

Cleveland Community Police Commission

Outreach Committee Meeting Minutes

March 2, 2026

Call to Order and Attendance

The Outreach Committee meeting was called to order. Commissioners Maya Kincaid, Imoh Umosen and Untaya Miller were present. Commissioner Sheila Mason was absent.

Adoption of the Agenda

The chair said the committee remained focused on brainstorming and developing a strategic outreach plan. A motion was made and seconded to adopt the agenda. The motion passed.

Public Comment

First District Policing Committee Co-Chair Sabrina Otis addressed the committee regarding communication and planning for the annual District Policing Committee report-out. She asked that DPC co-chairs be included earlier and more directly in planning, emphasizing that co-chairs represent the community and should participate alongside district commanders in preparing and presenting the reports.

The chair acknowledged the concern and said the report-out had been delayed in part to allow DPC co-chairs adequate time to prepare. The committee discussed establishing a direct email thread with all DPC co-chairs so they receive planning information and updates without relying on secondhand communication. April 7 was discussed as the proposed date for the report-out.

Outreach Planning and Upcoming Events

The chair reported on outreach planning discussions with the executive director and reviewed several upcoming CPC events and community appearances.

- March 16: CPC representatives were scheduled to speak at a Postal Workers Union meeting.
- March 17: A CPC representative was scheduled to speak at the NAACP general body meeting.
- March 18: A Solutions Panel Discussion focused on community-based solutions related to policing was scheduled from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at Midtown TechHive.
- March 23: The CPC office was scheduled to host a town hall discussion regarding ICE and its impact on communities and policing from 6 to 7:30 p.m.
- April 7: The committee hoped to hold the annual District Policing Committee report-out at 6 p.m., with the venue to be determined.
- April 16: A tentative community forum was discussed for the Jerry C. Thornton Center with potential participation from community and advocacy organizations.
- April 18: CPC was scheduled to participate in the National Congress of Black Women general body meeting.

Community-Based Outreach Strategy

Commissioner Miller proposed bringing more CPC outreach directly into neighborhoods and meeting residents in familiar spaces such as libraries, coffee shops, community centers, churches, barbershops and salons. The committee discussed collaborating with District Policing Committees and City Council members to identify neighborhood-specific needs rather than using the same outreach approach in every community.

Members emphasized that future Outreach Committee meetings should function more as conversations with residents than presentations by the CPC. The committee also discussed attending existing community events with pop-up information tables and holding short, informal community conversations where residents can discuss neighborhood concerns and ways the CPC can help.

Community Survey

The committee continued planning a citywide survey focused on residents' experiences and relationships with policing. Members discussed hiring a professional firm to help structure and distribute the survey and potentially partnering with colleges or academic programs with relevant expertise.

The committee emphasized that the survey should be accessible, easy to understand and relatively short, while accounting for literacy, disability and different levels of technology access. Members discussed offering the survey in multiple formats, including paper and online versions, and making it available at CPC community events.

The chair identified midsummer as the target for beginning survey circulation, with the goal of having feedback available before the end of 2026. The committee discussed a minimum target of approximately 1,500 participants, or about 300 people from each of Cleveland's five police districts. Members said respondents should live, work or own a business in Cleveland so the results reflect experiences with Cleveland policing.

Social Media and Public Education Content

The committee discussed using social media more intentionally to reach residents who may not attend meetings in person. Plans included completing commissioner and staff introduction videos and producing short educational videos that explain issues and institutions relevant to the CPC's work.

Potential topics included the Consent Decree, the Cleveland City Charter, the CPC's role in city government and the purpose and structure of District Policing Committees. The chair said the CPC should serve as a source of straightforward, understandable information about policing, policy and community issues.

Community Event and Meeting Calendar

Members discussed the lack of a single centralized calendar containing all City of Cleveland community events. The committee proposed creating its own working calendar by gathering information from the Community Relations Board, City social media accounts, commissioners' community contacts and other City departments.

The committee also began identifying possible community locations for future meetings and outreach activities. Commissioners were asked to share potential venues and community contacts. Members noted that some spaces may be donated while others may require rental fees, which would be considered based on available funding.

Adjournment

With no additional business and no objection, the chair adjourned the meeting.