

# Chicago Park District



## Meeting Minutes - Final

Wednesday, May 14, 2025

9:00 AM

### ANNUAL 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 ANNUAL BOARD MEETING will be held on Wednesday, May 14, 2025, at 9:00 A.M. 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
- Election of Officers
- 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 Coya Paz Brownrigg, Commissioner Philip Jackson, Commissioner Robert Castaneda, Commissioner Sean Garrett and President Marlon Everett

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Sharon Bush

Presentation Highlighting Chicago Park District Harbors

Dana Zilinski, Director of Revenue, and Scott Stevenson, Investment Manager and Operations Vice President for Suntex/Westrec SMI, addressed the Commissioners.

A motion was made by President Everett, seconded by Commissioner Paz Brownrigg, 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. STRATEGIC INITIATIVES:

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*Community Wellbeing:*

### PRESENTATION ON CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT MAY IN MOTION EVENTS

Sponsors: Wellness

Indexes: Presentation

Colleen Lammel, Health and Wellness Officer, and Jennifer Heard, Senior Health Policy Analyst from the Chicago Department of Public Health, addressed the Commissioners.

## 2. PEOPLE IN THE PARKS:

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**PUBLIC SPEAKERS**

**MAY 14, 2025**

Sponsors: Office of the Secretary

Indexes: Public Comments

The following members of the public addressed the Commissioners:

1. Carol Johnson (Addressed fencing improvements at Garfield Park, requested additional capital improvement projects, and reported concerns around staff communications)
2. Nichole Foster Hill (Addressed the Accelerated Moving Event and restoration efforts at Gompers Park and requested continued enforcement)
3. Lisa Stringer (Addressed the Accelerated Moving Event at Gompers Park and requested continued restoration efforts)
4. JJ Betts (Addressed the Accelerated Moving Event and restoration efforts at Gompers Park and requested continued enforcement)
5. Florina Florea (Addressed concerns around the capital improvement give back fund and long-term impacts of Riot Fest; also requested increased ecological and site maintenance efforts at Douglass Park)
6. Denise Ferguson (Addressed concerns around Riot Fest related to health, safety, equity, partnership strategy, and the capital improvement give back fund)
7. Jim Wales (Addressed concerns with the youth escort policy at Maggie Daley and requested increased programming on the south side of the park)
8. Philip McGrath (Addressed concerns with third-party management agreements and executive hiring processes)
9. Debby Fries (Addressed the mission of the Eve Fries Foundation and ideas for partnership with the District at Little Gompers Park)
10. Frank Gutierrez (Addressed concerns around the proposed amendments to Chapter 5 of the Park District Code regarding Military Leave)
11. A. Anne Holcomb (Addressed environmental, health, community impact, and resident opposition concerns regarding proposed development of a Tiger Woods Golf Course and the quantum computing campus)
12. Ciera Barrett (Addressed environmental, public access, and community impact concerns related to the proposed development of a quantum computing campus)
13. Pastor Doyle (Addressed support for CEO Carlos Ramirez-Rosa's engagement with staff on active military duty and requested a re-naming of Cole Park)
14. Cecilia Butler (Requested development of a Margaret Burroughs Pavilion and relocation of her mural at Washington Park; also addressed concerns around proposed community center development and requested that the Chicago Torture Justice Memorial be relocated for better visibility)
15. Mark Stevenson (Requested additional AEDs, bleed kits, and first aid kits be added to locations along the lakefront)

Written testimony was received from Monique Dupri and Richard Ernst.

### 3. ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS:

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#### ELECTION OF PRESIDENT OF CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Sponsors: Commissioners' Office

Indexes: Election

Commissioner Jackson nominated Dr. Marlon 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

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

**Sponsors:** Commissioners' Office

**Indexes:** Election

President Everett nominated Modesto Valle to serve as Vice President of the Chicago Park District Board of Commissioners. The nomination was seconded by Commissioner Jackson. The nomination carried by the following vote:

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

**Absent:** 1 - Bush

**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 Paz Brownrigg, seconded by Vice President Valle, 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

**25-1081-051**

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**APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD ON APRIL 9, 2025**

**Sponsors:** Office of the Secretary

**Indexes:** Meeting Minutes

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

**25-1085-051**

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**CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION FOR THE NOTICE OF CHANGE**

**OF TIME OF CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS TO 9:00 AM**

**Sponsors:** Office of the Secretary

**Indexes:** Certificate of Publication

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

**25-1083-051**

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**CERTIFICATES OF FILINGS OF THE 2024 ANNUAL TAX LEVY ABATEMENT WITH THE CLERKS OF COOK AND DUPAGE COUNTIES**

**Sponsors:** Treasurer

**Indexes:** Certificate of Filing

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

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**SECOND AMENDED CERTIFICATE OF PARTIAL TAX ABATEMENT FOR GENERAL OBLIGATION LIMITED TAX PARK BONDS, SERIES 2023A**

**Sponsors:** Treasurer

**Indexes:** Certificate of Filing

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

**25-1097-051**

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**APPOINTMENT OF SECRETARY PRO TEMPORE OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT**

**Sponsors:** Commissioners' Office

**Indexes:** Appointment

The item was approved. Jaela Hall was appointed as Secretary Pro Tempore of the Board of Commissioners of the Chicago Park District in the event of the absence of the Secretary. The motion carried by the Consent Agenda vote listed above.

