

COMMUNITY COMMISSION for PUBLIC SAFETY and
ACCOUNTABILITY
PUBLIC MEETING

Thursday, August 28, 2025, 6:30 p.m.

DePaul College Prep
3300 North Campbell Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

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APPEARANCES:

President Anthony Driver
Vice President Remel Terry
Commissioner Aaron Gottlieb (Via Telephone)
Commissioner Sandra Wortham
Commissioner Abierre Minor
Commissioner Rubi Navarijo
Commissioner Gina Piemonte
Executive Director Adam Gross

1 PRESIDENT DRIVER: Good evening, everyone.
2 The August 28th public meeting of the Community
3 Commission for Public Safety and Accountability
4 is called to order at 6:41 p.m. We will begin by
5 calling the roll to establish a quorum.

6 Commissioner Gottlieb. Is he virtual?

7 COMMISSIONER GOTTLIEB: Present.

8 PRESIDENT DRIVER: Commissioner Driver is
9 present. Commissioner Minor.

10 COMMISSIONER MINOR: Present.

11 PRESIDENT DRIVER: Commissioner Piemonte.

12 COMMISSIONER PIEMONTE: Present.

13 PRESIDENT DRIVER: Commissioner Rubi
14 Navarijo.

15 COMMISSIONER RUBI NAVARIJO: Present.

16 PRESIDENT DRIVER: Commissioner Terry.
17 Commissioner Wortham.

18 COMMISSIONER WORTHAM: Present.

19 PRESIDENT DRIVER: Commissioner Gottlieb has
20 participated virtually.

21 I move that Commissioner Gottlieb
22 be allowed to participate virtually. Is there a
23 second?

24 COMMISSIONER MINOR: Second.

1 PRESIDENT DRIVER: I moved, and it's been
2 seconded by Commissioner Minor that Commissioner
3 Gottlieb be allowed to attend virtually. All
4 those in favor of the motion, please signify by
5 saying aye.

6 (CHORUS OF AYES.)

7 PRESIDENT DRIVER: Are there any nays?

8 (NO RESPONSE.)

9 PRESIDENT DRIVER: The ayes have it in the
10 opinion of the Chair, and Commissioner Gottlieb
11 will be allowed to participate virtually.

12 With six out of seven commissioners
13 of the Community Commission for Public Safety and
14 Accountability present, we have a quorum and can
15 conduct the Commission's business.

16 The next item of business is public
17 comment. If you would like to share something
18 related to the Commission's work or Public Safety
19 and Accountability, you have a few options. You
20 can speak at a public meeting, you can also
21 submit public comment in writing by emailing
22 comments to
23 CommunityCommissionpubliccomment@CityofChicago.
24 org, or you bring a copy of your comments to the

1 Commission public meeting and hand it to someone
2 on the Commission or the Commission staff.

3 People who want to speak during the
4 public comment period tonight were asked to
5 submit their names in writing earlier tonight.
6 Names were then drawn at random by a member of
7 the Commission staff. Speakers will be called in
8 the order in which their names were drawn. If
9 your name is called to offer public comment, we
10 ask you approach the microphone and line up in
11 the order. When it is your turn to speak, say
12 your name and spell your name for the record and
13 offer your comments. Each speaker will be
14 allowed two minutes. We have allotted 20 minutes
15 for public comment.

16 Our first speaker is Dion McGill
17 which would be followed by -- first speaker is
18 Dion. Second is Peter Contos, and third is
19 District Councilor Beth Rochford. And Dion is
20 also a District Councilor.

21 MR. MCGILL: Good evening. My name is Dion
22 McGill. D-I-O-N, M-C-G-I-L-L, and I'm a District
23 Councilor for the 7th Police District.

24 As a counselor, I take seriously

1 the responsibility to connect the dots between
2 community harm and police oversight.

3 Recent lawsuits, including an
4 officer suing the Department for racism and
5 intimidation, and multiple suits coming out of
6 the 18th District over racially driven pretextual
7 traffic stops remind us that CPD's policies are
8 not theoretical. They carry real legal,
9 financial, and human consequences.

