

# Chicago Park District



## Meeting Minutes - Final

Wednesday, July 16, 2025

8:00 AM

### RESCHEDULED 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 RESCHEDULED REGULAR BOARD MEETING will be held on Wednesday, July 16 , at 8:00 A.M. at Chicago Park District Administration Building (Park 596) located at 4830 South Western Avenue, Chicago, IL 60609.

## **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Roll Call  
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**  
**Board President**

**Jaela Hall**  
**Secretary Pro Tempore**

## 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:** 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 moment of silence was held for Marjay Dotson, victim of the shooting that occurred at Douglass Park on June 26th, 2025. A prayer was led by Commissioner Pastor Phil Jackson.

General Superintendent and CEO, Carlos Ramirez-Rosa, and General Counsel, Heather Keil, gave a presentation on the Chicago Park District's Internal Review findings and next steps.

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

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

## 1. PEOPLE IN THE PARKS:

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### PUBLIC SPEAKERS

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**Sponsors:** Office of the Secretary

**Indexes:** Public Comments

The following members of the public addressed the Commissioners:

1. Denise Ferguson (Addressed health and safety concerns related to Douglass Park shooting and Riot Fest; also requested increased operational transparency, community partnership, as well as maintenance and investment at Douglass Park)
2. Rachel Azzarello (Addressed health and safety concerns related to Douglass Park shooting, Riot Fest and staff hiring; also requested increased community input around park programming)
3. Princess Shaw (Addressed safety concerns related to Douglass Park and west side parks; also requested increased community partnership around safety protocols and programming)

4. Erica Fleischer (Addressed safety concerns related to lifeguard staffing and management processes and requested lower costs for swim programs and a review of staff wellness resources)
5. Mark Heller (Requested support for development of Logan Boulevard Skate Park)
6. Mary Jones (Addressed accessibility and environmental concerns related to the Psi Quantum Campus development project and requesting a meeting to discuss the CBA)
7. Allan Lindrup (Addressed safety and environmental concerns related to the Psi Quantum Campus development project)
8. Lisa Stringer (Addressed safety concerns related to Gompers Park encampments)
9. Nicole Foster Hill (Addressed safety, park access and programming concerns related to Gompers Park encampments)
10. Kate Jedynak (Addressed safety and park maintenance concerns related to Gompers Park encampments)
11. Louise McCurry (Requested increased volunteer recruitment, safety skills training, and youth mentoring initiatives at District parks)
12. Berry Nelson (Requested improvements to prohibited parking signage at Washington Park)

Beverly Panek and Bobbie Townsend registered to speak but were unavailable for comment; Written testimony was submitted by Cindy Larson, Ellen Garza, Jazmine Salas, Lynn Burmeister, Rebecca Wolfram, and Wenceslao Garciacarillo.

## 2. 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 Jackson, seconded by Commissioner Paz-Brownrigg, that the items on the Consent Agenda be approved as a group in one vote. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

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### **APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD ON JUNE 11, 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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### **CORRECTION TO THE DATE OF THE VERBATIM CLOSED SESSION RECORDING APPROVED FOR DESTRUCTION AT THE BOARD MEETING HELD ON JUNE 11, 2025**

**Sponsors:** Law Department

**Indexes:** Closed Session Minutes Review

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

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**APPOINTMENT OF THE TREASURER  
OF THE CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT**

**Sponsors:** Chief Financial Officer

**Indexes:** Appointment

The item was approved. The motion carried by the Consent Agenda vote listed above. Olyvia Jarmoszka was appointed as Treasurer of the Chicago Park District.

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

**Sponsors:** Chief Financial Officer

**Indexes:** Appointment

The item was approved. The motion carried by the Consent Agenda vote listed above. Olyvia Jarmoszka was appointed as Trustee to the Park Employees' Annuity and Benefit Fund of Chicago.

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**REQUEST TO EXERCISE THE CONTRACT FIRST (1) YEAR  
EXTENSION OPTION WITH CANNON COCHRAN MANAGEMENT  
SERVICES, INC. FOR THIRD-PARTY WORKERS COMPENSATION  
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES  
SPECIFICATION P-22017**

**Sponsors:** Risk Management

**Indexes:** Contract Extension

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

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

[25-1118-071](#)

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**AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH MOORE  
LANDSCAPES, LLC FOR DISTRICTWIDE FLORAL GARDENS:  
DESIGN, INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE  
SPECIFICATION NO. P-24012**

**Sponsors:** Cultural and Natural Resources

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

**Attachments:** EDS - Yellowstone Moore Landscapes

[MWBE Schedules - Yellowstone Moore Landscapes](#)

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

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

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**SETTLEMENT OF LAURA GONZALES, INDIVIDUALLY  
AND ON BEHALF OF THE ESTATE OF LOUIS GONZALES  
V. CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT  
CASE NO. 18 WC 035492**

**A motion was made by Vice President Valle, seconded by Commissioner Jackson, that the Settlement be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

#### **4. ADJOURNED**

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

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