

City of Chicago
COMMUNITY COMMISSION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

MEETING MINUTES

MEETING TYPE	Regular Meeting
MEETING DATE	Thursday, April 30, 2026
MEETING LOCATION	DePaul College Prep
TIME CALLED TO ORDER	6:52 PM

ATTENDANCE:

Commissioner Name	Present or Absent / In-Person or Remote
Remel Terry - President, Chair	Absent
Angel Rubi Navarajo - Vice President	Present In-Person
Aaron Gottlieb	Present In-Person
Abierre Minor	Present In-Person *7:27PM
Anthony Driver, Jr.	Present In-Person *6:53PM
Gina Piemonte	Present In-Person
Sandra Wortham	Present In-Person

QUORUM PRESENT: Yes.

Acronyms:

CCPSA = Community Commission for Public Safety and Accountability

COPA = Civilian Office of Police Accountability

CPD = Chicago Police Department

OIG = Office of Inspector General

- I. Vice President Rubi Navarajo called the meeting to order.
- II. Vice President Rubi Navarajo called the roll and established the quorum.
- III. Vice President Rubi Navarajo expressed condolences for the loss of Chicago Police Department Officer Bartholomew and hopes for the recovery for the office
- IV. The Commission held a public comment session. Thirteen (13) speakers offered comments. Public comment may be viewed at the Chicago CCPSA YouTube page: www.youtube.com/@chicagoccpsa.
- V. **Approval of the Minutes**

Vice President Rubi Navarajo called for a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meetings held on April 2ND. Commissioner Piemonte seconded the motion. There was an abstention from Commissioner Wortham with no debate on the matter, and the motion passed 5-0.

VI. New Business

Vote to Authorize Closed Meetings

Vice President Rubi Navarajo explained that Section 2a of the Act authorizes the Commission to take a vote to hold a series of closed meetings over the course of not more than 3 months from today, and only for the purposes cited under Section 2(c)(3).

Over the next few months, the Commission may need to meet in closed session for reasons that are allowed under the Open Meetings Act, including to discuss filling vacancies.

Vice President Rubi Navarajo called for a motion to hold a series of closed meetings for the maximum period allowable, and only for the purposes cited under Section 2(c)(3) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act. Commissioner Gottlieb seconded the motion. There was no debate on the matter and the motion passed 6-0.

District Council 12 Vacancy

Vice President Rubi Navarajo advised that Under state law, when there's a vacancy in an elected position in Chicago, the mayor has the power to fill the vacancy. However, under city ordinance, when there is a vacancy for an elected district council position, the district council and the commission also play a role in filling that vacancy. The DC nominating committee reviewed applicants and recommended 3 candidates. The Commission has 60 days from the creation of the vacancy to select a candidate for recommendation to the mayor. With the mayor making the final selection to fill the vacancy.

Prior to taking a vote, Vice President Rubi Navarajo thanked all the candidates and encouraged them to stay involved in the work of the 12th District Council and the CCPSA. With special thanks to Michelle Page and Leo Quintero for their work on nominating candidates.

Vice President Rubi Navarajo moved that the Commission recommend that the mayor appoint Felipe Luna to fill the 12 District Council vacancy and provided a brief overview of Mr. Luna's background. ** [Click here to learn more about Mr. Luna's background](#) ** Commissioner Driver seconded the motion. There was no debate on this matter and the motion passed 6-0.

VII. Reports and Updates

COPA 2026 Goals (1st Quarter)

Commissioner Gottlieb provided an update on the goals set forth for the Chief Administrator of the Civilian Office of Police Accountability (COPA). In 2026 the commission set three goals for COPA.

- I. Improving Disciplinary Recommendations – consistency in disciplinary recommendations ensures fairness, transparency, and public trust in the system.
 - a. COPA has drafted internal guidance that provides clear guidelines on how staff should apply mitigating and aggravating factors when making disciplinary recommendations.
 - b. In this quarter COPA has been meeting with police unions to ensure that any new policies do not violate current collective bargaining agreements.

