



March 14, 2026

Mr. Max A. Caproni

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Via Email and U.S. Mail

RE: Request for Review, Log #2023-0000284

Dear Mr. Caproni,

Pursuant to the Municipal Code of Chicago Section 2-78-130 and Police Board Rules of Procedure Section VI, please consider this letter a Request for Review of a non-concurrence between the Civilian Office of Police Accountability (COPA) and the Superintendent of the Chicago Police Department (CPD) in Log #2023-0000284.¹

As set forth in detail in COPA's Final Summary Report (FSR) dated July 8, 2024, there is a compelling legal and evidentiary basis to support COPA's disciplinary recommendation of Police Officer Keanna Dapkus. COPA recommended Officer Dapkus receive a 15-to-30-day suspension, based on findings that she (1) struck [REDACTED] about the face and/or head and/or upper body with her hand without justification; (2) Grabbed [REDACTED] about and/or by her hair and/or dragged her without justification; (3) pushed [REDACTED] without justification; (4) failed to timely activate her BWC without justification; (5) threatened [REDACTED] without justification; and (6) engaged in an unjustified physical and/or verbal altercation with [REDACTED] while on duty.

¹ As required by the Police Board Rules of Procedure, enclosed are copies of COPA's final summary report, the Department's non-concurrence letter, and the certificate of meeting.

I. BACKGROUND

A. Relevant Factual Background²

On January 22, 2023, CPD Sgt. Tara Murphy submitted an initiation report to COPA alleging that Officer Dapkus physically abused [REDACTED] while on duty, by striking her about the face, head, or upper body, grabbing her by her hair and dragged her, and pushing her about the body.

On the same date, at approximately 12:52 a.m., Officer Dapkus responded to a domestic disturbance call with her partner.³ As Officer Dapkus arrived on scene, she received a home security alert on her cellphone that someone had covered her home security camera.⁴ After responding to the domestic disturbance, Officer Dapkus called [REDACTED] and told her [REDACTED] "I just saw you and I'm about to come there and whoop your ass, here I come."⁵ Officer Dapkus and her partner left the domestic disturbance call and drove to her residence, in a different beat than they were assigned, but in the same district.⁶ Once Officer Dapkus entered her residence, she and [REDACTED] argued and a physical altercation occurred.

Officer Dapkus explained her version of events in her statement to COPA.⁷ Once the argument and altercation concluded, Officer Dapkus took [REDACTED] cell phone and left the residence.⁸ At 1:44 am, [REDACTED] called 911 from the house phone.⁹ [REDACTED] expressed concern to the dispatcher because [REDACTED] worked in the same district, and [REDACTED] did not want her to respond to the residence.¹⁰ Officer Dapkus and her partner were not assigned to the call at her residence, but they immediately drove over to her home.¹¹ [REDACTED] was hesitant to speak to the responding officers until Officer Dapkus was away from the residence.¹² [REDACTED] explained her version of the incident to responding officers.¹³

Officer Dapkus was transported to the police station and taken into custody shortly after. An Illinois Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) investigation later determined allegations of abuse or neglect against Officer Dapkus were unfounded.¹⁴ The Cook County State's

² A more detailed factual summary is found in the FSR.

³ Att. 34.

⁴ Att. 13 at 0:25 to 0:52; Att. 42, pgs. 15 to 18.

⁵ Att. 13 at 3:30-3:51.

⁶ Att. 27, pg. 8, ln. 13 to pg. 10, ln. 24; pg. 29 to 30; Att. 50.

⁷ Att. 42.

⁸ Att. 42, pg. 26, lns. 12 to 21.

⁹ Atts. 4, 6 to 8.

¹⁰ Att. 6, pg. 2.

¹¹ Att. 42, pg. 38, ln. 23 to pg. 39, ln. 8. Note: Officer Dapkus explained to COPA that she responded to the 911 call at her home because she was afraid [REDACTED] had harmed herself.

¹² Att. 17, at 2:50 to 3:40.

¹³ Att. 17, at 3:40 to 18:30.

¹⁴ Att. 46, pg. 5.

Attorney's Office (CCSAO) dismissed the criminal domestic battery charge against Officer Dapkus after ██████ did not appear as a complaining witness on June 21, 2023.¹⁵

B. Disputed Findings and Recommendations

The Superintendent disputes COPA's findings and recommends alternate findings of Not Sustained as to Allegations #1, 2, and 3, alleging unjustified physical contact with ██████ and as to Allegation #6, that Officer Dapkus engaged in an unjustified altercation with ██████ while on duty.¹⁶ The Superintendent disputes COPA's penalty recommendation of a 15-to-30-day suspension and recommends a reprimand as an alternative penalty.

