

City of Chicago
 DISTRICT COUNCIL # 014
 COMMUNITY COMMISSION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND ACCOUNTABILITY
 MEETING DATE: 2/1/2025
 MEETING LOCATION & ADDRESS: 3030 W Fullerton
 MEETING START TIME: 1:05PM

Attendance & Quorum

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

District Council Member Name	Attendance
Chair: Chris Laurent	Present: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Remote: <input type="checkbox"/> Absent: <input type="checkbox"/>
Nominating: Ashley Vargas	Present: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Remote: <input type="checkbox"/> Absent: <input type="checkbox"/>
Community Engagement: David Orlikoff	Present: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Remote: <input type="checkbox"/> Absent: <input type="checkbox"/>

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

Public Comment

1. Email comment from Crystal. She said she started on good terms with Councilor Orlikoff, but that he later seemed manic and pissed off his allies. Said he called her a nazi for defending Black women and asked for Councilor Orlikoff to step down to seek help.
2. Faayani: Said they seconded Crystal's request for Councilor Orlikoff to step down immediately, said that Councilor Orlikoff's behavior is racist, misogynistic and transphobic
3. Lorraine: Said she was seconding previous comments urging Councilor Orlikoff to step down because of how he has treated other community organizers, said she was sworn at and name called by Councilor Orlikoff. Said she was reading from a statement of a former partner of David's that accused him of verbal, emotional and physical abuse before 2019.
4. Leslie: Said she was urging Councilor Orlikoff to resign and said his past behaviors were harmful in 2017, were verbally, emotionally and physically abusive, and needed two calls to the police. She said she was concerned about the dangers of having a person with a violent history working towards safety and accountability for
5. Justin: joining the call for Councilor Orlikoff's resignation, said there were examples of abusive behaviors towards constituents, elected officials staff at CCPSA, allies and potentials. Believes Councilor Orlikoff demands transparency yet is anti-transparency himself and has refused to answer questions about the council's relationship w/ IPOs and other groups – still waiting for these answers. Feels others in room are responsible for Councilor Orlikoff's behavior

because it was allowed to continue, questioned why Frank Chapman is calling for Councilor Orlikoff's resignation

6. Erin: 9th District Councilor echoing calls for Councilor Orlikoff's resignation, said he has made racist and misogynist remarks that are not in alignment w/ abolitionist movement. Appreciates Councilor Orlikoff's work on ending pretextual traffic stops and still concerned about harm Councilor Orlikoff created in the community. Request Councilor Orlikoff takes time to reflect and find healing.

7. Anthony: 17th District Councilor that signed original, named that the near impossible task of holding police accountable is made even more impossible when there is a District Councilor who doesn't hold themselves accountable to the values they ran on. Opportunity of District Councilors to work towards ending the abuse from police and need to remove ourselves if we become a hindrance to that work

8. Gabe: echoing the call for Councilor Orlikoff to step down, said there was harm in 14th District community. Concerning that a number of movement forces are urging him to step down.

9. Alees via voice recording: 11th District Councilor reminding Councilor Orlikoff that he is loved and nothing is personal, posed question to Councilor Orlikoff, asking what if the shoe were on the other foot, how would Councilor Orlikoff react? Request to work together without harming other

10. Leo: 12th District Councilor, named that there are similarities in how he and Councilor Orlikoff push and agitate in the same way towards electeds and people in systems that could make tangible changes. Named that dis-alignment started when same behavior was directed towards community members and constituents they serve. Re-iterated the demand for Councilor Orlikoff to step down

District Council Member Updates

Councilor Vargas

Shared updates on well attended Immigration and Customs Enforcement watch trainings. In person and virtual options were well used. Virtual attendance is a necessary option for many people. Encouraged constituents to attend immigrant know your rights trainings.

Shared updated on Area 5 Deputy Chief that was replaced. Announced change in March meeting date from March 1 to March 4th for a community meeting with both 014 District Commander Linas and new Deputy Chief Betacourt. Solicited questions from community to send to Commander Linas and Commander Betacourt.

Requested email contact lists with Councilor Orlikoff and Laurent be shared in an excel spreadsheet as city property.

Councilor Vargas read full text of signed letter from 17 District Councilors calling for Councilor Orlikoff's resignation and cited her ongoing solidarity w/ women and black and brown communities as the reason why she signed the letter.

Councilor Laurent praised Councilor Orlikoff's work and suggested that Councilor Orlikoff get right with himself and offered LoSAH Center of Hope as a potential resource.

Councilor Orlikoff requested to provide updates after public comment and chair, Councilor Laurent agreed.

Discussions

Community Safety

Questions for upcoming public meeting with Commander Linas

1. How many calls did the 14th District receive, when and what are the response times
2. Update on Oath keepers – why is Niicki retiring?
3. What are you doing to prevent white supremacists' associations of officers in your rank?
Request for concrete examples
4. Why are you obfuscating and not answering questions from elected officials
5. Request for data on pre-textual stops in the 14th District – when are they happening? Where are they happening,
6. How many officers are assigned to tactical teams? Where are tactical teams located? Who is on the tactical teams?
7. How do you relate to Area 5? What are your dealings with Area 5? Can we meet Area 5 District Chief?
8. What are the 14th District's dealings w/ ICE? If and how is the 14th District working w/ ICE? Has ICE contacted the 14th District?
9. How does Linas, personally as human being feel about members of the Proud Boys being part of the same forces that she is associated with?
10. What is a regular interval where you can meet with community members at District Council meetings throughout the year?
11. Ordinance that governs District Councilors has anti-intimidation language in it – how can this language be used to enforce the ordinance with teeth?

Councilor Laurent and Assistant Director Isaacs explain highlights of General Order 1-11 that will guide how Police District leadership work with District Councilors.

