



DISTRICT COUNCILS

COMMUNITY COMMISSION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Notice of Public Meeting

DC 008 will be holding a public meeting. Below are the details:

- Meeting Type: Regular
- Date: April 16, 2026
- Start Time: 6:39 pm
- End Time: 7:45 pm
- Location: Vittum Park

District Council Member Name	Attendance
Chair: Jason Huff	Present: X Remote: ☐ Absent: ☐
Community Engagement: Mark Hamberlin	Present: X Remote : ☐ Absent: ☐
Nominating Committee: Albert Cacciottlo	Present: X Remote : ☐ Absent: ☐
Quorum (2 out of 3 Members): Yes: x No: ☐	

Attendance	
# of attendees in person	12
# of attendees virtual	3 FB Live
# of CPD attendees	1
CPD rank of attendees	CAPS SGT.

Agenda for the Public Meeting

Items on the agenda are subject to change. If you have questions regarding this agenda, please contact 312-742-8888.

I. Call to Order, Roll Call

The Council will begin the meeting and establish a quorum of at least two Councilors.

Quorum met all 3 District Council's present

II. Approval of Remote Attendance of Councilor

If applicable, the Council will vote to allow the third Councilor to participate remotely after establishing a valid basis for the absence from the meeting.

NA

III. Approval of Agenda

The Council may vote to approve the agenda. The Council may add or remove items. The Council cannot add new items to vote on. Even after deciding on the agenda, the Council may decide to add more items later on.

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IV. Approvals of Past Minutes

The Council will vote on past meeting minutes.

Date of Minutes	Approved by
March 19, 2026	Chair: X Nominator: ☐ Community Engagement: ☐
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V. Public Comment

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Youth Engagement & Outreach

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VI. Public Discussion on Trends and Concerns in the District

The Council will facilitate a discussion with the room on the most prevalent trends and concerns in the district, share their own observations from community engagement, and record a summary for the minutes.

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VII. Reports from the Councilors

Each Councilor will provide an update. Councilors will discuss their updates with themselves and meeting attendees. The Council may or may not have time limits for these updates depending on what they previously agreed upon.

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VIII. Update from the Commission

The Council may provide and discuss updates received from the Commission. If the Council has not received updates from the Commission, the Council will announce it.

District Council Al gave Commission Updates on nominating committee, names of the nominees that were given to the mayor and the selection of the two new commissioners.

Anjanette Young and Angelique Guzman

IX. Report from the Police District

The Council may call upon local District Command staff from the Chicago Police Department to provide updates from the last month. The Council may use this time to ask the District Command representative questions on behalf of the community.

CAPS Sgt. Jarocki:

Updates From Sergeant Jarocki

- Sergeant Jarocki is **relatively new to the CAPS program**, having taken over from Sgt. Opoka and serving in this role for approximately **6 months**.
- He emphasized that the **8th District CAPS team is attentive and responsive** to community concerns, and he regularly collaborates with Commander Strainy on issues brought forward by residents.
- He highlighted **changes in police training over his 23-year career**, noting significant improvements in how officers handle mental-health-related incidents.
- He explained that new officers receive **academy training** plus **critical incident response training**, including sessions with civilians, clinicians, individuals with lived experience, and others to better equip officers for nuanced situations.
- He pointed out that officers often spend **extended periods de-escalating situations**, but structural gaps in hospitals and follow-up services—beyond CPD’s control—frequently undermine long-term solutions.
- He reinforced that officers are **not social workers**, and broader city and state reforms are needed to adequately support individuals with disabilities and those experiencing mental-health crises.

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- He stated that CPD is actively working on better protocols for interacting with people with disabilities (including autism), and that this is an area under increased attention through consent decree requirements.

X. Hearings and Discussions

The Council will discuss any topics it decides to prioritize at the meeting.

NA

XI. Presentations

If the Council has arranged for a presentation from an outside organization, the Council will recognize the outside speaker to present to the community.

1. Presentation from DFSS on Summer/Year-round employment

XII. Final Actions, Resolutions, Recommendations

The Council will discuss items for voting. This may include resolutions calling upon the Commission, the Chicago Police Department, City Council, the Mayor's Office, or others to take action on a matter. Councilors may also share individual recommendations that are not formal, final actions of the Council. Individual recommendations do not require votes, and they may or may not be listed ahead of time.

1. Council votes (e.g. resolutions)

2. Individual recommendations

NA

XIII. Final Announcements and Adjournment

The Council will make final announcements, such as announcements about upcoming Council events and meetings, and then close the meeting.

- Next Meeting Date: May 21, 2026
- Next Meeting Time: 6:30 pm
- Location: TBD