

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

MEETING TYPE: X Regular ☐ Special ☐ Closed

MEETING DATE: September 24, 2025

MEETING LOCATION & ADDRESS: 2400 East 105<sup>th</sup> Street

MEETING START TIME: 6:13

**Attendance & Quorum**

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

District Council Member Name	Attendance
<b>Chair:</b> Lovie Bernard	Present: <input type="checkbox"/> Remote: <input type="checkbox"/> Absent: x <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Nominator:</b> Gloria Jenkins	Present: x <input type="checkbox"/> Remote: <input type="checkbox"/> Absent: <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Community Engagement:</b> Brenda Waters	Present: x <input type="checkbox"/> Remote: <input type="checkbox"/> Absent: <input type="checkbox"/>

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

**Public Comment**

Monique Barker Long-term resident (since 1970). Ongoing concern about police officers speeding ("flying down our alleys") morning, noon, and night. Specific safety concerns regarding officers turning in front of buses, sometimes without sirens. Stressed danger for children and elderly; personal risk described (uses a cane). Requested police use alternative main thoroughfares (e.g., Louella, 103rd) instead of residential alleys. Noted tension: community watches police more closely now; officers previously waved but now do not.

Meredith Hammer Announced candidacy for judge in the 17th sub-circuit, covering the southeast Southlands. Briefed on her experience (25 years as attorney; focus: probate, real estate, foreclosure). Soliciting signatures for ballot access; open to post-meeting questions.

Community Inquiry Sought update on an officer involved in a community event/investigation. Question: Is the officer on desk duty? What is the investigation status and public procedure for such cases? Sarah Boyle (CPD): Confirmed ongoing investigation; officer not stripped of police powers, but further detail to be provided in later presentation sections.

Community Concerns about Police Conduct Primary focus: Resident safety impacted by alleged reckless police driving in residential alleys. Frustration voiced over perceived indifference or lack of adaptation by police. Community urged to be treated with respect and for officers to be mindful of vulnerable populations. Request for more police presence/support in community events (e.g., cleanups).

## Approval of Minutes

Brenda Waters made a motion for approval of the August 28, 2025, Gloria Jenkins seconded the motion

## Discussions

### COPA (Civilian Office of Police Accountability): Investigative Procedures

Historical Background COPA formed in 2017 as a result of the Police Accountability Task Force following the Laquan McDonald case. Succeeded Independent Police Review Authority (IPRA) and the former Office of Professional Standards (OPS).

Scope and Jurisdiction COPA investigate administrative misconduct by CPD members, both sworn and civilian. Receives all misconduct complaints citywide; determines retention or referral to BIA. Q2 2025 stats: 1,655 complaints received; 418 retained by COPA; ~1,200 referred to BIA. 80% of complaints from alleged victims, 12% from witnesses, 10% anonymous.

Intake and Jurisdiction Criteria COPA retain cases involving: Excessive force Improper search or seizure Domestic violence Sexual misconduct Bias-based verbal abuse Weapon discharge incidents (e.g., police firearm use) Other complaints sent to BIA.

Investigative Process Evidence Collection: Incident reports, video/audio (notably, near-universal body-worn camera coverage). Witness and Subject Interviews Trauma-informed interview techniques employed to support all impacted by incidents. Post-investigation: Recommendation for discipline (range: file notation to termination). Superintendent decides within 60–90 days; possible non-concurrence process leading to police board arbitration if COPA and Superintendent disagree.

Outcomes and Timelines Four possible findings: Sustained, Not Sustained, Exonerated, Unfounded. Required timeframe for completion: 18 months; 50% completed within six months (COPA aims to improve). Q2 2025: 182 investigations completed, 55 with findings (approx. half sustained). 6. Officer Status During Investigation COPA may recommend suspension of police powers in egregious cases. Final authority and day-to-day status determined by BIA and CPD. Bureau of Internal Affairs (BIA)

Overview & Accountabilities: Bureau Structure and Mission 80 total BIA staff (sworn/civilian), plus 120 accountability sergeants stationed throughout city/districts. Mission: Uphold integrity and ethical conduct in CPD through investigation, discipline, and community partnership. Chief Timothy Moore is presently leading BIA.

