

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE	)	
RECOMMENDATION FOR DISCIPLINE OF	)	
POLICE OFFICER LARRICK WEST,	)	Case No. 26 RR 57
STAR No. 17947, DEPARTMENT OF POLICE,	)	
CITY OF CHICAGO.	)	(CR No. 2021-2130)

REQUEST FOR REVIEW

On August 7, 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 Larrick West, Star No. 17947, arising out of the investigation of Complaint Register No. 2021-2130 ("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 recommendation for discipline, the Superintendent of Police's written response to this recommendation, the Chief Administrator's written objections to the Superintendent's response, and a Certificate of Meeting and Service.

The investigation stems from an incident on June 2, 2021. According to the Request for Review material, a Chicago Police Department (CPD) sergeant along with other officers responded to a 911 call that Officer West had physically abused [REDACTED]. After speaking with the caller and with Officer West, the sergeant contacted COPA to initiate an investigation.

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During his statement to COPA, Officer West admitted that, during his parenting time with [REDACTED] and while they were driving to a comic-book store, he became upset when [REDACTED] cursed at him and continued disrespectful conversation after being chastised and told to stop. In response, Officer West “took [his] fingers and ... hit him on his lips.” [REDACTED] began to strike [REDACTED]. Subsequently, Officer West drove [REDACTED] to their maternal grandmother’s home. He then forcibly removed [REDACTED] from his car. At that time [REDACTED] and his younger brother, [REDACTED] began to strike Officer West in the face and kick at him in the body. Officer West submitted photographs of injuries he sustained during this altercation. In order to de-escalate the matter, Officer West performed a sweep of [REDACTED] legs, taking him to the ground. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] proceeded to their grandmother’s home who, in turn, contacted CPD. Applying the fact-specific factors that Illinois courts use to assess the reasonableness of corporal punishment, COPA determined that Officer West’s decision to strike [REDACTED] was most likely an expression of anger and frustration rather than reasonable corporal punishment and was therefore unjustified.

Following the conclusion of COPA’s investigation, the Chief Administrator recommended that the following allegation against Officer West be *Sustained*:

2. Striking [REDACTED] a minor, in the face with your hand without justification.

The Chief Administrator recommended that Officer West be suspended without pay for

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10 – 30 days.

The Superintendent disagreed with the Chief Administrator's recommendation in that the Superintendent argued that the situation was a family matter that involved legal corporal punishment, and he proposed a finding of *Unfounded* for Allegation No. 2 and no discipline for Officer West.

According to the Certificate submitted by the Chief Administrator: (1) the Chief Administrator issued the recommendation for discipline on March 21, 2024; (2) the Chief Administrator received the Superintendent's written response on May 23, 2024; (3) the Chief Administrator's designees met with the Superintendent's designees and concluded their discussion of this matter on August 6, 2026; and (4) the Request for Review was sent via email to the Executive Director of the Police Board on August 7, 2026.

The Executive Director of the Police Board forwarded the Request for Review material to Arlette Porter, 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 her initial review of this matter on August 11, 2026, the Reviewing Member requested, received and reviewed the following material from the investigation file: body-worn camera videos, statements to COPA, photographs, and reports.

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 the burden of overcoming the Chief Administrator's recommendation for discipline.

It is irrefutable that Officer West chastised [REDACTED] by striking him when [REDACTED] verbally disrespected him and continued to verbally disrespect him. He admits same and [REDACTED] admitted same. Thus, based on the preponderance of the evidence, Allegation No. 2 against Officer West is supported by the statements of all involved and is sustained.

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 Larrick West, Star No. 17947, shall be deemed accepted by the Superintendent.

DATED AT CHICAGO, COUNTY OF COOK, STATE OF ILLINOIS, THIS 19th DAY OF AUGUST 2026.

[REDACTED]

ARLETTE PORTER
Member
Police Board

Attested by:

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MAX A. CAPRONI
Executive Director
Police Board