

14TH DISTRICT COUNCIL

COMMUNITY COMMISSION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

District Council 014 Public Meeting Minutes

- **Meeting Type:** Regular
- **Date:** May 2, 2026
- **Time:** 1:00 PM
- **Location:** Logan Square Library, 3030 W Fullerton 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: 1:11 PM

Roll call:

Councilor Name	Role	Present
Christopher Laurent	Chair	Yes
Ashley Vargas	Nominating Committee Member	Remotely
David Orlikoff	Community Engagement Coordinator	Yes

Quorum achieved: Yes

- **Approval of Remote Attendance of Councilor**

If applicable, the Council will vote to allow the third Councilor to participate remotely after establishing a valid basis for the absence from the meeting.

1. Councilor Vargas was permitted to attend remotely.

- **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
Ashley Vargas	Yes

Outcome: Approved

- **Approvals of Past Minutes**

The Council will vote on past meeting minutes.

1. Approval of April 4, 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:

- Peter Kohn:
 - Would like to see the District Council's website added to all printed materials so people know where to find it
- Sally Hamann:
 - posed three questions to OIG regarding: (a) whether OIG is investigating Sgt. Michael Noaki (alleged Oath Keepers association) and if an update could be provided; (b) whether OIG is examining possible CPD collaboration with ICE/Border Patrol per CCPSA's vote; and (c) OIG's role in advancing the consent decree.
 - Investigations are confidential under MCC 2-56-110; any public recommendations (e.g., reopen requests) appear on the OIG website.
 - OIG received CCPSA's referral and responded in writing; no public publication yet on the matter.
 - The Independent Monitoring Team (IMT) led by Maggie Hickey oversees consent decree compliance; OIG itself reached full compliance in Dec 2023 and avoids duplicating IMT's work.
- Steve Jensen:
 - Formally called for Councilor David Orlikoff's resignation, citing multiple reports of aggressive behavior and comments described as racist, xenophobic, and misogynistic; stated intent to run against him. The chair acknowledged the comment and moved on.

- **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: Alternative Response (CARE)
Notes from discussion: • Questions about alternative response program (CARE) • Councilor Orlikoff summarized the CARE (Crisis Assistance, Response, &

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Engagement) pilot expansion: 8 CARE teams currently; only one citywide van for the expansion at present; need for additional funding, OEMC (911) training, and clearer police-CARE routing to scale effectively. Petitions to support expansion were available at the meeting.

- **Report from the Police District : Lt Elvis Ortega**

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. Report of last 7 days
 - a. Overall crime down 12%
 - b. No murders or criminal sexual assaults
 - c. Robberies down 60%
 - d. Burglaries down 60%
 - e. Thefts down 12%
 - f. Uptick in vehicle thefts
2. Recent commercial burglary: Overnight break-in reported at a vape/tobacco shop near Kimball & Fullerton; four masked offenders, in-and-out in ~4 minutes. (Police indicated burglaries remain comparatively low in the 14th District.)
3. Theft deterrence: Police and Council encouraged use of steering-wheel clubs and leveraging free anti-theft devices available through the 14th District when offered.

- **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: David Orlikoff
Notes from discussion: • May Day & court action: Flagged a Cook County court case seeking a special prosecutor to investigate federal immigration agent misconduct; next hearing May 11). The Councilor requested residents share official complaint documentation via the provided contact. • Community loss: Called for a moment of silence for Neal Rysdahl, a long-time attendee and community advocate, who passed away from lung disease.
Nominating Committee: Ashley Vargas
Notes from discussion: • Victim services deficiencies: Report-back from the April 30 CCPSA meeting: repeated lack of communication from detectives to bereaved families (e.g., no response for 1.5 years in one case); concerns that police documentation practices can harm new visa applications; reminder of Chicago's high rate of wrongful convictions and local issues involving Cmdr. John Foster (votes of no

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confidence tied to coerced confessions and costly settlements). Vargas supports advancing a Chicago Victim Bill of Rights to standardize detective communication obligations.

