



CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AMENDED EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES

Date: November 10, 2021

Held at: Virtually

Attendance:

Commissioners:

- ✓ Jose Munoz
- ✓ Myetie H. Hamilton
- ✓ Modesto Valle
- ✓ Avis LaVelle
- ✓ Don Edwards
- ✓ Tim King
- ✓ Ashley Hemphill-Netzky

Also present:

- ✓ Rosa Escareño, Interim General Superintendent & CEO
- ✓ Joan Coogan, Interim Chief of Staff
- ✓ Alison Perona, Interim Inspector General
- ✓ Sergio Acosta, Outside Counsel-Akerman
- ✓ Valarie Hays, Outside Counsel-Arnold & Porter
- ✓ Timothy King, General Counsel
- ✓ Heather Keil, Senior Counsel
- ✓ Sarah Gelder, Board Secretary

Open Meetings Act:

A portion of the recording of executive session held November 10, 2021 was published (released to the public) on April 20, 2022; additional portions of the recording of executive session held November 10, 2021 were published on April 9, 2025, wherein the following matters were discussed:

- 1) The Commissioners discussed current Chicago Park District processes overseeing investigations at the District and plans for additional training and resources including staffing for the Board and the creation of a new Park District department (tentatively named the Office of Protection) to investigate any future complaints of harassment and misconduct to address issues related to ongoing the investigations by the Office of the Inspector General into the lifeguard unit.
- 2) The Commissioners also discussed the resignation of President Avis LaVelle from the Chicago Park District Board of Commissioners and the role of the Vice President if the President position is vacant.

Meeting held in Closed Session Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1) & (11)



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Executive Session Discussion:

- 1) The employment, performance, discipline, and/or dismissal of specific employees in the lifeguard unit relating to investigations conducted by the Office of Inspector General and of specific employees relating who are the subject of outside counsel Arnold & Porter's investigation into management's response to the lifeguard complaints.
- 2) Discussion of the employment, performance, and voluntary resignation of the Park District's Human Resources Director.
- 3) Discussion of outside counsel's legal work on probable or imminent litigation including their work responding to a legal subpoena issued to the Park District regarding the lifeguard investigation and outside counsel's work responding to threatened employment action by former employees through their retained counsel relating to the lifeguard investigation.

NO FINAL ACTION WAS TAKEN ON ANY MATTER.

Recorded by: Timothy King, General Counsel