

# Chicago Park District



## Meeting Minutes - Final

Wednesday, September 10, 2025

9:00 AM

### REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Chicago Park District Administration Building  
4830 South Western Avenue,  
Chicago, IL 60609

### 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, September 10, at 9:00 A.M. or immediately following the Public Hearing at Chicago Park District Administration Building (Park 596) located at 4830 South Western Avenue, Chicago, IL 60609.

**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

- Roll Call
- Strategic Initiatives
- Presentations & Reports
- People in the Parks
- Consent Agenda
- Code Amendments
- New Business / Non-Consent Agenda
- Adjournment

**By order of President Marlon Everett**

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**Marlon Everett**  
**President**

**Sarah Gelder**  
**Secretary**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Roll Call**

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

- Present:** 6 - Vice President Modesto Valle, Commissioner Philip Jackson, Commissioner Robert Castaneda, Commissioner Sean Garrett, President Marlon Everett and Commissioner Sharon Bush
- Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Coya Paz Brownrigg

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:** 6 - Valle, Jackson, Castaneda, Garrett, Everett and Bush
- Absent:** 1 - Paz Brownrigg

**1. STRATEGIC INITIATIVES:**

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*Exceptional Experiences:*

**PRESENTATION ON NIGHT OUT IN THE PARKS PROGRAMMING**

**Sponsors:** Culture, Arts and and Nature

**Indexes:** Presentation

Krista Bryski Richard, Program and Event Manager from the Department of Culture, Arts and Nature, presented a video highlighting Night Out in the Parks programming and addressed the Commissioners.

**2. PRESENTATIONS & REPORTS:**

**25-1131-091**  
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**PRESENTATION AND RESOLUTION HONORING THE JUDD GOLDMAN ADAPTIVE SAILING PROGRAM**

**Sponsors:** Commissioners' Office

**Indexes:** Resolution-Honoring; Presentation

**Attachments:** Resolution - Judd Goldman Adaptive Sailing Program

Joe Harris, Sailing/Rowing Programs Manager, gave a presentation on the Judd Goldman Adaptive Sailing Foundation. Larry Labiak, Disability Policy Officer, addressed the Commissioners.

The Secretary read the Resolution into record and Peter Goldman, Co-Founder of the Judd Goldman Adaptive Sailing Foundation (JGASF), addressed the Commissioners. Also in attendance: Peter Goldman's wife and son, Jeff and Carol Goldman, Executive Director of the JGASF, Kerry Tarmey, and six program participants.

A motion was made by Commissioner Castaneda, seconded by Commissioner Garrett, that the Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 6 - Valle, Jackson, Castaneda, Garrett, Everett and Bush

**Absent:** 1 - Paz Brownrigg

**3. PEOPLE IN THE PARKS:**

Stacia Scott Kennedy, Executive Vice President from SEIU Local 73, addressed concerns around budgeting allocations, access to facilities and amenities, and inequity regarding capital projects, park land, and instructed programming.

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**PUBLIC SPEAKERS  
SEPTEMBER 10, 2025**

Sponsors: Office of the Secretary

Indexes: Public Comments

The following members of the public addressed the Commissioners:

1. Rachel Azzarello (Addressed concerns around Riot Fest at Douglass Park regarding potential conflicts of interest, and transparency)
2. Denise Ferguson (Addressed health and safety concerns Douglass Park shooting and requested additional safety resources be allocated)
3. Susan Mullen (Addressing concerns around Riot Fest at Douglass Park regarding security procedures and District responses to community concerns)
4. Lisa Stringer (Addressed concerns around Gompers Park and Legion Field encampments regarding community safety and requested increased ordinance enforcement)
5. Nicole Foster Hill (Addressed concerns around Gompers Park and Legion Field encampments regarding community safety and requested emergency housing services and increased ordinance enforcement)

A motion was made by President Everett, seconded by Commissioner Garrett, that a brief recess be taken. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 6 - Valle, Jackson, Castaneda, Garrett, Everett and Bush

**Absent:** 1 - Paz Brownrigg

A motion was made by President Everett, seconded by Commissioner Castaneda, that the meeting be reconvened. The motion carried by the following vote

**Aye:** 6 - Valle, Jackson, Castaneda, Garrett, Everett and Bush

**Absent:** 1 - Paz Brownrigg

The following members of the public addressed the Commissioners after the meeting was reconvened.

6. Phil McGrath (Addressed concerns around budget strategies and stability budgeting for the District Pension Fund)
7. Brian Gladstein (Addressed Friends of the Parks 50th Anniversary Campaign and awardees from their Park Heroes event as well as environmental advocacy campaigns and the impending Collective Bargaining Agreement)
8. Linda Young (Addressed community enrichment aspects of the South Shore Cultural Center and requested collaboration toward preservation efforts)
9. A. Anne Holcomb (Addressed history of development in southeast parks atop need for land remediation non-displacement programs and requested a meeting with staff)
10. Harold Sias (Addressed environmental, health, and park access concerns related to development projects at southeast parks and the Tiger Woods Golf Course)
11. Cecilia Butler (Addressed park improvements achieved and requested additional street improvements and support toward development of a Dr. Margaret Burroughs Pavilion)

The Secretary stated for the record that Commissioner Jackson left and returned to the meeting during the Public Comments.