10 While some may claim current
11 policies don't need to change, the proof is in
12 the pudding.

13 Practices that are racially biased,
14 that even CPD's own officers are subject to, are
15 one of several issues bleeding the City dry.
16 Taxpayers pay the settlements, communities lose
17 trust, families pay in trauma.

18 So my question to the Commission is
19 this. What are you doing to ensure these
20 lawsuits inform real policy changes? And how are
21 you addressing these harms proactively rather
22 than waiting to react after the damage,
23 financial, human, and reputational, because these
24 are damaging the reputation of this body, as well

1 as District Councilors is already done.

2 I'd appreciate more public
3 discussion from this body of how you intend to
4 grapple with these specific issues and what will
5 happen moving forward because the cost of
6 inaction is simply too high. Thank you.

7 PRESIDENT DRIVER: Thank you. Is there a
8 Peter Contos?

9 MR. CONTOS: Hello. Good evening, everybody.
10 My name is Peter Contos. P-E-T-E-R, C-O-N-T-O-S.
11 I'm here representing a nonprofit organization
12 Cannabis Equity Illinois Coalition. We are a
13 proud member of the Free2Move campaign. And the
14 reason I am here today is to share a couple of
15 quick notes, really kind of echoing what our
16 previous speaker just mentioned. We have a very
17 unique opportunity when it comes to our traffic
18 stop policy to revise that and ultimately to end
19 pretextual traffic stops through policy change.
20 I'm really just calling on and imploring you all
21 to continue to push to end pretextual traffic
22 stops altogether. We know they are harmful. We
23 know they are discriminatory. Ultimately, we
24 know they are ineffective when it comes to

1 keeping people safe.

2 CPD has tons of other tools at
3 their disposal. We have a city that pours
4 billions of dollars into their budget every year.
5 There are millions of avenues to make effective
6 traffic stops.

7 Echoing similar to our previous
8 speaker, pretextual traffic stops don't just cost
9 the City human lives, reputation, trust, but also
10 millions of dollars that we cannot afford as we
11 look at what's happening with the federal
12 government. We are going to be losing a lot of
13 money from the federal government. We need to
14 save as much money as we possibly can, and it is
15 really a shame that we have to make this about a
16 financial argument, because this is about human
17 lives, this is about equity, and also making sure
18 Chicago is a City for everybody to live healthy,
19 safe, and fulfilling lives. So thank you.

20 PRESIDENT DRIVER: Thank you.

21 MS. ROCHFORD: Hello. Elizabeth, traditional
22 spelling, Rochford, R-O-C-H-F-O-R-D, 17th
23 District Counselor. I don't know how many of you
24 here watch or read the news. I try not to, but

1 many of my comrades regularly send me things that
2 I need to know about and here are a few. Just in
3 the last few weeks, there have been troubling
4 articles about the tact teams violating people's
5 rights during traffic stops, leading to this City
6 paying out large amounts of settlements. These
7 are not old cases, as many people claim, but
8 under the watch of this Superintendent.

9 A lawsuit was just filed in
10 relation to racial harassment by fellow officers.
11 If they are doing this to their own officers,
12 what are they doing to the community?

13 Also reports that they
14 inappropriately filed a report with this state
15 that Krystal Rivera was shot by a suspect and not
16 by her partner.

17 My community is asking me about
18 these reports and want to know what you're doing
19 and how you are holding CPD accountable, which is
20 your primary responsibility.

21 Have you called on the
22 Superintendent to account? He claims he wants
23 all officers to be community policing officers,
24 but when given the opportunity to discuss how

1 this will be accomplished, no one at CPD can
2 answer how, when, where these trainings will
3 occur, and how we will be ensured to the public
4 this is actually happening.

5 If you haven't called on the
6 Superintendent to account, then you are failing
7 our neighbors. You need to do what the
8 Commission was created for, police
9 accountability. You promised transparency when
10 we nominated you, and you need to demonstrate
11 that to the community now. Thank you.

12 PRESIDENT DRIVER: Thank you. Our next three
13 speakers are Al Salas, DC Schoenburg, and I
14 believe this is Kay or Ray London.

