

CITY OF CHICAGO

DISTRICT COUNCIL 001

COMMUNITY COMMISSION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Special Closed

Date: October 7, 2025

Location: Harold Washington Library, 400 S. State St., Room 7N5

Start Time: 3:00 PM

Adjournment: 3:41 PM

Attendance & Quorum

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act (OMA), a quorum requires at least two of the three members to be physically present.

District Council Member	In-Person	Remote	Absent
Sarah Kammerer (Chair)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Adrienne Johnson (Nominator)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jamie Brown (Community Engagement)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Quorum Met: Yes No

Total Attendees: 10 (including 2 CPD representatives and 1 representative from the Office of State Representative Kam Buckner)

Public Comment Summary

Three residents provided comments focused on **ICE activity** and **public safety** concerns.

- **Caileen Casey (Office of Rep. Kam Buckner):** Expressed concern about ICE operations in Chicago, including alleged use of tear gas, detainment incidents, and possible National Guard involvement. Requested clarification on how the City and CPD are responding to ensure public safety.

- **Laurie (Resident):** Questioned CPD's oversight and accountability regarding reported ICE activity.
- **Tyler Ortiz (Resident):** Voiced frustration about limited CPD response and asked about civilian options if police are unable to intervene.

Council members noted that public comments would be formally documented and discussed later in the meeting.

Approval of September 8, 2025, Meeting Minutes

- **Motion to Approve:** Chair Kammerer
- **Vote:** Unanimously approved

District Council Updates

Chair's Report – Sarah Kammerer

- Reviewed the District Council's mission to strengthen community trust, accountability, and transparency between residents and law enforcement.
- Provided updates on ongoing community outreach efforts, including:
 - Chicago Loop Alliance safety calls
 - Condo association meetings
 - Neighborhood events and community gatherings
- **Highlighted concerns and trends:**
 - Pedestrian safety, nuisance behavior, and public transit safety remain top concerns.
 - Quality-of-life issues include loud motorcycles, loitering, and nighttime disturbances.
 - Residents report less focus on violent crime but increased frustration over everyday nuisances.
- **District 001 Community Feedback Survey (approx. 60 responses):**
 - Top Positives: Cultural diversity, lakefront access, walkability, community pride.
 - Top Concerns: Public safety, transit safety, and pedestrian vulnerability.
 - Police Interactions: Generally described as “cordial” or “friendly,” though some cited slow 911 response times.
- **Upcoming CPD Strategic Planning Sessions:**
 - October 22, 2025 – 3:00 PM at Macy's
 - October 29, 2025 – 6:00 PM at Women's Park & Gardens

(These sessions influence CPD's 2026 priorities and resource allocations.)

Nominating Committee Report – Adrienne Johnson

- Preparing for **three upcoming commissioner vacancies in 2026**.
- Developing **interview strategies and candidate evaluation criteria**.
- Invited residents to suggest questions and qualities to consider for future CCPSA Commissioners.
- **Upcoming Meetings:**
 - Nominating Committee: October 16, 2025
 - CCPSA Commission: October 30, 2025
- Noted a **change in CCPSA leadership** following the president's resignation.
- Encouraged **resident participation** in upcoming community conversations to ensure district-wide representation in the CPD Strategic Plan.
- **Social Media & Outreach:**
 - Facebook followers increased to 34 (+1).
 - Engagement went up 200%; views went up 71% in the last 28 days.
- Thanked **COC Dannette Kennedy Salaam** for representing District 001 at a recent Public Safety Community Fair.
- District 001's participation in the **Citywide District Council Annual Meeting** on **October 25, 2025**, to discuss **shared 2026 policy priorities**.

Community Engagement Report – Jamie Brown

- Addressed public concern regarding reports of a “**Loop Puncher**” — an individual randomly assaulting pedestrian downtown.
- **CPD Update:**
 - Two suspects identified: one arrested near the Loyola Red Line Station.
 - Residents are urged to report all incidents promptly to ensure follow-up and accurate data tracking.

Discussion and Community Concerns

ICE Activity

- Multiple attendees expressed confusion regarding ICE operations within Chicago and the implications of the mayor's recent executive order.
- **CPD Response:**
 - Officers clarified CPD's limited authority over federal agencies.
 - CPD remains focused on local safety and does not participate in federal immigration enforcement.
- A constitutional attorney provided context on federal–municipal jurisdiction under current executive orders.

Transit Safety

- Residents voiced concern over safety conditions on CTA trains and buses.
- **CPD noted:**
 - Approximately 40–45 officers citywide are currently assigned to CTA patrol.
 - The CTA's private security contract was not renewed.
- Suggestions included exploring a **dedicated CTA police force**, like **Amtrak** or **D.C.'s WMATA** model.

Suspicious Activity near Roosevelt Station

- Residents questioned reports of uniformed individuals in the area.
- CPD clarified that these are **Transit Police units staging near Roosevelt Station** before patrol shifts.
- Other uniformed personnel may be **private CTA security**, not CPD officers.

Upcoming Events

- **October 12–13:** Chicago Marathon Weekend – CPD coordinating with city departments on road closures and safety measures.
- **October 18:** King's Day March – Expected to remain primarily within Grant Park.
- Residents expressed concern about protest safety; CPD assured coordination and crowd management planning.

Community Resources

- **Eric Cowgill**, newly appointed **Community Organizer for the 1st District**, introduced himself as a civilian liaison between CPD and the community.
- Encouraged residents to rely on verified information from official CPD and Superintendent's Office communications.

Closing Remarks

Chair Kammerer thanked all attendees for their engagement and reiterated the Council's mission to serve as a **bridge between residents and law enforcement**.

Residents were encouraged to continue submitting feedback through the **District Council's online form** and **Facebook page**.