Doug Schenkelberg, May Toy, Najee-Zaid Searcy, and Levette Haynes registered to speak but were unavailable for comment.

Written Testimonies were received from: Monica Colón, Elí Colón, Michelle O'Neill, Tracy Marks Seglin, Carlos Portillo, Virginia Chandler, Cally Carr, Kate Jedynek, Laura Kinsey, Adam Gianforte, Victoria Barquin, Kyla Klein, Bruce Parry, Sarah-Jayne Ashenhurst, Tom Blair, Tracy Blair, Ellen Youniss, Debra Lawson, and Rebecca Wolfram.

**4. 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:** 6 - Valle, Jackson, Castaneda, Garrett, Everett and Bush

**Absent:** 1 - Paz Brownrigg

**25-1153-091**

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**CERTIFICATES OF PUBLICATION FOR THE RESCHEDULED  
REGULAR JULY BOARD MEETING AND PERSONNEL BOARD  
MEETING**

**Sponsors:** Office of the Secretary

**Indexes:** Certificate of Publication

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

**25-1156-091**

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**CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION FOR NOTICE OF THE PUBLIC  
HEARING BEING HELD SEPTEMBER 10, 2025**

**Sponsors:** Office of the Secretary

**Indexes:** Certificate of Publication

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

**25-1152-091**

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**APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES FOR THE  
RESCHEDULED REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD ON JULY 16,  
2025**

**Sponsors:** Office of the Secretary

**Indexes:** Meeting Minutes

**Attachments:** DRAFT Meeting Minutes\_Regular Board Meeting\_07162025

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

**25-1143-091**

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**REQUEST TO EXERCISE THE CONTRACTS (2) YEAR EXTENSION**

**OPTION WITH THE JOINT US COMMUNITIES CONTRACT  
#USC-001 WITH HERC RENTALS INC. FOR THE SUPPLY AND  
DELIVERY OF SMALL AND LARGE RENTAL EQUIPMENT**

**Sponsors:** Facility Management and Cultural and Natural Resources

**Indexes:** Contract Extension

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

[25-1145-091](#)

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**AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL  
AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF CHICAGO DEPARTMENT OF  
FLEET AND FACILITY MANAGEMENT FOR FUEL SUPPLY,  
EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE, AND REPAIRS**

**Sponsors:** Facility Management

**Indexes:** Intergovernmental Agreements (IGA)

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

[25-1149-091](#)

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**AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH SPAAN  
TECH, INC. FOR CELLULAR AND INTERNET BROADBAND  
TELECOMMUNICATION INFRASTRUCTURE MANAGEMENT  
SPECIFICATION NO. P-25001**

**Sponsors:** Revenue

**Indexes:** Contract Award-IFB, RFP, RFQ

**Attachments:** EDS - SPAAN Tech, Inc.

[MWBE Schedules - SPAAN Tech](#)

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

**5. CODE AMENDMENTS:**

[25-1139-091](#)

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**AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER IV OF THE CODE OF THE CHICAGO  
PARK DISTRICT**

**Sponsors:** Office of Prevention and Accountability and Law Department

**Indexes:** Code Amendment, Final Approval

**Attachments:** [Ordinance](#)

[Exhibit A](#)

**Heather Keil, General Counsel, addressed the Commissioners. A motion was made by Vice President Valle, seconded by Commissioner Jackson, that the matter be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Valle, Jackson, Castaneda, Garrett, Everett and Bush

**Absent:** 1 - Paz Brownrigg

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**AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER VII OF THE CODE OF THE CHICAGO  
PARK DISTRICT**

**Sponsors:** Office of Prevention and Accountability and Law Department

**Indexes:** Code Amendment, Final Approval

**Attachments:** [Ordinance](#)

[Exhibit A](#)

**Heather Keil, General Counsel, addressed the Commissioners. A motion was made by Vice President Valle, seconded by Commissioner Bush, that the matter be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Valle, Jackson, Castaneda, Garrett, Everett and Bush

**Absent:** 1 - Paz Brownrigg

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**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER I OF THE CODE OF THE  
CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT**

**Sponsors:** Law Department

**Indexes:** Proposed Code Amendment, 45 Day Notice Period

**Attachments:** [Exhibit A](#)

**Heather Keil, General Counsel, addressed the Commissioners.**

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**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER III OF THE CODE OF THE CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT**

**Sponsors:** Law Department and Ethics Advisor

**Indexes:** Proposed Code Amendment, 45 Day Notice Period

**Attachments:** [Exhibit A](#)

Heather Keil, General Counsel, addressed the Commissioners.

