

14TH DISTRICT COUNCIL

COMMUNITY COMMISSION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

District Council 014 Public Meeting Minutes

- **Meeting Type:** Regular
- **Date:** April 4, 2026
- **Time:** 1:00 PM
- **Location:** Humboldt Park Library, 1605 N Troy St, 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: 1:03 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

Outcome: Approved

- **Approvals of Past Minutes**

The Council will vote on past meeting minutes.

1. Approval of February 7, 2026 regular meeting minutes – **approved**
2. Approval of March 7, 2026 Quarterly meeting minutes – **approved w/amendments**
3. Approval of March 21, 2026 Regular meeting minutes – **approved**

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Notes:

- The March Quarterly meeting minutes need to be corrected as Councilor Vargas was present, and Councilor Orlikoff was not

- **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:
 - Attended the **special CCPSA meeting (Apr 2)** remotely. Expressed concern that CPD's stated role (per Superintendent Snelling) was primarily **keeping protesters at a safe distance** from ICE/Border Patrol rather than **monitoring or documenting** federal agents' conduct. Alleged that **violent incidents** (e.g., "Martinez" shooting) were **not documented/intervened** by CPD at the scene.
 - Welcomed the Commission's intent to have **COPA/OIG** investigate **CPD interactions during "Operation Midway Blitz"**, urged swift action and reporting back to the District Council.
 - Raised concern about whether CPD is **actively investigating criminal activity** involving federal agents pursuant to the **Mayor's order**, asked command staff to comment

- **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: Consent Decree
Notes from discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Concern that Chicago taxpayers have spent \$28.6M on independent monitoring since 2019, with only ~22% of requirements met by end of June last year; pace perceived as too slow.
Trend/concern: Series of Robberies in Beat 1431
Notes from discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Report of three business robberies within ~an hour—offenders entering, removing cash registers, taking cash from patrons in some cases. No arrests seen in news yet; requested updates and deterrence strategies.

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- **Report from the Police District : Captain Brian Courtney**

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.

1. Year to Date Crime Picture
 - a. Robberies: Down 54% vs. last year (which itself was down from the prior year).
 - b. Burglaries: Down 27% YTD vs. last year (also down vs. prior year).
 - c. Motor Vehicle Thefts: Up ~2%; identified as a citywide issue.
2. Specific Patterns & Operations
 - a. Airbag thefts from certain Honda models (CR V, Civic):
 - i. Crews exploiting a hardware vulnerability; rapid removal of airbags.
 - ii. Prevention measure: Use of the steering wheel “Club” device to block access.
 - iii. 14th District CAPS giveaway: ~60 Clubs available free to registered owners of affected Honda models. Contact: 312.744.1261; bring vehicle registration
 1. Community Q: is my 2007 CR-V at risk? Most likely 2012 and newer, but call CAPS office for specific years and models
 - b. Robbery series (Beat 1431 / Milwaukee corridor):
 - i. CPD aware of the early morning pattern (~3:30–4:00 AM) of three businesses targeted within ~6 minutes; cash registers taken, one altercation reported (e.g., Dunkin’). Citywide detective work ongoing; surveillance/video used; offenders often use stolen vehicles/plates and masks.
 - c. Auto theft response:
 - i. Citywide Auto Theft Team and Area 5 detectives have dedicated personnel (4–5 investigators) focusing on MV thefts; investigations active.
 - ii. Resident Safety Tips from CPD
 1. Hide/remove valuables when parking street-side (e.g., laptops, bags) to reduce smash-and-grab risk
 2. Report suspicious activity; provide surveillance/vehicle information promptly.
3. Federal Agencies & Documentation (Councilor’s Orlikoff’s question)
 - a. CPD adheres to general orders governing interactions with outside law-enforcement agencies; officers complete the “Incident Involving Outside Law-Enforcement Agency” report when applicable—these reports are sent to the Superintendent’s Office
 - b. Regarding the Mayor’s Executive Order (Jan 2026): CPD receives updated general orders monthly and adjusts procedures as required; Captain

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Courtney did not speak to ratification specifics, emphasized avoiding hypotheticals, and reiterated CPD does not direct federal agencies' actions but dictates Chicago police conduct and documentation in such encounters.

- **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:

1. Highlights taken from February's monthly report out:
 - i. COPA Leadership: Interim Chief Administrator LaKenya White unanimously nominated and subsequently approved by City Council as COPA Chief.
 - ii. Community Mediation Pilot: COPA releasing applications; community mediator recruitment underway.
 - iii. Federal Immigration Interactions: Update noted the special hearing (Apr 2) at Thomas Kelly High School; Commission tracking implications.
 - iv. Strategic Priorities: Seven Commission priorities approved Jan 29; FAQs provided in the monthly update.
 1. Clearance Rates: Goal for 2026: Improve CPD clearance rates; CPD working on a public dashboard and resident education to support investigations.
 2. Alternative Response: CCPSA + Policing Project expanding non police crisis response education and outreach (ties to CARES presentation).
 3. Officer Wellness: Working group activity continues (subject matter expert engagement, document review); support noted for Councilor Angelica Green's wellness initiatives.
2. Workforce Allocation Study (CPD staffing & efficiency):
 - i. Key findings reported publicly: too many officers in desk assignments (positions could be civilianized); under representation of officers in field operations.
 - ii. Analytical caution: The study assumes "ideal" 40% proactive officer time—concerns raised that this resembles quota like targets, may detract from response readiness, and could encourage pretextual traffic stops. Councilor urged careful interpretation of the study's assumptions.
3. Community Policing Liaison (CCPSA office): Councilor Laurent applied for appointment; peer elections underway.

- **Reports from the Councilors – covered in other areas**

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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.

Chair: Christopher Laurent
Notes from discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Drafting Priority Proposal regarding DV and SA issues in the District

Hearings and Discussions

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

1. Discussion of Police Accountability
 - i. Transparency: COPA monthly report for the 14th District: zero new allegations in the period; two sustained and one unfounded outcomes among listed investigations.
 1. Staff will post COPA dashboards/reports to the District 14 website for public access.
2. Discussion of Restorative Justice
 - i. Upcoming CARE presentation will answer questions from previous meeting
3. Discussion of Evidence-Based Approaches
 - i. See above Workforce Allocation Study report
 - ii. Community Training

- **Presentations**

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. [Crisis Assistance Response and Engagement \(CARE\) overview](#) and updates
 - a. Currently funded through City Council budget; looking to increase funding to expand the program through a corporate tax
 - b. Equity & Professionalization Concerns: Public comment urged inclusive pathways (disabled, neurodivergent, Black/Brown residents, people with records, diverse literacy journeys) to avoid exclusionary professionalization.”
 - c. Councilor Orlikoff cited community pathways models (e.g., local “ambassador” programs) and invited continued feedback and participation.
2. Review of Ordinance [02025-0020004](#), per materials provided from the 26th Ward
 - a. Includes [COPA presentation on Welcoming City Ordinance Jurisdiction](#) as presented during the subject matter hearing in City Council
 - b. [Municipal Code Section 2-78-120](#) – details Powers and Duties of COPA Office and Chief Administrator
 - i. [Municipal Code Section 2-173-067](#) – Welcoming City Ordinance

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- **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**
 - a. Office of Inspector General will be present for May meeting
 - b. Cook County State's Attorney's Office will be present for June meeting, at Pulaski Fieldhouse
2. Next meeting:
 - a. Saturday, May 2, 1:00 PM
 - b. Logan Square Library – 3030 W Fullerton Ave, 60647
3. Meeting adjourned at 2:16 PM