

14TH DISTRICT COUNCIL

COMMUNITY COMMISSION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

District Council 014 Public Meeting Minutes

- **Meeting Type:** Regular
- **Date:** March 21, 2026
- **Time:** 1:00 PM
- **Location:** Bucktown-Wicker Park Library, 1701 N Milwaukee Ave, 60647

- **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: 1:10 PM

Roll call:

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

Quorum achieved: Yes

- **Approval of Remote Attendance of Councilor – N/A**

- **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
Christopher Laurent	Yes
David Orlikoff	Yes

Note: Councilor Laurent noted that the address for the Humboldt Park library listed as the location for the next meeting should read 1605 N Troy St.

Outcome: Approved

- **Approvals of Past Minutes**

The Council will vote on past meeting minutes.

1. Approval of January 3, 2026 regular meeting minutes – approved
2. Approval of February 7, 2026 regular meeting minutes – tabled until April

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3. Approval of March 7, 2026 Quarterly meeting minutes – tabled until April

Notes:

- Approval for February minutes was tabled until April due to Councilor Laurent's absence at February meeting, Councilor Vargas' absence at this meeting and lack of appropriate review time
- Approval of March Quarterly meeting minutes was tabled until April as they are not yet complete
 - Community question about the accessibility and availability of the Quarterly Meeting to the public; staff will explore virtual options and bring answers to next 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.

Notes:

- **Sally Hamman:**
 - Concerned about lack of reporting per new 2026 law that mandates monthly reports from CPD to the Mayor and 3 City Council Committee chairs about officers who have misconduct cases.
 - Connected to the Consent Decrees which is only 22% in compliance despite being a work in progress since 2017.
 - Wants to ensure the police are seriously working on these improvements.
 - City has paid almost \$300 million in law suits due to police misconduct.
 - Also concerned about traffic stops – specifically the 267,000 traffic stops that were not reported to the state
- **Anita Orlikoff**
 - Concerns about AI-driven fraud targeting seniors as learned about in an AARP article.
 - AARP is offering workshops around the country to let people know how they could protect themselves – could be a presentation idea for DC014.
 - Interrupting Criminalization is a good resource that community members could benefit from.

• **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.

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Trend/concern: Lack of transparency in Sexual Assault (SA) and Domestic Violence (DV) reporting
Notes from discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Attends Beat (1414) meetings regularly where this issue is not addressed;• Has independently been going on the City’s website to look up clearmap data;• Data does not align with what is being reported in Beat meetings;• DV issues not being reported as much as robberies, burglaries, and thefts;• Alternative CARE teams seem to be a more suitable response to SA and DV calls than the police;
Trend/concern: What Officers are being charged with misconduct
Notes from discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Would appreciate more data from Commander’s reports on in-district officers who are charged with misconduct;• As well as how much of the City’s lawsuit payouts apply within the District;• Hypothesis offered that there are complications due to BIA;<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Lack of trust in the BIA due to how they responded to Oathkeepers in the force
Trend/concern: Citywide expansion of alternative response CARE teams
Notes from discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Goal of citywide availability by end of March• Still limited in hours, even after regional reach is increased• Other in-district resources, like violence interrupters at ALSO, PRCC, and New Life Center, could meet the same need

- **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.

Community Engagement Coordinator: David Orlikoff
Notes from discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• March 9 killing of Derek Jordan by CPD officers, including Max Walzer<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Happened at Chicago/Homan, just South of the District borders○ Ruled a homicide by the medical examiner.• Deputy Director for Public Safety for Chicago’s Office of the Inspector General, Tobar Richardson, has been confirmed for May 2 meeting at Logan Square library, 3030 W Fullerton Ave, 1:00 PM.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Asked explicitly to speak to the inconsistencies in disciplinary reporting within CPD• Supported a draft of a resolution supporting ICE-free zones at polling places – did not go to vote before primary elections;

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Currently supporting RACE Act (SB1733) which establishes voting rights for those previously convicted of a felony• Police Board put out their annual report from 2025; President highlighted the ongoing legal battle brought by the FOP to have the option of disciplinary decisions made by private arbitration as opposed to public police board hearings
Chair: Christopher Laurent
Notes from discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Apology for February absence; was in Springfield;• Attended Quarterly DC Meeting, where Nominating Committee voted on 6 nominees for the Mayor to choose from for the 3 Commission vacancies:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Angelique Guzman (North Side and youth representative);○ Hamza Jilani (South Side and youth representative);○ Darrion Johnson (South Side and youth representative);○ Rebecca Levin (North Side resident);○ Javier Vasquez (North Side and youth representative);○ Anjanette Young (South Side resident)• Felt the decisions were made in a star chamber with a lack of transparency;• Community Training Days: first-hand look at officer training on April 11• Attended Coffee with a Commander event and spoke directly with Commander
Nominating Committee: Ashley Vargas (in absentia)
Notes from discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• At least 2 candidates must be nominated per vacancy• Nominating process began January 7, but ramped up as deadline to vote neared<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Included at least one meeting that lasted until 1:00 AM○ Quarterly Meeting agenda impacted by ongoing discussion over vote• Mayor must choose who is moving on to City Council vote by April 18

- **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:

- Monthly Meeting to occur Thursday, March 26, 6:30 PM at George Washington High School, 3535 E 114th St.
- CCPSA Press Release on Nominees sent to Mayor
- Petition submissions triggered Special Meeting on CPD engagements with ICE; January Special Meeting turned into Listening Session instead of a Panel and

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presence of Superintendent Snelling as originally requested; follow up to this will occur **Thursday, April 2** with explicit DC request to be involved in planning.

- April 2 date might be rejected due to conflicts with religious holidays (Passover and Holy Thursday)

Report from the Police District – N/A no CPD representation present

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.

- **Hearings and Discussions**

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

1. Discussion of Police Accountability

- i. Updates on Protecting Chicago from Fascism Resolution

1. Alder Jessie Fuentes of the 26th Ward introduced an ordinance in City Council to increase COPA's investigatory powers in to CPD violations of the Welcoming City Ordinance; passed on March 18
 2. Community concerns remain about types of ICE-related interactions not covered by the Welcoming City Ordinance.

- ii. State's Attorney Protocols for Excessive Force by Federal Immigration Agents

1. SAO released the Federal Immigration Enforcement Action Response Protocol (effective Feb 19);
 2. Councilors noted the protocol has not yet been used in known cases, such as the killing of Silverio Gonzalez and attempted killing of Marimar Martinez;
 3. Councilor Orlikoff supported the petition calling for a special prosecutor on these cases; hearing scheduled for March 24.

2. Discussion of Restorative Justice

1. Cook County State's Attorney Office (CCSAO) launching Juvenile Alternative to Detention Pilot – diversionary pre-trial program to keep youth out of detention.

3. Discussion of Evidence-Based Approaches

1. CCSAO Office launching Gun Accountability Program (GAP) – diversionary path for first-time weapons offenders to learn gun safety and avoid criminal records
 2. Book recommended by attendee: *Unforgiving Spaces: The Unexpected Origins of American Gun Violence* by Jens Ludwig

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- **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.

1. Discussion about Agenda format for CCSAO's June appearance.
 - a. 45-60 minute speaker period broken down into 20 min presentation with remaining time for Q&A

- **Final Actions, Resolutions, Recommendations – N/A**

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.

- **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. Note for everyone that June, July, and August meetings will occur on Thursday evenings
2. Next meeting:
 - a. Saturday, April 4, 1:00 PM
 - b. Humboldt Park Library – 1605 N Troy St, 60647
3. Meeting adjourned at 2:19 PM