

Chicago Park District



Meeting Minutes - Final

Wednesday, February 11, 2026

9:00 AM

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

DuSable Black History Museum and Education Center

Washington Park

740 East 56th Place

Chicago, IL 60637

Board of Commissioners

Commissioner Coya Paz Brownrigg

Commissioner Robert Castaneda

Commissioner Sean Garrett

Commissioner Philip Jackson

Commissioner Sharon Bush

Vice President Modesto Valle

President Marlon Everett

PUBLIC NOTICE

In accordance with the provisions of 5 ILCS 120/1 et seq., PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the REGULAR BOARD MEETING will be held on Wednesday, February 11, 2026, at 9:00 A.M. at the DuSable Black History Museum and Education Center in Washington Park located at 740 East 56th Place Chicago, IL 60637.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Roll Call
Strategic Initiatives
People in the Parks
Consent Agenda
New Business / Non-Consent Agenda
Adjournment

By order of President Marlon Everett

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Dr. Marlon Everett
President

Sarah Gelder
Secretary

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Observance of the Black National Anthem, "Lift Every Voice and Sing"

The Black National Anthem, was played in acknowledgement of Black History month.

Perri Irmer, President and CEO of the The DuSable Black History Museum and Education Center, gave opening remarks welcoming everyone and highlighting the historical and communal significance of the site.

Roll Call

A Roll Call was made and the following Commissioners were found to be in attendance:

- Present:** 4 - Vice President Modesto Valle, Commissioner Robert Castaneda, Commissioner Sean Garrett and President Marlon Everett
- Absent:** 3 - Commissioner Coya Paz Brownrigg, Commissioner Philip Jackson and Commissioner Sharon Bush

A motion was made by President Everett, seconded by Commissioner Garrett, to set the Order of Business for the day as reflected in the posted agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

- Aye:** 4 - Valle, Castaneda, Garrett and Everett
- Absent:** 3 - Paz Brownrigg, Jackson and Bush

1. STRATEGIC INITIATIVES:

26-1267-021

1 CELEBRATION OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH AT THE CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT

Indexes: Presentation

Trena Harris, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Officer, addressed the Commissioners and gave a presentation on the influence of Black History across the Chicago Park District. Then Lonye Scott, spoken word artist and US Army Reserve Military Police Officer, performed a poem.

26-1268-021

1 CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT EVENTS IN HONOR OF HEART HEALTH MONTH

Indexes: Presentation

Colleen Lammel, Health and Wellness Officer, and Brandon Lyles, Senior Program and Event Coordinator from Community Recreation, addressed the

Commissioners and gave a presentation on Heart Health Month's strategic initiatives and programming overview.

2. PEOPLE IN THE PARKS:

26-1260-021

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PUBLIC SPEAKERS

FEBRUARY 11, 2026

Sponsors: Office of the Secretary

Indexes: Public Comments

The following members of the public addressed the Commissioners:

- 1. Herica Salgado (Addressed concerns around resource allocation, equity, and program stability related to the CPKD Swim Club. Also requested hiring of a full-time head coach.)
- 2. Vasile Radu Cucuilan (Addressed concerns and made requests related to swim club training space limitations, funding for coaching hours, and swim meet cancellations.)
- 3. Philip McGrath (Addressed equity and accessibility concerns related to employee pension benefits.)
- 4. Cecilia Butler (Requested parking lot improvements, increased tennis court maintenance, protections against landscape damage, and revitalized Black History Month programming at Washington Park as well as safety checks at Bynum Island.)
- 5. Nicole Foster Hill (Requested support for urban camps tiny home solutions in response to encampments in District parks.)
- 6. Lynn Burmeister (Requested support for urban camps tiny home solutions in response to encampments in District parks.)
- 7. Susan Blackman (Addressed health and safety, accountability, and collaborative strategy concerns related to District responses to encampments in parks. Also addressed opposition to closure of encampments and requested use of vacant lots as transitional housing solutions.)
- 8. Ellen Youniss (Addressed violence and sanitation concerns related to encampments in parks and support for removal of encampments.)
- 9. Denise Ferguson (Addressed safety and equity concerns and requested increased staffing, programming, and resources for Douglass Park.)

Matt Miller registered to speak but was unavailable for comment.

Written Testimonies were received from Lisa Stringer and Zohra Choudhury.

3. CONSENT AGENDA:

All items listed on the consent agenda are considered to be routine, procedural, informational, or non-controversial in nature and will be voted upon as a group in one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member of the Board so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda.

A motion was made by Commissioner Castaneda, seconded by Commissioner Garrett, that the items on the Consent Agenda be approved as a group in one vote. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Valle, Castaneda, Garrett and Everett

Absent: 3 - Paz Brownrigg, Jackson and Bush

26-1261-021

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APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 21, 2026

Sponsors: Office of the Secretary

Indexes: Meeting Minutes

The item was approved. The motion carried by the Consent Agenda vote listed above.