Meeting attendees requested that meeting w/ the Commander be broadly publicized, Councilors were encouraged to use city, county and state electeds' newsletters to help w/ outreach.

Police Accountability

Councilor Vargas shared that she had a meeting with Commander Linas and asked a community member who was present to share. Community member said the Commander was not providing direct answers to their questions, telling them to look at their website.

Councilor Orlikoff provided an update on the ongoing work of the council towards ending pretextual traffic stops. He provided context for how the 14th District Council was the first to vote to formally endorse policy to end pretextual stops after Free to Move presented data at a previous meeting, and how community members identified it as a top priority including thru meetings and surveys. Said pretextual traffic stops are a continuation of the racist stop-and-frisk practice and a huge waste of resources.

Councilor Orlikoff alleged that progress was being blocked by CCPSA President Anthony Driver according to the Attorney General's Office and other Commissioners:

Despite twice being handed a legislative mandate to pursue policy to end pretextual traffic stops—first when community turned in over 2,400 petition signatures, next when [DCs voted to make ending pretextual traffic stops a 2025 Commission priority](#), the CCPSA under President Anthony Driver is reportedly still blocking any policy progress. It is my responsibility to bring to light his conduct—no matter the consequences to myself.

[View the remainder of Councilor Orlikoff's traffic stops update here.](#)

Restorative Justice

Councilor Orlikoff attended Joyce Foundation webinar presenting research about Chicago's CARE alternate response pilot that found no issues when teams are dispatched without police.

Councilor Orlikoff's update

Said he was very uncomfortable and tense and would do his best to be clear and concise. Said firstly, we all want to feel safe, and we probably all have not felt safe at different points. Said that in response to the public comments and letter, this is definitely not what accountability looks like. Accountability does not look taking assumptions based in hearsay as fact and then passing ultimatums along with no communication.

Said he spent his entire candidacy searching for and soliciting candidates, that he never wanted to run, but none was willing or able Said that since being asked to resign he asked who could replace him, but they had no answer.

He said the only people who have expressed interest in being on the council are members of the IL Libertarian party, and police supporters who want to increase arrests.

Councilor Orlikoff accused Commission President Driver of being the driving force behind coordinated personal attacks against him because of how he has tried to hold him accountable.

Councilor Orlikoff said he met with a few Councilors who presented him with a letter asking for his resignation. Said because he is not a politician and this work is stressful and challenging, he was open to engaging in an honest discussion about how to transition or move forward. However, he said he lost trust and faith when positive steps forward were not discussed and dishonest practices were exposed. He said that Councilors names were forged onto the letter who had not agreed to be listed. He said Free2Move's name was forged onto the document as well.

He said he expressed concerns about the inaccuracy and dishonesty within the letter and the calls and was met with derision and told that doesn't matter. He said those pushing this have a singular personal goal to attack him and not to benefit the movement in any way, and that's why they are willing to use lies.

Said that Commission President Driver had forwarded emails from a constituents and then lied about it in front of Free2Move outside a Commission hearing until he pulled up the email as proof.

Said it doesn't make him a racist to criticize Kamala Harris for committing a genocide. Said that committing a genocide makes you a nazi. Said that's the definition of a nazi. Asked why don't you care about genocide instead of the words that someone is using to call out a genocide?

Councilor Orlikoff said that when he saw a person here today he became triggered from the worst period of his life when he was most close to death at the hands of his rapist abuser who was assisted by an attendee in this room. Said he was called slanderous things and that he would have to respond to those false allegations.

Said that if he knew that taking this position would mean he would have to be addressing this in this way, he probably would not have done it but this is where we are and now he has to address it. He said while some people describe 'believing all women' as a virtue, he said that you can either believe all women or you can support victims, but you cannot do both because some abusers are women. To believe that all women are incapable of causing harm and can only be victims is to be a biological fascist.

Said in 2015 he had a roommate who ended her own life and that this put him in a very damaged state where he was not protecting himself and felt like he wouldn't be able to continue living if anything else like that were to happen. He said he met his abuser during this period who claimed to require assistance for being in dire straits and lied about not having access to family support. He said she is a Trans Exclusive Radical Feminist (TERF) who believes it's her duty to take away autonomy from anyone with testicles because testosterone makes them biologically inferior. He said her accusations were entirely baseless lies.

He said that she routinely used actions and threats related to weaponization of suicide, making false reports, and was consistently physically violent, including causing bodily harm, property

destruction, and violating his personal boundaries, all to get what she wanted from him, no matter what. He said that the unfair treatment he was receiving today from those willing to condemn him completely without any conversation based on third-hand accounts with no evidence was what allowed her to control and abuse him for as long as she did. He said he possessed irrefutable evidence showing he was the victim being held hostage in the abusive relationship after saying he wanted to end it and that he would share the evidence with anyone concerned.

Said that he once tried to get assistance from attendee and show her where he was bleeding from his abuse attacking him, and the attendee said she did not care and just wanted him to be quiet. He said he knows it's unpleasant when he raises his voice but that he cannot silently bear vicious attacks. He said that his abuser once attempted to kick him out of a 3rd story window.

He said he never would have agreed to run if he knew he would suffer this type of re-traumatization, betrayal and attacks made completely in bad faith.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes are approved by the second regular meeting after they are taken.

Approved minutes are posted online within 10 days after approval.

1. Date of meeting minutes: January 4, 2025
2. DC Member Councilor Vargas made the motion to approve January 4, 2025
3. Councilors Laurent, Vargas and Orlikoff approve the January 4, 2025 minutes

Announcement of next District Council meeting

NEXT MEETING DATE: March 4, 2025

NEXT MEETING LOCATION (if available): Haas Park, 2402 N Washtenaw

District Council ended the meeting at: 2:35 PM