



# Chicago Park District

## Meeting Minutes - Final

### Public Hearing

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Wednesday, November 15, 2023

11:00 AM

Administration Building - Park 596  
4830 South Western Avenue,  
Chicago, IL 60609

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#### PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING

In accordance with the provisions of an Act of the General Assembly of the State of Illinois, 70 ILCS 1505/17 et seq., and 5 ILCS 120/1 et seq., PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that a PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING THE PROPOSED 2024 OPERATING BUDGET REPORT and the TENTATIVE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE of the Chicago Park District will be held on Wednesday, November 15, 2023, at 11:00 A.M. at the Chicago Park District Administration Building (Park 596) located at 4830 South Western Avenue, Chicago, IL 60609.

Roll Call  
Public Hearing  
Adjournment

#### By order of President Myetie H. Hamilton

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**Myetie H. Hamilton**  
President

**Sarah Gelder**  
Secretary

## Pledge of Allegiance

## Roll Call

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

**Present:** 4 - President Myetie Hamilton, Vice President Modesto Valle, Commissioner Jose M. Munoz, and Commissioner Andrea Telli

**Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Sharif Walker, and Commissioner Ashley Hemphill Netzky

## 1. PRESENTATION FROM THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT AND THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

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### 2024 PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET REPORT AND TENTATIVE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

**Sponsors:** Chief Financial Officer and Budget and Management

**Indexes:** Budget-Appropriation Ordinance

**Attachments:** [2024 Proposed Budget Recommendations](#)

[2024 Tentative Appropriation Ordinance](#)

Rosa Escareno, General Superintendent and CEO, gave remarks on the priorities of the 2024 Chicago Park District Budget and Steve Lux, Chief Financial Officer, gave remarks on details of the 2024 Chicago Park District Budget.

## 2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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### PUBLIC COMMENTS PUBLIC HEARING NOVEMBER 15, 2023

**Sponsors:** Office of the Secretary

**Indexes:** Public Comments

The following members of the public addressed the Commissioners:

1. Leslie Recht (Addressed employee wages and funding for Grant Park programming and maintenance)
2. Lydia Vega (Addressed employee wages, staffing rates, and program retention rates)
3. Sylvia Jones (Addressed employee wages, working conditions and staff retention)
4. Parris Purdis (Addressed employee wages)
5. Coral Rubio (Addressed lifeguard employee wages and working conditions and site staffing rates)
6. Mariana Rubio (Addressed lifeguard staff retention, working conditions, employee wages, and funding for pool and beach maintenance)

- 7. Logan Laurie (Addressed funding for the Logan Boulevard Skate Park Redevelopment Project)
- 8. Tony Porforio (Addressed funding for the Logan Boulevard Skate Park Redevelopment Project)
- 9. Mark Heller (Addressed funding for the Logan Boulevard Skate Park Redevelopment Project)

May Toy and Jeff Jenkins registered to speak but were unavailable for comment.

### 3. ADJOURNED

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

**Aye:** 4 - Myetie Hamilton, Modesto Valle, Jose M. Munoz and Andrea Telli

**Absent:** 2 - Sharif Walker and Ashley Hemphill Netzky