



CCPSA
COMMUNITY COMMISSION FOR
PUBLIC SAFETY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable Jason Ervin
Chairman, Committee on the Budget and Government Operations

From: Adam Gross
Executive Director
Community Commission for Public Safety and Accountability

CC: Kennedy Bartley
Chief External Affairs Officer
Mayor's Office

Date: November 21, 2024

Re: Request for Information from Annual Appropriation Committee Hearing

ID#: 62-01-Commissioner Hours Worked

The following information is provided in response to a question posed at our department's hearing on November 9, 2024 to discuss the proposed 2025 budget.

Alderman Vasquez asked for information about how many hours Commissioners on the Community Commission for Public Safety and Accountability typically spend working on Commission business.

We have two data sources: (1) a survey we conducted last summer, where we gathered information from Commissioners who served on the interim Commission for 18 months, from the Fall of 2022 through the Summer of 2024, and (2) a survey we conducted after our budget hearing, where we gathered information from current Commissioners, whose terms began in June 2024.

In the survey of members of the interim Commission, we received responses from 6 of 7 Commissioners. We asked on average how many hours per week they worked on Commission business. The President of the Commission reported working an average of 27-30 hours per week. The five other respondents reported a range of hours worked per week. The average of their responses was 21 hours per week. So, in an average month, the Commission President worked roughly 108-120 hours, and other Commissioners worked an average of roughly 84 hours.

In the survey of current members of the Commission, we received responses from 6 of the 6 Commissioners now serving on the Commission. (There is currently one vacancy.) The President of the Commission reported working an average of 27-30 hours per week. The four other respondents reported a range of hours worked per week. The average of their responses was 23 hours per week. So, in an average month, the Commission President works roughly 108-120 hours, and other Commissioners work an average of roughly 92 hours.

The Commission President receives a stipend of \$1250 per month. All other Commissioners receive stipends of \$1000 per month.

As always, please let me know if you have any further questions.



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ID#: 62-02-District Council Stipends – Supplemental Information

The following information is provided in response to a question posed at our department's hearing on November 9, 2024 to discuss the proposed 2025 budget.

Alderman Vasquez asked what is an appropriate stipend for a District Council member.

On November 13, 2024, we submitted a response indicating that we were in the process of surveying District Council members to gather data City Council might find helpful in determining appropriate stipends.

We sent a survey to all 63 District Council members (there are currently 3 vacancies that are in the process of being filled). We asked on average how many hours per week they worked on District Council business. We received responses from 28 of the 63 District Council members, with responses from 16 of the 22 District Councils. District Council members reported working an average of 12.7 hours per week. That is approximately 54 hours per month.

By ordinance, District Council members receive a stipend of \$500 per month

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Date: December 12, 2024

Re: Request for Information after Annual Appropriation Committee Hearing

ID#: 62-03-Rental Property Budget Line

The following information is provided in response to a question posed by Ald. La Spata, following the CCPSA's budget hearing.

Ald. La Spata noted that the line item for "Rental of Property" was reduced in the proposed 2025 budget. In 2024, the department's budget included \$150,000 for Rental of Property. The proposed 2025 budget includes no funding for Rental of Property. Ald. La Spata asked what impact this will have on department operations.

This reduction will have no impact on department operations. The 2024 budget anticipated that the Commission would need to rent office space temporarily, once it outgrew its original space, until there was a long-term solution to meet the department's space needs. In 2024, the City of Chicago signed a lease for space in 2 N. LaSalle that will be built out to accommodate the larger department. For 2025, funding to lease that space will be in the 2FM budget.

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