

**CITY OF CHICAGO
DISTRICT COUNCIL 005
COMMUNITY COMMISSION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND ACCOUNTABILITY
MEETING MINUTES**

MEETING TYPE: X Regular Special Closed

MEETING DATE: March 23, 2026

MEETING LOCATION & ADDRESS: Chicago State University 9501 South King Drive

MEETING START TIME: 6:08 pm

Attendance & Quorum

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

District Council Member Name	Attendance
Chair:	Present: x <input type="checkbox"/> Remote: <input type="checkbox"/> Absent: <input type="checkbox"/>
Nominator:	Present: x <input type="checkbox"/> Remote: <input type="checkbox"/> Absent: <input type="checkbox"/>
Community Engagement:	Present: <input type="checkbox"/> Remote: <input type="checkbox"/> Absent: x <input type="checkbox"/>

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

Public Comment None

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve February minutes at April's meeting. Motion approved

Discussions

Community Resource Fair Announcement

Event Details:

Date: May 16, 2026

Time: 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Location: Chicago State (JDC, gym, stadium, and outdoors)

Organizer: Area 2 District Council (Districts 4, 5, 6, and 22)

Goals:

Bring together city organizations, departments, companies hiring, and groups supporting mental health, youth engagement, and senior advocacy.

Promote community engagement and resource sharing.

Registration:

Open to orgs seeking tables; closes April 13, 2026.

Promotion will begin after registration closes.

Flyers distributed to Alderman's offices and others for publicity, including social media engagement.

Current local concerns:

Robberies (especially in Roseland area, notably around 111th and State)

Auto thefts, particularly on 95th Street

Aggravated batteries and shootings (Halsted to Greenwood, south of 130th Street)

Quarterly Meeting:

First quarterly DSP meeting was recently held.

Challenges were noted in some districts between staff and councils regarding collaboration and data sharing.

Local commander praised for involving the community in crime trend identification and solution discussions.

Suggestion for improvement:

Provide interim data at meetings to assess impact of strategies.

Council Accountability and Community Engagement

Emphasis on the council's responsibility to hold police and leadership accountable.

Importance of community input in identifying and responding to crime trends.

Noted improvements in outreach, especially in the 5th District.

District Crime Trends & Community Concerns

Recent crimes involving juveniles discussed, highlighting tragic consequences and the importance of prevention:

Example: 16-year-old killed during attempted robbery at 116th and Yale.

Past incidents involving 14-year-olds killed during an attempted catalytic converter theft.

Ongoing issues with mental health, poverty, and lack of resources in some communities contributing to youth crime.

Recognized city's efforts to offer youth programs and rec centers but indicated more resources may be needed.

Additional Incidents

Incident involving a resident who shot his mother and then targeted a police officer, attributed to mental health challenges. The suspect is in custody.

Acknowledgement that such violence occurs across socioeconomic groups and is often tied to broader issues.

Preventative Focus

Emphasized need for proactive measures—community programs, parental responsibility, and city resources—to prevent youth crime.

Goal is not just to report crime but to prevent encounters between youth and police by steering at-risk individuals toward better choices.

. Police Accountability

Noted a lack of recent incidents necessitating police discipline in the district, seen as positive.

Stressed the dual mission: ensuring police accountability and focusing on crime prevention/community wellness.

Communication and Reporting

Discussion of streamlining reports from the council to the commission and possibly providing direct communication after each meeting.

Noted current monthly report system exists but may benefit from additional direct, tailored updates.

Action Items & Follow-Ups

Continue community outreach and resource fair promotion through April 6 and afterward.

Monitor crime trends and DSP implementation, seeking improved data transparency at future meetings.

Strengthen direct lines of communication between district councils and the broader commission.

Encourage ongoing collaboration with local organizations, area leaders, and city departments to both report and address root causes of crime.

Review potential for enhancing or expanding preventative programs for at-risk youth.

Updates

Nominating Committee

Meetings Concluded: March 7, 2026

Process:

Began with 53 applications, narrowed to a smaller interview set, then six finalists.

Sent six names (including two youths and one adult) to the mayor for three open positions.

Committee put in significant effort and consider the pool strong.

Committee are now adjourned until another vacancy arises.

District Strategic Plan (DSP) Committee

DSP Overview:

Collaborate with district commander and staff to pinpoint top three crime concerns per district.

Announcement of Next District Council Meeting

NEXT MEETING DATE: April 27, 2026

NEXT MEETING LOCATION (if available): Pullman Exhibit Hall 11141 S. Cottage Grove

District Council ended the meeting at 6:51 pm