

# Chicago Park District



## Meeting Minutes - Final

Wednesday, November 19, 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, November 19, 2025, at 9:00 A.M. or immediately following the Public Budget Hearing 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  
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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**Dr. Marlon Everett**  
**President**

**Sarah Gelder**  
**Secretary**

## 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

**Martha Montes, Park Supervisor at Park 596, welcomed everyone to the fieldhouse at Park 596 and highlighted programming activities at the park.**

**A motion was made by President Everett, seconded by Commissioner Castaneda, 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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### **RECOGNITION OF THE BEARS CARE FOOTBALL PARTNERSHIP AND JUNIOR BEARS MUM BOWL CHAMPIONS**

**Sponsors:** Community Recreation

**Indexes:** Presentation

**Farah Tunks, Director of Program Services and Special Events, and Marlenni Laureno, Senior Project Manager, addressed the Commissioners.**

**Also in attendance and recognized by the Board:**

**Roberto Lugo, Kelvyn Park Supervisor**

**Luis Ivan Martinez, Kelvyn Park Hurricane Team Coach**

**Kristen Renzy, Loyola Park Supervisor**

**Jason Yolich, Loyola Park Dolphin Team Coach**

**Jael Alcantara, Walter Payton Award Winner from the Kelvyn Park Hurricanes**

**Farid Elias, Loyola Team Player**

**Jabez Douglas, Loyola Team Player**

**Chilo Okola, Loyola Team Player**

**Royal Larkin, Loyola Team Player**

**Malik Jones, Loyola Team Player**

## 2. PRESENTATIONS & REPORTS

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### **PRESENTATION ON THE DISTRICT'S INELIGIBLE FOR REHIRE DESIGNATION**

**Sponsors:** Department of Audit

**Indexes:** Presentation

Daniel Lopez, Director of Audit, and Emmy Smith, Performance Analyst from the Office of the Inspector General, addressed the Commissioners.

The Secretary stated for the record that Commissioner Jackson left and returned to the meeting during the presentation on the District's Ineligible for Rehire Designation.

### 3. PEOPLE IN THE PARKS:

Stacia Scott Kennedy, Executive Vice President from SEIU Local 73, acknowledged support for the 2026 Budget Recommendations. Kennedy also addressed testimonies from union members, concerns around funding of contracts with private vendors, equity in budget allocations, and requested increased health care benefits for employees.

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#### PUBLIC SPEAKERS NOVEMBER 19, 2025

**Sponsors:** Office of the Secretary

**Indexes:** Public Comments

The following members of the public addressed the Commissioners:

1. Kevin Rodriguez (Requested health care benefits for Park District employees and addressed the petition signed in this regard)
2. Rachel Azzarello (Addressed concerns with response timelines on FOIA requests and transparency around the participatory budgeting process)
3. Denise Ferguson (Addressed health and safety concerns in Douglass Park and the impacts of the Douglass Park shooting. Also requested increased community engagement around Douglass Park health and safety initiatives)

Terris Williams, grandfather of Douglass Park shooting victim, Jeremy Herred, addressed impacts to park accessibility after the shooting and requests for increased security, strategic community engagement, and program diversity.

4. May Toy (Addressed concerns around transparency and permitting structure at Skinner Park)
5. Phil McGrath (Addressed concerns related to FOIA requests, accessibility of benefits for District employees, and sustainability of pension funding)
6. Nicole Foster Hill (Addressed safety and District funding concerns related to encampments at Eugene Field and requested increased strategic collaboration and housing resources, and alternative temporary housing programs)
7. Gail Beitz (Addressed safety concerns related to illegal activity and fire hazards at encampments in Gompers Park)
8. Carlos Portillo (Addressed safety concerns related to illegal activity and hazards at encampments in Eugene Field and requested increased provision of resources and relocation services for the unhoused)
9. Lucia Mancini (Addressed equity concerns with the impact of accelerated moving efforts at encampments in Albany Park and requested an end to

encampment removals)

10. Grace Larson (Addressed safety, resource allocation, and park damage concerns related to encampment removals and privacy concerns regarding camera installation. Also requested increased resource provision and an end to encampment removals)

11. Peter Dorman (Addressed safety concerns around camera installation and anti-camping enforcement at encampments in Albany Park. Also requested increased resource provision, removal of cameras, and an end to encampment removals)

12. Keith Couture (Addressed concerns with funding allocation and ineffective results of encampment removals in the 39th Ward. Also requested increased resource provision and an end to encampment removals)

13. Romana Laude (Requested increased resource provision and an end to removal of encampments)

14. Dalmanic Ali Simmons (Requested increased collaboration around resources and services for the unhoused and requested removal of cameras and an end to encampment removals)

Tracey Alcoser registered to speak but was unavailable for comment.

