

**CITY OF CHICAGO
DISTRICT COUNCIL 012
COMMUNITY COMMISSION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND ACCOUNTABILITY**

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular
Date: January 13, 2026
Start Time: 6:40 PM End Time: 7:34 PM
Location: Dvorak Park, 1119 W Cullerton St

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

District Council Member Name	Attendance
Chair: Leonardo Quinterro	Present: x Remote: <input type="checkbox"/> Absent: <input type="checkbox"/>
Nominator: Michelle Page	Present: <input type="checkbox"/> Remote: <input type="checkbox"/> Absent: x
Community Engagement Coordinator: Chloe Vitale	Present: x Remote: <input type="checkbox"/> Absent: <input type="checkbox"/>

Quorum (2 out of 3 Members): Yes: x No:

of meeting attendees: 4 # of CPD attendees: 0

Approval of Agenda

The Council will vote on the agenda. The Council cannot add items for voting.

- Councilor Quinterro Motions, Councilor Vitale Approves

Approvals of Past Minutes

The Council voted on past meeting minutes.

Approval of December 14, 2025 regular meeting minutes

- Councilor Quinterro motions to approve,
- Councilor Vitale approves

Public Comment

The Council will listen to comments from attendees. Comments are limited to two minutes.

- Public Comment 1: Fuck the police

- Public comment 2: Thank you to the Councilor for pushing for and getting sign-ons for the hearing on collaboration between the police and ICE. I think it was valuable to force something on the calendar. We're missing the moment and oversight bodies are at risk of missing the moment even if it's still going on. I learned a lot during the public comments. Especially about surveillance. I have thoughts on the alders. They play a role in upholding the Welcoming City Ordinance. I feel that they were "punching down" on a relatively new oversight body despite them halving a role to play in this effort too. Overall loved the hearing and I'm looking forward to supporting the DCs involved. If you have thoughts on an agenda, we would love to help. I extend that on behalf of the GAPA coalition. GAPA sent a letter to Commissioners to acknowledge that we saw this. We want to be able to uplift your ask.

Reports from the Councilors

Each Councilor will provide an update. Councilors will discuss their updates with themselves and meeting attendees.

- Chair: We did receive an email from the CCPSA staff. Its main point is that the Commission wants to discuss what they've been thinking, the letter we sent on Dec 7, and the hearing. They are putting together a portion of the hearing. This isn't just a DC initiative. It is also important for us to understand what they would like to see from the community. Our original ask included having every commander there. It is important for them, in this unprecedented moment, to give us clarity about what they are doing. Whether its perimeters, or people getting stopped, we need to be clear about what is happening. We don't want to set up a platform for them to say the same things. We want to get to the details. Something is not aligning. It's also about the information, and data that CPD has available. I haven't heard from the Commission that they have made any more progress on collecting the information. We did hear from CCPSA ED Gross that they are "looking for the language" to request those things. However it's been months.
- Vitale: I would highlight that it isn't just about getting another PR opportunity. There needs to be a substantial inquiry. One of the Commissioners mentioned that we must trust the police. We cannot have a fair process if that's their starting point. Communications are also an important thing.
- Commenter 1: Are the Commissioners subject to the Inspector General?
 - o Vitale: Yes. Every elected officials. However, there are no consequences in a lot of these sections. The Commission for example, can hire the Superintendent but cannot fire him. The alders are the primary policy people.

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.

- Quintero: Are there things you'd like me to take into the room with the Commission? Update from the Commission?

