

Chicago Park District



Meeting Minutes - Final

Friday, March 7, 2025

4:00 PM

SPECIAL 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 Sharon Bush

Vice President Modesto Valle

President Marlon Everett

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

In accordance with the provisions of 5 ILCS 120/1 et seq., PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that a SPECIAL BOARD MEETING will be held on Friday, March 7, 2025 at 4:00 P.M. at the Chicago Park District Administration Building (Park 596) located at 4830 South Western Avenue, Chicago, IL 60609.

For the March 7, 2025 Special Board Meeting, public comment will be limited to five (5) registered speakers. Advanced registration to speak will begin Wednesday, March 5, 2025 until Thursday, March 6, 2025 at 5:00 P.M. or until all slots are filled. Please find the public participation rules and registration instructions here:

<https://www.chicagoparkdistrict.com/public-participation-rules>

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Roll Call
Closed Session
Public Comment
Adjournment

By order of President Marlon Everett

In compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. Section 794) and the Americans with Disabilities Act (42 U.S.C. Section 12101 et seq.), the Chicago Park District does not discriminate on the basis of disability in employment or admission/access to programs and activities.

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Marlon Everett
President

Sarah Gelder
Secretary

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call

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

Present: 5 - Commissioner Coya Paz Brownrigg, Commissioner Philip Jackson, Commissioner Robert Castaneda, Commissioner Sean Garrett and President Marlon Everett

Excused: 2 - Vice President Modesto Valle and Commissioner Sharon Bush

President Everett announced that Vice President Valle and Commissioner Bush joined the Special Board meeting remotely via video conference allowable under the Illinois Open Meetings Act 5 ILCS 120 Section 7A and reported that Vice President Valle and Commissioner Bush provided the Board Secretary with written advanced notice of the qualifying reason for their remote attendance due to employment purposes and a family emergency respectively which prevented them from attending in-person.

The Commissioners physically in attendance took action to allow Vice President Valle and Commissioner Bush to participate in the Special meeting remotely. A motion was made by Commissioner Castaneda, seconded by Commissioner Jackson, to allow Vice President Valle and Commissioner Bush to participate remotely. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Paz Brownrigg, Jackson, Castaneda, Garrett and Everett

Excused: 2 - Valle and Bush

Present: 7 - Vice President Modesto Valle, Commissioner Coya Paz Brownrigg, Commissioner Philip Jackson, Commissioner Robert Castaneda, Commissioner Sean Garrett, President Marlon Everett and Commissioner Sharon Bush

A motion was made by President Everett, seconded by Commissioner Castaneda, to take the agenda out of order to hear Public Comments next. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Valle, Paz Brownrigg, Jackson, Castaneda, Garrett, Everett and Bush

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following members of the public addressed the Commissioners:

1. Mark Heller (Requested support for the Logan Boulevard Skate Park Redevelopment Project)

The Secretary stated for the record that no Written Testimonies were received.

2. 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 Paz Brownrigg, seconded by Commissioner Castaneda, that the meeting enter into Closed Session. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Valle, Paz Brownrigg, Jackson, Castaneda, Garrett, Everett and Bush

3. OPEN SESSION:

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

Aye: 4 - Paz Brownrigg, Jackson, Castaneda and Everett

Absent: 3 - Valle, Garrett and Bush

The Secretary stated for the record that Vice President Valle, Commissioner Bush, and Commissioner Garrett left the meeting during Closed Session.

4. ADJOURNED

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

Aye: 4 - Paz Brownrigg, Jackson, Castaneda and Everett

Absent: 3 - Valle, Garrett and Bush