

CITY OF CHICAGO

DISTRICT COUNCIL 002

COMMUNITY COMMISSION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Type: ☐ Regular ☒ Special ☐ Closed

Date: August 14, 2025

Location: Chicago Police Department, 5101 S. Wentworth Ave

Start Time: 12:00 PM

Adjourned: 1:14 PM

Attendance & Quorum

Per the Open Meetings Act (OMA), at least 2 of 3 council members must be present in person.

Council Member	Attendance
Chair: Ephraim Lee	Present
Nominator: Marquinn McDonald	Present
Community Engagement: Alexander Perez	Present

Quorum Met: Yes

Meeting Purpose

This special session was convened to address communication norms, leadership transitions, and collaborative structures within the Second District, following recent personnel and procedural changes.

Introductions & Acknowledgments

- Sarah Boyle (Deputy Director, CEAPS Office) and Charlie Isaacs (Deputy Director, District Councils, CCPSA) facilitated the discussion.

Participants acknowledged multiple changes in district leadership and expressed optimism about building stronger cooperation and structure.

Main Topics Discussed

1. Communication Cadence and Norms

- Agreement to establish regular check-ins (weekly or monthly) as outlined in General Order G01-11.
- Emphasis on designating clear points of contact for both routine and emergency matters.

2. Collaboration & Structure

- Recognition of the need for stronger structures within the district council system, particularly following the introduction of General Order G01-11.
- Clarification sought regarding responsibility for convening meetings and ensuring appropriate levels of representation.

3. Addressing Past Missteps

- Members acknowledged scheduling lapses and attendance issues in previous required meetings.
- It was reaffirmed that, per policy, a lieutenant or higher must attend if the designated contract cannot.
- District leadership candidly admitted oversights, emphasized willingness to correct them, and committed to improving consistency.

4. Concerns & Relationship Building

- Commander Williams expressed a desire to “clear the air,” citing miscommunication and perceptions of disconnect.
- Concerns were raised about referencing general orders in written communications, as it can feel adversarial; participants encouraged more direct, good-faith dialogue.
- Positive intent and past efforts to maintain communication were acknowledged, even during personal absences.

5. Forward-Looking Commitments

- All parties expressed optimism about improved communication, transparency, and process clarity going forward.
 - Agreement that collaboration should prioritize relationship-building rather than strict procedural enforcement.
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Action Items & Follow-Ups

1. Schedule recurring weekly or monthly check-ins.
2. Establish clear points of contact for ongoing communication and emergencies.
3. Ensure compliance with general order requirements regarding meeting attendance (lieutenant or higher if commander unavailable).
4. Foster trust through collaboration and open dialogue, avoiding overly bureaucratic approaches.

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