- Commenter 2: I think they have to follow up on people who did share their experiences. Someone has the list of names of those who gave comment. They need to check if they are ok.
- Commenter 3: There was a lot of police presences. There were a lot of officers, but there were no officers listening inside.
- Vitale: I believe it was for the protest that didn't happen. We did also request that Commanders be at the meeting in the original letter. We had asked for DCs to be able to communicate with Commanders to ask them questions.
- Commenter 3: it was very intimidating the way they showed up. I didn't speak at the hearing. On Friday, when they (ICE) hit the northwest side of the city, and then Saturday the Brighton Park incident happened, there were a lot of people doing things. I have video of it, but we engaged with an officer, who calmy, told me "I'm just following order". If we are to change their psyche, then I think they need to understand how serious this is and why different people are stepping up in different ways. We need to breakdown their perceptions. They're out there "scaring us" and they get pissed off that we don't trust them.
- Vitale: There seem to be options. One is to set a perimeter to protect the federal agents, the other extreme would be to protect the community from the federal enforcement. But at least it seems like their intention is not to protect us. One of the key things, is to ask "how they are being trained?"
- Commenter 2: One of the Commissioners mentioned that the head of Pritzker's IL Accountability Commission was there. I would love to hear about what that person thought of the Commission's hearing. I know that Pritzker put together this Commission with lots of prestigious people who are said to "document what abuses are happening in the state of IL. And provide It to the DOL or whoever for future administrations". It felt very legal and as building a record. One person, a doctor, testified about how serious the crowd control techniques are. The tone of that hearing, was not as loud as the one we witnessed. I want the Commissioners, if they are in touch with Pritzker's accountability group, to be able to share information about what's happening.
- Vitale: Agree. I wonder how those relationships are held, and I am curious to know how often they are meeting.

- Quintero: We did mention other experts and recommended people that could define how and when CPD officers can intervene. We believe it is important to do so. There are precedents in other cases where local or state agents have arrested federal agents.
- Vitale: It would be great if they had the institutional support.
- Commenter 3: Yes, they (feds) are disturbing our lives and communities. The CPD officers are getting their information from their own spheres. However, it would be great if a Commissioner or their Chief told them to act courageously.
- Quintero: During the hearing, when given a chance to speak, I tried to not disparage the Commission and to focus instead on people's experiences. We do understand that the march might have caused tensions and for CPD to make the situation tense. We didn't plan the march following the hearing.
- Commenter 3: Is there data? Can we see where the reports of ICE violations have been the most common? Ask them about those things. At the least it would make them consider things differently.
 - Quintero: I do believe that COPA has spoken on this at a previous CCPSA meeting. I think that there were some that went to the Inspector General and others to BIA.
 - Vitale: I think the examples we've seen, for example with the white supremacists, that the system doesn't work. It's a sham. The reason the CCPSA exists, is because the accountability system doesn't work.
 - Commenter 3: Is there anything on the Consent Decree that could connect with what's happening with ICE?
 - Vitale: Yes, certainly. This distrust in the public safety system, is the reason why we have CPD.
 - Commenter 2: I think the Consent Decree does have impacts on COPA, and other relevant agencies, I haven't read anything that ties the changes needed to the Consent Decree. I also think the Union and the CBA can be an impediment to change.
- Community 3: I think the other thing that is important to mention is the drop in calls to CPD.
 - Quintero: We must be cautious on how we read crime statistics. We aren't sure if crime went down, or if people are reporting less.
- Quintero: There are three vacancies on the Commission. Two will go to north side and two to youth under 24. One can be from anywhere.
- Vitale: On Tuesday the 27th, the 1st ward will have a large training for rapid response to federal enforcement.

Commission Report

The Council will receive and discuss updates from the Commission.

Report from the Police District

The Council will receive and discuss updates from District Command staff.

Hearings and Discussions

The Council will discuss policing and public safety issues that are important to the district.

Discussion of local public safety issue

Discussion of local policing concern

Presentations

The Council will recognize an outside speaker to present to the community.

Speaker from organization

Final Actions

The Council will discuss items for voting.

Vote on resolution for Commission policy

Final Announcements and Adjournment

The Council will make final announcements, such as announcements about upcoming Council events and meetings, and then close the meeting.

Announcement of Next District Council Meeting

Next Meeting Date: Feb 17 at 6:30 PM

Next Meeting Location: Fosco Park