14TH DISTRICT COUNCIL

COMMUNITY COMMISSION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

District Council 014 Public Meeting Minutes

- **Meeting Type:** Special
- **Date:** June 25, 2026
- **Time:** 1:00 PM
- **Location:** Sipping Turtle Cafe, 2959 N Milwaukee Ave, 60618

- **Call to Order, Roll Call**

Under Illinois law, the District Council can only conduct official public business if the Council establishes a physically present quorum of two Councilors.

Start time: 1:03 PM

Roll call:

Councilor Name	Role	Present
Christopher Laurent	Chair	No
Ashley Vargas	Nominating Committee Member	Yes
David Orlikoff	Community Engagement Coordinator	Yes

Quorum achieved: Yes

- **Public Comment**

The Council will listen to comments from attendees. Each comment is limited to 2 minutes. Anyone interested in giving public comment should write their name on a card provided at the meeting and give it to the members of the Council or staff in the meeting room any time within 30 minutes of the start of the meeting. The public comment session is limited to 20 minutes. If the number of interested speakers exceeds the time dedicated to public comment, speakers will be selected by a random drawing. Anyone may submit a written comment by delivering it at the meeting or by emailing DC14@cityofchicago.org.

Notes:

- Lee Bielecki:
  - Objected to the purpose and timing of the special meeting, calling it “highly irregular” and disrespectful to Councilor Laurent.
  - Praised Laurent’s integrity and professionalism, contrasted with concerns about Councilor Orlikoff’s conduct over the term.
  - Referenced disruptions at the prior meeting that “contributed to the demise of collaboration” with the State’s Attorney’s Office, alleging that attendees invited by Councilor Orlikoff and Officer Vargas interrupted and threatened presenters; noted video timestamp ~45:13 where “Officer Vargas laughed,” deemed disrespectful.

- Concluded by reiterating a call for Councilor Orlikoff's resignation tied to those events.

- **Final Actions, Resolutions, Recommendations – N/A**

  The Council will discuss items for voting. This may include resolutions calling upon the Commission, the Chicago Police Department, City Council, the Mayor's Office, or others to take action on a matter. Councilors may also share individual recommendations that are not formal, final actions of the Council. Individual recommendations do not require votes, and they may or may not be listed ahead of time.

  Notes:

  - Council votes (e.g. resolutions)
    - Vote to shift District Councilor roles
      1. Motion: Reassign Chair to David Orlikoff and Community Engagement Coordinator to Christopher Laurent.
      2. Outcome: Tabled to July: Councilor Vargas requested additional time to consider whether she or Orlikoff should assume the role of Chair
    - Vote on Bylaw Amendment for communicating via official DC014 channels: Article IV, Section E - **Passed**:
      1. Representation standard: Posts must reflect the consensus/majority view of the Council (2 of 3) and may not be assumed to be personal views unless explicitly attributed by name.
      2. Grievance process: Any councilor may file a grievance; staff will poll councilors to determine if content reflects Council views; if < two-thirds agree, it is a violation. *(Amended routing: see #4)*
      3. Consequences: 1st violation → 3-day suspension from posting (waivable by 2 of 3 councilors). 2nd violation → revocation of direct posting access for the remainder of the term; reinstatement only by unanimous public resolution.
      4. Amendment (routing): Replace "file a grievance with a member of staff" with "file with their directly assigned support staff (e.g., Community Outreach Coordinator), or higher-up if unavailable."
      5. Edits/deletions: Improper deletions or alterations are violations under the same process.
      6. Access security: No credential sharing; immediate breach notification required.
      7. Facebook Biography language (mandated text) to be set for the DC-014 page
      8. Independence/tone: Communications should avoid glorifying CPD and emphasize evidence-based public safety and accountability consistent with DC-014's oversight role.

9. Amendment (CPD employment phrasing): Narrowed language to reflect that councilors are barred from working for CPD while campaigning/running, per counsel's guidance at prior meeting.

Vote:

Councilor Name	Vote
Ashley Vargas	Aye
David Orlikoff	Aye
Christopher Laurent	Absent

Outcome: Passed

- The 14th District Council commends Deputy Inspector General Richardson and recommends her reappointment.
    1. Action: Passed a resolution commending Deputy Inspector General Tobara Richardson and recommending her reappointment by the incoming Inspector General.
    2. Vote: Aye — Orlikoff, Vargas; Laurent absent.

- Vote to endorse the call to expand and fund Crisis Assistance Response and Engagement (CARE) program
    2. Action: Adopted endorsement calling to expand and permanently fund CARE teams citywide and to reopen/expand public mental health centers.
    3. Rationale: Cited evidence that non-police crisis response handles a significant share of calls more safely and cost-effectively, and aligns with evidence-based public safety approaches.
    4. Vote: Aye — Orlikoff, Vargas; Laurent absent.
    5. Outcome: Passed.

- Vote on Bylaw Amendment for DC meeting attendance and decorum
        1. Tabled until it could received deeper review

- **Final Announcements and Adjournment**

  The Council will make final announcements, such as announcements about upcoming Council events and meetings, and then close the meeting.

1. Maggie Hickey from the Independent Monitoring Team (IMT) is presenting on the Consent Decree
2. Next meeting:
    a. Thursday, July 9, 6:00 PM
    b. Humboldt Park Fieldhouse – 1440 N Humboldt Dr, 60622
3. Meeting adjourned at 1:36 PM