

# 14<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT COUNCIL

COMMUNITY COMMISSION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

## District Council 014 Public Meeting Minutes

- **Meeting Type:** Regular
- **Date:** February 7, 2026
- **Time:** 1:00 PM
- **Location:** Logan Square Library, 3030 W Fullerton Ave, 60647

- **Call to Order, Roll Call**

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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:** 1:13 PM

**Roll call:**

| Councilor Name      | Role                             | Present |
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| 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**

- **Approval of Agenda**

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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 |
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| David Orlikoff | Yes  |
| Ashley Vargas  | Yes  |

**Note:** Councilor Orlikoff requested the Commander’s Update be shifted up after Public Comment

**Outcome:** Approved

- **Approvals of Past Minutes**

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The Council will vote on past meeting minutes.

1. Approval of December 6, 2025 regular meeting minutes - passed

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### 2. Approval of January 3, 2026 regular meeting minutes

#### Notes:

- Approval for January minutes was tabled until next month due to Councilor Vargas' absence at January meeting and Councilor Laurent's absence at this meeting

- **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](mailto:DC14@cityofchicago.org).

#### **Notes:**

- Sally Hamman:
  - interested to see Mayor's Executive Order regarding documenting ICE's illegal actions and tracking their behavior; would like to see CPD protecting city's citizens rather than ICE
  - can't find January's DC014 meeting on the Facebook livestream page
- Nikki Nash:
  - Attending first meeting, echoing much of what Sally said, would like to know more about the specifics of the Mayor's Executive Order, specifically police response to it and their plan to protect citizens and non-citizens; has lived in the District for 1 year, moved from Texas, and has heard conflicting information on CPD, but in her neighborhood the actions of CPD officers demonstrate that they hold her interests higher than federal officials.

- **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.

#### **Notes:**

- Commander Ricky Rivera
  - CPD will document ICE misconduct (badge numbers, evidence, inventory incidents);
  - Training for officers on new provisions are underway;

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- Neutral stance on immigration enforcement; priority is protecting all residents regardless of status;
  - Supervisors deployed for ICE-related calls; emphasis on de-escalation and transparency;
  - Community Alert: uptick in Honda Civic airbag thefts; anti-theft device giveaway planned for March via CAPS office;
    - Increase in CTA robberies on the Red Line; reminder to track physical traits if victimized and to note bus/train number
  - Responded to community concerns with reminders of how to file a complaint if treated unfairly by an officer (at station or via COPA website/phone)
  - Technology Concerns: no current use of ZeroEyes AI gun detection by CPD
  - Invited attendees to Conversations with a Commander on February 24, at Letizia's – 2144 W Division
- **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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| <b>Community Engagement Coordinator: David Orlikoff</b>  |
| <p>Notes from discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Has attended marches and vigils throughout the District in protest of ICE presence</li> <li>● Call for accountability of State's Attorney Eileen O'Neil Burke to investigate federal agent misconduct and killings</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Nominating Committee: Ashley Vargas</b>   |
| <p>Notes from discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Moment of silence to honor the deaths of: Silverio Villegas Gonzalez, Alex Pretti, Renee Goode, and Keith Porter</li> <li>● Standing with the 26<sup>th</sup> Ward and other officials in calling for Cook County State's Attorney Eileen O'Neil Burke to fully investigate and prosecute the killing of Silverio Villegas Gonzalez and shooting of Marimar Martinez</li> <li>● January 8 Listening Session of the CCPSA in response to CPD engagement and perceived support of ICE triggered by over 2000 petition signatures; follow up meeting with Superintendent and 22 CPD Commanders to happen first week of March and there is an online form to submit questions in advance</li> <li>● Nominating Committee will begin scoring applications on February 17, to submit names to the Mayor by March 8; he will then have 30 days to choose from those nominated</li> <li>● Early voting opens on February 12 at downtown locations (137 S State St and 69 W</li> </ul> |

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Washington St) and on March 2 at NEIU's El Centro campus

- Reminder to call elected representatives to push or thank them; encouraged those in attendance to thank U.S. Representative Delia Ramirez for leading the Melt ICE efforts and reach out to State Senator Graciela Guzman to get trained and vetted for the Northwest Side Deportation Defense Network

- **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:** Clarification questions on holding State's Attorney Eileen O'Neil Burke accountable to prosecuting federal immigrations agents

Notes from discussion:

- In Illinois there is no recall process, so constituents must contact their elected representatives to share what they'd like to see from them
- Chicago/Illinois seems to be leading in terms of legislative efforts, though there is discussion in Minnesota
- Federal Department of Justice typically prosecutes in these types of cases, but they have reported they will not pursue investigation; 6 federal prosecutors resigned as a result

**Trend/concern:** counter-insurgency against people and groups pursuing pro-social systemic change

Notes from discussion:

- When people choose to abandon Black people and Black issues, fascism increased
- People not impacted often use the language of "strategy" and what is of strategic benefit to programs and organizations
- District Councilors asked if they are going to uphold civility politics or attempt to dismantle that as a patriarchal, white supremacist, anti-Black construct

**Trend/concern:** Keep pressure on City leadership to continue expanding alternate response CARE teams

Notes from discussion:

- Claims of citywide availability by end of March

- **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:**

- Follow up to Listening Session will occur the first week of March as a Special Meeting; people could submit questions via the online form

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- At January's monthly CCPSA meeting:
  - LaKenya White was nominated as COPA's Chief Administrator
  - CPD's 2026 Goals were voted on; they include:
    - Strengthening investigations, public awareness, process, and outcomes
      - Objective: Increase public awareness of the investigative process and create clear, accessible Pathways for Community to assist in solving cases and Reporting crimes
      - Objective: Strengthening forensic evidence, collection analysis, and storage
    - Community policing, building Community Trust
      - Objective: Complete the community policing assessment and begin implementing the model. Define and implement structures to ensure efficient coordination between CPD community policing and CCPSA
    - Community policing under supporting CARE (Crisis Assistance Response and Engagement) implementation
      - Objective: CPD actually participates in the city CARE working groups and relevant meetings to ensure efficient collaboration
    - Understanding and addressing use of force and Firearm pointing increases
      - Objective: CPD will analyze and publicly report on the factors contributing to the increase in reported uses of force and firearm pointing incidents
- Hearings and Discussions

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

  1. Discussion of Police Accountability
    - i. Freedom to Move Coalition and Impact for Equity released a report on Chicago's traffic ticket racial gap
    - ii. Invitation to sign petition to trigger a special meeting regarding Victim Services, specifically CPD Detective practices related to violent crimes investigation, Survivor and Victim rights, and case clearance rates

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1. Continuation of efforts from last year to add a CCPSA priority of Victim Bill of Rights in Chicago
  2. Community comment of efforts to get DV issues regularly reported in Beat meetings, to no avail
  2. Discussion of Restorative Justice
  3. Discussion of Evidence-Based Approaches
    - i. Ujimaa Medics held event in district recently; asked audience if trainings would be welcome (CPR, gunshot first response, Trauma, etc.)
- **Presentations – N/A**

If the Council has arranged for a presentation from an outside organization, the Council will recognize the outside speaker to present to the community.
  - **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. Vote to move March meeting from March 7 to March 21- passed
    2. Vote to pass Resolution – [Protect Chicago from Fascism](#) – passed
      - a. Proposal to postpone vote until all District Councilors could vote;
      - b. Community questions about vote postponement; led to vote
  - **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. Saturday, March 21, 1:00 PM
    2. Bucktown-Wicker Park Library – 1701 N Milwaukee Ave, 60647
    3. Meeting adjourned at 2:36 PM