

City of Chicago
DISTRICT COUNCIL #2
COMMUNITY COMMISSION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND
ACCOUNTABILITY

MEETING MINUTES

MEETING TYPE: Regular Special Closed

MEETING DATE: 8/17/2024

MEETING LOCATION AND ADDRESS: XS Tennis & Education Foundation
5336 S State St. Chicago, IL 60609

MEETING START TIME: 6:30 pm

1) Roll Call & Quorum Determination

OMA Meeting cannot take place without 2 of the 3 members present in person.

District Council Member Name	Attendance
Chair: Ephraim Lee	Present: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Remote: <input type="checkbox"/> Absent: <input type="checkbox"/>
Community Engagement: Alexander Perez	Present: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Remote: <input type="checkbox"/> Absent: <input type="checkbox"/>
Nominating Committee: Julia Kline	Present: <input type="checkbox"/> Remote: <input type="checkbox"/> Absent: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Quorum (2 out of 3 members): Yes: No:

2) Vote to Approve Minutes from Prior Meeting/Month:

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Councilor Lee and Councilor Perz, voted to approve the minutes from June's meeting. There was no meeting held in July.

3) Public/Community Speaker(s):

- There were no public speakers for August, however, the meeting was attended and addressed by newly selected CCPSA commissioner Aaron Gottlieb.
- An emailed comment from Sheron Shapiro, was read by Councilman Lee. It has been abbreviated below for content and clarity:

Good morning, Councilors and Neighbors,

Please support the community by approving project funding. The Council has been granted \$5000 to achieve these aims. The lump sum should remain intact and only be used for initiatives directly benefiting constituents.

Please apply more effort toward reducing police misconduct in the district. District 2 currently ranks as one of the highest for police misconduct.

Support the Referendum for Community Power Over Policing. To date, only Councilor Perez has shown full support. In response to this request, Councilor Lee stated that he does not support the referendum and Councilor Kline indicated that she is only partially supportive.

This referendum would enact and expand the powers of the Community Commission for Public Safety and Accountability by electing its members; allowing the commission to establish a budget for CPD, negotiate directly with the FOP, and establish executive authority over the Superintendent of Police. Having the authority to negotiate as an independent body would hold those accountable who refuse to comply with the consent decree or fire those deemed associated with hate groups within the ranks.

4) Community Reports from District Councilors:

Chair (Councilor Lee)

- Councilor Lee addressed the following topics:
- DNC 2024 street closures and other events, at the United Center & McCormick Place.
- Chicago Sun-Times article involving the choking of a juvenile in the throes of having a mental health crisis, by a Chicago police officer (CPD).
[Chicago cop sidelined after choking handcuffed boy in mental health crisis - Chicago Sun-Times \(suntimes.com\)](https://www.suntimes.com)

- Detailed report and breakdown of police criminal actions, arrests, adjudications, and other criminal data from the Civilian Office of Police Accountability's (COPA) Cook County State's Attorney's Office (CCSAO) July 2024 Report for Chicago Police District 2.

Community Engagement (Councilor Perez)

- Councilor Perez addressed the following topics:
 - A policy recommendation he is sponsoring and wishes to see implemented, concerning how Chicago police officers engage with juveniles that they stop and/or have interactions with. His concerns arose from an incident that took place in his community that was also caught on a neighbor's Ring camera, that involved two juveniles who were set upon aggressively by an unmarked CPD cruiser. Councilor Perez stated that after speaking to the juveniles who were accosted and hearing how traumatic their experience was from the incident, he realized that there were very few if any mechanisms in place to address trauma in juveniles that could come about from a negative encounter from aggressive policing.
 - The last pop-up session on August 24th with collab studios on 47th St. regarding the second district council's collaboration with the mental health organization, Coffee, Hip Hop, and Mental Health (CHHMH), which focuses on providing a space and mental health services to black and brown citizens, across the city of Chicago.
 - CCPSA commission reporting, where information and reports from each district council is provided to the commission for analysis, to be able to establish clearer lines of communication and collaboration, across all district councils throughout the city. His work on a pilot program for this new endeavor shows that it has promise and that there is a need for it.
 - The announcement of how the second district will begin speaking in more detail about information within the quarterly monthly Civilian Office of Accountability (COPA) reports that pertain to police activities, arrest reports, and adjudication information from the Cook County States Attorney Office (CCSAO), and overall crime statistic data, relating to the second police district.
- His role in the City of Chicago's Department of Health (DOH) and Chicago police department's Crisis Assistance Response & Engagement (CARE) mental health program, and how it helps individuals who are suffering from a mental health crisis by sending a trained individual to relate to the individual in the moment.

Nominating Committee (Councilor Kline)

- There were no reports from the nominating committee this month.

5) Discussions/Audience Participation/Feedback

- Attendee Sarah Patch asked for more detail and clarity about the juvenile CPD stop that councilor Perez spoke about.
- She also wanted more clarity about the CCSAO's report on search and seizures and how CPD officers are reprimanded after performing illegal search and seizures.
- Commissioner Gottlieb offered his views on why it may be challenging to prosecute officers who commit acts against good order and discipline.

6) Next Regular Meeting Announcement:

- Councilor Perez announced that Maggie Hinkley, who is currently tasked with overseeing CPD's compliance with the court mandated consent decree, will be a guest speaker at the district council's September 17th, 2024, meeting.

7) Votes

- Summary of Votes Taken: 1
- Approval of May monthly meeting minutes

8) Announcement of the next 2nd District Council meeting

- NEXT MEETING DATE: **9/17/24**
- NEXT MEETING LOCATION (if available): **XS Tennis 5336 S State St Chicago IL60609**

District Council ended the meeting at 11:45 am