C. Applicable Department Policy

CPD Rule 2 prohibits any action or conduct which impedes CPD's efforts to achieve its policy and goals or brings credit upon CPD. CPD Rule 3 prohibits any omission or failure to act to promote CPD's efforts to implement its policy or accomplish its goals. CPD Rule 5 prohibits failing to perform any duty. CPD Rule 6 prohibits disobedience of any order or directive, whether written or oral. CPD Rule 8 prohibits disrespect to or maltreatment of any person, while on or off duty. CPD Rule 9 prohibits engaging in any unjustified verbal or physical altercation with any person, while on or off duty. CPD Rule 10 prohibits inattention to duty.

II. ARGUMENT

A. The Superintendent failed to meet the affirmative burden of showing that COPA failed to prove Officer Dapkus struck, grabbed and/or dragged, and pushed ██████ and engaged in an unjustified altercation while on duty.

Officer Dapkus admitted grabbing and pushing ██████ in her statement to COPA.¹⁷ The Superintendent acknowledges that Officer Dapkus "admitted to physical contact with ██████ but argues this "does not rise to the level of striking, grabbing and pushing [██████]".¹⁸ Additionally, the Superintendent disputes COPA's analysis of Officer Dapkus's statements that she did not recall portions of her alleged conduct.¹⁹ During Officer Dapkus's statement to COPA, she said that she did not recall dragging ██████ by the hair, dragging her, or striking her in the head.²⁰ Officer Dapkus also indicated that she did not recall striking ██████ in her upper body.²¹ COPA did not interpret or present Officer Dapkus's inability to recall parts of the incident as her admitting misconduct.²² However, her inability to recall the incident is directly relevant to Officer

¹⁵ Att. 29, pgs. 1 to 2.

¹⁶ FSR, at pg. 9. COPA served and ultimately sustained this allegation after finding that Officer Dapkus committed the alleged conduct while on duty.

¹⁷ Att. 42, pg. 25, ln. 17 to pg. 26, ln. 11; pg. 28, ln. 10 to pg. 30, ln. 14.

¹⁸ The Superintendent's Partial Non-Concurrence, at 2.

¹⁹ The Superintendent's Partial Non-Concurrence, at 2.

²⁰ Att. 42, pg. 31, ln. 20 to pg. 32, ln. 1; pg. 55, lns. 8 to 20.

²¹ Att. 42, pg. 56, lns. 5 to 9.

²² FSR, pg. 6.

Dapkus’s credibility. Additionally, COPA relies on Officer Dapkus’s statement as evidence; her inability to recall key events means COPA lacks evidence supporting her version of the incident.²³

Additionally, the Superintendent highlights the DCFS investigation of this incident and unfounded finding in his argument.²⁴ The Superintendent similarly cites the Cook County State’s Attorney’s Office’s decision to dismiss criminal charges against Officer.²⁵ COPA acknowledges that parallel administrative investigations and criminal prosecutions are probative;²⁶ however, the Consent Decree requires COPA to reach its own findings based on the totality of the available evidence.²⁷ Here, as required, COPA considered the findings of DCFS’s investigation, the dismissal of the criminal case, and the contents of statements made to DCFS investigators.²⁸ While COPA recognizes the Superintendent disagrees with its findings, he has failed to present an argument or evidence that its findings were unreasonable.

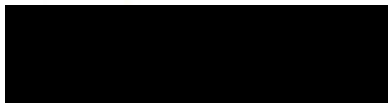
B. COPA Case Log 2021-0004747 is not an analogous case

The Superintendent argues COPA should reach similar findings to 2021-0004747.²⁹ However, this case is not analogous to the current case for three reasons. First, 2021-0004747 involved off duty conduct between two adults.³⁰ Second, both the accused officer and her partner called 911 in 2021-0004747—in fact, the accused officer was the first to do so.³¹ Third, CPD was unable to determine which party was the aggressor during the incident.³² The outcome of a previous, unrelated case is irrelevant to whether Officer Dapkus committed the alleged misconduct.

III. CONCLUSION

For these reasons, COPA maintains that the Superintendent has failed to meet his affirmative burden of showing COPA’s recommendations in this case are unreasonable. Accordingly, COPA respectfully requests that the Chicago Police Board reject the Superintendent’s non-concurrence in this matter and accept COPA’s findings and recommendations.

Respectfully,



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²³ *State of Illinois v. City of Chicago*, 17CV6260 (N.D. Ill. 2017) (“The Consent Decree”), ¶ 466.

²⁴ The Superintendent’s Partial Non-Concurrence, at pg. 2.

²⁵ The Superintendent’s Partial Non-Concurrence, at pg. 2.

²⁶ The Consent Decree ¶¶ 464 (c), (h); 466 (a).

²⁷ The Consent Decree ¶ 468 (d).

²⁸ FSR, at pgs. 4 to 8.

²⁹ The Superintendent’s Partial Non-Concurrence, at pgs. 2 to 3.

³⁰ 2021-0004747 Summary Report of Investigations (SRI).

³¹ 2021-0004747 SRI, at pgs. 2 to 3.

³² 2021-0004747 SRI, at pg. 5.