14TH DISTRICT COUNCIL

COMMUNITY COMMISSION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

District Council 014 Public Meeting Minutes

- **Meeting Type:** Regular
- **Date:** August 6, 2026
- **Time:** 6:00 PM
- **Location:** Humboldt Park Fieldhouse, 1440 N Humboldt Blvd, 60622

• Call to Order, Roll Call

Under Illinois law, the District Council can only conduct official public business if the Council establishes a physically present quorum of two Councilors.

Start time: 6:05 PM

Roll call:

Councilor Name	Role	Present
Christopher Laurent	Chair	No
Ashley Vargas	Nominating Committee Member	Yes
David Orlikoff	Community Engagement Coordinator	Yes

Quorum achieved: Yes

• Approval of Remote Attendance of Councilor – N/A

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.

• 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.

Vote:

Councilor Name	Vote
David Orlikoff	Yes
Ashley Vargas	Yes

Outcome: Approved

• Approvals of Past Minutes

The Council will vote on past meeting minutes.

1. Approval of June 4, 2026 Regular Meeting minutes **- tabled**
2. Approval of June 25, 2026 Special Meeting minutes **- approved**
3. Approval of July 9, 2026 Regular Meeting minutes **- approved**

Notes:

- Councilor Vargas asked to table the approval for June 4's Regular Meeting minutes in order to add more context as to the protestors' priorities and requests

- **Public Comment**

  The Council will listen to comments from attendees. Each comment is limited to 2 minutes. Anyone interested in giving public comment should write their name on a card provided at the meeting and give it to the members of the Council or staff in the meeting room any time within 30 minutes of the start of the meeting. The public comment session is limited to 20 minutes. If the number of interested speakers exceeds the time dedicated to public comment, speakers will be selected by a random drawing. Anyone may submit a written comment by delivering it at the meeting or by emailing DC14@cityofchicago.org.

  Notes:

  - Sally Hamann:
    - Cited a recent OIG report that reported 49% of 911 calls from 2017 to 2021 had no reported time for CPD to arrive on scene.
      - Requested hearing District 014-specific data on reporting time
    - Doesn't understand why the Timothy Glaze murder from January 2025 wasn't taken on by the Cook County State's Attorney's office
  - Lucia:
    - Highlighted a recent WTTW report citing $259M in police-misconduct settlements in 2025, contrasted it with a $106M library budget, and asked for concrete steps to reduce misconduct and improve accountability

- **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.

Trend/concern: Police Misconduct – response to last Public Comment
Notes from discussion: • Councilor Orlikoff named a concern that the dollar amount for police misconduct cases could increase in coming years, drew a connection to Brady lists and the current State's Attorney's Office narrowing of scope in these disclosure lists by instead offering a self-disclosure survey to officers

- **Report from the Police District: Commander Al Perez**

  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.

1. Murders down 50%, criminal sexual assaults down 28%, robberies down 45%, aggravated batteries up 14%, burglaries down 19%, thefts up 16%, motor-vehicle thefts up 18%, and shooting incidents down 25%.

2. Upon request raw figures for select items were provided (e.g., criminal sexual assaults 18 vs. 25 YTD, aggravated batteries 81 vs. 71 YTD).
3. The Commander committed to sharing domestic-violence and sexual-assault trends at future District Council meetings and informing the CAPS team to make such data known at their meetings (at least as percentages, and some raw numbers when available) and to ask OEMC whether district-level response-time data can be produced.
4. He also noted a successful National Night Out and pledged to maintain regular attendance at District Council meetings.

- **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.

  Notes:

  1. Election for the next slate of District Councilors will occur in February 2027;
     a. Petition gathering currently live;
     b. Materials available on resource table include trifold brochure about the position and a flyer for regularly occurring info sessions occurring Weds afternoons, evenings, and Saturday afternoons
     c. Candidates can now run on a slate, allowing petition signatures
  2. CCPSA just announced the five Listening Sessions throughout the City for the Superintendent Search:
     a. Monday, August 17, 6:30 PM at Malcolm X College (West side)
     b. Tuesday, August 25, 6:30 PM at Kennedy High School (Southwest side)
     c. Thursday, August 27, 6:30 PM at Morgan Park Academy (Southeast side)
     d. Tuesday, September 2, 6:30 PM at DePaul College Prep (North side)
     e. Thursday, September 10, 6:30 PM – virtual via Zoom

- **Reports from the Councilors – tabled to prioritize presentation from Chicago Appleseed**

  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.

- **Hearings and Discussions – tabled to prioritize presentation from Chicago Appleseed**

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

1. Discussion of Police Accountability
2. Discussion of Restorative Justice
3. Discussion of Evidence-Based Approaches

- **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. Austin Segal, Director of Research at Chicago Appleseed Center for Fair Courts, presented highlights from the May 2026 report *500 Days Forward… 10 Years Back: An Evaluation of Eileen O'Neill Burke's First 500 Days as Cook County State's Attorney* including:
    a. Lowering felony threshold for retail theft from $1000 to $300, resulting in twice as many felony charges;
    b. Increased jailing for gun possession;
    c. Increases to the average daily population of Cook County Jail;
    d. Introducing an "Expedited Felony Review" process that results in increased cases without review by the CCSAO
    e. Q & A

- **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)
    a. Vote to change District Councilor roles
        i. Councilor Orlikoff nominated a shift in roles so that Councilor Ashley Vargas would act as Chair, Councilor David Orlikoff would take on the Nominating Committee role, and Councilor Christopher Laurent would take on the Community Engagement role
        ii. Seconded by Councilor Vargas
    b. Resolution of Censure of Councilor Chris Laurent
        i. Councilor Laurent's Statement Against the Vote for Censure
        ii. Motion introduced by Councilor Orlikoff, seconded by Councilor Vargas
        iii. Resolution passed
2. Individual recommendations
    a. Councilor Vargas recommended support of CCPSA Commissioners calling for Commissioner Sandra Wortham to step down from the Search Committee for Superintendent due to a show of bias in her role as President of the Chicago Police Memorial Foundation and her behavior during the pretextual traffic stops listening sessions
        i. Councilor Orlikoff supported the recommendation, adding that Commissioner Wortham has also historically expressed that she doesn't believe in civilian oversight of the police.

- **Final Announcements and Adjournment**
  The Council will make final announcements, such as announcements about upcoming Council events and meetings, and then close the meeting.

1. Loren Jones from Impact for Equity will present on the Workforce Allocation Study
2. Next meeting:
    a. Saturday, September 5, 1:00 PM
    b. Bucktown-Wicker Park library – 1701 N Milwaukee Ave, 60647
3. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM