

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

MEETING TYPE: X Regular ☐ Special ☐ Closed

MEETING DATE: April 21, 2025

MEETING LOCATION & ADDRESS: 9351 South Michigan Ave.

MEETING START TIME: 6:05 pm

Attendance & Quorum

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

District Council Member Name	Attendance
Chair:	Present: x <input type="checkbox"/> Remote: <input type="checkbox"/> Absent: <input type="checkbox"/>
Nominator:	Present: x <input type="checkbox"/> Remote: <input type="checkbox"/> Absent: <input type="checkbox"/>
Community Engagement:	Present: x <input type="checkbox"/> Remote: <input type="checkbox"/> Absent: <input type="checkbox"/>

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

Public Comment

Concern: Status update on the death of David Curry on June 23rd last summer. David Curry, 22, died after being knocked down by a police officer in the 6th district. Inquiry about the status of the investigation and actions taken.

Michelle McGee Concerns: Lack of progress or tangible results from the council over the past two years. Requested specific examples of issues addressed or resolved.

Eunice Regis: Drug dealing and public urination on 7906, 7905, and 7909 Eberhardt. Disturbances affecting local businesses and residents, including children and the elderly. Concerned about Impact of vacant buildings on community safety.

Garbage Littering Concerns: Highlighted the problem of trash being thrown from car windows.

Suggested the use of dash cams for enforcement to protect property values.

Approval of Minutes: N/A

District Council Updates

Community Engagement Initiatives

Events Hosted: Community engagement session with COPA on mediation draft policy hosted by Pastor Gishman.

Collaborations: Meetings with various organizations to increase district council awareness.

Plans to engage senior living homes for evening meetings.

Upcoming Events:

Faith in Action Festival: Date: May 22, 2025 (likely a typo; intended date needs confirmation).
Participation with a community table.

Youth Forum Participation: Collaboration with Area 2 and other districts. Panel includes youth commissioners and representatives from different districts at Leo High School on April 28. COPA to discuss mediation draft policy with students.

Policy and Procedure Updates

General Order G01-11

Policy and procedure guide for communication between CPD and district councils.

Open Meetings Act (OMA) Adjustments:

Efforts to revise OMA to facilitate better communication and planning among council members.

Legislative changes are being pursued with support from state legislators.

Discussions: Guest Speaker: Kyle Cooper, President of Chicago Police Board

Introduction: Background:

Born and raised in Chicago.

Attorney specializing in business litigation.

Motivated by the George Floyd protests in 2020 to engage in police oversight.

Police Board Functions

Disciplinary Cases: Handles serious misconduct, such as unjustified shootings and evidence tampering.

Applicant Appeals:

Reviews applications for police officers, considering holistic factors beyond simple criteria.

Rewriting Rules and Regulations:

Initiating a process to update outdated rules from the 1970s to reflect modern policing and community standards.

Handling Disagreements:

Breaks ties between COPA and CPD on disciplinary charge decisions.

Current Litigation and Arbitration Issues

Arbitration Rights: Ongoing court cases regarding public employees' right to choose arbitration for disciplinary actions.

Concerns about public vs. private arbitration and officers' suspension without pay during investigations.

Call to Action

Community Involvement:

Encouraged residents and officers to review and provide feedback on proposed rule changes.

Emphasized the importance of clear and updated standards for both officers and community members.

Q&A Session

Alonzo Anderson's Questions: Settlements Without Guilty Officers:

Concern: Over half a billion dollars spent on settlements despite no officers being found guilty.

Response:

Settlements are often civil cases separate from disciplinary actions.

Delays in investigations can lead to settlements due to lost evidence or witness cooperation.

Emphasized the distinction between civil settlements and administrative disciplinary actions.

Announcement of Next District Council Meeting

NEXT MEETING DATE: May 19, 2025

NEXT MEETING LOCATION (if available): 8422 South Damen:

District Council ended the meeting at: 7:34 pm