

COMMUNITY COMMISSION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

MEETING MINUTES

MEETING TYPE Regular Meeting
MEETING DATE Thursday, April 2, 2026
MEETING LOCATION Thomas Kelly High School
TIME CALLED TO ORDER 6:40 PM

ATTENDANCE:

Commissioner Name	Present or Absent / In-Person or Remote
Remel Terry - President, Chair	Present In-Person
Angel Rubi Navarajo - Vice President	Present In-Person
Aaron Gottlieb	Present In-Person
Abierre Minor	Present In-Person *6:45PM
Anthony Driver, Jr.	Present Online
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

Office of Inspector General = OIG

- I. President Terry called the meeting to order.
- II. President Terry called the roll and established the quorum.

III. Acknowledgement / Opening Statement

Passover Acknowledgement

President Terry acknowledged that this special meeting falls on Passover during Holy week, and that members of the Jewish and Christian community were unable to attend tonight's meeting. President Terry went on to express deep regret scheduling this important meeting at a time that conflicts with Holy week as the Commission endeavors to be respectful and inclusive however the subject matter of the meeting was one of urgency. This statement was followed by acknowledgement certain meeting attendees including Alderman Nicole Lee, Cook County Commissioner Alma Anaya, Assistant Deputy Mayor Jason Sanford and Executive Director of the Illinois Accountability Commission, Hina Mahmoud. President Terry advised community members of the organizations tabling this event and the benefits of those organizations.

- IV.** The Commission held a public comment session. Ten (10) speakers offered comments. Public comment may be viewed at the Chicago CCPSA YouTube page:
www.youtube.com/@chicagoccpsa.

V. Approval of the Minutes

President Terry called for a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on February 26th. Commissioner Piemonte seconded the motion. There was no debate on the matter, and the motion passed 7-0.

VI. New Business

Vote to Authorize Closed Meetings

Commissioner Piemonte 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 discussing filling vacancies.

Commissioner Piemonte moved to authorize 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 7-0.

VII. Reports and Updates

Request for the Office of Inspector General

Commissioner Gottlieb stated that since the federal immigration enforcement agents began Operation Midway Blitz, the Commission has received questions and concerns about CPD officers potentially violating the Welcoming City Ordinance. Mainly, CPD directives which state that CPD is not permitted to assist federal agents in civil immigration enforcement. This has raised questions about the policies, trainings and accountability systems CPD has in place to ensure compliance with laws and policies. Fully understanding how all relevant policies, trainings and accountability systems are working is a significant job with an important role for the Commission, such as today's hearing. However, in depth review is exactly what the city's Office of Inspector General (OIG) was created to do.

Commissioner Gottlieb went on to say that the Deputy Inspector General for Public Safety is the head of the Inspector General's Public Safety Section, which conducts independent and objective audits, evaluations and reviews of the operations of CPD, COPA and the police board. The intended purpose of these audits, evaluations and reviews is to determine how well internal policies and procedures are working or find ways to improve effectiveness, accountability and transparency. If the OIG is performing an audit and finds evidence of policy violation the OIG can open a separate investigation into that possible violation. CCPSA's ordinance gives the Commission the power to recommend that the Deputy Inspector General for Public Safety

conducts research and audits on certain issues. When the OIG performs an audit it can issue a report on its findings and make recommendations.

During the commissions February meeting the commission asked Deputy Inspector General Richardson how the public safety section would approach evaluating CPD compliance with the Welcoming City Ordinance and relevant CPD directives. To which, the Deputy Inspector General advised that the office would conduct an audit evaluation or review. Some commissioners believe that an audit evaluation and review by the Deputy Inspector General for Public Safety may provide valuable information to assess and ensure that CPD work related to federal immigration enforcement complies with the Welcoming City Ordinance and relevant CPD directives. If the Deputy Inspector General conducts an evaluation or audit and publishes a report, the commission can use that information to determine if there is a need for further action.

Commissioner Gottlieb moved the Community Commission for Public Safety and Accountability make a recommendation to the Deputy Inspector General for Public Safety to conduct an audit of CPD's implementation of the Welcoming City Ordinance and related CPD directives. Vice President Rubi Navarajo seconded the motion. Commissioner Wortham stated that she does not support this motion because she does not believe we are here yet. Noting that most of her concern from this conversation, during the January 8th meeting, the conversation from the public since then and internal conversation with her colleagues expresses a severe lack of understanding about applicable law. As her colleague stated it is a significant job to fully understand all the relevant laws and that she believes that it is the job of the commission. She acknowledged that people come to this work with different levels and natures of experience in law, law enforcement and policy. However, that once you take this job it is your responsibility to educate yourselves on such topics and she does not feel that the commission has fully done that, for themselves or the community. Commissioner Wortham went on to recommend that the commission make sure the public is fully informed about what the law says before making a recommendation. Stating that it is not beneficial to the public for the commission to field concerns that are not applicable to the departments the commission oversees.

Commissioner Minor asked Commissioner Wortham if her position is that the OIG cannot perform an audit or cannot provide recommendations to a body that they have oversight over? Commissioner Wortham clarified that the commission heard that CPD has violated the Welcoming City Ordinance because of things that have nothing to do with CPD and she believes it is the responsibility of the commission to clarify what CPD's function is and what it is not. And if the commission hears complaints that are rightfully CPD's function then the commission should address it. She further stated that during the January 8th meeting individuals misstated the commission's ordinance and CPD's legal authority. Further stating that the commission has oversight authority over federal immigration, which is incorrect. Yes, of course, the OIG can make a recommendation, but we must first do our due diligence before asking them to do that.

Commissioner Minor thanked Commissioner Wortham for the clarity and noted that she is in support of the motion. Noting that she is in support of the motion because the OIG is an independent body. That their work is separate from the commission's work, separate from public comment. Commissioner Minor stated that she believes it is important to have engagements like this and engagement with subject matter experts to inform the public on their options. As well as presentations that provide information about where various oversight bodies stand. After some debate on the matter and the motion passed 6-1.

Discussion on the Chicago Police Department's Adherence to Welcoming City Ordinance

President Terry first highlighted two things 1.) We will talk about immigration enforcement a lot, but the commission doesn't have any jurisdiction over federal agencies. If you would like to share a concern about possible misconduct by Immigration Customs Enforcement and CBP, you can bring it to the Committee on Immigrant and Refugee Rights. 2.) The commission does not handle individual complaints about possible misconduct by Chicago police officers. Those complaints go to COPA.

Further, President Terry noted that during the commission's January meeting community members shared information about potential misconduct. The commission brought all that information to COPA. The commission works on broader issues with CPD such as policies, trainings and accountability systems that affect the department. This evening we will hear from the Chicago Police Superintendent Larry Snelling. The focus of the meeting is to ask questions that community members, commissioners, district councilors and other partners in this work have for the superintendent and the department.

** Discussion with Superintendent Snelling on the Chicago Police Department's responsibilities under the Welcoming City Ordinance [listen at 18:50](#) [CCPSA Special Meeting with Superintendent Snelling- April 2, 2026](#) **

VIII. Close

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03PM