

City of Chicago
COMMUNITY COMMISSION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

MEETING MINUTES

MEETING TYPE	Regular Meeting
MEETING DATE	Monday, November 13, 2023
MEETING LOCATION	Kennedy-King College
TIME CALLED TO ORDER	6:33 pm

ATTENDANCE:

Commissioner Name	Present or Absent / In-Person or Remote
Rev. Dr. Beth Brown	Present, In-Person
Anthony Driver, Jr. – President, Chair	Present, In Person
Oswaldo Gomez – Vice President	Present, In-Person
Yvette Loizon	Present, In-Person
Cliff Nellis	Present, In-Person
Remel Terry	Present, In-Person
Isaac Troncoso	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 the Inspector General

FOP = Federal Order of Police

NAMI = National Alliance on Mental Illness

- I. President Driver called the meeting to order.
- II. President Driver called the roll and established the quorum.
- III. The Commission held a public comment session. Eleven (11) speakers offered comments. Public comment may be viewed at the Chicago CCPSA YouTube page: www.youtube.com/@chicagoccpsa.
- IV. **Approval of the Minutes**

Commissioner Driver called for a motion to approve the minutes from the September 28, October 15, and October 26 meetings. Commissioner Gomez seconded the motion. There was no debate on the matter and the motion passed 7-0.

V. New Business

Chicago Police Board Nomination:

Commissioner Troncoso provided updates on the Police Board. The Commission is accepting applications for two (2) Police Board vacancies. The Police Board is an independent civilian body that decides Chicago Police officer disciplinary cases. Compensation includes a monthly stipend of \$1,000.00.

Eligibility requirements include:

- 10 years of practice as a lawyer.
- Not an employee within the last 5 years for the Chicago Police Department, COPA, Chicago Department of Law, Chicago Mayor's Office, or the Cook County State's Attorney's Office.

Applications are available at www.chicago.gov/chicagocommunitycommission

VI. Reports and Updates

PSIG Investigation Update:

Commissioner Loizon provided updates regarding the Commission's recommendation to the Public Safety Inspector General.

On November 2, 2023, the Commission sent a letter to the Deputy Inspector General for Public Safety recommending that the Deputy Inspector General conduct an audit of CPD's process for disciplining officers associated with extremist groups. On November 8, 2023, the Deputy Inspector General responded to the Commission's recommendation.

An excerpt from the letter:

"OIG is continuing to examine the issue of CPD members who associate with extremist or bias-based organizations, including the topics identified in CCPSA's recommendation, on multiple fronts. Initially, OIG has a forthcoming inquiry that will address some of the topics described in CCPSA's recommendation. Additionally, OIG will continue to review individual closed disciplinary investigations and make recommendations to inform future investigations. Further, we screen all closed investigations to which we have access, and we select certain investigations for in-depth reviews."

The entire letter can be viewed at the Chicago CCPSA website.

Motion to Approve CPD Amendment to Policy G08-03:

Commissioner Terry provided an update on amending CPD Policy G08-03 "Prohibitions on Associations with Criminal Organizations".

Over the past 60 days, the Commission has engaged with the community on the updated policy to get their input. Their input included:

- Posting the policy on CCPSA website to solicit feedback.
- Sending out surveys to community stakeholders.
- Outreach to District Councils.

- Educating the community at the monthly commission meeting.
- Informational webinar attended by close to 100 people.
- Listening session held with multiple affinity groups.

During the Commission's outreach, several themes were identified by the community:

- Whether the term bias was appropriate and specific enough.
- Should the order directly reference white supremacy and/or racism.
- Is the policy specific enough to ensure officers can still engage in organizations working to end discrimination and promote racial and gender-based equity.
- Policy should include monitoring and accountability measures.
- Direction on how CPD will publicize and share a list of prohibited organizations.
- Making sure the policy sufficiently protects 1st amendment rights.

Commissioner Loizon made remarks reiterating that the Commission has the authority to pass and modify General Orders. However, the Commission does not have the authority to investigate or discipline police officers.

Before a vote was taken on the motion, Commissioner Driver stated that after a General Order is voted upon, there is a 60-day waiting period until the order is effective and that CPD and the Mayor will review the order during that period.

Commissioner Driver called for a motion to adopt the proposed Amendment to Policy G08-03. Commissioner Brown and Gomez seconded the motion.

There was no debate on the motion. The motion carries 7-0.

VII. Officer Wellness

Commissioner Driver provided a brief presentation describing his experience as it relates to officer wellness issues and poor officer facility conditions.

Commissioner Loizon introduced Sergeant Joseph Deferville to discuss issues impacting police officers. Due to the poor working conditions of the police stations, officers are unable to have a comfortable space to complete reports and decompress in between their tours of duty.

This included:

- Poor parking lot conditions are causing damage to police vehicles.
- Police station entranceways and parking lots have fecal matter left by community members and displaced migrants.
- Facilities have fire and water damage, including burst plumbing and leaking ceilings.

Before introducing the next speaker, Commissioner Loizon explained the Commission conducted officer focus groups, interviewed subject matter experts, and attended FOP and multiple Union meetings to better understand the issue of officer wellness.

Erin Ross, Director of the 95th Street Business Association, discussed her experience as a family member of police officers that committed suicide.

Panel Discussion:

Commissioner Gomez moderated a panel discussion with wellness experts. The panel answered prepared questions from the Commission and questions from the audience. The full

panel discussion may be viewed at the Chicago CCPSA YouTube page:
www.youtube.com/@chicagoccpsa.

The panel included:

1. **Larry Snelling**, Superintendent of the Chicago Police Department
2. **Sandy Jo MacArthur**, Los Angeles Police Assistant Chief (Retired)
3. **Alexa James**, Chief Executive Officer of NAMI Chicago
4. **Matt O'Shea**, 19th Ward Alderman

VIII. Announcement of the Next Meeting

Commissioner Driver announced that the next meeting will be Monday, December 11, 2023, 6:30pm at Truman College.

IX. Close

Before Commissioner Driver adjourned the meeting, Commissioner Brown announced that November is Transgender Awareness Month and November 20th is the Transgender Day of Remembrance.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32pm.