



DISTRICT COUNCILS

COMMUNITY COMMISSION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Meeting Details

Date: April 4, 2026

Time: 10:24 AM

Location: Jackson Park Fieldhouse, 6401 S. Stony Island Ave., Chicago, IL

Format: Regular Meeting

Attendance

- 6 attendees present
- No representatives from CPD

Attendance & Quorum

The OMA Meeting cannot take place without 2 out of 3 members present in person.

District Council Member Name	Attendance		
Chair: Kenya Franklin	Present: ☒	Remote: ☐	Absent: ☐
Nominator: Vacant	Present: ☐	Remote: ☐	Absent: ☐
Community Engagement: Janice Jones	Present: ☒	Remote: ☐	Absent: ☐

Quorum (2 out of 3 Members): Yes: ☒ No: ☐

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- Minutes from February 7, 2026, were reviewed and approved by consensus
- Summary of prior meeting topics included:
 - Vehicle-related crime and block-level safety concerns
 - Quality-of-life issues
 - Infrastructure concerns (lighting, cameras)
 - School safety and community policing
 - Community maintenance and engagement events
- Community engagement updates provided by Janice Jones
- Community alerts shared, including:
 - Metro South Open Walk
 - Wednesday Love Day

- Next Generation Lifesavers
 - Literacy events
 - Black History Festival
 - Increase in robberies noted, particularly near 75th Street
 - Ongoing concerns:
 - Limited police follow-up
 - Misalignment between community priorities and district strategic plans
 - Need for greater transparency and reduced reliance on police-only data
 - Violence interruption programs acknowledged; concerns about funding sustainability
 - DAC leadership transition:
 - Anthony Crawford confirmed as Chair
 - Retirement paperwork pending
 - General concerns regarding police responsiveness and transparency
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Crime and Quality of Life Issues

- **Crime Trends and Hotspots**
 - Increase in robberies near 75th Street and retail locations
 - Car thefts targeting Kia and Honda vehicles using “master keys.”
 - Incidents along Ogden Avenue affecting residents
 - Continued concerns regarding porch piracy and underreporting
 - **Community Concerns**
 - Crime data not reflecting lived experiences
 - Increased need for better reporting and documentation
 - **Reporting and Police Communication**
 - Barriers due to lack of trust and perceived inefficiency
 - Need for accessible reporting options (online/email)
 - Proposed outreach campaign:
 - Flyers and QR codes
 - Distribution of 500+ flyers
 - Consideration of yard signs (pending restrictions)
 - Emphasis on technology for improved documentation and feedback
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Violence Interruption Programs

- **Structure and Operations**
 - CVI programs utilize trained interrupters with community credibility
 - Data shared via Crime Prevention Information Center (CPIC)
 - Combination of community intelligence and city data

- **Effectiveness and Concerns**
 - Effective in reducing violent crime
 - Limited impact on property crimes
 - Need for greater transparency and awareness
 - **Funding**
 - Primarily state-funded
 - Concerns about sustainability
 - Call for advocacy and additional funding sources
 - **Next Steps**
 - Plan to invite two violence intervention organizations to an upcoming meeting
 - Alternative speakers to be prioritized if unavailable
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District Advisory Council (DAC) & Public Access

- **Leadership Transition**
 - Anthony Crawford was selected as DAC Chair
 - Awaiting formal documentation
 - **Public Access Concerns**
 - Lack of clarity on participation
 - Inconsistent policies across districts
 - **Transparency and Standards**
 - Request for citywide written standards
 - Reference to CALEA as a model
 - Emphasis on accountability and consistency
 - **Role of District Councils**
 - Reinforced responsibility for police accountability
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Community Engagement – Janice Jones

- **Community Events**
 - Promotion of town halls, festivals, and educational events
 - Encouragement of public participation
- **Engagement Challenges**
 - Low meeting attendance
 - Need for improved communication and reminders
 - Recommendation to coordinate with beat facilitators
- **Mental Health & Domestic Violence Resources**
 - Concerns about centralized services at 35th Street
 - Request for local deployment within districts

- Need for culturally responsive personnel
 - Request for clarity on roles and service areas
 - **Interim Solutions**
 - Utilize youth officers, clergy, and community partnerships
 - Continue advocacy for systemic improvements
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Council Operations & Coordination

- **Communication with Police**
 - Limited detailed feedback from CPD
 - Uneven access to the command staff
 - Scheduling conflicts impacting engagement
 - **Coordination Proposal**
 - Establish regular meetings with police and beat facilitators
 - Improve collaboration and information sharing
 - **Meeting Attendance & Quorum**
 - Challenges impacting quorum
 - Request for advance cancellation notices
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Strategic Planning & Accountability

- District plans not fully reflecting community input
 - Call for more transparent and participatory planning
 - Emphasis on tracking action items and measurable outcomes
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Chair Update – Kenya Franklin

- Third council member appointment finalized (Anthony Crawford)
 - Community frustration with delays and communication
 - Calls for stronger advocacy if issues persist
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Action Items

- Develop and distribute 500+ flyers with QR codes for reporting
- Request written DAC participation policies

- Invite violence intervention organizations
 - Advocate for local mental health and DV resource deployment
 - Improve coordination with police and facilitators
 - Promote alternative reporting methods
 - Strengthen communication regarding meetings
 - Track program effectiveness and resource allocation
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Follow-Up & Upcoming Meeting

- **Next Meeting:** May 2, 2026
 - **Agenda Priorities:**
 - Violence intervention presentations
 - Potential appearance by Maggie Hickey
 - **Follow-Up Items:**
 - DAC policy clarification
 - Reporting campaign progress
 - Mental health and DV updates
 - Coordination planning
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Adjournment

- Meeting concluded at 11:50 AM.
- Next meeting location and time: May 2 at Jackson Park Fieldhouse, 6401 S. Stony Island, from 10:00 to 11:15 AM.