Process Overview Cases assigned by intake team based on type/severity. Classifications: General Investigations: Policy violations, department member arrests, civil suit-related misconduct, interdistrict cases. Special Investigations: Complaints involving higher ranks (lieutenant+, superintendent), highprofile/media, sensitive or major duty restriction cases. Accountability Sergeants: Handle less-severe allegations—procedural neglect, conduct, minor violations (most common: body-worn camera infractions). Confidential: Organized crime, narcotics, financial crimes, sex crimes, public corruption, residency violations. Medical Integrity: Investigates false injury/sickness reporting, improper secondary employment, medical leave abuse. FBI Liaison: Manages federal case partnerships.

Affidavit and Evidence Handling Inter-bureau check and balance system for evidence, investigation affidavits, and cooperation mandates. Coordination with COPA around duty restrictions ("stripping" police powers) for serious cases; non-public facing reassignment applies.

Recordkeeping & Oversight Administrative advocate, and records sections manage log numbers, case tracking, FOIA fulfillment, and discipline implementation. Compliance section maintains alignment with consent decrees and policy amendments. Reporting to Superintendent is direct with frequent disciplinary review. 5. Timelines and Transparency BIA goal: conclude cases within 180 days. Notifies complainants of findings upon closure. Commits to impartial, respectful, thorough, and transparent investigations with frequent complainant updates.

District Trends, Risk Assessments, and Quality Control Weekly district-level reviews (CompStat; focus: crime data, risk management, complaint types). 4th District: one of the city's largest (27 sq miles), top in call volume and contacts per officer. Downward trend in citizen complaints despite increase in citizen contacts and major arrests. Active self-audit: Watch commanders conduct random video/body-worn camera checks, escalate egregious conduct via in-house or formal complaint processes. Philosophy: Immediate intervention on minor misconduct to prevent escalation to major infractions. Noted: Stronger emphasis on professionalism, courtesy, and community relations by newer officers; ongoing internal monitoring and corrections.

Community Involvement & Strategic Planning Announcement: District Strategic Planning process for 2026 underway; seeking broad-based community input. Community conversations scheduled: Tuesday, October 7th, 6–8 pm at Word of Life Church (8716 S. Koufax) Thursday, October 9th, 6–8 pm at Sacred Heart School (2926 E. 96th)

CAPTAIN BERRY: Urged community to attend, help identify core problems, co-create district strategy. Ongoing Friday community briefings at noon (650 registered; typical attendance 20–30). Open for registration; all are encouraged to join or receive reports/PowerPoint summaries. Commitments to circulate flyers and meeting info through appropriate channels and ensure community events (e.g., park clean-ups) are supported by police presence and engagement.

Action Items Community: Spread word and encourage attendance at: 2026 District Strategic Plan Community Conversations (Oct 7 & 9) Weekly Friday Community Briefings (Noon) Police Department: Ensure flyers/community event notices are consistently integrated into Friday briefings; coordinate with designated contacts (e.g., Ed Stafford, Mitchell). Follow up on Monique Barker's request for police support at park-based community meetings and cleanups; connect with local organizers. Maintain and continue transparency in investigation status updates as appropriate. Accountability Units: Continue internal monitoring/self-audit (random body-worn camera footage reviews, timely complaint processing). BIA and COPA to persist in collaborative efforts to improve case turnaround time and communication with complainants. 5.

#### Follow-up

Update community on ongoing officer investigation once permissible under policy. Next scheduled meetings: Community Conversations: October 7 (Word of Life Church), October 9 (Sacred Heart School). Weekly Friday community briefings: Ongoing every Friday at noon. Encourage recurring visits from officers/staff at community park meetings; possible addition of regular "office hours" or informal drop-ins. Ongoing review and adjustment of communication strategies to maximize resident engagement (Wednesday meetings, flyer distribution, digital outreach).

#### Updates

No District Council Updates

#### Announcement of Next District Council Meeting

NEXT MEETING DATE: October 22, 2025

NEXT MEETING LOCATION (if available): C.Y.C 9207 S. Phillips

District Council ended the meeting at: 7:03 pm