15 MR. SALAS: Alan Salas. A-L-A-N, S-A-L-A-S.
16 Regarding traffic stops, why are some
17 commissioners in an administrative body
18 attempting to alter a state law? Traffic stops
19 seem to be decreasing on their own. Down from
20 535,000 in 2023 to 293,000 in 2024 per CPD's
21 statistics, so a 45 percent decrease.

22 In addition, of the traffic stops
23 in 2024, 92 percent only received a citation, not
24 a ticket. They got off with a warning.

1 Also, of the 3600 traffic stops in
2 2024 where the driver had consented to a search,
3 75 percent of those resulted in contraband being
4 seized.

5 Additionally, from the July
6 meeting, your own survey showed the public
7 overwhelmingly wants to continue the traffic
8 stops as is. So it seems like there would be
9 other reforms that you -- that would not impact
10 public safety negatively that you could be
11 working on. Thank you.

12 MR. SCHOENBURG: Good evening. Sam
13 Schoenburg, 19th Police District Council. I
14 would like to welcome you all to the 19th Police
15 District. Thank for holding your meeting here.
16 I would also like to address the traffic stop
17 debate this Commission's been having.

18 First, I'd like to commend you all
19 for your public airing of arguments for how CPD
20 should address this issue. It is still a rarity
21 to have police policy debated in public, have
22 those arguments aired. You're doing a service by
23 doing so. I know it is not always easy, and I
24 thank you for it. That said, I do want to

1 address some arguments that I thought were
2 seriously flawed in that debate.

3 At the last meeting, one
4 commissioner argued against CPD traffic stop
5 policy because it would differ from traffic stop
6 policies in our neighboring jurisdictions, but
7 this Commission only has jurisdiction over the
8 City of Chicago, and that argument, if taken to
9 its conclusion, would mean this body could not
10 make any policy over Chicago if it differed from
11 its neighbors.

12 Another commissioner argued
13 strenuously that the Commission should not vote
14 for targeted traffic stop limitations because the
15 Commission is not a law-making body.

16 While true, this Commission is a
17 policy-making body. And it's the Commission's
18 job to set priorities for how CPD exercises its
19 discretion.

20 Discretion is a fundamental part of
21 law enforcement. We know that the police cannot
22 and do not enforce all laws at all times at all
23 places.

24 And recently, CPD's use of that

1 discretion has been extremely racially disparate
2 in its use of traffic enforcement.

3 Black and Latino drivers were many
4 times more likely to be stopped than white
5 drivers.

6 By contrast, for instance, I, a
7 white driver in this district, have never once
8 been stopped by CPD for a traffic violation.

9 These stops also sweep incredibly
10 broadly. The vast majority end in no citation at
11 all. And in 2024, less than 1 percent recovered
12 a gun.

13 No one will say we shouldn't get
14 illegal guns off the street, but the question
15 before you is whether this specific tactic
16 resulting in hundreds of thousands of unwanted
17 and racially disparate interventions in everyday
18 people's lives is worth the cost and mistrust and
19 unequal justice.

20 You are a policy-making body, and
21 your job is to weigh the community's priorities
22 in making policy judgment.

23 I commend those and the majority
24 who did vote to eliminate low-level traffic

1 stops. Thank you very much.

2 PRESIDENT DRIVER: Thank you.

3 Is there a Ray or Kay London here?

4 Are there any other virtual speakers?

5 This concludes our public comment
6 period. We value your input.

7 Our next order of business will be
8 approval of minutes. Before today's meeting,
9 draft minutes of the Commission's regular meeting
10 held on July 31 were shared with all
11 commissioners. Are there any corrections to the
12 draft minutes that have been circulated?

13 COMMISSIONER WORTHAM: Okay. And so I will
14 just apologize in advance. These were circulated
15 in advance. I did not share what I am about to
16 say with my Commissioners, but I would suggest,
17 specifically in light of some of the public
18 comment and also questions that I've received
19 from community members since, if you look at the
20 minutes, I understand the efficiency of
21 truncating -- so we basically outline the votes,
22 but we do not have minutes detailing the debate.
23 I think absent the detail, we should have in the
24 minutes some more of your comments, President

1 Driver, that introduce the vote, so that the
2 public if they were to go look at our minutes
3 we're clear of the impact of those votes, because
4 a lot of those questions I received right after
5 our meeting, Well, does that mean now the Chicago
6 Police Department cannot no longer do these stops
7 because we voted, and I don't think from the
8 minutes it's clear.