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**REQUEST TO EXERCISE THE CONTRACT SECOND (1) YEAR EXTENSION OPTION WITH J.P. SIMONS AND MIDCO ELECTRIC SUPPLY, INC. FOR THE SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF ELECTRICAL SUPPLIES SPECIFICATION NO P-23004**

**Sponsors:** Facility Management

**Indexes:** Contract Extension

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

**The Secretary stated for the record that Commissioner Paz Brownrigg left the meeting after the vote to approve all items listed on the Consent Agenda.**

**Present:** 5 - Vice President Modesto Valle, Commissioner Philip Jackson, Commissioner Robert Castaneda, Commissioner Sean Garrett and President Marlon Everett

**Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Coya Paz Brownrigg and Commissioner Sharon Bush

## 5. CODE AMENDMENTS:

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### PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER II OF THE CODE OF THE CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT

**Sponsors:** Office of Inspector General

**Indexes:** Code Amendment, Final Approval

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

[Exhibit A](#)

**Daniel Lopez, Director of Audit, 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:** 5 - Valle, Jackson, Castaneda, Garrett and Everett

**Absent:** 2 - Paz Brownrigg and Bush

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

[25-1080-051](#)

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**AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH OPEN KITCHENS INC., FOR PURCHASED MEAL SERVICE SUPPORTING THE SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM AND THE CHILD AND ADULT CARE FOOD PROGRAM  
SPECIFICATION NO. P- 25003**

**Sponsors:** Community Recreation

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

**Attachments:** EDS - Open Kitchens

[MWBE Schedules - Open Kitchens](#)

**Meghan O'Boyle, Wellness Manager from Health & Wellness, 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:** 5 - Valle, Jackson, Castaneda, Garrett and Everett

**Absent:** 2 - Paz Brownrigg and Bush

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**AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH DAVEY RESOURCE GROUP FOR COMPLETION OF A DISTRICTWIDE TREE INVENTORY AND DEVELOPMENT OF AN URBAN FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN  
SPECIFICATION NO. P-24011**

**Sponsors:** Cultural and Natural Resources

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

**Attachments:** EDS - Davey Resource Group

[MWBE Schedules - Davey Resource Group](#)

**Cathy Breitenbach, Director of Cultural and Natural Resources, 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:** 5 - Valle, Jackson, Castaneda, Garrett and Everett

**Absent:** 2 - Paz Brownrigg and Bush



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**AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH WILLIAMS ASSOCIATES ARCHITECTS FOR DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION SERVICES FOR PIOTROWSKI PARK POOL ENCLOSURE SPECIFICATION NO. P-22018-034**

**Sponsors:** Planning and Construction

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

**Attachments:** EDS - Williams Architects

[MWBE Schedules - Williams Architects](#)

Heather Gleason, Director of Planning and Construction, 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:** 5 - Valle, Jackson, Castaneda, Garrett and Everett

**Absent:** 2 - Paz Brownrigg and Bush

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**CHANGE ORDER NO. 02: \$1,249,107.00 TO PASCHEN ALL JOINT VENTURE FOR CONSTRUCTION OF PARK 596 - ADMINISTRATION HEADQUARTERS, FIELDHOUSE AND SITE DEVELOPMENT SPECIFICATION NO. P-20015**

**Sponsors:** Planning and Construction

**Indexes:** Change Order

**Attachments:** EDS - FH Paschen

EDS - ALL Construction Group

[MWBE Schedules - Paschen All Joint Venture](#)

Heather Gleason, Director of Planning and Construction, 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

**Absent:** 2 - Paz Brownrigg and Bush

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**AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH COMCAST CABLE COMMUNICATIONS MANAGEMENT, LLC FOR TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES AND INSTALLATION**

**Sponsors:** Information Technology

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

**Attachments:** [Exhibit A -Technical Specifications](#)

EDS - Comcast

[MWBE Schedules - Comcast](#)

**Al Ruiz, Director of Information Technology, 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

**Absent:** 2 - Paz Brownrigg and Bush

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**REQUEST TO INITIATE 45-DAY NOTICE PERIOD TO NAME PARK NO. 596 IN BRIGHTON PARK AS COMMISSIONERS PARK**

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

**Carlos Ramirez-Rosa, General Superintendent & CEO, addressed the Commissioners. A motion was made by Commissioner Jackson, seconded by Vice President Valle, that the matter be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 2 - Paz Brownrigg and Bush

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**REQUEST TO INITIATE THE 45-DAY NOTICE PERIOD TO UNNAME WEST CHATHAM PARK AND INITIATE A 45-DAY NOTICE PERIOD TO SOLICIT FEEDBACK ON A NEW NAME FOR THE PARK**

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

**Carlos Ramirez-Rosa, General Superintendent & CEO, 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:** 5 - Valle, Jackson, Castaneda, Garrett and Everett

**Absent:** 2 - Paz Brownrigg and Bush

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**SETTLEMENT OF KENNETH WELSH V. CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT CASE NO. 19WC027392**

**Sponsors:** Law Department

**Indexes:** Workers' Compensation

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

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

**Absent:** 2 - Paz Brownrigg and Bush

## **7. 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:** 5 - Valle, Jackson, Castaneda, Garrett and Everett

**Absent:** 2 - Paz Brownrigg and Bush