

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

## COMMUNITY COMMISSION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

### District Council 017 Public Meeting Minutes

- **Meeting Type:** Regular
- **Date:** June 16, 2026
- **Planned Start Time:** 6:30 PM
- **Location:** Roosevelt High School, 3436 W Wilson Ave, 60625
- **Zoom link:** <https://bit.ly/DC17zoom>

#### **I. 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:** 6:34 PM

**Roll call:**

| Councilor Name     | Role                             | Present |
|--------------------|----------------------------------|---------|
| Luis Bermudez      | Chair                            | Yes     |
| Elizabeth Rochford | Nominating Committee Member      | Yes     |
| Anthony Tamez      | Community Engagement Coordinator | Virtual |

**Quorum achieved:** Yes

#### **II. Approval of Remote Attendance of Councilor**

According to the Illinois Open Meetings Act (OMA; 5 ILCS 120/7(a)), the two Councilors physically present at the meeting may vote to approve remote attendance of the third Councilor if one of the following exemptions listed below has prevented the third Councilor's physical attendance:

1. Councilors Bermudez and Rochford approved Councilor Tamez's remote attendance after he joined the meeting at 6:35 PM

#### **III. 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 |
|--------------------|------|
| Luis Bermudez      | Aye  |
| Elizabeth Rochford | Aye  |
| Anthony Tamez      | -    |

**Outcome:** Approved

#### **IV. Approvals of Past Minutes**

The Council will vote on past meeting minutes.

## District Council Public Meeting Notice & Agenda, continued

1. The **May 9, 2026 Regular** meeting minutes were approved

### V. 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 [dc017publiccomment@gmail.com](mailto:dc017publiccomment@gmail.com).

#### Notes:

- **Paddy Lindley:** reported deep concern about violent crime and federal “abductions,” citing a recent Albany Park incident where agents pointed tasers/weapons at onlookers after a crash. Lindley asked what the Citywide Commission, City Council, and CPD leadership are doing, and criticized CPD’s lack of a crash report and overall responsiveness. Perception shared that CPD is “aiding and abetting, not protecting Chicagoans.”
  - **In response:** stated CPD refused to answer a FOIA request related to the Mayor’s Executive Order 2026-01 (CPD and ICE). The Illinois Attorney General’s Public Access Counselor ruled CPD must answer, but the commenter said CPD still refused. District 16 leadership was described as evasive in public meetings about ICE related concerns.
- **Hannah Flint:** as a member of the Community Mediator Selection Advisory Group, explained that low level COPA complaints may be diverted to mediation if both parties consent. She reviewed anonymized resumes, interviewed one candidate (a Northwestern professor experienced in police mediation), and shared selections by area (with Area 3 having the most). She had not yet heard whether mediations had begun.

### VI. 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.

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Trend/concern:</b> Albany Park shooting                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Notes from discussion:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Recent shooting near Lawrence &amp; Drake highlighted; residents worried summer heat correlates with rising violence; desire for updates from district leadership. Officers disputing whether withdrawal/drug-related behaviors qualified as mental health concerns.</li></ul> |
| <b>Trend/concern:</b> ICE presence                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Notes from discussion:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• See above public comment</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

## District Council Public Meeting Notice & Agenda, continued

### VII. 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.

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Community Engagement: Anthony Tamez</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Notes from discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Support for First Nations Garden programming, including monthly adult and children's book clubs funded in part by council stipends, and comedy shows to activate the space for summer.</li><li>• Youth Council outreach planned for late summer as students return to school.</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Chair: Luis Bermudez</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Notes from discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• CARE expanded citywide; 8 vans planned (4 currently active). Hours are 10:00–4:30 (previously 10:30–4), which the councilor and residents criticized as too limited.</li><li>• CARE can now respond to social and emotional crises beyond obvious mental-health emergencies; service available for ages 6+. Calls go through 911; requesters should specifically ask for CARE to be routed to the fire side rather than police. Outreach and printed materials are pending; petitions circulated for 24/7 coverage and more mental-health centers.</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Nominating Committee Member: Beth Rochford</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Notes from discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Nominating Committee meeting set for June 27 to review next steps and commissioner appointments; two new commissioners to start at the June meeting.</li><li>• Work with Community Violence Intervention Team and a local Juneteenth event at Sacramento Park;</li><li>• CAPS Domestic Violence Subcommittee held a healing circle for committee members; and plans to coordinate community circles with Kedzie Center/LOHSA; fatherhood program details pending.</li><li>• District Strategic Plan Working Group: CPD leadership agreed with most recommendations; follow-ups planned; meeting with the Independent Monitoring Team set for June 29.</li><li>• Commission priorities:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>o Crime clearance rates: Families still report detectives not contacting them; staff pursuing answers.</li><li>o Community mediation: Training completed; 11 mediators selected with goal of 5 per area; mediations expected to start August; exploring funding to train additional community mediators.</li><li>o Immigration &amp; accountability: CCPSA and staff met OIG; CPD requested extra time beyond the 2-week ordinance requirement to answer Commission questions; Law Department reviewing draft guidance for the</li></ul></li></ul> |

## District Council Public Meeting Notice & Agenda, continued

Mayor's EO on CPD/ICE.

- o Extremist group participation: Ordinance passed; COPA to investigate alleged violations. Implementation details forthcoming.
- o New proposal: Update CPD's 2013 policy on interactions with unhoused neighbors, add trauma-informed practices and an unhoused advisory council; proposals heard June 27, votes in fall to set next year's goals.

### **VIII. 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.

1. Some items covered above under Councilor Rochford's updates;
2. Traffic Stops: still under confidential negotiation stage
3. Extremism in Government Task Force: echoing previous update

### **IX. Report from the Police District – N/A**

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. 2 POs present, but no representations from District leadership;
2. Councilor Rochford reiterated concerns raised during May's meeting regarding the impact on community members of Officer Bartholomew's funeral procession

### **X. 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. Maggie Hickey, Dr. Laura Kunard, and Dr. Norma Ramos from the Independent Monitoring Team (IMT) presented on the Consent Decree and their monitoring of it, including:
  - a. Current Compliance Snapshot
  - b. Recent achievements
  - c. Key challenges
  - d. Surveys and public input as well as reporting timeline
  - e. Responding to audience questions

### **XI. Hearings and Discussions**

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

1. Speaker & Event outreach to the community for suggestions
2. Policy recommendations from the community

### **XII. 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

## District Council Public Meeting Notice & Agenda, continued

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.

### **XIII. 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. Next monthly meeting:**

- i. Saturday, July 11, 1:00 PM
- ii. Horner Park – 2741 W Montrose Ave, 60618

#### **2. Adjourned at 8:29 PM**