



# Chicago Park District

## Meeting Minutes - Final

### Public Hearing

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Wednesday, November 20, 2024

9:30 AM

Chicago Park District Administration Building  
4830 S. Western Avenue,  
Chicago, IL 60609

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#### PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING

In accordance with the provisions of an Act of the General Assembly of the State of Illinois, 70 ILCS 1505/17 et seq., and 5 ILCS 120/1 et seq., PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that a PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING THE PROPOSED 2025 OPERATING BUDGET REPORT and the TENTATIVE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE of the Chicago Park District will be held on Wednesday, November 20, 2024, at 9 :30 A.M. at the Chicago Park District Administration Building (Park 596) located at 4830 South Western Avenue, Chicago, IL 60609.

Roll Call  
Public Hearing  
Adjournment

#### By order of Vice President Modesto Valle

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**Modesto Valle**  
Vice President

**Sarah Gelder**  
Secretary

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**2025 PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET REPORT AND TENTATIVE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE**

**Sponsors:** Chief Financial Officer and Budget and Management

**Indexes:** Budget-Appropriation Ordinance

**Attachments:** [FY25 Budget Recommendations & Tentative Appropriation Ordinance](#)

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call**

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

**Present:** 5 - Vice President Modesto Valle, Robert Castaneda, Marlon Everett, Sean Garrett, and Coya Paz Brownrigg

**Absent:** 2 - Philip Jackson, and Sharon Bush

**1. PRESENTATION FROM THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT AND THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER**

Rosa Escareno, General Superintendent and CEO, gave a presentation on the priorities of the 2025 Chicago Park District Budget.

The Secretary stated for the record that Commissioner Jackson joined the Hearing during the Presentation.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

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**PUBLIC COMMENTS  
PUBLIC HEARING  
NOVEMBER 20, 2024**

**Sponsors:** Office of the Secretary

**Indexes:** Public Comments

The following members of the public addressed the Commissioners:

1. Vora Williams (Requested playground surface replacement at Edmonds Park where wooden mulch has worn away under slides and swings)
2. Bonnie Roby (Requested a status update on various projects at Ogden Park including a new fieldhouse, replacement of the merry-go-round with a water slide, and restoration of the nature garden)
3. Adolfo Flores (Requested more full-time/monthly lifeguard positions)
4. Kenneth Newman (Requested a long-term plan to address issues at Jackson Park and suggested that the District would benefit from requiring higher fees from the NASCAR event)

### 3. ADJOURNED

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

**Aye:** 6 - Modesto Valle, Robert Castaneda, Marlon Everett, Philip Jackson, Sean Garrett and Coya Paz Brownrigg

**Absent:** 1 - Sharon Bush