**6. NEW BUSINESS / NON-CONSENT AGENDA:**

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**CONTRACT AWARD FOR THE MAINTENANCE, REPAIR, AND SUPPORT SERVICES OF BUILDING AUTOMATION SYSTEMS DISTRICTWIDE WITH THE ABERDEEN GROUP, INC. SPECIFICATION NO. P-25005**

**Sponsors:** Facility Management

**Indexes:** Contract Award-IFB, RFP, RFQ

**Attachments:** EDS - The Aberdeen Group Inc  
[MWBE Schedules - The Aberdeen Group Inc](#)

Victoria Cordova, Director of Facility Management, 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:** 6 - Valle, Jackson, Castaneda, Garrett, Everett and Bush

**Absent:** 1 - Paz Brownrigg

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**AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A JOINT PROCUREMENT WITH THE CITY OF CHICAGO CONTRACT #134953 WITH TRANE U.S. INC. FOR THE SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF HVAC PRODUCTS, INSTALLATION, SERVICES AND RELATED PRODUCTS AND SERVICES, FOR DISTRICTWIDE USE, SPECIFICATION NO. 1198987**

**Sponsors:** Facility Management

**Indexes:** Joint Purchasing Agreement

**Attachments:** EDS - Trane U.S. Inc.  
[MWBE Schedules - Trane U.S. Inc.](#)

Victoria Cordova, Director of Facility Management, addressed the Commissioners. A motion was made by Commissioner Castaneda, seconded by

Vice President Valle, that the matter be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 6 - Valle, Jackson, Castaneda, Garrett, Everett and Bush

**Absent:** 1 - Paz Brownrigg

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**AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A JOINT PROCUREMENT WITH THE CITY OF CHICAGO CONTRACT NO. 224002 WITH SINGH & ASSOCIATES INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES UNDER MASTER TASK ORDER I AND II FOR CITY-WIDE CDOT PROJECTS, AWARDED GROUPS: 3 AND 4 SPECIFICATION NO. 1204697**

**Sponsors:** Facility Management

**Indexes:** Joint Purchasing Agreement

**Attachments:** EDS - Singh & Associates Inc.

[MWBE Schedules - Singh & Associates Inc.](#)

Victoria Cordova, Director of Facility Management, 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:** 6 - Valle, Jackson, Castaneda, Garrett, Everett and Bush

**Absent:** 1 - Paz Brownrigg

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**AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH BAUER LATOZA STUDIO LTD. DBA ARDA DESIGN FOR DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION SERVICES FOR DOUGLASS PARK FIELDHOUSE RENOVATIONS SPECIFICATION NO. P-22018-035**

**Sponsors:** Planning and Construction

**Indexes:** Contract Award-IFB, RFP, RFQ

**Attachments:** EDS - Bauer Latoza dba Arda Design

[MWBE Schedules - Bauer Latoza dba Arda Design](#)

Heather Gleason, Director of Planning and Construction, addressed the Commissioners. A motion was made by Commissioner Castaneda, seconded by Commissioner Bush, that the matter be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 6 - Valle, Jackson, Castaneda, Garrett, Everett and Bush

**Absent:** 1 - Paz Brownrigg

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**REQUEST TO INITIATE 45-DAY NOTICE PERIOD TO NAME PARK NO. 601 AS DUNNING READ NATURAL AREA PARK**

**Sponsors:** Superintendent

**Indexes:** Park Renaming-Phase I, 45 Day Notice Period

**Pam Witmer, Director of Policy, addressed the Commissioners. A motion was made by Commissioner Jackson, seconded by Commissioner Garrett, that the matter be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Valle, Jackson, Castaneda, Garrett, Everett and Bush

**Absent:** 1 - Paz Brownrigg

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**AUTHORITY TO NAME THE GREAT LAWN FEATURE WITHIN PARK NO. 596 AS COMMISSIONERS' COMMONS**

**Sponsors:** Superintendent

**Indexes:** Park Renaming-Phase II, Park Naming

**Pam Witmer, Director of Policy, addressed the Commissioners. A motion was made by Commissioner Jackson, seconded by Commissioner Garrett, that the matter be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Valle, Jackson, Castaneda, Garrett and Everett

**Abstain:** 1 - Bush

**Absent:** 1 - Paz Brownrigg

**7. CLOSED SESSION:**

Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)

**President Everett stated that the Commissioners would enter Closed Session to consider matters appropriately discussed in Closed Session, pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120 Section 2, Subsection (c) (1).**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Garrett, seconded by Commissioner Castaneda, that the meeting enter into Closed Session. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Valle, Jackson, Castaneda, Garrett, Everett and Bush

**Absent:** 1 - Paz Brownrigg

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**CLOSED SESSION MEETING MINUTES**

**Attachments:** [25.09.10 Closed Session Minutes](#)

**8. OPEN SESSION:**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Garrett, seconded by Commissioner Castaneda, that the meeting return to Open Session. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Valle, Jackson, Castaneda, Garrett, Everett and Bush

**Absent:** 1 - Paz Brownrigg

**8. ADJOURNED**

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

**Aye:** 6 - Valle, Jackson, Castaneda, Garrett, Everett and Bush

**Absent:** 1 - Paz Brownrigg