9 So I know it would be arduous, but
10 I think we need the minutes to detail the actual
11 minutes of the meeting which included the debate
12 and the various questions, or we need to add more
13 introductory comments in the minutes that explain
14 that the votes were for direction for the
15 policy-working group, and that they did not make
16 final our positions on policy.

17 Again, I do apologize. I did not
18 bring this up before the meeting, but just in
19 reading the minutes directly prior to the
20 meeting, I do think that would be best for our
21 Commission just so people reading the minutes are
22 clear what we're doing and the procedural impact
23 of that.

24 PRESIDENT DRIVER: Are you proposing we do

1 not pass these?

2 COMMISSIONER WORTHAM: Yeah, I would be a no.

3 PRESIDENT DRIVER: I think tabling this. Any
4 other Commissioners like to discuss the approval
5 of the minutes from the last meeting?

6 I will also say I have read our
7 minutes before, and I do agree with you. For me
8 personally, I'm okay because the meetings are
9 publicly posted online, so the public can go back
10 and rewatch every meeting. But I do agree, a
11 little more detail will be a good thing. Anyone
12 else want to speak to this item?

13 I'll move to table this item until
14 our next regularly scheduled meeting. That's
15 okay to table this?

16 VICE PRESIDENT TERRY: Second.

17 PRESIDENT DRIVER: I move, seconded by Vice
18 President Terry, to table the approval of the
19 meeting minutes to the next regularly scheduled
20 meeting. All those in favor, signify by saying
21 aye.

22 (CHORUS OF AYES.)

23 PRESIDENT DRIVER: Any nays?

24 (NO RESPONSE.)

1 PRESIDENT DRIVER: In the opinion of the
2 Chair, the ayes have it.

3 We will now move on to our next
4 order of business, which is new business, which
5 is reports and updates.

6 Our next order of business is an
7 update regarding the Commission's process for
8 developing recommendations on the CPD budget.
9 For that, I will pass it to Commissioner
10 Gottlieb.

11 COMMISSIONER GOTTLIEB: Thank you, President
12 Driver. By ordinance, the Commission has the
13 power and duty before a City Council vote on
14 CPD's budgets, to review and, if needed,
15 recommend changes to the proposed CPD budget
16 appropriation every year.

17 The Commission's review of CPD's
18 budget is guided by the Commission purpose listed
19 in the ordinance, including increasing public
20 safety, building trust between communities and
21 CPD, increasing the efficient use of public
22 safety resources, and encouraging preventive,
23 proactive, community-based and evidence-based
24 approaches to public safety.

1 Since 2022, the Commission has
2 released a new budget report that highlights the
3 Commission's identified priority items for
4 strategic investments in CPD's budgets.

5 Some of these priorities areas for
6 progress have included workforce allocation,
7 community policing, training, and leadership
8 development, legal judgements, data reporting and
9 transparency, victim services, and work
10 conditions and facilities.

11 For a more in-depth look at the
12 Commission's prior budget analysis and
13 recommendations, the QR code -- not behind me,
14 behind people on stage, will take you to the
15 Commission's website where all the reports are
16 posted.

17 Community input is essential as we
18 consider CPD's budget in 2026.

19 Next month, we would like to hear
20 from you what you think should be reflected in
21 CPD's budget.

22 If you would like to share your
23 thoughts on CPD's budget, make sure you are
24 following our social media channels and subscribe

1 to our emails to stay up to date on our budget
2 engagements and outreach.

3 PRESIDENT DRIVER: Thank you, Commissioner
4 Gottlieb.

5 Next we will hear an update from
6 Commissioner Terry on the COPA search.

7 VICE PRESIDENT TERRY: We are happy to
8 announce the application for the next Civilian
9 Office of Police Accountability -- Police Safety
10 and Accountability Chief Administrator is now
11 open. Applications will be accepted until
12 October 3rd.

