

Chicago Park District



Meeting Minutes - Final

Wednesday, November 20, 2024

10:00 AM

REGULAR MEETING

Chicago Park District Administration Building (Park 596)

4830 S. Western Avenue,

Chicago, IL 60609

Board of Commissioners

Commissioner Coya Paz Brownrigg

Commissioner Robert Castaneda

Commissioner Sean Garrett

Commissioner Philip Jackson

Commissioner Marlon Everett

Commissioner Sharon Bush

Vice President Modesto Valle

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, November 13, 2024 at 10:00 A.M. or immediately following the Public Budget Hearing at Chicago Park District Administration Building (Park 596) located at 4830 South Western Avenue, Chicago, IL 60609.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

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

By order of Vice President Modesto Valle

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Modesto Valle
Vice President

Sarah Gelder
Secretary

Pledge of Allegiance

The pledge of allegiance was recited during the Public Budget Hearing.

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, Commissioner Sean Garrett and Commissioner Marlon Everett
- Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Sharon Bush

Vice President Valle introduced the new Director of Audit, Daniel Lopez, who announced a public audit survey.

A motion was made by Vice President Valle, seconded by Commissioner Everett, 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, Garrett and Everett
- Absent:** 1 - Bush

1. 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 Paz Brownrigg, seconded by Commissioner Castaneda, 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, Garrett and Everett
- Absent:** 1 - Bush

24-1169-112

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**CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION OF THE NOTICE OF THE
CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING BEING
HELD ON NOVEMBER 20, 2024, AT 9:30 AM AND NOTICE OF THE
RELEASE OF THE CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT 2025 PROPOSED
OPERATING BUDGET REPORT**

Sponsors: Office of the Secretary

Indexes: Certificate of Publication

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

24-1170-112

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CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION FOR THE NOTICE OF THE CHANGE OF DATE AND TIME OF THE PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING AND NOVEMBER REGULAR BOARD MEETING AND THE CHANGE OF TIME OF THE DECEMBER REGULAR 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.

24-1168-112

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CERTIFICATE OF FILINGS OF THE CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT 2024 TAX LEVY ORDINANCE WITH THE CLERKS OF COOK AND DUPAGE COUNTIES

Sponsors: Office of the Secretary

Indexes: Certificate of Filing

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

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DESIGNATION OF REBECCA BRANDTMAN, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF PROGRAM INFORMATION IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY RECREATION, TO SERVE AS THE DELEGATE TO THE ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF PARK DISTRICTS (IAPD), AND NAUREEN RANA, SENIOR PROJECT MANAGER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL AND NATURAL RESOURCES, TO SERVE AS ALTERNATE DELEGATE

Sponsors: Commissioners' Office

Indexes: Appointment

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

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APPOINTMENT OF KELLY FLANNERY TO THE PARK EMPLOYEES' ANNUITY AND BENEFIT FUND OF CHICAGO

Sponsors: Commissioners' Office

Indexes: Appointment

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

24-1164-112

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APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 9, 2024

Sponsors: Office of the Secretary

Indexes: Meeting Minutes

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

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AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH FLOOD BROTHERS DISPOSAL COMPANY FOR WASTE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL SERVICES SPECIFICATION NO. P-24005

Sponsors: Cultural and Natural Resources

Indexes: Contract Award-IFB, RFP, RFQ

Attachments: EDS - Flood Brothers

[MWBE Schedules - Flood Brothers](#)

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

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AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A JOINT PROCUREMENT WITH THE CITY OF CHICAGO’S MASTER CONTRACT NO. 51904 WITH DELL MARKETING L.P. FOR COMPUTER HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE

Sponsors: Information Technology

Indexes: Joint Purchasing Agreement

Attachments: EDS - Dell Marketing LP

[MWBE Schedules - Dell Marketing LP](#)

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

2. NEW BUSINESS / NON-CONSENT AGENDA:

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RESOLUTION HONORING COMMISSIONER MUÑOZ FOR THEIR

YEARS OF SERVICE

Sponsors: Commissioners' Office

Indexes: Resolution-Honoring

Attachments: [Jose Munoz Resolution](#)

The Secretary read the Resolution Honoring former Commissioner Jose Munoz into the record.

The Board of Commissioners applauded Jose Munoz for his years of service and the former Commissioner made remarks in reflection of his tenure on the Chicago Park District Board of Commissioners.

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, Paz Brownrigg, Jackson, Castaneda, Garrett and Everett

Absent: 1 - Bush

3. STRATEGIC INITIATIVES:

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Effective Operations & Exceptional Experiences:
**PRESENTATION ON THE CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT CAPITAL
IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

Sponsors: Office of General Superintendent

Indexes: Presentation

Beth Tomlins, Deputy Chief Operating Officer, gave a presentation on the Chicago Park District Capital Improvement Plan.

4. PEOPLE IN THE PARKS:

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

NOVEMBER 13, 2024

Sponsors: Office of the Secretary

Indexes: Public Comments

The following members of the public addressed the Commissioners:

1. Lisa Stringer (Addressed health, safety, and maintenance concerns related to encampments in Gompers Park)
2. Denise Ferguson (Addressed concerns related to Riot Fest in Douglass Park and invited the Commissioners to tour the Park with community members)
3. Florina Florea (Addressed concerns related to Riot Fest in Douglass Park and damages to the park following the event)
4. Sobenna Worrill (Requested an ongoing partnership with the Park District for community events at the Dr. Conrad Worrill Center in Gately Park and for the event fees to be waived)
5. Oscar Worrill (Request that the event fee be waived for an annual track and field event at the Dr. Conrad Worrill Center in Gately Park)
6. Michele Drecznski (Addressed safety concerns at Stanton and Seward Parks)
7. Kenneth Newman (Addressed concerns with the proposed Quantum site adjacent to Steelworkers Park, NASCAR event fees, and requested additional lighting at Park District athletic fields)
8. James Ryan (Requested that more full-time/monthly lifeguard positions be added to the 2025 budget)
9. Elisheba Clark (Requested improvements at Garfield Par including natural area and landscape maintenance and building improvements, and announced that they are working on a safety plan for the park)
10. Lionel Freeman (Requested that the beach impact fee be waived for the Sandbox Symphony at Oakwood Beach)

Jurema Goham, Angela Dugan, Jacob Ringer, and Natasha Dunn registered to speak, but were unavailable for comment.

Written testimony was received from Patricia Newman, Jill Collins, Rachel Azzarello, Terry Donato, Lynn Burmeister, and Toni Sexton.

5. ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICER:

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**ELECTION OF PRESIDENT OF THE CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Sponsors: Commissioners' Office

Indexes: Election

Commissioner Jackson nominated Commissioner Everett to serve as President of

the Chicago Park District Board of Commissioners. The nomination was seconded by Commissioner Garrett. The nomination carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Bush

6. ADJOURNED

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

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

Absent: 1 - Bush