

CITY OF CHICAGO
DISTRICT COUNCIL 006
COMMUNITY COMMISSION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND ACCOUNTABILITY
MEETING MINUTES

MEETING TYPE: X Regular Special Closed

MEETING DATE: June 16, 2025

MEETING LOCATION & ADDRESS: Bordeau Griffin Design Center 8237 South Princeton Ave.

MEETING START TIME: 6:10 pm

Attendance & Quorum

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

District Council Member Name	Attendance
Chair: David Boykin	Present: <input type="checkbox"/> Remote: <input type="checkbox"/> Absent: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> x
Nominator: Aisha Humphries	Present: x <input type="checkbox"/> Remote: <input type="checkbox"/> Absent: <input type="checkbox"/>
Community Engagement: Ciera Whitaker	Present: x <input type="checkbox"/> Remote: <input type="checkbox"/> Absent: <input type="checkbox"/>

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

Noted Guests: State Senator Elgie Sims, Maggie Vickie and Dr. Norma Ramos from the Independent Monitoring Team, Patrick Flannery (Cook County Sheriff's Office), several CPD officers including Lieutenant Ward and Sergeant Davis, and members of the public.

Public Comment

Complaint Regarding CPD Officer Conduct (Doyle Landry)

Issue: Referenced an incident dated November 12, 2023, involving a 6th District officer at Walgreens (86th & Cottage) – alleged violation of Rule 14 and false arrest.

Request: Public review and action regarding bodycam footage; highlighted dissatisfaction with the process and delay, indicating State's Attorney Eileen O'Neill Burke's expectation for action.

Emphasis: Questioned process clarity and accountability, especially in comparison to other wards.

Response: Clarified after public comment period that the council does not oversee complaint investigations but can assist with process navigation, especially referrals COPA (Civilian Office of Police Accountability). CCPSA (Civilian Commission for Police and Public Safety Accountability) is the correct oversight body.

Community Safety at Children's Center (Ms. Chapman Regis)

Issue: Ongoing drug activity at 7900–7909 S. Eberhard, specifically now dangerous due to the recent opening of a children's after-school and summer program (Monday–Friday, 8am–4pm).

Concerns: Safety of children and persistent loitering/dealing despite some law enforcement progress.

Requests:

Continued and increased vigilance by police and city partners.

Assistance in filing a no-trespass affidavit for the center.

Direct communication with the property owner and CAPS (Community Policing staff) for support.

Response: District members committed to individual follow-ups, direct contact with the center, and ongoing monthly reporting of the location to CCPSA; plans for site visits confirmed.

Approval of Minutes: N/A

Follow up with Children's Center:

Continued monthly check-ins to CCPSA regarding Eberhard addresses.

Assist center director with no-trespass affidavit and coordination with CAPS and CPD. Schedule site visits and ensure presence during program hours.

Support Mr. Landry (and similar complainants) in accessing and navigating COPA complaint process.

Promotion of Community Training:

Distribute information and invitations for future CPD Community Academy sessions and Sheriff's Office programs (self-defense, scams, light repairs) through the district's newsletter and direct outreach.

Community Engagement Survey – Disabled Community:

Identify and connect with local groups for focus-group participation.

Strategic Planning:

Continue to develop and communicate the district's strategic public safety plan in a way that centers community input.

Increase role for district council and public in oversight and planning.

Follow-up & Next Meetings

Next 6th District Meeting: Zion Temple location, with Pastor hosting; format will be a community roundtable focused on public input regarding safety and review of strategic plan.

Date/Time: Not specified; will be distributed via newsletter and at the close of this meeting.

Guest Speaker Limitations: Next meeting will have no outside speakers to maximize community discussion time.

Surveys/Feedback: Ongoing; continued push to gather broad community opinion before the 2026 citywide police practices survey.

Notable Announcements

Condolence cards: Still available for signing for the late Officer Rivera's family.

Contact Information: All presenters offered to meet/speak with community or focus groups by request. Website for Independent Monitoring Team reiterated: cpdmonitoringteam.com.

Information Distribution: All resources and event invites to be circulated via the district council's monthly newsletter

Discussions

Tribute to Officer Crystal Rivera

Context: Marked the recent loss (two weeks prior) of Officer Crystal Rivera from the 6th District.

Action: Prepared condolence cards for her family and CPD colleagues, encouraging community members to participate.

Criminal Justice Reform & Public Safety: Address by State Senator Elgie Sims

Narrative on Community and Law Enforcement Partnership

Clarification: Refuted stereotypes that communities oppose law enforcement, emphasized the collective desire for partnership.

SAFE-T Act and Misconceptions

SAFE-T Act: Highlighted as comprehensive criminal justice reform focusing on public safety and fairer bail practices.

