

Chicago Park District



Meeting Minutes - Final

Wednesday, March 11, 2026

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, March 11, 2026, at 9:00 A.M., or immediately following the Personnel Board meeting, at the Chicago Park District Administration Building (Park 596) located at 4830 South Western Avenue, Chicago, IL 60609.

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.

Roll Call

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

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

A motion was made by President Everett, seconded by Commissioner Bush, 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, Paz Brownrigg, Jackson, Castaneda, Everett and Bush
- Absent:** 1 - Garrett

1. STRATEGIC INITIATIVES:

26-1280-031

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RECOGNITION OF THE WINNER AND FINALISTS OF THE WILLYE B. WHITE AWARD

Sponsors: Community Recreation

Indexes: Presentation

Marlenni Laureano, Senior Project Manager from Community Recreation, addressed the Commissioners and gave a presentation on the impacts made by Willye B. White and acknowledged the award recipient and finalists of the Willye B. White Award. Also in attendance and recognized by the Board was award winner Ametheyse Williams, Physical Instructor at Fosco Park accompanied by their Park Supervisor, Obi Allmon; and finalists Elizabeth Luna, Physical Instructor at Vittum Park; Melissa Godinez, Physical Instructor at Scottsdale Park; and Gina Murray, Physical Instructor at Pasteur Park.

26-1283-031

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PRESENTATION ON CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT SUMMER YOUTH HIRING INITIATIVES

Sponsors: Office of General Superintendent

Indexes: Presentation

Argentene Hryzikos, Director of Human Resources, and Farah Tunks, Director of Programming, addressed the Commissioners regarding summer youth hiring

initiatives, current metrics, success stories, and overviews of programs such as Rec Leaders in Training and Lifeguard Explorers.

2. PEOPLE IN THE PARKS:

26-1285-031

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PUBLIC SPEAKERS

MARCH 11, 2026

Sponsors: Office of the Secretary

Indexes: Public Comments

The following members of the public addressed the Commissioners:

1. Rachel Azzarello (Addressed transparency concerns around Participatory Budgeting and the special event park give-back initiative, communication processes, the Riot Fest contract and community engagement meetings held by Riot Fest.)
2. Denise Ferguson (Addressed concerns with consistency of communication and equity of Participatory Budgeting funding allocation.)
3. Andrea Benitez (Addressed positive impacts of the Kiddie College program at Park 596 and requested support for its continuation.)
4. Juan Rodriguez (Addressed concerns around impacts to child development regarding cancellation of the Kiddie College program at Park 596 and requested improvements to communication processes.)
5. Louise McCurry (Addressed women's impact in Park District historical improvements, funding received for ADA improvements at Jackson Park, and requested increased maintenance and repair near La Rabida Children's Hospital.)
6. Issa Umi (Addressed equity concerns related to park investments and requested review of funding processes.)
7. Peter Dorman (Requested increased communal accountability, increased funding toward support for the unhoused, and dialogue with Legion Park residents and neighbors about response strategies.)
8. Grace Larson (Addressed reliability concerns around housing initiatives and critiques of new policy around camping in parks, and requesting meeting between Board members and encampment residents.)
9. Lisa Stringer (Addressed support for new policy around camping in parks and requesting increased enforcement given impacts to safety, debris maintenance and park use.)

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

Aye: 6 - Valle, Paz Brownrigg, Jackson, Castaneda, Everett and Bush

Absent: 1 - Garrett

A motion was made by President Everett, seconded by Vice President Valle,

that the meeting be reconvened. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Valle, Paz Brownrigg, Jackson, Castaneda, Everett and Bush

Absent: 1 - Garrett

The Secretary stated for the record that Commissioner Jackson left the meeting during the recess and returned to the meeting once it was reconvened.

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

9 cont. Lisa Stringer (Requested continuation of Accelerated Moving Events.)

10. Lynn Burmeister (Addressed meetings held with social worker to discuss encampment response strategies and concerns around mental health, violence, safety hazards, and sanitation related to encampments in parks.)

11. Ramona Laude (Addressed concerns around criminalization of homelessness, and requested that the Park District cancel the Legion Park encampment closure. They requested a meeting between Board members and unhoused residents of the encampment.)

Ana Rosas, Tracey Alcoser, and Audrey Gladson registered to speak but were unavailable for comment.

Written Testimonies were received from Rebecca Plante, Ryan Spangler, Sage Rossman, Joy Wang, Harold Jaffe, Joseph Ardelean, Rev. Darrell Jones, D. Smith, Leila Walker, Michelle Zarco, Kelly (Last Name N/A), Ashley C., Amber Wilson, Rose Perez, Maggie Wood, Amy Agosta, Brett Kershaw, Zoe Erickson, Melissa Haley, Raymond (Last Name N/A), Keith Friedlander, Delilah Jones, Giovi Davidson, Sophie Erskine, Helen Pavlac, Pastor Stef Coleman, Vanessa Hall, Maddie Norrgard, Jaytham Rymer, BeeBee Browne, Jaclyn Martin, Kenya Hall, Dani D., Tracie Kunzika, Justin Gumiran, Ellen Youniss, and Nicole Foster Hill.

