

City of Chicago
COMMUNITY COMMISSION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

MEETING MINUTES

MEETING TYPE	Special Meeting on the Proposed 2023 Chicago Police Department Budget
MEETING DATE	Monday, October 24, 2022
MEETING LOCATION	Virtual
TIME CALLED TO ORDER	7:00 pm

ATTENDANCE:

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

QUORUM PRESENT: Yes.

AGENDA

- I. President Driver called the meeting to order. He cited the Governor’s disaster proclamation regarding the COVID-19 pandemic and announced, pursuant to the Illinois Open Meetings Act, his determination that an in-person meeting is not practical or prudent. The meeting was therefore conducted virtually via Zoom. It was also livestreamed.
- II. President Driver called the roll and established the quorum.
- III. The Commission held a public comment session. 3 participants provided public comment. Public comment may be viewed at the Chicago CCPSA YouTube page: www.youtube.com/@chicagoccpsa.
- IV. Overview of Community Commission budget review authority and process.

President Driver explained that the meeting would include a discussion about the CPD budget with Police Superintendent David Brown, followed by an open forum. He further explained that the Commission would not be providing responses to comments or answering questions during the meeting but would respond later when appropriate.

Vice President Gomez delivered a slide presentation on the Commission’s authority and process for reviewing the CPD budget. He explained that under the ordinance creating the Commission, the Commission has the authority to annually review the CPD budget and deliver comments and recommend changes prior to the City Council vote on the budget. He explained that one of the newly created committees, the Police Department Budget and Resource Allocation Committee, is leading the annual review and is comprised of President Driver and Vice President Gomez. He further explained that while every Commissioner is involved and has reviewed the draft budget, Commissioner Loizon would play a central role in the special meeting in addition to President Driver and Vice President Gomez.

Vice President Gomez gave an overview of how the budget is created via the Office of Budget and Management working in conjunction with each City department over the course of months. He explained that the City Council was currently conducting public hearings on each department's budget under the Mayor's proposed 2023 budget, which was introduced on October 3 with a December 31 deadline for passage by City Council. The hearing on the CPD budget took place on October 21 and lasted 8 hours.

Vice President Gomez outlined the authority and role of the Commission in reviewing the CPD budget and sharing comments and recommendations prior to the City Council vote. This authority is explicitly stated in the ordinance creating the Commission and follows the Commission's broader purposes, as stated in the ordinance, for oversight and public safety. Vice President Gomez explained that the Commission began its review upon receiving the CPD budget on October 3, the same date it became public. He provided several highlights from the CPD budget, which is over \$1.9 billion and contains hundreds of items. He explained that while the budget enumerates the number of officers and their salaries, it does not include information on their specific roles, geographies, and assignments. The Commission is focused on acquiring as much information as possible to better understand the budget. He invited members of the public to share ideas with the Commission by emailing CommunityCommissionPublicComment@cityofchicago.org.

Vice President Gomez ended by stating that the CPD Superintendent received the Commission's list of questions for the meeting two weeks earlier, that the Superintendent was present to begin to answer to these questions, that the Commission will follow up with the Superintendent to raise any additional questions, and that the Commission will publish its comments and recommendations in November on the Commission website and will send them to the City Council for review and consideration.

V. Discussion of Proposed 2023 Police Department Budget with Superintendent David Brown

President Driver welcomed Superintendent Brown and thanked him for his service.

Superintendent Brown delivered an opening statement. In his statement, he listed the CPD's 6 key goals: (1) growing community trust, (2) ensuring public safety, (3) strengthening investigations, (4) recruiting and retaining the next generation of police officers, (5) transformational change through reform, and (6) enhancing officer wellness. He described some of the measures taken by CPD to achieve these goals and evidence of progress.

President Driver and Commissioner Loizon questioned Superintendent Brown about the budget, focusing on the Neighborhood Policing Initiative, the Bureau of Patrol, decisions and observed patterns around patrol workforce allocation and geographic assignments across police districts, police response times across police districts, the Criminal Network Group, the Community Safety Teams and the Critical Incident Response Teams, decisions around officer shifts, and decisions, metrics, plans, and strategies for officer training under the Training Division.

The Police Department made the following commitments during the hearing:

- To share with the Commission metrics and data by police district on the number and percentage of patrol officers that have worked the same beat, same watch, and same supervisor over a 12-month period;
- To share with the Commission response time data by police district and per month;
- To collaborate with the Commission on developing a more advanced analysis of workforce allocation, in compliance with the Consent Decree;

- To publish and present at a press conference the Police Department's new strategy for addressing motor vehicle thefts and robberies;
- To share with the Commission progress reports and any other documentation showing the percentage of officers completing each required training course and completing the full training curriculum as established by the Consent Decree, workplans for each training class that requires 40 hours of training per year, and the Police Department's progress data for meeting the training requirements of the Consent Decree in time.

Members of the public can listen to the specific questions and responses in the video recording of the October 24th meeting, which is available at the Chicago CCPSA YouTube page: www.youtube.com/@chicagoccpsa.

VI. Open Forum

Commissioner Terry moderated a public forum for members of the public to share ideas and questions about the CPD budget. 2 people provided comments or questions. Comments and questions from the forum may be viewed at the Chicago CCPSA YouTube page: www.youtube.com/@chicagoccpsa

VII. Announcement of the Next Regular Meeting

President Driver announced that the next regular meeting will take place on October 27, 2022 at 6:30 pm at Kennedy-King College. Information about the meeting is available at www.Chicago.gov/ChicagoCommunityCommission.

TIME MEETING WAS ADJOURNED: 9:06 pm