DISTRICT COUNCILS
COMMUNITY COMMISSION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Minutes from Public Meeting

DC 020 will be holding a public meeting. Below are the details:

- Meeting Type: Regular
- Date: July, 2026
- Start Time: 6:00 PM
- End Time: 7:30 PM
- Location: Broadway Armory 5917 N. Broadway

- District Council Member Name	Attendance		
Chair: Anna Rubin	Present: X	Remote: ☐	Absent: ☐
Community Engagement: Deirdre O' Connor	Present: X	Remote :☐	Absent:
Nominating Committee: Darrell Dacres	Present: X	Remote :☐	Absent: ☐
Quorum (2 out of 3 Members): Yes: X No: ☐			

7 community members
Julie from CCPSA attended
Commissioner Angelique Guzman
Max Caprioni - Police Board
Mac Thurman- Manager of Legislative Affairs & Senior Policy Analys- COPA
0 CPD

I. Public Comment-

Patrick Armstrong: Resident of Ravenswood/Lincoln Square, brought up a recent domestic violence homicide and police-involved shooting at Clark Street. Emphasized the recurring issue of domestic incidents escalating and the need for non-policing resources.

II. Approved June Minutes

III. Reports from the Councilor-

- Consent Decree Public Hearing: Virtual, July 14, 2026, 1–4:30pm (Zoom, with registration option)—update expected at September meeting.
- Committee on Immigrant and Refugee Rights: Meeting July 17, 2026, 10:15am at City Hall; available via live stream and recording.
- CPD Policy Comments: Three directives open for public comment—on complaint/disciplinary investigations (closing this week), department training, and de-escalation/use of force (closing later in July). Access via CPD Policy Review Portal online.

- Running for District Council: Information available at meeting and online, including free webinars; internal session by Jewish Council on July 21.
- CCPSA Non-Citizen Advisory Council: Applications open for volunteers; learn more via advisory's webinar tomorrow.
- Police Board Monthly Meeting: July 16, 2026 (third Thursday), 7:30pm—public, at Public Safety HQ and live/YouTube video. CCPSA Monthly Meeting: July

IV. **Votes-** Adopted bylaw amendments for attendance and meeting decorum, reflecting broader city issues and best practices.

V. Discussion:

A. Speaker: CCPSA Commissioner, Angelique Guzman
   - Superintendent Search Launch: New process to nominate a CPD superintendent begins July 15, 2026.
     - Timeline: 120-day process to select and interview candidates nationally.
     - Public Engagement: Required to hold at least four public listening sessions citywide; CCPSA seeks an expanded, robust feedback process.
     - Process Flow: Commissioners deliver three finalist names to the mayor; mayor has 30 days to choose one. If the mayor declines, the process repeats.
     - Community Involvement: Strong intent to engage district councils and gather local feedback

B. COPA – Civilian Office of Police Accountability Presenter: Mac Thurman, Manager of Legislative Affairs & Senior Policy Analyst
   - Key Points:
     1. History:
        - 1974–2007: Office of Professional Standards (within CPD)
        - 2007–2017: IPRA (Independent but limited authority)
        - 2017-present: COPA (greater independence and authority), created after high-profile cases such as the Laquan McDonald shooting.
     2. Scope of Investigations
        - As the "clearinghouse" for all complaints against CPD complaints regarding: Firearm/taser discharges, excessive force, Fourth Amendment

(search/seizure) violations, domestic violence, sexual misconduct.
    - Bureau of Internal Affairs (BIA) investigates more operational, job function-related misconduct.
3. Complaint Process:
    - Public or CPD members can file complaints (via office, website, phone, or at district stations)
    - Complaints coming from the public or from internal CPD reviews.
4. Officer-Involved Shooting (OIS):
    - COPA responds within one hour to any officer discharge event, working alongside CPD at the scene.
    - OIS investigations are notification-triggered, not complaint-driven.
    - Example cases: December 9 fatal shooting (stolen vehicle incident): Video and evidence released January 22. Recent Clark/Argyle homicide: Video/materials to be released within 60 days
5. Investigations & Findings:
    - COPA has 60–80 trained investigators; major cases handled by specialists trained to detective levels.
    - Reports detail findings: "Sustained," "Not sustained," "Unfounded," "Exonerated.
    - Disciplinary recommendations (suspension, firing) are made to the superintendent; alignment is sought but not always achieved.
6. Timelines & Metrics:
    - Investigations must ideally complete within 18 months due to collective bargaining changes.
    - Roughly half of completed investigations result in findings; about half of those are "sustained."
7. Public Education: "People's Academy" runs Sept 23–Oct 28 (details on chicagocopa.org/cpa)

C. . Chicago Police Board Presenter: Max Caproni, Executive Director
- Key Points

1. Role: Decides cases where disciplinary agreement cannot be reached between COPA and the superintendent (disagreement cases). Decides discharge (firing) cases for serious misconduct. Handles appeals by applicants

disqualified in police recruit process. Adopts high-level CPD rules and regulations. Holds monthly public meetings.

2. Board Composition: 9 civilians, residents of Chicago—diverse backgrounds. 6 attorneys (minimum 4 required), maximum 2 with prior law enforcement; currently 1. Nominated by CCPSA, appointed by the mayor (must select from the list or request a new one), confirmed by City Council. Five-year terms, removable only for just cause.
3. Disciplinary Case Processes: Disagreement Cases: Randomly assigned board member reviews both sides' recommendations and issues a ruling (publicly posted, with explanation). About 45 disagreement cases so far in 2026. Outcomes for non-discharge cases split evenly; in discharge recommendations, about 90% proceed as COPA recommends (i.e. toward hearing).
4. Discharge Cases: Since 2024, officers may choose arbitration (typically private) or Police Board (public) hearings. Currently ~24 arbitration-eligible cases (from 2023) on hold pending Illinois Supreme Court decision on public vs. private arbitration (expected late 2026 or early 2027). Most officers select arbitration over the board. Suspension from duties while appeals/arbitration are pending is up to the superintendent (~60-70% suspended without pay). Board hearings are public; arbitration status pending Supreme Court resolution.
5. Appeals & Legal Considerations: Both police board and arbitration decisions can be appealed to Circuit Court, but reversals are rare. Pension retention: Officers retain pensions unless convicted of a duty-related felony.
6. Issues Raised: Inconsistent discipline (e.g., marijuana use cases): Circumstances, credibility, and prior conduct considered in determining penalties. None of the processes automatically restrict officers from testifying in unrelated criminal cases, unless state's attorney places an officer on a "do not call" list. Union efforts (FOP) have advocated for arbitration, currently tying up most high-level discharge cases pending arbitration/public access decision.

7. Recent and High-Profile Incidents December 9 OIS: Stolen vehicle, officer discharged weapon after being dragged, suspect killed. COPA investigation ongoing. Clark/Argyle Homicide: Recent domestic violence escalation, police-involved. Footage/materials to be released within 60 days. Swedish Hospital Incident: Officer killed, one injured; not subject to COPA video release policy (no police firearm discharge), and video unlikely to be released except potentially via FOIA. Past Cases (Laquan McDonald): Discussion around delayed video release, now mitigated by mandated timely disclosure.

Next local monthly meeting: August 10, 2026, 6pm at Swedish Hospital Anderson Pavilion—

Presentation by Office of the Inspector General on 2025 Public Safety Annual Report; September meeting to feature consent decree monitor Maggie Hankey and feedback session for new CPD superintendent.