

City of Chicago
COMMUNITY COMMISSION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

MEETING MINUTES

MEETING TYPE	Regular Meeting
MEETING DATE	Thursday, January 25, 2024
MEETING LOCATION	Irish American Heritage Center
TIME CALLED TO ORDER	6:40PM

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

PB = Police Board

FOP = Federal Order of Police

- 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. Three (3) 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 December 11, 2023. Commissioner Terry seconded the motion. There was no debate on the matter and the motion passed 6-0.

V. New Business

Adoption of 2024 Regular Meeting Calendar

Commissioner Driver called for a motion to approve the 2024 public meeting schedule. Commissioner Terry seconded the motion. There was no debate on the matter and the motion passed 6-0. The CCPSA website will be updated with the 2024 public meeting schedule.

Vote to Authorize Closed Meetings

Commissioner Driver called for a motion to hold a series of closed meetings for the maximum period allowable, and only for the purposes cited under Section 2(c)(3) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act. Commissioner Terry seconded the motion. There was no debate on the matter and the motion passed 6-0.

Goalsetting

Commissioner Driver introduced the next order of business to consider and approve the goals for the COPA Chief Administrator, the Police Board President, and the CPD Superintendent. Commissioner Terry provided an overview of the goalsetting process and timeline for the three agencies. The final goals will be posted on the CCPSA website at the beginning of February 2024.

COPA Goalsetting

Commissioners Loizon and Brown gave a synopsis of the COPA 2024 goals.

1. Consistency in Disciplinary Recommendations
2. Continue Timeliness in Closing Cases
3. Improving Transparency and Communication
4. Youth Engagement
5. Equity

Commissioner Driver gave the Commissioners an opportunity to ask questions prior to inviting COPA Chief Administrator, Andrea Kersten, to comment on the proposed goals. Commissioner Loizon added that the goalsetting working groups will meet with COPA on a quarterly basis to discuss updates on the progress of each goal. Commissioner Brown also stated that the public will receive an update of the progress during the monthly meetings following the quarterly updates.

Chief Administrator Kersten spoke about the goalsetting process and the FOP contract 18-month deadline pertaining to COPA's case load.

Commissioner Brown moved to adopt the proposed 2024 goals for COPA Chief Administrator. Commissioner Loizon seconded the motion. There was no debate on the matter and the motion passed 6-0.

Police Board Goalsetting:

Commissioners Loizon and Troncoso gave a synopsis of the Police Board 2024 goals.

1. Additional Training
2. Greater Consistency

3. Improved Transparency
4. Standardization of Procedures
5. Improving Community Engagement

Commissioner Driver gave the Commissioners an opportunity to ask questions prior to inviting Police Board President, Kyle Cooper, an opportunity to comment on the proposed goals. Commissioner Loizon added that the goalsetting working groups will meet on a quarterly basis to discuss updates on the progress of each Police Board goal.

Police Board President, Kyle Cooper, spoke about the goalsetting process, training of current and new Police Board members, engagement of the public at Police Board and City Council meetings.

- Upcoming Police Board Meetings –
Visit https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/depts/cpb/provdrs/public_meetings.html for the full Police Board 2024 meeting calendar:
 - Dates: Every third Thursday, except in February
 - Location: CPD Headquarters, 3510 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL
 - Time: 7:30pm

Commissioner Troncoso moved to adopt the proposed 2024 goals for the Police Board President. Commissioner Loizon seconded the motion. There was no debate on the matter and the motion passed 6-0.

CPD Goalsetting:

Commissioners Driver and Brown gave a synopsis of the CPD 2024 goals.

1. Articulate a crime fighting strategy that is rooted in constitutional policing and supported by the community.
2. Community Policing
 - a. A cultural shift to a more expansive approach to community policing for all police officers, and
 - b. For the Superintendent to develop a comprehensive community policing plan.
3. Provide quality investigations and timely communication with victims and their families.
4. Member Wellness and Morale
5. Leadership
6. Workforce Allocation

Commissioner Driver gave the Commissioners an opportunity to ask questions prior to inviting Superintendent, Larry Snelling, an opportunity to comment on the proposed goals.

CPD Superintendent, Larry Snelling, spoke about officer wellness, the decrease in various crimes since last year, and public safety.

Commissioner Brown moved to adopt the proposed 2024 goals for the CPD Superintendent. Commissioner Driver seconded the motion. Commissioner Gomez was added to the role to include his vote. There was no debate on the matter and the motion passed 7-0.

VI. Reports and Updates

G08-03 Prohibition on Criminal and Bias Organizations:

Commissioner Terry provided an update on this policy. The 60-day Mayoral review period specified in the Ordinance ended on January 12, 2024, meaning the policy is now in effect for the Chicago Police Department.

Vice President Gomez Resignation:

Commissioner Gomez announced he will be stepping down as Commissioner Vice President due to professional and personal reasons. He plans to finish his term with the Commission.

Commissioner Driver explained that Commissioner Gomez's resignation from the position of Vice-President creates a vacancy in that position. According to the Commission's bylaws, Commissioners host elections for the role of President and Vice-President every two years, or whenever there is an Officer vacancy. Officer elections are held during regularly scheduled Commission meetings and the Commission elects a President and Vice-President by majority vote. Nominations for the election of offices are made at the regular meeting immediately preceding the meeting at which elections are to take place. The term of the President and Vice President shall commence on the date of their election and shall end upon the date when their successors have been elected.

Commissioner Driver moved to nominate Commissioner Terry to serve as Vice President. Commissioner Terry accepted the nomination, and no other nominations were made. The vote to elect a new Vice President will take place at the Commission's next regular meeting on February 29, 2024.

VII. Miscellaneous Business

CCPSA Applications:

Applications to serve on the permanent Community Commission for Public Safety and Accountability are open now through February 7, 2024, at 12pm. To find more information on the required application materials, visit the CCPSA website here:

www.cityofchicago.org/chicagocommunitycommission or scan the QR code on the flyer.

Social Media:

- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ChicagoCCPSA/> or search Community Commission for Public Safety & Accountability
- Instagram: @ccpsa_chicago
- Twitter: @ccpsa_chicago
- Youtube: @chicagoccpsa

VIII. Announcement of the Next Meeting

Commissioner Driver announced that the next regular meeting will be Thursday, February 29, 2024, 6:30pm at Malcolm X College.

Other Upcoming Meetings:

- Superintendent's Forum 2
January 30, 6:30 pm
JLM Center
2622 W Jackson Blvd, Chicago, IL, 60612
- Special Hearing on Acoustic Gunshot Detection
February 8, 6:30pm
Saint Sabina Church
1210 W 78th Pl, Chicago, IL, 60620

IX. Close

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08PM