- **Commission appointments & censure:** The Mayor selected Anjanette Young and Angelique Guzman to fill Commission vacancies around June; Police & Fire Committee hearing set for Wed, May 6 at noon, City Hall (121 N LaSalle); a third seat remains vacant until October.
 - The nominating committee censured District Councilor Lee Bielecki for appearing uninvited late at night at youth Commissioner Abierre Minor's home to question qualifications—described as dangerous and historically resonant with intimidation of Black women; referred to OIG for investigation.
- **Treatment Not Trauma – scaling plan:** Advocate for reopening 12 public mental-health centers, creating 24/7 “Living Rooms” crisis spaces, expanding non-police crisis response citywide, and investing in community care workers with lived experience; petition sign-ups were available through staff.
- **Accountability after Operation Midway Blitz:** Following reports of excessive force/wrongful arrests by federal agents and alleged CPD cooperation, Vargas joined calls for the Illinois Accountability Commission to pursue criminal charges for civil-rights violations and refer findings to the appropriate agencies (e.g., Cook County State's Attorney, Sheriff, Illinois State Police, local departments).
- **26th Ward Community Safety Town Hall report out by Nat Duran:** Attended the 14th District Quarterly Community Safety Town Hall hosted by Alder Fuentes, with Cmdr. Rivera and CAPS Sgt present. Format was largely Q&A, plus a year-long crime snapshot (Apr 28, 2025–Apr 21, 2026).
 - Snapshot noted 148 violent crimes in that period and 262 crime-free days; summer months showed higher incidence on the heat map.
 - Alder Fuentes promoted Chicago Youth Works (formerly One Summer Chicago) for youth employment, encouraging year-round placements to reduce idle time and enhance safety.

Chair: Christopher Laurent

Notes from discussion:

- **Coffee with a Councilor:** Planning a weekday 4–6 PM drop-in at Colectivo Coffee (California & Milwaukee)—date/time TBD—to bring listening sessions into the community.
- **Officer tragedy (17th District):** Recognized the recent fatality and critical injury involving officers just outside the Council's district; asked attendees to keep Officer John Bartholomew and Nelson Crespo in their thoughts.
- **Police Academy observation:** Reported on a well-attended training day at the Jackson academy, highlighting instruction that emphasizes situational awareness and direct interpersonal engagement (countering over-reliance on phones among younger recruits).

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- **Hearings and Discussions – tabled to prioritize presentation from OIG**

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

1. Discussion of Police Accountability
2. Discussion of Restorative Justice
3. Discussion of Evidence-Based Approaches

- **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. [Ms. Tobara Richardson, Interim Inspector General and Deputy Director for Public Safety](#)
 - a. Overview of Office of Inspector General
 - b. Public Safety Section history and overview
 - i. Jurisdiction in relation to BIA, COPA
 - ii. Investigation process and Publications
 - c. Public Safety Dashboards overview
 - d. High level overview of most recent discipline report
 - e. Public Safety Dashboard walkthrough
 - f. Q&A

- **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. LaTonya White named as Chief Administrator of COPA
2. City Council approved motion that allows COPA to investigate violations of the Welcoming City Ordinance;
3. COPA accepting applications for Community Mediators for their Community Mediation program;
4. April 2 special meeting focused on CPD's interactions with federal immigration officials
5. April 30 meeting focused on Victims' Services (see Councilor Vargas' report for more details)
6. Workforce Allocation Report was released in late March – CCPSA staff reviewing for recommendation;
7. Community Policing Working Group recently announced, made up of Commissioners and District Councilor representation
8. CCPSA has partnered with New York University's Policing Project to increase understanding of Alternative Response programs

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- **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. Councilor Laurent proposed holding a special meeting to vote on budgetary expenses for outreach materials

- **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. Representatives from Cook County State's Attorney's Office will be presenting at next meeting
2. Next meeting:
 - a. Thursday, June 4, 6:00 PM
 - b. Pulaski Park Fieldhouse – 1419 W Blackhawk St, 60642
3. Meeting adjourned at 2:49 PM