



# DISTRICT COUNCILS

COMMUNITY COMMISSION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

## District Council Meeting Agenda

**Date:** May 2, 2026

**Time:** 10:14 AM – 10:31 AM

**Location:** Jackson Park Fieldhouse, 6401 S Stony Island Ave

**Attendance:**

- No CPD present
  - Two meeting attendees
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## Attendance and Quorum

The OMA requires at least two of the three council members to be physically present.

- Chair: Kenya Franklin — Present
  - Nominator: Vacant
  - Community Engagement: Janice Jones — Present
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## Call to Order and Roll Call

- Meeting called to order and quorum established
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## N/A

- Not applicable (no remote attendance requested)
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## Approval

- Agenda reviewed and approved
  - New voting items cannot be added once the meeting begins
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## Approval of Past Minutes

- Minutes from April 4, 2026, Special Meeting approved
- Minutes from February 7 meeting approved
- Clarifications made regarding date discrepancies in previous minutes

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### **Public Comment**

- Public comment period available for up to 30 minutes
  - Each speaker is allotted up to two minutes
  - Written comments may be submitted at the meeting or emailed to [dc002@cityofchicago.org](mailto:dc002@cityofchicago.org)
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### **Public Discussion on District Trends and Concerns**

#### **Crime and Safety Concerns**

- Continued rise in vehicle break-ins and thefts near 75th Street and in private lots
- Four individuals arrested on 73rd Street with master keys
- Reports of car windows smashed and electronics stolen
- Recent fire set on a porch in the alley; suspect unclear despite video footage
- Increase in robberies near 75th Street
- Ongoing challenges at known hot spots, including the Jewel parking lot shared with the Fourth District
- Plans to develop strategies addressing recurring activity

#### **Police and Community Relations**

- Concerns about limited police follow-up and transparency
- Reports of low staffing due to injuries and disability leave
- Lack of functioning squad cars is affecting response times
- District Coordination Officers working limited hours
- Police bikes reassigned downtown during summer events
- Under-reporting by the community leading to officer reassignments
- Proposal to reinstate phone trees to strengthen reporting
- Discussion of inviting violence interruption organizations; concerns raised about stability and effectiveness

#### **Council Operations and Membership**

- Third council seat remains vacant
  - Formal retirement paperwork is still pending from the outgoing member
  - Frustration noted regarding delays and communication
  - Suggestion to revisit the prior candidate pool
  - Possibility of advocacy if delays continue
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### **Reports from Councilors**

- Councilors shared updates and engaged with attendees
  - Observations from community engagement incorporated into the discussion
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### **Update from the Commission**

- Updates received and discussed
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### **Report from the Police District**

- No CPD staff present; no report provided
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### **Hearings and Discussions**

- Discussion on priority public safety issues within the district
  - Discussion on local policing concerns
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### **Presentations**

- No external speaker presented at this meeting
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### **Community Engagement and Events**

- Updates shared on recent and upcoming community events, including:
    - Metro South Open Walk
    - Wednesday Love Day
    - Next Generation Lifesavers literacy event
    - Black History Festival
    - Safety Town Hall involving the Second and Third Districts
    - “Making the Right Call” session (guidance on when to dial 911 vs. 311)
    - Second Chance Resource Fair hosted by Black Fire Brigade (May 12, 2026)
    - Hyde Park Garden Fair (May 16–17)
  - Continued concerns about mental health and domestic violence outreach
  - No updates from mental health contacts
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## **Action Items and Follow-Ups**

### **Immediate**

- Create flyers with QR codes for submitting concerns
- Request written guidelines for District Advisory Council participation
- Contact violence interruption organizations for upcoming meetings

### **Ongoing**

- Continue work to fill the third council member seat
  - Monitor developments regarding mental health services at district stations
  - Strengthen outreach and promotion for community engagement events
  - Report any planned or upcoming events to council leadership
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### **Final Actions**

- No voting items introduced
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### **Final Announcements and Adjournment**

- Next meeting scheduled for June 6, 2026, Jackson Park Fieldhouse, 6401 S. Stony Island
- Guest speaker to be invited; flyer to be distributed upon confirmation
- Meeting adjourned at 10:31 AM