

City of Chicago
DISTRICT COUNCIL # 004
COMMUNITY COMMISSION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

MEETING MINUTES

MEETING TYPE: ☒ Regular ☐ Special ☐ Closed
MEETING DATE: October 22, 2025,
MEETING LOCATION & ADDRESS: 9207 South Phillips
MEETING START TIME: 6:04 P M

Attendance & Quorum

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

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

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

No Public Comment

Approval of Minutes

Minutes are approved by the second regular meeting after they are taken. Approved minutes are posted online within 10 days after approval.

District Council Member Updates

- Next meeting scheduled for Saturday, November 22, 2025, from 12:00 to 1:30 PM at Avaonl Park. Decision was made to hold winter meetings on Saturdays for safety (early darkness/cold).
- Plan to promote the future “Know Your Rights” session, especially regarding ICE, with more time and effort.
- Next month’s meeting (November 22, 2025): Will include a guest expert on “Know Your Rights” and ICE issues. Planned collaboration with advocacy organizations to provide legal aid and information. Additional promotion of the event is intended to maximize community turnout

Summary of discussions

- ICE interactions and community concerns
 - Rumors and protests at Coast Guard Station (Calumet Park)
 - Recent protests occurred due to public confusion about the station being an ICE facility
 - Incident: Tear gas was used against protesters last week
 - Escalation: Bomb threats and vandalism after rumors about detained protesters.
 - Clarification: Coast Guard station has operated since the late 1800s and is not associated with ICE.

- Current Situation: Coast Guard personnel assigned for security; appearance of military presence is intensifying public concern.
- Chicago Police role: CPD is forbidden from assisting federal deportation actions; cannot detain or process individuals for ICE
- Recent incidents: CPD was on scene only for non-ICE matters (e.g., car accidents involving federal vehicles)
- CPD clarification: Federal agencies have legal rights; CPD lacks federal jurisdiction and cannot impede ICE, but also, does not collaborate on deportations
- Additional concerns raised:
 - Arbitrary detentions of individuals based on appearance at local locations (schools, flea markets).
 - Fear among local communities/promoted to carry identification to prove citizenship.
 - Community protection and legal rights
 - Public anxiety has heightened regarding raids and potential for mistaken detention.
 - Punitive new body camera rules:
 - Federal authorities (e.g., ICE) are ordered to wear body cameras (per recent court order)
 - Practical/compliance challenges expected
 - Resistance and delays due to logistics and potential appeals by federal agencies.
 - CPD follows different, more established rules regarding transparency (bodycams, identification)
 - Suggested legal responses: Lawsuits are being filed following questionable detentions; legal accountability is being pursued

Votes

- District Councilor Brenda Waters raised a motion to vote on changing meeting days to Saturday afternoon during the winter months (November, December, January, February)
- District Councilor Lovie Bernard seconded

Announcement of Next District Council Meeting

NEXT MEETING DATE: November 22, 2025

NEXT MEETING LOCATION (if available): Avalon Park, 1215 East 83rd Street

District Council ended the meeting at: 6:22 pm