13 The Commission is looking for a
14 strong and principled leader with integrity and
15 sound judgment to serve as the next chief of
16 COPA.

17 COPA plays a critical role in the
18 City's accountability system. It is an
19 independent civilian-led agency that investigates
20 allegations of police misconduct, including
21 excessive force, officer-involved deaths in
22 custody, sexual misconduct, and bias-based verbal
23 abuse. In addition to investigating serious
24 incidents, COPA identifies patterns of practice

1 and misconduct and issues policy recommendations
2 to strengthen public trust and improve policy
3 practices.

4 The next COPA chief will lead a
5 team of about 140 professionals across
6 investigative, legal, and administrative
7 divisions, assuring that investigations are fair,
8 thorough, and timely, while also driving systemic
9 reforms.

10 The chief will work to build
11 constructive relationships with law enforcement
12 and community stakeholders.

13 Ideal candidates will be attorneys
14 or experienced investigators with significant
15 expertise in criminal, civil rights, or labor law
16 or in law enforcement oversight.

17 The Commission continues to receive
18 feedback to the community as to what they would
19 like to see in the next COPA chief.

20 In addition to hosting four public
21 listening sessions, we met with youth,
22 justice-impacted organizations, and members of
23 law enforcement and subject matter experts in
24 police accountability.

1 All this feedback will be used to
2 inform our evaluation of the candidates. We hope
3 you will continue to engage with us in this
4 process.

5 We look forward to providing you
6 with an update on this process at our September
7 meeting.

8 PRESIDENT DRIVER: Thank you, Vice President
9 Terry.

10 Are there any questions on this
11 matter? Hearing none, we will now move to
12 Commissioner Wortham for an update related to
13 traffic stops.

14 COMMISSIONER WORTHAM: Good evening again.
15 Bear with me everyone.

16 On April 21st, the City of Chicago
17 submitted two versions of a draft traffic stops
18 policy to the Illinois Attorney General and the
19 Independent Monitor in the Consent Decree between
20 the City of Chicago and State of Illinois.

21 One version was from the Chicago
22 Police Department and the other was from this
23 Commission.

24 The Commission's version included a

1 lot of the language from CPD's version with some
2 changes that a certain number of commissioners
3 thought were important. Those policies were
4 submitted to the Attorney General and Independent
5 Monitor because more than a year ago the
6 Independent Monitor recommended to the judge in
7 the Consent Decree case that traffic stops by the
8 Chicago Police Department should be included in
9 the Consent Decree. That would mean that changes
10 to the CPD's traffic stops policy would be made
11 through the procedures laid out in the Consent
12 Decree and would be overseen by the Independent
13 Monitor and the federal judge in the case.

14 So on July 31st at our last
15 Commission meeting, the Commission voted on
16 several items intended to provide direction to
17 the Policy Working Group, which consists of me
18 and Commissioner Terry, related to traffic stop
19 policy position from members of the Commission.
20 The idea was that the CPD -- pardon me. Yes.
21 The Commission -- CPD Policy Working Group would
22 use the Commission's votes on those positions to
23 advance our work in the policy-development
24 process with the CPD and to represent the

1 Commission in the traffic stop Consent Decree
2 negotiations.

3 At the last Commission meeting, five
4 commissioners supported limiting traffic stops
5 for some type of traffic offenses. For example,
6 five commissioners supported prohibited traffic
7 stops when a driver registration sticker is
8 expired for one year or less. Those five
9 commissioners also supported prohibiting stops
10 when a license plate is incorrectly fastened but
11 can still be seen. For example -- I'm going to
12 stick with it. Incorrectly fastened but still be
13 seen. Those five commissioners also voted to
14 support exceptions to the traffic stop
15 limitations. For example, exception that police
16 officers could make those types of traffic stops,
17 i.e., for expired registration or improperly
18 displayed license plate if the officer makes a
19 determination that they have reasonable
20 articulable suspicion or probable cause of a
21 serious criminal activity.

