

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE)
RECOMMENDATION FOR DISCIPLINE OF)
POLICE OFFICER VICTOR LOPEZ,) Case No. 26 RR 11
STAR No. 16182, DEPARTMENT OF POLICE,)
CITY OF CHICAGO.) (CR No. 2024-2320)**

REQUEST FOR REVIEW

On March 19, 2026, the Executive Director of the Police Board of the City of Chicago received from the Chief Administrator of the Civilian Office of Police Accountability (COPA) a request for review of the Chief Administrator’s recommendation for discipline of Police Officer Victor Lopez, Star No. 16182, arising out of the investigation of Complaint Register No. 2024-2320 (“Request for Review”). The Request for Review included the following material: the Final Summary Report of COPA’s investigation that sets forth the Chief Administrator’s original recommendation for discipline, the Superintendent of Police’s written response to this recommendation, the Chief Administrator’s final recommendation for discipline and written objections to the Superintendent’s response, and a Certificate of Meeting and Service.

The investigation stems from a traffic stop on January 17, 2024. According to Request for Review material, Officer Lopez and two partners performed a traffic stop on [REDACTED] after observing him driving with an expired vehicle registration. Upon approach, Officer Lopez’s partners observed that Mr. [REDACTED] had a temporary registration permit on the rear windshield of his vehicle. One of Officer Lopez’s

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partners asked Mr. [REDACTED] for his driver's license. Mr. [REDACTED] acknowledged that he had a driver's license, but initially refused to provide it because the officers knew his vehicle was registered. Officer Lopez removed Mr. [REDACTED] from the vehicle, and Mr. [REDACTED] eventually provided his driver's license. Mr. [REDACTED] asked for the officers' star numbers and placed his wallet in his front sweatshirt pocket with his left hand while he held his cellphone in his right hand. Officer Lopez ordered him to keep his hands out of his pockets. Mr. [REDACTED] explained he was holding his wallet and removed his hand, showing Officer Lopez his wallet, then placed it back in the pocket and removed his hand. Mr. [REDACTED] said, "you need another job," and Officer Lopez took Mr. [REDACTED] cellphone out of his hand, handcuffed him, and performed a pat down. After Officer Lopez's partner searched Mr. [REDACTED] name in the Law Enforcement Agencies Data System, the officers issued Mr. [REDACTED] an investigatory stop receipt and released him.

Following the conclusion of COPA's investigation, Chief Administrator issued a recommendation for discipline of Officer Lopez. The Superintendent did not agree with this recommendation and proposed no discipline for Officer Lopez. The Chief Administrator objected to the Superintendent's response and made a final recommendation that the following allegations against Officer Lopez be *Sustained*:

1. On or about January 17, 2024, at approximately 3:30 p.m., at or near 4400 North Broadway in Chicago, Officer Lopez performed a pat down on [REDACTED] without justification; and
2. On or about January 17, 2024, at approximately 3:30 p.m., at or near 4400 North Broadway in Chicago, Officer Lopez handcuffed [REDACTED] without justification.

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The Chief Administrator's recommended that Officer Lopez be suspended without pay for up to 30 days.

The Superintendent disagreed with the Chief Administrator's recommendation in that he proposed a finding of *Exonerated* for Allegation Nos. 1 and 2 and proposed no discipline for Officer Lopez.

According to the Certificate submitted by the Chief Administrator: (1) the Chief Administrator issued the recommendation for discipline on December 30, 2024; (2) the Chief Administrator received the Superintendent's written response on March 17, 2025; (3) the Chief Administrator's designees met with the Superintendent's designees and concluded their discussion of this matter on March 13, 2026; and (4) the Request for Review was sent via email to the Executive Director of the Police Board on March 19, 2026.

The Executive Director of the Police Board forwarded the Request for Review material to Tyler Hall, 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"). The Reviewing Member reviewed the Request for Review pursuant to Section 2-78-130(a)(iii) of the Municipal Code of Chicago and Article VI of the Police Board's Rules of Procedure. Following his initial review of this matter on March 31, 2026, the Reviewing Member requested, received and reviewed the following items from the investigation file: Mr. [REDACTED] complaint, body-worn camera (BWC) footage

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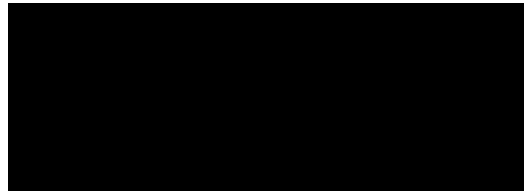
from Officer Lopez and his two partners, transcripts of COPA's interviews with Mr. [REDACTED] and Officer Lopez, the law on vehicle permits, and a map of gang hotspots.

OPINION

Following a thorough review of the Request for Review material and the additional items noted above, it is my opinion that the Superintendent did not meet his burden to overcome the Chief Administrator's recommendation 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 Victor Lopez, Star No. 16182, shall be deemed accepted by the Superintendent.

DATED AT CHICAGO, COUNTY OF COOK, STATE OF ILLINOIS, THIS 16th DAY OF APRIL 2026.



TYLER HALL
Member
Police Board

Attested by:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Max A. Caproni".

MAX A. CAPRONI
Executive Director
Police Board