Written Testimonies were received from Laura Stratford, Katie Schneider, Marion Gielow, Cynthia Manns, Nick Drnaso, Lisa Stringer, Sarah-Jayne Ashenhurst and Rose Perez.

#### 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 Jackson, 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

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#### CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION FOR THE NOTICE OF THE RESCHEDULED ANNUAL PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING AND THE NOVEMBER 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.

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#### APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 8, 2025

**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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**DESIGNATION OF INDIVIDUALS TO SERVE AS THE DELEGATE  
AND ALTERNATE DELEGATE TO THE ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION  
OF PARK DISTRICTS (IAPD)**

**Sponsors:** Commissioners' Office

**Indexes:** Appointment

The item was approved. Jim Harney, Senior Project Manager from the Office of the General Superintendent, was appointed to serve as the Delegate to The Illinois Association of Park Districts, and Rebecca Brandtman, Deputy Director of Program Information from the Department of Community Recreation, was appointed to serve as the Alternate Delegate. The motion carried by the Consent Agenda vote listed above.

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**REQUEST TO EXERCISE THE AGREEMENT'S FIRST ONE (1)  
YEAR EXTENSION OPTION WITH CLAUSS BROTHERS, INC., FOR  
OSAKA GARDEN MAINTENANCE SERVICES  
SPECIFICATION NO. P-23014**

**Sponsors:** Cultural and Natural Resources

**Indexes:** Contract Extension

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

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**REQUEST TO EXERCISE THE CONTRACT'S FIRST (1) YEAR  
EXTENSION OPTION WITH THE STONE GROUP INC. FOR THE  
SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF POWER RODDING AND SEWER  
CLEANING SERVICES-DISTRICT WIDE  
SPECIFICATION NO. P-23011**

**Sponsors:** Facility Management

**Indexes:** Contract Extension

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

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**AUTHORIZATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CITY OF CHICAGO  
CONTRACT #126710 WITH ENTERPRISE FLEET MANAGEMENT,**

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**INC. FOR LEASING OF AUTOMOBILES AND LIGHT DUTY  
TRUCKS, FOR DISTRICTWIDE USE (SPEC NO. 195159A)**

**Sponsors:** Facility Management

**Indexes:** Joint Purchasing Agreement

**Attachments:** [MWBE - Enterprise Fleet Management Inc.](#)

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

**5. CODE AMENDMENTS:**

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**AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER I OF THE CODE OF THE CHICAGO  
PARK DISTRICT**

**Sponsors:** Law Department

**Indexes:** Code Amendment, Final Approval

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

[Exhibit A - Proposed Amendments](#)

Heather Keil, General Counsel, and Michael Gaynor, Senior Counsel, 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:

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**AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER III OF THE CODE OF THE CHICAGO  
PARK DISTRICT**

**Sponsors:** Law Department and Ethics Advisor

**Indexes:** Code Amendment, Final Approval

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

[Exhibit A - Proposed Amendments](#)

Heather Keil, General Counsel, 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, Paz Brownrigg, Jackson, Castaneda, Garrett and Everett

**Absent:** 1 - Bush

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

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**REQUEST TO OFFICIALLY NAME PARK NO. 601 AS  
DUNNING READ NATURAL AREA PARK**

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Bush

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**AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH BOOTH  
HANSEN, LTD. FOR DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION  
ADMINISTRATION SERVICES FOR OGDEN (WILLIAM) PARK  
FIELDHOUSE RECONSTRUCTION  
SPECIFICATION NO. P-22018-046**

**Sponsors:** Planning and Construction

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

**Attachments:** EDS - Booth Hansen Ltd.

[MWBE Schedules - Booth Hansen Ltd.](#)

**Heather Gleason, Director of Planning and Construction, addressed the Commissioners. 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, Garrett and Everett

**Absent:** 1 - Bush

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**APPROVAL OF PROPOSED UPDATES TO THE GUIDELINES FOR  
ATTENDANCE AND PARTICIPATION AT CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT  
BOARD MEETINGS**

**Sponsors:** Commissioners' Office

**Indexes:** Public Participation Rules

**Attachments:** [Proposed Updates to the Public Participation Guidelines](#)

**President Everett addressed the Commissioners and public attendees. A motion was made by Commissioner Jackson, seconded by Commissioner Paz-Brownrigg, that the matter be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Bush



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**SETTLEMENT OF JANE DOE V. CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT &  
MICHAEL KELLY (CASE NO. 2024 L 011121)**

**Sponsors:** Law Department

**Indexes:** Settlement Agreement

**A motion was made by Commissioner Paz-Brownrigg, seconded by Commissioner Garrett, that the matter be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Bush

## **7. 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, Paz Brownrigg, Jackson, Castaneda, Garrett and Everett

**Absent:** 1 - Bush