

**City of Chicago**  
**District Council Meeting Minutes 018**  
**COMMUNITY COMMISSION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND ACCOUNTABILITY**  
**MEETING MINUTES**

**Date:** April 28, 2026

**Time:** 6:02 PM – 7:15 PM

**Location:** Anti-Cruelty Society

**Format:** Hybrid (In-person and Zoom)

**CALL TO ORDER**

Council welcomed all attendees. Appreciation was extended to the Anti-Cruelty Society for hosting. Zoom access and audio/visual setup were acknowledged. A moment of silence was conducted to honor the recent homicide of Officer John Bartholomew.

**Attendees & Quorum**

- Councilor Brad Kessler
- Councilor Karen Kane
- Councilor Bob Johnson (via Zoom)
- A quorum was established.

**CPD Representatives Present**

- Commander Bielfeld
- Sergeant Schenk

**Attendance**

- 32 attendees in person
- 29 attendees via Zoom

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES & AGENDA**

- Minutes from February and March were approved.
- Quarterly trends review was tabled pending additional review time.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Community members raised concerns regarding:

- The Safe-T act does not provide adequate enforcement of electronic monitoring. The recent homicide of Officer Bartholomew by an alleged offender that was on electronic monitoring is a tragic reminder of this.

- Does the community agree with the Treatment not Trauma program?
- There are people trespassing into a downtown residential building and causing significant noise disturbances.

## **COUNCIL UPDATES**

- Concerns noted regarding CCPSA representation and disproportionate youth assignments.
- Council is drafting a letter requesting that the City Council delay certain appointments.
- A community survey will be released to gather additional public input.
- Curfew enforcement measures
- Electronic monitoring policies
- Pretrial detention gaps and impacts
- Ongoing collaboration with state legislators, including Rep. Buckner
- Aldermanic updates: Ongoing noise pilot concerns and need for increased mayoral engagement; Curfew enforcement remains a priority focus.

## **GUEST PRESENTATION – ASA Anne McCord Rodgers**

ASA Rodgers provided updates on:

- Special Prosecutions Bureau activities and domestic violence prosecution improvements
- Child protection investigations and multidisciplinary center operations
- Rising ICAC caseloads and continued law enforcement partnerships
- Constraints under the SAFE-T Act, including pretrial detention limitations
- Training, trauma-informed practices, and vertical prosecution enhancements

## **POLICE COMMANDER'S REPORT**

- Robbery patterns continue; burglary crews associated with ATM thefts were recently arrested.
- Increase in phone-based financial scams reported.
- Summer staffing plan includes expanded late-night deployments.
- Updates provided on recent shootings near Chicago Ave and Michigan Ave.
- Vehicle theft trends are improving following manufacturer software updates.

## **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

Next regular meeting: **May 26**

Location: **Division Street Library**

Time: **12:30 PM**