



DISTRICT COUNCILS

COMMUNITY COMMISSION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

District Council 002-Meeting Minutes

Date: January 17, 2026

Time: 10:08 AM – 11:15 AM

Location: Washington Park Refectory
5531 S. Russell Drive, Chicago, IL

Attendance

- Councilor Lee – Present
- Councilor Perez – Present
- Councilor McDonald – Present
- No representatives from the CPD were present at the meeting.
- There were three attendees in total.

Quorum Established

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order, and a quorum was established.

2. Approval of Agenda and Previous Minutes

- The agenda was adopted using the updated streamlined format.
 - Minutes from the December 11, 2025, meeting were approved unanimously.
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3. Public Comment

Public comment was conducted in accordance with Council procedures, allowing two minutes per speaker within a thirty-minute session.

Residents primarily expressed concerns regarding:

- Alleged CPD cooperation with federal immigration enforcement agencies.

- Calls for stronger accountability measures and transparency.
- Concerns regarding investigations into police activity.
- Reports of racial disrespect in police encounters.
- Praise for officers engaged in youth and community outreach.
- Desire for greater transparency at public forums.

Written comments remain accepted through meeting submission or via email to dc002@cityofchicago.org.

4. Community Trends and Concerns

Community members discussed:

- Frustration regarding the reluctance of the command staff to address difficult questions.
 - The need for clear follow-up when immediate answers are unavailable.
 - Positive recognition of officers effectively engaging youth and addressing neighborhood violence.
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5. Councilor Reports

a. CCPSA Public Hearing Reflections

Councilors expressed concerns regarding the management of public testimony and community trust issues following the January 8 public hearing.

b. CPD Misconduct Data Portal

Councilors noted the launch of a new public complaint transparency dashboard, praising the effort while recognizing the need for continued improvements in usability and accessibility.

c. District Strategic Planning

Commander Williams is scheduled to attend the next meeting to discuss district public safety strategies and address missed planning deadlines.

d. Legislative and Community Initiatives

Councilor McDonald reported ongoing efforts concerning:

- Pharmacy closures impact vulnerable residents.
 - Community clinic partnership development.
 - Local business collaboration opportunities.
 - Advocacy related to federal funding impacts.
 - Broader economic and social factors influencing public safety.
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6. Local Policing and Safety Issues

Discussion included:

- Increased incidents of vehicle break-ins.
 - Ongoing drug activity and loitering concerns in specific areas.
 - Need for creative, community-informed policing strategies.
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7. Public Safety Commission Update

Council received notice of the February 26, 2026, meeting addressing immigration enforcement and community policing concerns.

8. Presentations

No presentations were delivered during this meeting.

9. Announcements

- Bronzeville Trail planning and development updates were shared.
 - Ongoing discussions regarding economic impacts related to public safety.
 - Upcoming district meetings were announced.
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10. Action Items Identified

- Contact Commissioner Worth for clarification on recent matters.

- Confirm Commander Williams' attendance at the next meeting.
 - Continue outreach regarding pharmacy closures.
 - Publish a letter addressing social service funding concerns.
 - Improve public feedback and meeting accessibility systems.
 - Expand community engagement initiatives.
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11. Adjournment

Following the final announcements, the meeting was adjourned.

Next Meeting

February 17, 2026

Washington Park Refectory