22 The votes were as follows: On vote
23 one, members of the Chicago Police Department --
24 okay. This was the language of the vote, and

1 then we'll read how the votes came out.

2 Members of the Chicago Police
3 Department shall be prohibited from conducting a
4 traffic stop or temporarily detaining a driver of
5 a vehicle that is not a commercial, livery, or
6 chauffeured vehicle for any of the following
7 violations. We just discussed missing or
8 improperly displayed front license plate, so long
9 as the vehicle has a properly displayed rear
10 license plate, and a displayed registration
11 sticker that's expired within one year; improper
12 license plate fastening or positioning where the
13 license plate is otherwise clearly displayed;
14 improper rear-license-plate illumination; one
15 nonfunctioning headlight, taillight or brake
16 light during daylight if the vehicle has at least
17 one functioning headlight, taillight, and brake
18 light. Also operating a vehicle with a loud
19 sound system.

20 Those commissioners who voted -- we
21 will get to that, but commissioners who voted for
22 this also voted for an exception that Chicago
23 Police Department could conduct any of the
24 aforementioned six stops if an officer is acting

1 upon reasonable articulable suspicion or probable
2 cause of serious criminal activity. The votes
3 for that were as follows: Five commissioners
4 voted for the aforementioned restrictions with
5 the exception, and two commissioners, that would
6 be myself, Commissioner Wortham, and Commissioner
7 Terry, voted no to that list of prohibitions and
8 the exception.

9 Vote 2. Chicago Police Department
10 members will not request or conduct a consent
11 search of a motor vehicle or its driver or
12 occupants during a traffic stop unless a member
13 is acting upon reasonable articulable suspicion
14 or probable cause of suspected criminal activity
15 distinct from the basis of the initial traffic
16 stop. Six of my commissioners voted yes to this.
17 I voted no.

18 Moving forward, our discussions with
19 the Attorney General, Chicago Police Department,
20 and the Independent Monitor will reflect the
21 positions of the aforementioned votes.

22 It's important to note that this
23 process of developing final traffic stop policy
24 is ongoing.

1 As we indicated, and I think
2 President Driver indicated at our last meeting in
3 his introduction to the vote, the negotiations
4 and related work with the court are governed by
5 confidentiality. There is no defined time frame,
6 and -- yes, let's see what else do we have.

7 And as President Driver said at the
8 last meeting, as negotiations continue, the
9 Commission may revisit and revise its position
10 until the final policy is adopted. Commissioners
11 will continue to work with Chicago Police
12 Department, Attorney General, and the Independent
13 Monitor to gather input and support the
14 development of the best possible framework for
15 traffic stops.

16 We're almost there. The votes we
17 took on specific policy prescriptions are to
18 provide directions to the Policy Working Group as
19 Commissioner Terry and I negotiate on the
20 Commission's behalf. We would encourage the
21 public to continue sharing your feedback related
22 to traffic stop policy, as many of you have
23 already done and continue to do. And, again,
24 we'll continue to work with the various entities,

1 CPD, the Attorney General, and Independent
2 Monitor to try to come to an agreement about this
3 policy.

4 Our next meeting for this work is
5 planned for September. Thank you.

6 PRESIDENT DRIVER: Thank you, Commissioner
7 Terry.

8 Are there any questions from the
9 Commission in this report? Sorry. Commissioner
10 Wortham.

11 And with Commissioner Terry being
12 present, we now have seven commissioners of the
13 CCPSA are present.

14 COMMISSIONER MINOR: Are we open to
15 questions?

16 PRESIDENT DRIVER: Sure.

17 COMMISSIONER MINOR: Awesome. I just have a
18 clarifying question. There was some revisions
19 made to the report. For example, the word
20 "majority" was replaced in the beginning of the
21 report to a certain number. Another time the
22 word "majority" was replaced with five
23 commissioners twice, and then an example was
24 removed from the report, then prevailing vote was

1 also removed from the report. I'm just wondering
2 can you explain these revisions and remissions to
3 this report?

