

Chicago Park District



Meeting Minutes - Final

Wednesday, June 10, 2026

9:00 AM

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Clarendon Park
4501 North Clarendon Avenue
Chicago, IL 60640

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, June 10, 2026, at 9:00 A.M. at Clarendon Park located at 4501 N. Clarendon Avenue, Chicago IL 60640.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Roll Call
Strategic Initiatives
General Superintendent & CEO Updates
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: 4 - Vice President Modesto Valle, Commissioner Philip Jackson, Commissioner Robert Castaneda and Commissioner Sean Garrett

Absent: 3 - President Marlon Everett, Commissioner Coya Paz Brownrigg and Commissioner Sharon Bush

Michael Brown, Park Supervisor at Clarendon Park, gave brief remarks welcoming attendees to Clarendon Park and highlighting the history of the park and recent renovations to the fieldhouse.

A motion was made by Vice President Valle, seconded by Commissioner Garrett, to set the Order of Business for the day as reflected in the posted agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Valle, Jackson, Castaneda and Garrett

Absent: 3 - Everett, Paz Brownrigg and Bush

1. STRATEGIC INITIATIVES:

26-1329-061

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PRESENTATION ON CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT TEEN ENGAGEMENT

Sponsors: Community Recreation and Cultural and Natural Resources

Indexes: Presentation

Adrian Loza, Assistant Director of Recreation gave a high-level overview about the Park District's youth engagement initiatives and success metrics and presented a video about teen programming in the parks. Temeszja Drummond, Manager of Teen Engagement from Community Recreation, presented on alignment with the Strategic Plan, the Junior Citizens Scholarship Program and the UP Next Initiative basketball programming, as well as participant and event data outcomes. Marcus Davis, Cultural Enrichment Manager from Cultural and Natural Resources, presented on the history, mission, and structure of the TRACE program, recent mural projects, and acknowledgements for TRACE fellows, staff, and collaborators.

2. GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT & CEO UPDATES

General Superintendent & CEO, Carlos Ramirez-Rosa, gave remarks on:

- The 2026 summer beach and pool season, including that pools will again be open 7-days a week with expanded operating hours;
- The start of 2026 summer day camp in June with registration surpassing enrollment goals;
- The launch of 2026 Night Out in the Parks programming, kicking off with the new the Buckingham Fountain chairs;
- The Chicago Park District retuning to the Top 10 rating in the Annual Trust for Public Land Park Score;
- Success in the start of the 2026 summer festival season, and revenue and employment opportunities generated from summer festivals; and
- Conservation accomplishments indicated by the first bald eagle chicks hatched in 100 years on the southeast side of the city.

3. PEOPLE IN THE PARKS:

26-1325-061

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PUBLIC SPEAKERS

JUNE 10, 2026

Sponsors: Office of the Secretary

Indexes: Public Comments

The following members of the public addressed the Commissioners:

1. Mary Tomlinson (Addressed support of naming Park 514 as Patty Fillenwarth Park, and Sister Patty's accolades and impacts on the community.)
2. Jack Spicer (Addressed park access concerns related to security and police response to public gatherings at Promontory Point. Requested a more trauma-informed de-escalation approach to teen gatherings.)
3. Moises Moreno (Addressed equity and park access concerns around police response to teen gatherings at Promontory Point. Requested increased community engagement around security strategies, and increased accessibility and transportation options to Promontory Point.)
4. Terry Rudd (Addressed the importance of senior health initiatives, and requested that water aerobics class be reinstated at Washington Park.)
5. A. Anne Holcomb (Addressed support for Steelworkers Park Framework Plan. Also addressed equity and site access concerns around parking gates and fees at Rainbow Beach Park and South Shore Cultural Center Park.)
6. Kenneth Newman (Requested increased teen engagement toward park safety plans. Also addressed concerns around potential damage costs incurred from the Obama Presidential Center Grand Opening. Also requested improved lighting and tree maintenance at various parks.)
7. Sandra Wortham (Requesting a proactive fire safety plan related to use of fireworks at Nat King Cole Park during the summer.)
8. Adam Rogers (Addressed support for youth music education as violence prevention, then performed a saxophone solo.)
9. Brian Wolf (Requested that the Oz Park adult pickleball class be rescheduled for less peak park use hours or moved to a park with more capacity. Also requested more courts at Oz Park.)
10. Phil McGrath (Addressed support for expanded benefits for full-time

employees and requested increased benefits also be extended to hourly employees. Also addressed general concerns around private management contracts and work culture concerns at Westrec harbors.)

11. Anne Miles (Addressed accessibility and beach use concerns around parking fees and gates at 63rd Street Beach. Also requested a reconsideration of the parking gate management contract.)

12. Nicole Foster Hill (Addressed health, safety, maintenance, and sanitation concerns around encampments in parks and requested increased policy enforcement.)