- II. Establish a COPA Community Advisory Committee – this committee will gain community input on COPA policy to promote transparency, give residents a voice, and help to build trust and legitimacy in the accountability process.
 - a. In the first quarter, COPA conducted community outreach and created and distributed an application for the advisory committee. COPA is now accepting applications to serve on the Community Advisory Committee.
 - b. COPA is looking to have a committee that is representative of the city. This includes having youth representation.
 - c. There are flyers with a QR code at the front desk, or you can visit COPA's website to get more information.
- III. Hire community mediators to participate in the Community Mediation Program.
 - a. COPA began accepting applications for mediators in March and has received 32 applications to date from all five police areas.
 - b. Mediators will be assigned to perform services in the areas they are from, so they understand the community in which they are serving.
 - c. Interviews will be conducted by the selection committee this week and next week and training will take place in mid-May.
 - d. To learn more about COPA's mediation program and to learn how to become a mediator, you can visit the COPA website.

CPD Superintendent 2026 Goals (1st Quarter)

Commissioner Driver gave an update on the goals set forth for the Chicago Police Department's Superintendent. The Superintendent's annual goals cover four main topic areas and address a range of public safety and accountability aims.

- I. Strengthen CPD's criminal investigation process – increasing public understanding of the investigative process, making it easier for people to report crimes and assist in solving cases, and improving the ways CPD collects, analyzes, and stores evidence.
 - a. CPD began developing a clearance rates dashboard. The dashboard will include content designed to clearly communicate how clearance rate data is defined, collected, and analyzed.
 - b. CPD also shared that its forensics laboratory accreditation assessment is scheduled for June of this year.
- II. Implement CPD's community policing assessment – including ensuring effective coordination with CCPSA by convening a working group with representatives from CPD, the Commission, and District Councils.
 - a. CPD established a working group, comprised of representatives from the Offices of Community Policing and Constitutional Policing and Reform, Vice President Rubi Navarajo, Commissioner Piemonte, and District Councilors Carmelita Earls from the 15th District Council, Carisa Parker from the 22nd District Council, Alex Perez from the 2nd District Council, and Jenny Schaffer from the 19th District Council.
 - b. On April 17th the working group met to review the community policing assessment.
 - c. At the next meeting, on May 15th, they will identify areas of potential coordination.
- III. Ensuring CPD remains an active part of the City's Crisis Assistance Response and Engagement Steering Committee – CARE is a city program overseen by the Mayor's Office Health and Human Services and mostly operated by the Chicago Department of Public Health, with participation from other City agencies, public safety and emergency response partners.

- a. First quarter reports from CPD indicate that CPD representatives participated in a dozen CARE Steering Committee meetings and other related meetings.
- IV. Understanding data that shows recent increases in reported incidents of CPD's use of force and firearm pointing.
 - a. We will provide update after meeting with CPD

Lastly, Commissioner Driver noted that CPD will continue to update the Commission on the CPD's 2025 goals that currently remain incomplete.

- CPD published the completed Workforce Allocation and Community Policing Assessments and Recommendations. CPD will continue to keep the Commission updated on the implementation of both of these projects.
- CPD also shared that the citywide launch of the Early Intervention System is delayed until early 2027 to accommodate for further testing and system refinements.

Commissioner Driver and Commissioner Minor will be meeting with CPD Chief of Staff Dana O'Malley and CPD Deputy Director Sarah Boyle in May to discuss the Department's progress on these goals in more detail.

Police Board Goals (1st Quarter)

Commissioner Piemonte updated community members on the goals set forth for the Police Board President.

