

Chicago Park District



Meeting Minutes - Final

Wednesday, January 22, 2025

10:00 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, January 22, 2024, at 10:00 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
- General Business
- Consent Agenda
- New Business / Non-Consent Agenda
- Strategic Initiatives
- People in the Parks
- 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

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

Presentation on Chicago Park District Cultural Experiences

Rosa Escareno, General Superintendent and CEO, gave remarks about Cultural Events held at parks across the city then introduced Farah Tunks, Central Region Director, who addressed the Commissioners.

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. GENERAL BUSINESS:

[25-1004-012](#)

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RESOLUTION HONORING RETIREES

Sponsors: Workforce Development and Human Resources

Indexes: Resolution-Honoring

Attachments: [Retiree Resolution](#)

Rosa Escareno, General Superintendent and CEO, read the Resolution into record and introduced Jason Mann, Deputy Director of Workforce Development, who addressed the Commissioners and acknowledged the Retirees in attendance.

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

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

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

25-1000-012

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**CERTIFICATE OF FILING OF THE CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT
2024 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE WITH THE
CLERKS OF COOK AND DUPAGE COUNTIES**

Sponsors: Office of the Secretary

Indexes: Certificate of Filing

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

25-1002-012

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**CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION OF THE CHICAGO PARK
DISTRICT 2024 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE**

Sponsors: Office of the Secretary

Indexes: Certificate of Publication

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

25-1001-012

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**CERTIFICATE OF FILING OF THE CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT
2025 APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE WITH THE CLERKS OF
COOK AND DUPAGE COUNTIES**

Sponsors: Office of the Secretary

Indexes: Certificate of Filing

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

25-1003-012

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**CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION OF THE CHICAGO PARK
DISTRICT 2025 ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE**

Sponsors: Office of the Secretary

Indexes: Certificate of Publication

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

25-1005-012

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**APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES FOR THE PUBLIC
HEARING AND REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD ON
DECEMBER 11, 2024**

Sponsors: Office of the Secretary

Indexes: Meeting Minutes

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

[25-1010-012](#)

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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: Executive Session Minute Reveiw

Attachments: [Closed Session Minutes 10.09.2024](#)

[Closed Session Minutes 07.10.2024](#)

The item was approved. The motion to release Closed Session Meeting Minutes for dates July 10, 2024 and October 9, 2024, and to destroy Verbatim Closed Session Recordings for dates February 15, 2023 and May 10, 2023, carried by the Consent Agenda vote listed above.

[25-1042-012](#)

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**RESOLUTION TO APPOINT ROBERT CASTANEDA AS
COMMISSIONER TO THE PUBLIC BUILDING COMMISSION OF
CHICAGO**

Sponsors: Commissioners' Office

Indexes: Appointment

Attachments: [Resolution - PBC Appointment - Robert Castaneda](#)

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

[25-1007-012](#)

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AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS WITH THE CITY OF CHICAGO AND VARIOUS STATE, LOCAL AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES AND AGREEMENTS WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS TO ACCEPT THE TRANSFER OF VARIOUS FUNDS AND SERVICES FOR PARK PROJECTS

Sponsors: Law Department

Indexes: Intergovernmental Agreements (IGA)

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

[25-1039-012](#)

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**REQUEST TO EXERCISE THE CONTRACT ONE (1) YEAR EXTENSION OPTION WITH SHOREWOOD HOME AND AUTO FOR LANDSCAPE MOWERS DISTRICTWIDE: PURCHASE OR LEASE, MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS
SPECIFICATION NO. P-22012**

Sponsors: Cultural and Natural Resources

Indexes: Contract Extension

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

[25-1038-012](#)

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**REQUEST TO EXERCISE THE CONTRACT ONE (1) YEAR EXTENSION OPTION WITH RUSSO HARDWARE, INC. FOR LANDSCAPE MOWERS DISTRICTWIDE: PURCHASE OR LEASE, MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS
SPECIFICATION NO. P-22012**

Sponsors: Cultural and Natural Resources

Indexes: Contract Extension

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

3. NEW BUSINESS / NON-CONSENT AGENDA:

[25-1009-012](#)

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SETTLEMENT OF TONY GLASS V. CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT, 12 WC 31026, 12 WC 31025, AND 14 WC 14229

Sponsors: Law Department

Indexes: Settlement Agreement

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

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

[25-1008-012](#)

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**SETTLEMENT OF DANIEL CARMICKLE V. CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT,
22 WC 024351**

Sponsors: Law Department

Indexes: Settlement Agreement

A motion was made by Commissioner Castaneda, 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

4. STRATEGIC INITIATIVES:

25-1040-012

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Community Wellbeing:

PRESENTATION ON THE CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT'S HEALTHY HEART CAMPAIGN

Sponsors: Office of General Superintendent

Indexes: Presentation

Rosa Escareno, General Superintendent and CEO, gave remarks about the importance community health programming then introduced Colleen Lammel, Senior Project Manager from Health and Wellness, who addressed the Commissioners. Dr. Ajanta Patel, MD, Medical Director of Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, from the Chicago Department of Public Health, also addressed the Commissioners.

5. PEOPLE IN THE PARKS:

25-1006-012

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**PUBLIC COMMENTS
JANUARY 22, 2025**

Sponsors: Office of the Secretary

Indexes: Public Comments

The following members of the public addressed the Commissioners:

1. Lisa Stringer (Addressed health, safety, access, and programming concerns related to encampments in Gompers Park)

2. Denise Ferguson (Addressed health equity concerns related to Riot Fest in Douglass Park and requested information on how the Quiet Zone Ordinance is waived)
3. Rebecca Wolfram (Addressed community wellness concerns related to private use of public parks)
4. Susan Mullen (Asked about the District's approach to migrant protections, the timeline for Douglass Park locker room repairs, Riot Fest permit fee fund allocations, and reasoning for the proposed cell tower construction)
5. Ana Solano (Addressed needed repairs at Douglass Park, Riot Fest permit fee structure, and concerns around timeline for improvements at host parks)
6. Florina Florea (Addressed environmental and health concerns related to Riot Fest and proposed construction of a cell tower in Douglass Park)
7. William McNary (Addressed health concerns around proposed construction of a cell tower in Douglass Park)
8. Cecilia Butler (Endorsed a Dr. Margaret Burroughs Pavilion fundraiser event being held at Washington Park)
9. Berry Nelson (Addressed concerns around TIF funding allocations for Washington Park)
10. Jenita Nicholas (Requested locker room repairs at Foster Park and full-time employment for a Foster Park arts instructor)
11. John Cronin (Addressed concerns around District staff communication and collaboration process regarding proposed development of a new park)
12. Philip McGrath (Addressed alcohol sale revenue opportunities and concerns with the District's pension program)
13. Flora Digby (Addressed parking access concerns around Jackson Park Inner Harbor and requested increased accessibility for site entry and exit points)
14. Pastor Doyle (Addressed opportunities for intervention programming related to community violence)
15. Kenneth Newman (Addressed Requested soccer field repairs and developments at various parks, repairs and parking space developments at Jackson Park, and addressed advertisement revenue opportunities)

Written testimony was received from Rachel Azzarello, Jill Collins, Jean Klein, Kathryn Boot, Terry Donato, Stephen Davern, Joan O'Neill, and Amy Lund.

6. ADJOURNED

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

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