13. Lisa Stringer (Addressed resource and funding allocation concerns related to damage resulting from encampments in parks.)

14. Jeanne Kracher (Addressed safety and health concerns around encampments in parks. Also requested increased policy enforcement and a response plan for those who don't accept alternative housing resources.)

Helen Pavlac registered to speak but was unavailable for comment.

Written Testimonies were received from Magdalena Martinez, Franco Reyes, and Elizabeth Copper.

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

A motion was made by Commissioner Jackson, seconded by Commissioner Garrett, that the items on the Consent Agenda be approved as a group in one vote. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Valle, Jackson, Castaneda and Garrett

Absent: 3 - Everett, Paz Brownrigg and Bush

26-1326-061

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APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES FOR THE ANNUAL BOARD MEETING HELD ON MAY 13, 2026

Sponsors: Office of the Secretary

Indexes: Meeting Minutes

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

26-1328-061

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CLOSED SESSION MINUTES REVIEW: AUTHORITY TO RELEASE OR HOLD CLOSED SESSION MINUTES AND AUTHORITY TO DESTROY VERBATIM CLOSED SESSION RECORDINGS

Sponsors: Law Department

Indexes: Closed Session Minutes Review

The item was approved. The motion to approve and release Closed Session Meeting Minutes for March 13th, 2026 and April 8th, 2026, and to destroy the Verbatim Closed Session Recording for October 9th, 2024 carried by the Consent Agenda vote listed above.

26-1327-061**0**

**MODIFICATION OF THE APPOINTMENT TERM FOR TRUSTEE TO
THE PARK EMPLOYEES' ANNUITY AND BENEFIT FUND OF
CHICAGO**

Sponsors: Commissioners' Office

Indexes: Appointment

This item was approved. The motion carried by the Consent Agenda vote listed above. Olyvia Jarmoszka's term as Trustee was modified to begin in 2026.

26-1330-061**0**

**REQUEST TO EXERCISE THE CONTRACT'S FIRST ONE (1)-YEAR
EXTENSION OPTION WITH ENVIROPLUS, INC. FOR DISTRICT-WIDE
ENVIRONMENTAL ABATEMENT SERVICES
SPECIFICATION NO. P-23003**

Sponsors: Environmental Services

Indexes: Contract Extension

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

26-1332-061**0**

**REQUEST TO EXERCISE THE CONTRACT FIRST ONE (1) YEAR
EXTENSION OPTION WITH MCFIELD & ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR
ROOFING MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES: SUPPLY AND DELIVERY
DISTRICT-WIDE
SPECIFICATION NO. P-24004**

Sponsors: Facility Management

Indexes: Contract Extension

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

5. NEW BUSINESS / NON-CONSENT AGENDA:

26-1333-061**0**

**AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD PROJECT AND ISSUE NOTICE TO
PROCEED TO INDUSTRIA, INC. FOR JACKSON PARK: BURNHAM
BUILDING RESTORATION
SPECIFICATION NO. P-23001-022**

Sponsors: Planning and Construction

Indexes: Contract Award-IFB, RFP, RFQ

Attachments: [MWBE Schedules - Industria, Inc.](#)

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: 4 - Valle, Jackson, Castaneda and Garrett

Absent: 3 - Everett, Paz Brownrigg and Bush

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**REQUEST TO OFFICIALLY NAME PARK NO. 514 AS FILLENWARTH
(PATTY) PARK**

Sponsors: Office of General Superintendent

Indexes: Park Renaming-Phase II, Park Naming

Pam Witmer, Director of Policy, addressed the Commissioners. Marie Snyder, Legislative Aide for Alder Jessie Fuentes of the 26th Ward, was also in attendance. A motion was made by Commissioner Garrett, seconded by Commissioner Jackson, that the matter be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Valle, Jackson, Castaneda and Garrett

Absent: 3 - Everett, Paz Brownrigg and Bush

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**REQUEST TO OFFICIALLY NAME THE UNNAMED PLAYGROUND AT
53RD STREET AND DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DRIVE WITHIN
WASHINGTON (GEORGE) PARK TO RONALD “RONNIEMAN”
JOHNSON PLAYGROUND**

Sponsors: Office of General Superintendent

Indexes: Park Renaming-Phase II, Park Naming

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Aye: 4 - Valle, Jackson, Castaneda and Garrett

Absent: 3 - Everett, Paz Brownrigg and Bush

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**SETTLEMENT OF ERIC LYLES V. CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT
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Sponsors: Law Department

Indexes: Settlement Agreement

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

Aye: 4 - Valle, Jackson, Castaneda and Garrett

Absent: 3 - Everett, Paz Brownrigg and 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: 4 - Valle, Jackson, Castaneda and Garrett

Absent: 3 - Everett, Paz Brownrigg and Bush