

Chicago Park District



Meeting Minutes - Final

Wednesday, June 11, 2025

9:00 AM

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Riis Park

6100 West Fullerton Avenue

Chicago, IL 60639

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 11, 2025, at 9:00 A.M. at Riis Park located at 6100 West Fullerton Avenue Chicago, IL 60639.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Roll Call
Strategic Initiatives
People in the Parks
Consent Agenda
Code Amendments
New Business / Non-Consent Agenda
Adjournment

By order of President Marlon Everett

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Marlon Everett
President

Jaela Hall
Secretary Pro Tempore

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Keith Hammerberg, Park Supervisor of Riis Park, gave brief welcome remarks and highlighted the park's programs and recent renovation.

Roll Call

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

Present: 4 - Vice President Modesto Valle, Commissioner Coya Paz Brownrigg, Commissioner Sean Garrett and President Marlon Everett

Absent: 3 - Commissioner Philip Jackson, Commissioner Robert Castaneda and Commissioner Sharon Bush

1. STRATEGIC INITIATIVES:

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Parks for All

PRESENTATION ON CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT GOLF COURSES AND GOLF PROGRAMMING

Sponsors: Revenue

Indexes: Presentation

CJ Grakens, Deputy Director of Revenue and Matt McIntee Executive Vice President of Troon Golf presented a short video and presentation on Chicago Park District golf courses and golf programming.

2. PEOPLE IN THE PARKS:

The Secretary stated for the record that Commissioner Castaneda and Commissioner Jackson joined the meeting during the Presentation on Chicago Park District Gold Courses and Programming.

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

Stacia Scott Kennedy, Executive Vice President of SEIU 73 addressed the Board of Commissioners on the history of the relationship between the union and Park District leadership.

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PUBLIC SPEAKERS**JUNE 11, 2025****Sponsors:** Office of the Secretary**Indexes:** Public Comments

The following members of the public addressed the Commissioners:

1. Karen Roothan (Addressed access issues at Steelworkers Park and Park 566 and asked for assistance applying for a grant.)
2. Barbara Jean Walsh (Addressed concerns at Steelworkers Park and Park 566 with respect to Psi Quantum data center project and how construction will affect air quality and biodiversity. Raised concern that this will mean a loss of Public Health benefits related to those parks.)
3. May Toy (Addressed lack of green space in the West Loop and requested advocating for more green space from the Commissioners)
4. Jeff Jenkins (Addressed permitting requirements and paperwork difficulties for Midnight Circus. Requested the Park District work with his organization)
5. Leslie Recht (Addressed issues related to Maggie Daley and Grant Parks with respect to PAC communication with ASM Global and the El Grito festival)
6. Denise Ferguson (Addressed health and safety issues around Douglass Park during Riot Fest. Requested help establishing a Health and Safety Plan for the area surrounding Riot Fest.)
7. Florina Florea (Addressed air and health concerns surrounding Riot Fest)
8. Emily Mariano (Addressed safety protocols for locker room and lifeguards across the entire District)
9. Nicole Foster Hill (Addressed safety concerns related to the encampment location at Gompers Park)
10. Phillip McGrath (Addressed concerns over mismanagement of the Park District pension fund)
11. Berry Nelson (Addressed recent work done at the Washington Park baseball fields and expressed his gratitude for the work done.)

Louise McCurry registered to speak but was unavailable for comment. Written Testimonies were received from Gail Beitz, Lynn Burmeister, and Lisa Stringer.

3. 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 Garrett, 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: 6 - Valle, Paz Brownrigg, Jackson, Castaneda, Garrett and Everett

Absent: 1 - Bush

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**APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES FOR THE ANNUAL
BOARD MEETING HELD ON MAY 14, 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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**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

The item was approved. The motion to release Closed Session Meeting Minutes for dates January 17, 2025; February 26, 2025; February 28, 2025; and March 7, 2025 and to destroy the Verbatim Closed Session Recording for November 13, 2023 carried by the Consent Agenda vote listed above.

