

**BEFORE A MEMBER OF THE POLICE BOARD
OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO**

IN THE MATTER OF THE)	
RECOMMENDATION FOR DISCIPLINE OF)	No. 23 RR 11
POLICE OFFICER CHRIS CHAUSSE,)	
STAR No. 10422, DEPARTMENT OF POLICE,)	(CR No. 2021-3389)
CITY OF CHICAGO.)	

REQUEST FOR REVIEW

On October 10, 2023, the Executive Director of the Police Board of the City of Chicago received from the Chief Administrator of the Civilian Office of Police Accountability a request for review of the Chief Administrator’s recommendation for discipline of Police Officer Chris Chausse, Star No. 10422, arising out of the investigation of Complaint Register No. 2021-3389 (“Request for Review”).

The investigation stems from an incident in the late morning of August 27, 2021, in the 18th police district. According to the summary report of the investigation, several Chicago Police Department (CPD) members, including Officer Chausse, responded to multiple 911 calls reporting a reckless driver in the vicinity of Northwestern Memorial Hospital, culminating in a traffic crash into the Christian Dior store at 931 North Rush Street. The driver of the involved vehicle exited his vehicle after the traffic crash, ran into the store, attempted to destroy store property, and became combative. Dior personnel restrained the driver until police arrived on scene. Numerous CPD members responded to the scene and tried to restrain the driver, who resisted arrest. Several CPD members used force to place the driver into custody. Following the conclusion of the investigation, the Chief Administrator issued recommendations for discipline of two officers and a sergeant. The Superintendent of Police did not agree with the Chief Administrator’s recommendation for Officer Chausse.

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The Chief Administrator recommended that the following allegations against Officer Chausse be *Sustained*:

On or about August 27, 2021, at approximately 11:33 a.m., at or near 931B North Rush Street in Chicago, Officer Chausse:

1. Applied pressure to [A.G.]’s face using his foot without justification; and
2. Failed to activate his body-worn camera (BWC) during law-enforcement activity.

The Chief Administrator recommended discipline for Officer Chausse of a minimum of a 180-day suspension, up to and including discharge from the CPD.

The Superintendent disagreed with the Chief Administrator’s recommendation in that the Superintendent recommended that Allegation No. 1 be classified as *Not Sustained* and proposed that Officer Chausse be suspended for ten (10) days for failing to activate his BWC (the Superintendent agreed with the recommendation to sustain Allegation No. 2).

According to the Certificate submitted by the Chief Administrator: (1) the Chief Administrator issued the recommendation for discipline on February 24, 2023; (2) the Chief Administrator received the Superintendent’s written response on May 25, 2023; (3) the Chief Administrator’s designees met with the Superintendent’s designees and concluded their discussion of this matter on October 10, 2023; and (4) the Request for Review was sent via email to the Executive Director of the Police Board on October 10, 2023.

The Executive Director of the Police Board prepared and forwarded the Request for Review file to Aja Carr-Favors, the member of the Police Board who was selected on a random basis, pursuant to Article VI of the Police Board’s Rules of Procedure (“Reviewing Member”). On October 11, 2023, the Reviewing Member completed a review of the Request for Review pursuant to Section 2-78-130(a)(iii) of the Municipal Code of Chicago and Article VI of the

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Police Board's Rules of Procedure.

OPINION

It is my opinion that, based on a thorough review of the Request for Review material, the Superintendent did not meet the burden of overcoming the Chief Administrator's recommendations for discipline.

Therefore, pursuant to Section 2-78-130(a)(iii) of the Municipal Code of Chicago, the Chief Administrator's recommendation for discipline of Police Officer Chris Chausse, Star No. 10422, shall be deemed accepted by the Superintendent.

DATED AT CHICAGO, COUNTY OF COOK, STATE OF ILLINOIS, THIS 16th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2023.

/s/ AJA CARR-FAVORS
Member
Police Board

Attested by:

/s/ MAX A. CAPRONI
Executive Director
Police Board