Police Board members and lead the work to nominate people to fill vacancies when they occur; lead the annual work to establish goals for the Police Board at the beginning of the year, and assess the Police Board's performance in meeting those goals at the end of the year; track the Police Board's work; and keep the Commission informed about the Police Board on a regular basis.
- The Noncitizens Advisory Council Committee, which will work to develop and implement a plan to select members of the Noncitizens Advisory Council and then act as Commission liaisons to the Noncitizens Advisory Council.
- The Community Engagement Committee, which will develop and help carry out plans to ensure broad community engagement in the Commission's work.
- And the Ad Hoc Police Superintendent Search Committee, which will develop a process to nominate candidates to serve as Police Superintendent whenever there is a vacancy for that position, and lead the Commission's work to identify and nominate candidates whenever a vacancy occurs.

President Driver asked for debate. There was none. President Driver called for a vote.

Aye: Brown, Driver, Gomez, Loizon, Nellis, Terry, Troncoso

Nay: /

Motion Passes.

VII. Committee Reports

President Driver called for reports. He explained that in typical future Commission meetings, the committees that were just established will provide reports on their activities. He explained that prior to this meeting, the Commission had commenced work in small groups on several important and timely issues.

Commissioner Troncoso reported on the nomination process for police board vacancies. He delivered a slide presentation on police board vacancies.

Vice President Gomez reported on the progress toward establishing a non-citizen advisory council. He explained that the ordinance creating the Commission required the establishment of this council in consideration of the unique impact of policing on immigrant and non-citizen Chicagoans. He announced that applications for the council will be made available on the Commission's website on October 7, 2022.

President Driver reported on the review of the CPD budget. He explained that under the ordinance that created the Commission, the Commission must review the CPD budget and has the authority to propose changes. He further explained that due to the timing of the interim Commission's creation in proximity to the introduction and passage of a CPD budget, a thorough review would be a challenge. However, the Commission will call a special meeting for the public to share ideas and questions about the CPD budget. He stated that the Commission will continue to probe the CPD budget in the coming months to meet the Commission's mandate of overseeing the efficiency and effectiveness of public safety resources.

VIII. Reports and Updates

President Driver explained that the Commission has the authority to require attendance of the CPD Superintendent, the COPA Chief Administrator, the President of the Police Board, and the Public Safety Inspector General (or their designees) at any regular or special Commission meeting to provide updates and answer questions on public safety and policing issues. President Driver outlined that these requests would be made in writing and with ample notice. He announced that in the coming weeks and months, the Commission will ask for updates and raise questions about (1) CPD workforce allocation studies, (2) CPD's efforts to change the Criminal Enterprise Information System, and (3) complaints raised by police officers about cancelled days off and the impact on their health, wellness, and ability to do their jobs.

IX. Announcement of the Next Regular Meeting

President Driver announced that the next regular meeting will take place on October 27, 2022 at 6:30 pm.

President Driver announced that the Commission will also hold a special virtual meeting focused on the CPD budget on October 17, 2022. The hyperlink for this meeting will be posted on the Commission's website at least 10 days before the meeting. Members of the public will have the opportunity to share ideas and questions at that time.

- X. The Commission reopened the public comment session. 5 more speakers offered comments. Public comment may be viewed at the Chicago CCPSA YouTube page: www.youtube.com/@chicagoccpa.

TIME MEETING WAS ADJOURNED: 8:27 pm