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**CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION FOR THE NOTICE OF
CANCELLATION OF THE CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT BOARD
MEETING ON AUGUST 13, 2025**

Sponsors: Office of the Secretary

Indexes: Certificate of Publication

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

25-1116-061

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

Sponsors: Commissioners' Office

Indexes: Appointment

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

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**REQUEST TO EXERCISE THE CONTRACT FIRST ONE (1) YEAR
EXTENSION OPTION WITH JL CORP. D/B/A HARRY'S LUMBER**

**CORP. FOR THE SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF LUMBER AND
BUILDING MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES-DISTRICTWIDE
SPECIFICATION NO. P-23006**

Sponsors: Facility Management

Indexes: Contract Extension

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

4. CODE AMENDMENTS:

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

Sponsors: Law Department

Indexes: Code Amendment, Final Approval

Attachments: [Ordinance](#)

[Exhibit A](#)

A motion was made by President Everett, 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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**AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER V OF THE CODE OF THE CHICAGO
PARK DISTRICT**

Sponsors: Human Resources and Law Department

Indexes: Code Amendment, Final Approval

Attachments: [Ordinance](#)

[Exhibit A](#)

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

Absent: 1 - Bush

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**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER V OF THE CODE OF THE
CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT**

Sponsors: Human Resources and Law Department

Indexes: Code Amendment, Final Approval

Attachments: [Ordinance](#)

[Exhibit A](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Jackson, 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

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**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER IV OF THE CODE OF THE
CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT**

Sponsors: Office of Prevention and Accountability and Law Department

Indexes: Proposed Code Amendment, 45 Day Notice Period

Attachments: [Exhibit A](#)

Tamara Starks, Director of the Office of Prevention and Accountability, addressed the Commissioners.

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**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER VII OF THE CODE OF THE
CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT**

Sponsors: Office of Prevention and Accountability and Law Department

Indexes: Proposed Code Amendment, 45 Day Notice Period

Attachments: [Exhibit A](#)

Tamara Starks, Director of the Office of Prevention and Accountability, addressed the Commissioners.

5. NEW BUSINESS / NON-CONSENT AGENDA:

[25-1106-061](#)

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**PRESENTATION ON SPECIAL EVENTS - NASCAR CHICAGO STREET
RACE WEEKEND**

Sponsors: Revenue

Indexes: Presentation

Attachments: [Exhibit A](#)

Lauren Quinn, Deputy Director of Revenue, addressed the Commissioners.

[25-1107-061](#)[1](#)**PROVISIONAL APPROVAL FOR SPECIAL EVENTS - EL GRITO****Sponsors:** Revenue**Indexes:** Provisional Approval - Special Event Permit**Attachments:** [Exhibit A](#)

Lauren Quinn, Deputy Director of Revenue, 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

[25-1060-061](#)[1](#)**AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH AT&T ENTERPRISES, LLC FOR TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES AND INSTALLATION****Sponsors:** Information Technology**Attachments:** EDS - AT&T[MWBE Schedules - AT&T](#)

Al Ruiz, Director of Information Technology, addressed the Commissioners. A motion was made by Commissioner Garrett, 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

[25-1110-061](#)[1](#)**AUTHORIZATION TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDER #01 TO BURLING BUILDERS, INC. FOR RONAN PARK GATEWAY AND RIVER PLAZA DEVELOPMENT SPECIFICATION NO. P-23001-003****Sponsors:** Planning and Construction**Indexes:** Change Order**Attachments:** EDS - Burling Builders, Inc.[MWBE Schedules - Burling Builders, Inc.](#)

Heather Gleason, Director of Planning and Construction, addressed the Commissioners. A motion was made by Vice President Valle, seconded by Commissioner Garrett, that the matter be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

[25-1108-061](#)[1](#)

**SETTLEMENT OF AHED SEHWAIL V. CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT
CASE NO. 21 WC 021501**

Sponsors: Law Department

Indexes: Workers' Compensation

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

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

Absent: 1 - Bush

[25-1109-061](#)[1](#)

**SETTLEMENT OF ARIA WINT, INDIVIDUALLY, AND ON BEHALF OF
HER SON, LINCOLN WINT, A MINOR V. CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT
CASE NO. 2023 L 000769**

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

Absent: 1 - Bush

[25-1117-061](#)[1](#)

**SETTLEMENT OF BRENNIA PRIOR V. CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT
CASE NO. 2023L006058**

Sponsors: Law Department

Indexes: Settlement Agreement

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

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

Absent: 1 - Bush

6. ADJOURNED

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