- I. Conduct a review and propose possible changes to the Chicago Police Department Rules of Conduct – By law, the Police Board has the power to set Rules and Regulations for the Chicago Police Department. The Police Board hasn't updated the Rules and Regulations since 2015. The Police Board was supposed to meet with key stakeholders to discuss initial thoughts on revisions to the CPD Rules of Conduct.
 - a. The Commission is reviewing the Police Board's recommendations and will provide feedback in the coming weeks.
- II. Agency Collaboration Around Policy Recommendations – The objective of this goal is to make policy recommendations to CPD and COPA in the areas of investigations and disciplinary recommendations to improve the process for disciplining police officers. The Police Board was supposed to identify potential policy changes and propose recommendations. The Police Board has power under its ordinance to recommend policy changes for both CPD and COPA. In the first quarter the Police Board is presently working on the following:
 - a. Looking at past cases to see if there are areas in which it believes both agencies can improve policy or create new policies where none exist.
 - b. Reviewing existing CPD and COPA policy. Any new policies or changes to existing policies will be reviewed by the Commission and will include an opportunity for community feedback.

Immigration and Customs Enforcement

Vice President Rubi Navarajo provided an update on an action the commission took during the April 2ND special meeting as it related to CPD's interaction with federal immigration and customs enforcement agency and agents. The commission voted to recommend that the deputy inspector general for public safety conduct an audit of CPD's implementation of the Welcoming City Ordinance and related CPD directives. A formal letter containing this recommendation was sent to Deputy Inspector General Tobar Richardson on April 3. A response was received on

April 15, stating that the OIG appreciates the recommendation and looks forward to continued discussion.

Traffic Stops

Commissioner Wortham reported that just over a year ago it was recommended that the issues of traffic stops be added to the consent decree resulting in the commission engaging in work with the Illinois Attorney General's Office, Chicago Police Department and the Independent Monitor to come to an agreement to add a stipulation to traffic stops policies. Due to the nature of the consent decree the specifics are confidential, however, the commission will continue to keep the public updated on that work. Work on the traffic stops policy is still underway with continued community input obtained during the commission's regular monthly meetings in addition to online forms, focus groups and city-wide listening sessions. Both the commission and CPD have submitted a draft policy which has been made public. The feedback has varied, ranging from community members who believe the commission's draft is sufficient, to those who are calling for stricter limitations. The commission will continue to listen and gather information to reach the best outcome for the city. Commissioner Wortham encouraged community members to continue to submit feedback.

** District Councilor Leo Quintero gave a few words - [Click here to listen to comments from District Councilor Leo Quintero](#) **

Special Subject Matter Hearing

Vice President Rubi Navarijo announced that the commission will now move into the special subject matter hearing on victim services with a focus on individuals who have been victims of violent crimes.

Commissioner Minor thanked all those in attendance with special thanks to those that gave public comment. Followed by expressed shared sympathies with the plight of the public commenters that shared grief-stricken stories. Commissioner Minor advised the hearing has the following purposes:

- Understanding the current landscape of victim services in Chicago, including programs and resources currently available and how to navigate them. Ensuring the community is aware of available victim services funds and how to tap into them.
- Identify inequities and obstacles that limit access or effectiveness particularly in communities that experience disproportionate levels of trauma and victimization
- Explore how government agencies, CPD and community partners can best collaborate, coordinate and align efforts to ensure victims have consistent, compassionate and timely support irrespective of residency or immigration status.
- Best practices for speaking and engaging with victims as well as how to provide service for them.

Commissioner Minor introduced this evening's guest panelist:

- I. Amanda Vasquez. Amanda runs the center for Victims' Studies at the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority.
- II. Stephaney Harris. Stephaney serves as senior project manager and victim services lead at the Mayor's Office of Community Safety.

- III. Dr. Blaire Lewis. Dr. Lewis is a clinical psychologist who works at the Advocate Health Care Trauma Recovery Center.
- IV. And Mike Milstein. Mike serves as the Deputy Director for the Office of Equity and Engagement and the Office of Victim Services at the Chicago Police Department

**** Victim Services Panel Discussion listen at 19:50 [Click here to listen to the Victim Services Panel Discussion](#) ****

VIII. Announcement of the Next Meeting

Vice President Rubi Navarajo announced that the next meeting will be Thursday, May 28, 2026, at The Irish American Heritage Center at 6:30 PM.

IX. Close

The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 PM