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 Paz, 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, Paz Brownrigg, Jackson, Castaneda, Everett and Bush

Absent: 1 - Garrett

26-1286-031

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APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR

BOARD MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 11, 2026

Sponsors: Office of the Secretary

Indexes: Meeting Minutes

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

[26-1279-031](#)

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REQUEST TO EXERCISE THE CONTRACT SECOND ONE (1) YEAR EXTENSION OPTION WITH ACTIVE ALARM COMPANY, INC. FOR ALARM AND CCTV CAMERA INSTALLATION, MONITORING, MAINTENANCE, AND REPAIR SERVICES-DISTRICT WIDE SPECIFICATION NO. P-21012R

Sponsors: Security

Indexes: Contract Extension

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

[26-1281-031](#)

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REQUEST TO EXERCISE THE THIRD ONE-YEAR CONTRACT EXTENSION OPTION WITH MARCO SUPPLY COMPANY, INC. D/B/A JOHNSON PIPE AND SUPPLY CORP. AND LITTMANN INDUSTRIES, INC. FOR THE SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF SUPPLEMENTAL PLUMBING SUPPLIES SPECIFICATION NO. P-22009

Sponsors: Facility Management

Indexes: Contract Extension

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

[26-1287-031](#)

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AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH UNIVAR SOLUTIONS USA LLC FOR THE DISTRICTWIDE SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF SODIUM HYPOCHLORITE SPECIFICATION NO. P-25018

Sponsors: Facility Management

Indexes: Contract Award-IFB, RFP, RFQ

Attachments: [MWBE Schedules - Univar Solutions USA LLC](#)

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

[26-1273-031](#)

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**AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH
LIFESAFETY365 L.L.C. FOR THE SUPPLY, DELIVERY,
INSTALLATION, AND PROGRAM MANAGEMENT OF
AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS
SPECIFICATION NO. P-25020**

Sponsors: Risk Management

Indexes: Contract Award-IFB, RFP, RFQ

Attachments: [MWBE Schedules - LifeSafety365, L.L.C.](#)

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

4. NEW BUSINESS / NON-CONSENT AGENDA:

[26-1274-031](#)

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**PROVISIONAL APPROVAL FOR THE SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT
APPLICATIONS FOR RED BULL SPIN OFF AND GLOBAL PEACEFEST**

Sponsors: Revenue

Indexes: Provisional Approval - Special Event Permit

Attachments: [Exhibit A - Red Bull Spin Off, Global PeaceFest](#)

Lauren Quinn, Deputy Director of Revenue, addressed the Commissioners. Lisa Marie Hoggs, Executive Producer of Promiseland Entertainment and company lawyer, Robert Johnson, were also in attendance. A motion was made by Vice President Valle, seconded by Commissioner Castaneda, that the matter be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Valle, Paz Brownrigg, Jackson, Castaneda, Everett and Bush

Absent: 1 - Garrett

[26-1275-031](#)

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**PROVISIONAL APPROVAL FOR THE SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT
APPLICATIONS FOR FOREVER MINE MUSIC FESTIVAL AND
MICHELADA FEST**

Sponsors: Revenue

Indexes: Provisional Approval - Special Event Permit

Attachments: [Exhibit A - Forever Mine Music Festival, Michelada Fest](#)

Lauren Quinn, Deputy Director of Revenue, addressed the Commissioners. Event Producers, Miguel Torres and Fernando Nito, as well as Counsel, Homero Tristan, were also in attendance. A motion was made by Commissioner Castaneda,

seconded by Commissioner Jackson, that the matter be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Valle, Paz Brownrigg, Jackson, Castaneda, Everett and Bush

Absent: 1 - Garrett

[26-1277-031](#)

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AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH WESTREC SMI OPCO, LLC FOR MANAGEMENT AND OPERATION OF OUTDOOR ICE RINKS SPECIFICATION NO. P-25021

Sponsors: Revenue

Indexes: Contract Award-IFB, RFP, RFQ

Attachments: [MWBE Schedules - Westrec SMI OPCO, LLC](#)

Dana Zilinski, Director of Revenue, 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, Paz Brownrigg, Jackson, Castaneda, Everett and Bush

Absent: 1 - Garrett

[26-1278-031](#)

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AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH OPEN KITCHENS INC., FOR THE SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM AND THE CHILD AND ADULT CARE FOOD SERVICE (AT-RISK AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM) DISTRICTWIDE SPECIFICATION NO. P-25015

Sponsors: Wellness

Indexes: Contract Award-IFB, RFP, RFQ

Attachments: [MWBE Schedules - Open Kitchens, Inc](#)

Meghan O'Boyle, Wellness Manager from Community Recreation, and Kareem Burgess, Deputy Director of Purchasing, addressed the Commissioners. A motion was made by Commissioner Castaneda, seconded by Commissioner Jackson, that the matter be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Valle, Paz Brownrigg, Jackson, Castaneda, Everett and Bush

Absent: 1 - Garrett

[26-1282-031](#)

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REQUEST TO AMEND THE CONTRACT AND TO EXERCISE THE CONTRACT'S FIRST ONE (1) YEAR EXTENSION OPTION WITH

**PATSON, INC. DBA TRANSCHICAGO TRUCK GROUP FOR THE
PURCHASE AND DELIVERY OF CAB/CHASSIS TRUCKS WITH AERIAL
PLATFORMS, DERRICKS, BUCKETS, AUGERS, AND SERVICE BODIES
DISTRICT-WIDE COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT - CITY
OF CHICAGO CONTRACT (PO) NO. 177120,
SPECIFICATION NO. 1191565**

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 Commissioner Paz, that the matter be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Valle, Paz Brownrigg, Jackson, Castaneda and Bush

Nay: 1 - Everett

Absent: 1 - Garrett

[26-1276-031](#)

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**SETTLEMENT OF JUAN RODRIGUEZ V. CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT
22WC024524**

Sponsors: Law Department

Indexes: Workers' Compensation

A motion was made by Commissioner Castaneda, seconded by Commissioner Paz, that the Settlement be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Valle, Paz Brownrigg, Jackson, Castaneda, Everett and Bush

Absent: 1 - Garrett

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: 6 - Valle, Paz Brownrigg, Jackson, Castaneda, Everett and Bush

Absent: 1 - Garrett