DISTRICT COUNCILS
COMMUNITY COMMISSION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Public Meeting

The 24th District held a public meeting. Below are the details:

- Meeting Type: Monthly
- Date: August 16, 2026
- Start Time: 3:00 PM
- End Time: 3:55 PM
- Location: Glenwood Ave Arts Fest, Morse and Glenwood, Booth 128

District Council Member Name	Attendance
Chair: Veronica Arreola	Present: X Remote: ☐ Absent: ☐
Community Engagement: Keo Jean – Joseph	Present: X Remote :☐ Absent: ☐
Nominating Committee: Marilyn Pagan-Banks	Present: X Remote :☐ Absent: ☐
Quorum (2 out of 3 Members): Yes: X No: ☐	

Attendance	
# of attendees in person	6
# of attendees virtual	1
# of CPD attendees	0
CPD rank of attendees	NA

Agenda for the Public Meeting

Items on the agenda are subject to change. If you have questions regarding this agenda, please contact 312-742-8888.

I. Call to Order, Roll Call

The Council will begin the meeting and establish a quorum of at least two Councilors.

II. 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.

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.

IV. Approvals of Past Minutes

The Council will vote on past meeting minutes.

Date of Minutes: May 17, 2026 and June 17, 2026
Approved by: Councilors Arreola, Pagan-Banks and Jean-Joseph

V. Public Comment

1. Neighbors shared the following concerns in public comment:
   i. Slow police response times
   ii. The crisis intervention team and how it interacts with police
   iii. Catalytic converter and airbag thefts
   iv. Need for improved CTA security
   v. Concerns about the unhoused

VI. Hearings and Discussions

1. Superintendent Search Discussion – attendees answered the following questions
   i. What qualities, characteristics, skills, and/or experiences would you like to see in Chicago's next police Superintendent?
   ii. What worked and what didn't work well under the former Superintendent?
   iii. What public safety and policing issues should the next Superintendent prioritize?
2. Summary and key themes from responses include:
   i. Residents want a superintendent who prioritizes protecting community members, including from ICE and federal agencies.
   ii. Strong focus on CTA safety paired with mental health training, services, and trauma-informed responses, with concern that mental health calls still go to CPD instead of better alternatives.
   iii. Clear rejection of past police misconduct and desire for a leader with integrity who understands Chicago policing and is accessible to communities.
   iv. Expectation that the superintendent can hold officers accountable, maintain standards, and reshape accountability so it's not "us vs. them."
   v. Call for better training to support disabled residents and respond appropriately to different disabilities.

vi. Desire for community-oriented policing: officers walking beats, knowing residents, caring about people over property, and reviving the beat cop model.
vii. Emphasis on recognizing youth as community assets rather than vilifying them.
viii. Concern about neglected public safety issues such as drug activity around key transit stations.
ix. Interest in stronger officer accountability, including neutral access to body camera footage when cameras are turned off.
x. Additional expectations: acknowledging racism in policing's history, rebuilding trust, and adapting effectively to diverse neighborhoods.

VII. Final Actions, Resolutions, Recommendations

1. Councilor Arreola introduced a resolution regarding the superintendent search and alternative response, including CCPSA's role in reviewing candidates and recommending finalists to the Mayor. Key resolution themes: importance of alternative response, expanding mental health clinicians and trained non-police responders, and supporting CPD goals with modernized public safety systems.
2. Resolution was passed unanimously by Councilors Arreola, Jean-Joseph and Pagan-Banks.

VIII. Final Announcements and Adjournment

- Next Meeting Date: September 16, 2026
- Next Meeting Time: 6:00 PM
- Location: Warren Park, 6601 N Western Ave., Chicago, IL 60645