

City of Chicago
COMMUNITY COMMISSION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

MEETING MINUTES

MEETING TYPE	Regular Meeting
MEETING DATE	Thursday, May 28, 2026
MEETING LOCATION	Irish American Heritage Center
TIME CALLED TO ORDER	6:33 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 *6:54PM
Anthony Driver, Jr.	Present In-Person
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

WCO = Welcoming City Ordinance

NAC = Non-Citizen Advisory Council

- I. President Terry called the meeting to order.
- II. President Terry called the roll and established the quorum.
- III. The Commission held a public comment session. Nine (9) speakers offered comments. Public comment may be viewed at the Chicago CCPSA YouTube page:
www.youtube.com/@chicagoccpsa.
- IV. **Approval of the Minutes**

President Terry called for a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meetings held on April 30th. Commissioner Piemonte seconded the motion. There was no debate on the matter, and the motion passed 7-0.

V. Presentations

Special Presentations on Summer Safety

President Terry advised that the focus of this evening's meeting will address how the city is preparing to keep communities safe this summer, specifically our youth. Noting that many of the public comments touched upon this subject. It was also noted that this discussion is a part of the commission's strategic priority to advance preventative, proactive, community-based, and evidence-based approaches to public safety. Including approaches that involve people and organizations outside of the department of police.

President Terry noted that the commission is working to have CPD join and further the discussion on public safety at the June meeting, in addition to their recent workforce allocation and community policing assessment. At this evening's meeting we have a member of the mayor's office as well as several organizations dedicated to community safety to share their plans and insights. The presentations will include summer safety concerns, practical strategies and programs designed to support safety efforts, and opportunities for collaboration with community partners. The goal of this discussion is to gain a deeper understanding of the challenges facing our communities, explore ways we can work together to ensure all residents have a safe summer.

The first speaker is Norman Livingston Kerr, founder & Chief Executive Officer of Trajectory Changing Solutions (TCS). Mr. Kerr is the founder and chief executive officer of Trajectory Changing Solutions, a firm that strengthens community-based organizations and municipalities to effectively implement evidence-informed violence reduction. Mr. Kerr has over 30 years of experience in community violence intervention.

** Presentation by Norman Livingston Kerr, founder & Chief Executive Officer of Trajectory Changing Solutions (TCS) [listen at 18:57](#) [CCPSA Public Meeting- May 28, 2026](#) **

The next guest speaker is Jesus Salazar, Training Director from Metropolitan Peace Initiatives. Metropolitan Peace Initiatives, a division of Metropolitan Family Services, convenes community-based and citywide organizations to help heal Chicago's communities.

** Presentation by Jesus Salazar, Training Director from Metropolitan Peace Initiatives [listen at 19:21](#) [CCPSA Public Meeting- May 28, 2026](#) **

Lastly, President Terry invited Emmanuel Andre, Deputy Mayor for Community Safety. Before joining the mayor's office, Mr. Andre helped to start Circles and Ciphers, a youth development organization. He served in the Cook County Public Defender's Office as Deputy Policy and Strategic Litigation. And he has been very involved in expanding Cook County's restorative justice community courts and the use of restorative justice practices.

** Presentation by Emmanuel Andre Deputy Mayor for Community Safety [listen at 19:52](#) [CCPSA Public Meeting- May 28, 2026](#) **

VI. Reports and Updates

2026 Goals

Commissioner Driver noted that during the April 30th meeting updates were provided on CPD's quarter one goal deliverables and that an update on goal four would be provided following a scheduled meeting with CPD. This goal focuses on understanding the increase of CPD's reported use of force and firearm pointing. In quarter one the expectation was that CPD would provide an explanation for the methodology they intend to use for the analyzation of these increases. In response to the Commission's request for this information during the May 12th quarterly goals meeting, CPD requested that the commission follow up in writing with specific questions. Clarification has been sent, and the commission is awaiting response.

Firearm Pointing Letter

Commissioner Gottlieb stated that with the support of Commissioner Piemonte, Commissioner Minor, Commissioner Driver and Vice President Rubi Navarajo a letter was sent to the Chicago Police Department expressing concern about firearm pointing. Commission Gottlieb further noted that as Commissioner Driver mentioned that part of goal four is to gain understanding as to the increase of firearm pointing in recent years. Irrespective of the reasons, CPD's firearm pointing directive should provide clear guidance and function in a way that maximizes safety and security of both CPD officers and civilians.

Commission Gottlieb informed the community that the letter requested that CPD review the current policy language as part of the upcoming consent decree required policy review and consider practices from comparable jurisdictions. Referencing Philadelphia, which only allows firearm pointing only when officers reasonably believe an immediate threat of serious bodily injury or death to themselves or another person exists. A meeting has been requested to discuss the current directive, the experiences in other jurisdictions and possible improvements for their current directive.