26-1271-021

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PROVISIONAL APPROVAL FOR THE SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT APPLICATIONS FOR 2026 J.P. MORGAN CORPORATE CHALLENGE CHICAGO, BIKE THE DRIVE AND SKECHERS HOT CHOCOLATE RUN CHICAGO

Sponsors: Revenue

Indexes: Provisional Approval - Special Event Permit

Attachments: [Exhibit A - JP Morgan Corporate Challenge, Bike the Drive, Sketchers Hot Chocolate Run](#)

The item was approved. The motion carried by the Consent Agenda vote listed above.

26-1272-021

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PROVISIONAL APPROVAL FOR THE SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT APPLICATIONS FOR ARC MUSIC FESTIVAL AND EL GRITO

Sponsors: Revenue

Indexes: Provisional Approval - Special Event Permit

Attachments: [Exhibit A - ARC Music Festival, El Grito](#)

The item was approved. The motion carried by the Consent Agenda vote listed above.

26-1270-021

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**REQUEST TO EXERCISE THE CONTRACT FIRST (1) YEAR EXTENSION OPTION WITH SMITH MAINTENANCE COMPANY AND DUST 'EM CLEAN MAINTENANCE COMPANY, INC. FOR JANITORIAL SERVICES FOR CENTRAL REGION LAKEFRONT COMFORT STATIONS, BEACH HOUSES, AND SPECIAL USE FACILITIES
SPECIFICATION NO. P-23008**

Sponsors: Facility Management

Indexes: Contract Extension

The item was approved. The motion carried by the Consent Agenda vote listed above.

[26-1266-021](#)

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REQUEST TO EXERCISE THE CONTRACT SECOND ONE (1) YEAR EXTENSION OPTION WITH CHRISTY WEBBER & COMPANY DBA CHRISTY WEBBER LANDSCAPES FOR GRANT PARK AND MUSEUM CAMPUS LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE SERVICES SPECIFICATION NO. P-23005

Sponsors: Cultural and Natural Resources

Indexes: Contract Extension

The item was approved. The motion carried by the Consent Agenda vote listed above.

4. NEW BUSINESS / NON-CONSENT AGENDA:

[26-1262-021](#)

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENDITURES RELATED TO THE 2026 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Sponsors: Treasurer

Indexes: Reimbursement Resolution

Attachments: [Reimbursement Resolution](#)

Olyvia Jarmoszka, Treasurer, addressed the Commissioners. A motion was made by Commissioner Garrett, seconded by Commissioner Castaneda, that the Resolution be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Valle, Castaneda, Garrett and Everett

Absent: 3 - Paz Brownrigg, Jackson and Bush

[26-1269-021](#)

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REQUEST TO EXERCISE THE CONTRACTS FIRST (1) YEAR EXTENSION OPTION WITH AQUA PURE, INC. DOING BUSINESS AS AQUA PURE ENTERPRISES, INC. FOR THE SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF POOL CHEMICALS AND RELATED SUPPLIES SPECIFICATION NO. P-25000

Sponsors: Facility Management

Indexes: Contract Extension

Victoria Cordova, Director of Facility Management, and Kareem Burgess, Deputy

Director of Purchasing, addressed the Commissioners. A motion was made by Commissioner Castaneda, seconded by Vice President Valle, that the matter be approved. The motion failed by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Valle, Castaneda and Garrett

Nay: 1 - Everett

Absent: 3 - Paz Brownrigg, Jackson and Bush

President Everett made a motion to recall the item for vote, seconded by Vice President Valle, with no objections. A new Roll call vote was taken and the motion to approve the matter carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Valle, Castaneda, Garrett and Everett

Absent: 3 - Paz Brownrigg, Jackson and Bush

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**AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH
CHICAGO SKATING PARTNERS LLC FOR MANAGEMENT AND
OPERATION OF THE REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT CENTER
SPECIFICATION NO. P-25008**

Sponsors: Revenue

Indexes: Contract Award-IFB, RFP, RFQ

Attachments: [MWBE Schedules - Chicago Skating Partners LLC](#)

Dana Zilinski, Director of Revenue, and Kareem Burgess, Deputy Director of Purchasing, addressed the Commissioners. A motion was made by Commissioner Castaneda, seconded by Commissioner Garrett, that the matter be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Valle, Castaneda, Garrett and Everett

Absent: 3 - Paz Brownrigg, Jackson and Bush

5. ADJOURNED

A motion was made by Commissioner Castaneda, seconded by Vice President Valle, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Valle, Castaneda, Garrett and Everett

Absent: 3 - Paz Brownrigg, Jackson and Bush