4 COMMISSIONER WORTHAM: Just so you're clear,
5 so the public is clear as well, these are notes
6 that staff members write. I'm not obligated to
7 read the notes that the staff writes. I'm
8 actually capable of speaking for myself about the
9 work that I and Commissioner Terry have done on
10 our work group. This is not a report. These are
11 suggested notes that the staff of the CCPSA are
12 kind enough to draft for us.

13 Frankly, I rarely read them because
14 I know the work that I do, and I'm able to report
15 on that to the public.

16 A lot of it today, because it was
17 so lengthy and because I wanted to make sure we
18 were being accurate about the language that was
19 proposed in the votes, but if you look back at
20 most of our meetings, I rarely read from this
21 paper because they're not actually our words.

22 So whatever you're reading or most
23 of us are reading were written by staff. We're
24 not obligated to read that. Everything I said

1 was accurate, and that's the answer to your
2 question.

3 PRESIDENT DRIVER: Thank you.

4 Are there any other questions or
5 comments about this item -- or not item. This
6 portion of our agenda?

7 COMMISSIONER MINOR: I will say one of the
8 things I would urge us as a Commission and with
9 commissioners, the purpose of this, not even to
10 be combative, but I think it's important for us
11 to be clear on empirical data. I think it's
12 important for us to be clear if the majority of
13 commissioners have sided on one thing and the
14 majority that's moving this way or majority of
15 commissioners moving another way, and it's
16 written in our report, it's important to inform
17 the community about the Commission's position.
18 That's the reason why we're here.

19 So I think it's very important for
20 us to be consistent and clear when we are
21 reporting out to the community on our work.

22 COMMISSIONER WORTHAM: Only that the
23 suggestion in your comment was that I was not --
24 that anything I said was not honest. I actually

1 was more specific than the notes provided by the
2 staff because I wanted the community to
3 understand who voted which way, because I do
4 think, again, as representatives from the
5 City-wide body, yeah, I mean it's totally
6 appropriate for us to say that. Again, whatever.

7 PRESIDENT DRIVER: Thank you. So we will
8 move past this now.

9 Before -- is there any other
10 business before the Commission before we enter
11 the adjournment section?

12 I do have an announcement.
13 Yesterday, I believe it was yesterday about 5:00
14 p.m., I sent a letter to my fellow Board members
15 announcing my resignation as the president of the
16 Commission. I'm not stepping away from the
17 Commission. I will still continue to serve on
18 the Commission. I'm simply stepping back from
19 the presidency. Being in this position, it has
20 been an honor for me as a person who has lost a
21 ton of friends and family members to gun violence
22 in the City and also people who have entrusted me
23 for the last three and a half years in the
24 position of the inaugural president of the

1 interim Commission and then serving as president
2 of the first permanent Commission. It's truly
3 been an honor to see how our staff has grown from
4 1 to about 22, 23, the work we've done with gang
5 database, actually taking a government body that
6 didn't exist and trying to build it up to
7 something that's legitimate. I'm absolutely
8 committed to this work. This means a lot to me.
9 This is something that has taken about 35 to 40
10 hours of my time per week for the last 35 --
11 three and a half years. Not 35 years. And it is
12 an honor. It is something that's very stressful
13 at times.

14 I think it's unfair of me as my
15 commitments have grown in my personal life to
16 stay in a position when I know there's perfectly
17 capable people on this Commission who could step
18 up and lead.

19 I will also say that Commissioner
20 Vice President Terry has been a great partner and
21 has worked since the interim Commission and now
22 the permanent Commission. It is my hope that she
23 will become the next president of this
24 Commission.

1 I'd like to thank you, the public,
2 and District Council members who nominated me.
3 Again, I am not stepping off the Commission, I
4 will be here for working groups. I will still be
5 here to serve in every capacity as I have been
6 able to as a commissioner, but I am taking a step
7 back from the presidency.

8 With that, I don't know if anyone
9 else has anything else they'd like to say.

10 Hearing no further business before
11 the Commission, this meeting is now adjourned.
12 Thank you.

13 (Proceedings were adjourned at
14 7:11 p.m.)
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REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE

Re: Community Commission for Public Safety and
Accountability
August 28, 2025

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