



DISTRICT COUNCILS

COMMUNITY COMMISSION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Meeting Minutes

District Council 002

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting

Date: Tuesday, March 31, 2026

Time: 6:02 PM – 7:23 PM

Location: Washington Park Refectory, 5531 S. Russell Drive

Attendance: 11 attendees and CPD Captain Tracey Edwards

Attendance & Quorum

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

District Council Member Name	Attendance
Chair: Ephraim Lee	Present: ☒ Remote: ☐ Absent: ☐
Nominator: Marquinn McDonald	Present: ☒ Remote: ☐ Absent: ☐
Community Engagement: Alexander Perez	Present: ☒ Remote: ☐ Absent: ☐

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

II. Approval of Remote Attendance of Councilor

The Council considered remote attendance.

No requests were submitted.

Action: Approved.

III. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was presented for review.
No additional items were added.

Action: Approved.

IV. Approval of Past Minutes

The Council reviewed the following meeting minutes:

- **February 17, 2026**

Action: Minutes were **unanimously approved**.

V. Public Comment

Support and Controversy Regarding Commissioner Amir Minor

Speaker: Ms. Shapiro

- Provided an overview of the **CCCSA nominating committee process**.
- Highlighted Commissioner Minor's contributions, including:
 - Traffic stop reform
 - Opposition to snap curfew policies
 - Youth civic and workforce initiatives
 - Participation in a city bias task force
- Raised allegations of **racial and gender bias** in the non-reappointment process.
- Referenced a **February 17 incident** involving a late-night visit related to residency concerns, described as harassment.
- Expressed concerns regarding the lack of accountability and insufficient disciplinary action.
- Noted lack of solidarity among some council members.

Requests included:

- Pause in the nomination process pending investigation
- Recount of votes

- Equity-based guidance
 - Stronger adherence to **CCPSA Ordinance 2821**
 - Support for Commissioner Minor and investigation into the process
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Community Perspectives on Race, Policing, and Public Safety

Multiple speakers, including Pastor Dole, Mr. Riesel, and others:

- Shared experiences related to **racial tensions and recent incidents on 53rd Street**
- Discussed youth-police interactions and community trauma
- Criticized responses from city leadership
- Emphasized the need to address **systemic issues in policing**

Themes included:

- Increased accountability and transparency
- Improved council engagement and attendance
- Stronger, more representative community involvement

The public comment period was closed.

VI. Public Discussion on District Trends and Concerns

Youth Disturbances – March 30, 2026

- Approximately **200 youth gathered** in Hyde Park / Lake Park / 53rd Street
 - The majority were peaceful; a smaller group caused property damage
 - Response included CPD, UCPD, violence interruption organizations, and private security
 - Area cleared by **9:44 PM**
 - **One arrest**, no injuries reported
 - Noted involvement of community-based organizations, including the Nation of Islam
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Policing, Resources, and Community Response

- Resource strain identified (approximately 168 officers responding)
- Officers reassigned from neighboring districts

- Discussion of reinstating **school-based “activity zones”** during high-risk periods
 - Emphasis on:
 - Restorative approaches over punitive responses
 - Improved coordination across agencies
 - Proactive youth engagement (school tours, town halls)
 - Recognition of the need to reduce organizational silos and strengthen collaboration
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Community Engagement and Socioeconomic Disparities

- Discussion of disparities between North and South Side communities:
 - Income differences (\$48,000 vs. \$137,000 average)
 - Civic participation levels (e.g., Local School Councils)
 - Acknowledgment that civic engagement is often limited by time and economic constraints
 - Ongoing challenges with CAPS and council meeting attendance
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VII. Reports from Councilors

Progress and Achievements

- Continued progress in:
 - Establishment of District Councils
 - Implementation of CCPSA and COPA
 - Improvements in:
 - Police accountability
 - Civil rights protections
 - Victim communication
 - Internal advocacy efforts to strengthen CAPS and meeting effectiveness
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Ride-Along Program

- Councilors encouraged to participate in ride-along
 - Provides insight into policing challenges and responsibilities
 - Next scheduled: **April 9 (4:00 PM – 10:00 PM)**
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Website Launch

- Launch of **o2districtconnect.org**
 - Mobile-friendly platform for district updates and public safety resources
 - Community feedback encouraged
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Mental Health & CARE Program

- CARE informational event held with broad district participation
 - Current limitations:
 - Operating hours: **Monday–Friday, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM**
 - Limited citywide coverage
 - Advocacy for **24/7 expansion**
 - Potential funding through proposed social media tax (pending litigation)
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Working Group Formation

- New working group formed, including:
 - Commissioners
 - Superintendent's Office
 - Regional elected officials
 - Focus on collaborative public safety strategies
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Nominating Committee Update

- Six nominees submitted to the mayor:
 - Angelique Guzman
 - Hamza Janani
 - Darrion Johnson
 - Rebecca Levin
 - Javier Vasquez
 - Anjanette Young
 - Awaiting mayoral decision
 - Councilor McDonald to transition roles in May
 - Letter submitted regarding the Commissioner Minor matter
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VIII. Update from the Commission

The Council received updates regarding:

- Commission initiatives and policy developments
 - Ongoing collaboration efforts
 - Follow-up related to Commissioner Minor nomination concerns
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IX. Report from the Police District

Presented by: District Captain

- Preparation for increased activity during warmer months
 - Additional staffing expected with the new sergeant class
 - Detectives cleared multiple “smash and grab” incidents
 - Continued emphasis on:
 - BEAT meetings
 - Community engagement
 - Parental involvement
 - No current crime statistics were available at the time of the meeting
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X. Hearings and Discussions

1. Discussion of Local Public Safety Issues

- Youth disturbances and prevention strategies
- Transit safety concerns identified as a priority

2. Discussion of Local Police Concerns

- Balancing enforcement with restorative approaches
 - Need for improved coordination, communication, and accountability
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XI. Presentations

1. Presentation by Invited Organization

- Information shared regarding:
 - CARE program advocacy
 - Community-based safety initiatives
 - Youth engagement strategies
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XII. Final Actions

1. Vote on Resolution Concerning Commission Policy

- Members encouraged to review and support a letter regarding the Commissioner Minor nomination process

Action: No formal vote taken.

XIII. Final Announcements and Adjournment

Announcements

- CTA leadership to be invited for a future meeting
 - April 25: GMA Medics Protest Training (location TBD)
 - Self-defense training (date TBD)
 - District Strategic Plan (DSP) debrief forthcoming
 - Community resources and initiatives shared, including:
 - Local business highlights
 - Free produce distribution
 - Community meeting spaces
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Next Meeting

Tentatively scheduled: April 19, 2026, at 6:00 PM
Location: Good Shepherd Tower 55 E. Garfield

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at **7:23 PM**.