

City of Chicago
COMMUNITY COMMISSION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

MEETING MINUTES

MEETING TYPE	Regular Meeting
MEETING DATE	Thursday, October 26, 2023
MEETING LOCATION	Malcolm X College
TIME CALLED TO ORDER	6:30 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	Absent
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

BIA = Bureau of Internal Affairs

- 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. Several 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 August 31, September 7, and September 18 meetings. Commissioner Gomez seconded the motion.

There was no debate on the matter and the motion passed 6-0.

V. New Business

Closed Meeting Authorization:

Commissioner Driver called for the approval of a series of closed meetings related to appointments.

Section 2(c)(3) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act allows the Commission to meet in closed session to consider the following subject:

“The selection of a person to fill a public office, as defined in this Act, including a vacancy in a public office, when the public body is given power to appoint under law or ordinance, or the discipline, performance, or removal of the occupant of a public office, when the public body is given power to remove the occupant under law or ordinance.”

Section 2a of the Act authorizes the Commission to take a vote to hold a series of closed meetings over the course of not more than 3 months from today, and only for the purposes cited under Section 2(c)(3).

Commission Driver moved to approve the motion. Commissioner Gomez seconded the motion.

There was no debate. The motion carried 6-0.

Motion to Recommend OIG investigation:

President Driver made a motion to recommend that OIG investigate recent allegations of officer involvement with extremists or hate-based organizations.

Before a vote was taken on the motion, President Diver asked Commissioner Loizon to make remarks.

Commissioner Loizon stated that this motion was a result of a recent investigative series from WBEZ, the Chicago Sun-Times and Organized Crime and Corruption Reporting Project. They each reported that there are officers in the Chicago Police Department who are members of right-wing extremist groups and have faced no discipline or been fired for these associations. Given the city’s history, there needed to be an independent agency looking into these issues. BIA will still do their own investigation.

OIG can conduct an audit concurrent to a BIA investigation.

There was no debate on the motion. The motion carries 6-0.

VI. Reports and Updates:

Associations Order Update:

Commissioner Terry provided an update on the Associations Order.

The commission is in the community feedback process for the Associations Order. The policy has been updated to prohibit officers from associating with biased, terror, or hate organizations or engaging in behaviors that supports these organizations.

1. On Monday, October 30 at noon, there is an informational webinar so that you can learn more about this policy and ask questions and provide feedback.
2. The webinar will be posted to the website so that people who are unable to make the scheduled time can still view it.
3. Community feedback is being accepted online.
4. Commissioners have also reached out to Chicago police officers for feedback.
5. The Commission plans to vote on the final order at the November 13 meeting.

VII. CPD Budget Presentation:

Commissioner Driver invited CPD to provide an overview of its 2024 budget.

The goal is to create a transformational budget that matches the needs of the Department while remaining budget neutral. This transformation will improve the Department through five (5) initiatives:

- Enhancing Investigations
- Expanding Victim & Community Services
- Increasing Supervision & Training
- Department Transformation through Modernization
- Strengthen Administrative Processes

Each of the initiatives will result in a combined employment opportunity for 398 civilian positions and 440 sworn promotional positions. The 2024 budget also addresses CCPSA's Annual Report.

VIII. Announcement of the Next Meeting

Commissioner Gomez announced that the next meeting will be Monday, November 13, 2023, 6:30 pm at Kennedy-King College.

IX. Close

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.