Commissioner Wortham advised that she did not sign the letter, as she objected to the letter being sent and was not in support of the goal. Further stating that the commissioners that signed the letter were those that refused to allow for individual votes on goals and therefore the goals were voted on as a package, noting that this meant the commission had to vote on all goals if they wanted to vote on any of them. Commissioner Wortham stated that her reasoning for not voting on this goal was because her impression was that some of her colleagues had predetermined that the increase in firearm pointing was indicative of wrongdoing on the part of CPD.

Commissioner went on to say that Commissioner Driver has just advised that they commission recently met with CPD and have not given CPD the opportunity to fulfill the tasks of the goal before sending a letter. And action she referred to as unprofessional and an underhanded interaction which creates an adversarial relationship rather than maximizing their ability to serve the citizens of the city.

Commissioner Gottlieb addressed Commissioner Wortham's comments stating that although he understands her remarks it represents an unfortunate conflation and lack of clarity. The purpose of the Commission's goal is to understand the increase which signifies something has changed as the change in firearm pointing would not have occurred if all variables remained the same. The policy has not changed and therefore cannot be responsible for said increase. Which leaves the following in question, whether the policy is clear and does it provide appropriate guidance. And that is what the letter is about.

Commissioner Gottlieb said that personally, he has serious questions on the clarity of the policy and quality of the guidance. He also noted that other jurisdictions have clearer guidance and greater restrictions. Firearm pointing is serious and should be treated as such in the directive.

Community Policing

Commissioner Piemonte informed the community that CPD created a community policing working group comprised of representatives from the Office of Constitutional Policing and Reform, in response to one of the commission's 2026 goals set forth for the superintendent. This working group is comprised of Commission Vice President Angel Rubi Navarajo, Commissioner Gina Piemonte, and District Councilors Alex Perez from the 2nd District Council, Carmelita Earls from the 15th District Council, Jenny Schaffer from the 19th District Council, and Carisa Parker from the 22nd District Council. The working group met on April 17th to review the community policing assessment, an in-depth study examining the current state of community policing in Chicago. The assessment includes recommendations for steps that could improve the effectiveness of community policing. The working group highlighted many of the key work streams within the Community Policing Assessment Report as areas of focus. At the working group's next meeting, members will discuss potential areas for collaboration between CPD, the Commission, and District Councils to improve community policing. The commission will extend an invitation to CPD to discuss the Community Policing Assessment at the commission's next monthly public meeting.

CPD Compliance with Welcoming City Ordinance

Vice President Rubi Navarajo stated that following the Commission's special meeting on April 2nd, the Commission has continued to engage with CPD, the City, and other stakeholders on the topic of CPD's compliance with the Welcoming City Ordinance. In March, the Commission sent a request to CPD for the implementation guidance mandated by the Mayor's ICE on Notice Executive Order. CPD has provided the commission with multiple updates, advising that the guidance remains in draft form with the Department of Law and the Mayor's Office. The commission will continue requesting updates from CPD on this matter.

Vice President Rubi Navarajo noted that President Terry met with Interim Inspector General Tabara Richardson to discuss the Commission's April 2nd recommendation to OIG to evaluate CPD's compliance with the WCO. Furthermore, the Commission requested additional information from CPD on the department's policies and reporting forms related to interactions between CPD members and federal immigration authorities. Earlier this week, the department requested an extension to respond to the follow-up questions on federal immigration enforcement. The Commission expects to have a response to our additional information request in the upcoming two weeks. It is most important that we hear from those who are directly impacted or work closely with these communities.

Vice President Rubi Navarajo went on to say, that by ordinance, the Commission has established a non-citizen Advisory Council. The Non-Citizen Advisory Council (NAC) is a volunteer group of Chicago residents who help ensure that the perspectives and experiences of non-citizens and newly arrived Chicagoans are meaningfully represented in the Commission's work. The NAC is always looking for new members, and the Commission encourages Chicagoans to apply, regardless of your immigration status. Vice President Rubi Navarajo noted that the application is on our website and that he sits on this working group which meets regularly with the Non-Citizen Advisory Council.

Traffic Stops

Commissioner Wortham informed the community that the traffic stops work continue. The CPD Policy Working Group, comprised of herself, President Terry continues to work with the Illinois Attorney General's Office, Chicago Police Department and the Independent Monitor to develop a traffic stops policy and or negotiate terms of stipulations which would govern traffic stops policy for the CPD. Commissioner Wortham noted that there have been various feedback forms and encouraged community members to continue to give their input. As she believes that it is the responsibility of the commission to continue to be responsive to community and your thoughts and needs on this issue. So, while the stipulation process is required to be confidential, so there are limits to the things we can share, we will share what we can and update you to the extent that we can.

VII. Announcement of the Next Meeting

President Terry announced that the next meeting will be Thursday, June 25, 2026, at Benito Juarez High School at 1450 W Cermak at 6:30PM.

VIII. Close

The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 PM