Key Changes:

Detention decisions are now based on threat to public safety or risk of flight, rather than solely ability to pay bail.

Judges now conduct detailed hearings, with input from prosecutors, defense, and risk assessment specialists.

Outcomes are more individualized, considering personal circumstances, criminal history, and community safety.

Results and Impact

Crime Trends: Violent and property crimes are trending down, attributed to both reforms and investments in communities.

Budget: Governor Pritzker's FY26 budget (\$55 billion) focuses on investments in historically disinvested communities to enhance public safety.

Personal Testimony: Senator Sims expressed pride in his community and the positive changes, dismissing negative stereotypes of neighborhoods like Chatham.

Chicago Police Department Consent Decree: Overview by Independent Monitoring Team

Introduction to the Consent Decree

Presenter: Maggie Hickie (Independent Monitor), supported by Dr. Norma Ramos (UIC).

Purpose: Legal document requiring CPD, COPA, OEMC, the Office of the Inspector General, the Police Board, and CCPSA to implement specific reforms across 11 focus areas (originally 10; investigatory stops added later).

Backstory: Resulted from lawsuits and a DOJ pattern and practice investigation; Attorney General Lisa Madigan led state action in absence of federal intervention.

Monitoring Process

Levels of Compliance:

Preliminary: Adoption of best-practice policies.

Secondary: Comprehensive training on those policies to 95%+ of officers.

Full Compliance: Evidence that practices are working and that the community perceives improvement.

Status (as of IMR 11, Spring 2025):

93% preliminary compliance (policies drafted).

42% secondary compliance (training).

16% full compliance (outcomes), but progress has doubled in the past year.

Next evaluation period (IMR 12) ends June 30, 2025, with results expected in fall 2025.

Community Engagement

Surveys: City-wide surveys of Chicago residents conducted in 2020, 2022, and 2024; include targeted oversampling of young Black and Brown men — the group least trusting of CPD.

Focus Groups: Explored deeper context behind survey results; 2021 focused on young Black/Brown men, 2025 is focusing on the disabled community.

Website: Reports, data, and survey findings available at cpdmonitoringteam.com.

Recent Achievements

Implementation of Community Policing Advisory Panels (CPAPS).

Improved preparation and handling of protests (notably during DNC).

Expanded 5-year training plans for officers and new training facilities with real-world scenarios; several council and community members participated and highly recommended police academy training for civilians.

Current Challenges

Impartial policing: Progress is slow.

Backlog in use of force reviews (T.R.A.D. division).

Officer wellness: High suicide rates persist; suicide prevention initiative remains incomplete.

Span of control: Need for consistent supervision remains an organizational challenge.

Limitations of Oversight

Clarification of Roles: The Independent Monitor does not investigate individual complaints; oversight and investigation reside with agencies such as COPA and CCPSA.

Community Navigation Issue: Difficult for residents to determine which agency to contact for their issue. The district council is working to streamline referrals and support.

Cook County Sheriff's Office Community Engagement Programs

Presenter: Patrick Flannery, Executive Director, Community Engagement

Presence: Substation at 87th & Cottage Grove, with plans to purchase property for permanent operations.

Program Highlights

Senior Scams Awareness: Education about prevalent scams targeting seniors, e.g., romance and financial cons.

Self-Defense Classes: Practical defensive tactics and situational preparedness.

Sheriff's Lightsaber Program: Free car light repair to prevent costly tickets and unnecessary police stops. Next event scheduled for Thursday of next week in Washington Park; sign-up required by Monday.

All programs are free and developed in response to community input.

Collaboration & Outreach

Sheriff's office works closely with CPD, sharing intelligence and resources but not duplicating 911 response.

Offer to coordinate additional programming with local councils and distribute information via newsletters.

6th District Police Update (Lt. Ward & Sgt. Davis)

Organic Engagement: Focused on building relationships and regular, non-crisis interaction with community members.

Challenges:

“Crew problems” – Many new officers are not from the area, making continuity and relationship-building more difficult.

Ongoing issues at known trouble addresses (eg., 79th Eberhard).

Stress on resources; sometimes require increased patrol/reallocation to maintain safety.

Commitments:

Special attention to safe passage for children at new after-school center.

Encouraged community to reach out directly to station or designated officers for persistent issues.

Acknowledged emotional toll on force after loss of three officers in seven months; requested community support and understanding.

District Council Updates

Announcement of Next District Council Meeting

NEXT MEETING DATE: July 21, 2025

NEXT MEETING LOCATION (if available): Zion Temple Church Of God and Christ 1754 W. 79th Street
District Council ended the meeting at: 7:35 pm