

CITY OF CHICAGO
DISTRICT COUNCIL 005
COMMUNITY COMMISSION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND ACCOUNTABILITY
MEETING MINUTES

MEETING TYPE: X Regular ☐ Special ☐ Closed

MEETING DATE: May 29, 2026

MEETING LOCATION & ADDRESS: 11141 South Cottage Grove

MEETING START TIME: 6:20 pm

Attendance & Quorum

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

District Council Member Name	Attendance
Chair: Robert McKay	Present: ☒ Remote: ☐ Absent: ☐
Nominator: Thomas McMahon	Present: ☒ Remote: ☐ Absent: ☐
Community Engagement: Ponchita Moore	Present: ☐ Remote: ☐ Absent: ☒

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

Public Comment

General questions raised about 12-hour shifts (cause: resource strain, not staff shortage).

Comments on summer event changes: Taste of Chicago will not be in Pullman this year but relocated downtown, as NASCAR event was canceled

Approval of Minutes

April 27, 2026, minutes were approved by Thomas McMahon and Robert McKay

Discussions

Meeting facilitator requested members share prevalent trends and concerns for record. No significant new issues voiced; general focus continues on resource allocation, crime prevention, and community collaboration.

Updates

Nominating Committee:

Three nominees submitted for upcoming term.

Two have been selected and are awaiting ratification by full city council (already passed Police & Fire Committee).

Third nominee pending will replace existing seat as it becomes available.

DSP/Strategic Plan:

Strategic plan meeting scheduled for second week of June (June 8–14, 2026) with police leadership.

Six-month-old report with recommendations (three pages, based on previous two public meetings) will be reviewed.

Emphasis on insufficient community outreach, recommendation to improve community input processes.

8. KOP House Project and Mural

Invitation to mural unveiling on Monday, June 1st from 4–5 PM at 12020 South Indiana.

COP House: Privately funded community house, renovated for shared use and programming.

Partners: Phalanx, Kids Off the Block, Metropolitan Family Services, 5th District Police, Cook County Sheriff.

Model: Once a neighborhood stabilizes, house is sold to buy/renovate another, following S.C. Johnson's model from Racine, WI.

Community mural (on removable canvas for easy maintenance/reuse); created via collaboration with local high school students and Kids Off the Block.

Mural includes references to local landmarks (e.g., Old Fashioned Donuts, Gately's, Salem Baptist).

9. Neighborhood Revitalization and New Housing

CNI and Operation Hope Foundation investing in prefab housing between 118th–119th Streets (homes priced

at ~\$230,000; green/energy efficient).

Grants available to first-time homebuyers; goal to stabilize community with new homeowners.

Coordination with organizations on Chicago's West Side (Austin) for a similar effort.

Impact of the future Red Line extension on property values noted.

10. Red Line Extension and Local Employment Concerns

\$2 billion funding for Red Line extension was recently released by courts.

Coverage: Extends from 95th Street through Roseland to 130th & Bishop Ford Expressway.

Local jobs/training:

Concerns raised that technical training for Red Line construction (heavy equipment operation, well drilling, etc.) is offered mostly outside impacted communities.

Suggestion to advocate for more local hiring through outreach at CTA community center (400 W 111th St) and via Operating Engineers Local 150 (main trainers).

Issue discussed as related to reducing crime through local job creation and opportunities for youth.

Next regular council meeting tentatively planned at Most Worshipful King Cyrus Lodge, 11400 S. Edbrook (old St. Willibrord Catholic HS); confirmation pending. Quarterly internal meeting of district counselors: Scheduled for June 27, 2026 (Saturday), location to be determined, intended to be on city's Southeast Side (possibly Chicago State University). Suggestion to consider holding future meetings at the new COP House once operational. Review via CCPSA website.

No new reports from 5th District police representatives in attendance

NEXT MEETING DATE: June 22, 2026

NEXT MEETING LOCATION (if available): TBA

District Council ended the meeting at: 6:49 pm