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**POLICE BOARD BEGINS REVIEW OF APPLICANTS
FOR CHICAGO POLICE SUPERINTENDENT**

The Chicago Police Board has started its review of candidates for the position of Superintendent of the Chicago Police Department.

“We have received applications from across the country as well as from here in Chicago,” said Police Board President Ghian Foreman. “We have 23 applicants, and we will now undertake a thorough review of each one, focusing on their experience in leading proactive public-safety initiatives, advances in training and accountability, and increasing trust between police officers and the communities they serve,” continued President Foreman.

Following this review of all applications, a select number of candidates will be invited for in-depth interviews with the full Board. “This search is a priority for the Board and the City as a whole, and we plan to complete an initial round of interviews by the end of this month,” said President Foreman.

An essential part of preparing for the interviews was a series of listening sessions held across Chicago. “In addition to the three town hall meetings we had in December on the South, West, and North Sides of the City, Board members and I met with approximately 25 organizations. We wanted to hear directly from Chicagoans their views on the qualifications and experience we should be looking for in the next Superintendent, and we have. We thank all members of the community who took the time and made the effort to give us your thoughts. Your input has been invaluable, and we will bring it with us in our interviews and deliberations,” said President Foreman.

As required by city ordinance, when there is a vacancy in the Superintendent’s position, the Police Board is responsible for nominating three candidates for consideration by the Mayor. The names of the three nominees that the Board submits to the Mayor will be made public.

The application for the Superintendent position was made available on November 21, and prospective candidates had until 5:00 p.m. on January 13 to apply for the position.

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