

Chicago Park District



Meeting Minutes - Final

Wednesday, June 14, 2023

11:30 AM

REGULAR MEETING

Chicago Park District Administration Building - Park 596
4830 South Western Avenue,
Chicago, IL 60609

Board of Commissioners

Commissioner Donald Edwards

Commissioner Ashley Hemphill Netzky

Commissioner Jose M. Munoz

Commissioner Andrea Telli

Commissioner Sharif Walker

Vice President Modesto Valle

President Myetie H. Hamilton

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 14, 2023 at 11:30 A.M. at the Chicago Park District Administration Building (Park 596) located at 4830 S. Western Avenue, Chicago, IL 60609.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Roll Call
General Business
Approval of the Minutes
Acknowledging Excellence
Presentations & Reports
People in the Parks
New Business
Adjournment

By order of President Myetie H. Hamilton

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Myetie H. Hamilton
President

Sarah Gelder
Secretary

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 - President Myetie Hamilton, Vice President Modesto Valle, Commissioner Donald Edwards, Commissioner Ashley Hemphill Netzky, Commissioner Jose M. Munoz, Commissioner Andrea Telli and Commissioner Sharif Walker

1. GENERAL BUSINESS:

[23-1077-061](#)

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RESOLUTION HONORING COMMISSIONER DONALD EDWARDS FOR HIS YEARS OF SERVICE

Sponsors: Commissioners' Office

Indexes: Resolution-Honoring

Attachments: [Resolution Honoring Commissioner Edwards](#)

The Secretary read the Resolution Honoring Commissioner Donald Edwards into the record.

President Hamilton applauded Commissioner Edwards for his years of service, and Commissioner Edwards made remarks in reflection of his tenure on the Chicago Park District Board of Commissioners.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hemphill Netzky, seconded by Commissioner Walker, that the Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Hamilton, Valle, Edwards, Hemphill Netzky, Munoz, Telli and Walker

23-1079-061

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

Sponsors: Commissioners' Office

Indexes: Appointment

President Hamilton nominated Steve Lux and Joan Coogan to serve as Trustees on the Park Employees' Annuity and Benefit Fund of Chicago for a term of three years.

The nomination was seconded by Vice President Valle. The nomination carried by the following vote:

Ayes - 7

Nayes - 0

23-1073-061**4**

**CERTIFICATES OF FILINGS OF THE CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT 2022
ANNUAL TAX LEVY ABATEMENT WITH THE CLERKS OF COOK
AND DUPAGE COUNTIES**

Sponsors: Treasurer

Indexes: Certificate of Filing

These Certificates were marked as received and filed by the Secretary.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**23-1071-061****4**

**APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES FOR THE ANNUAL
MEETING ON MAY 10, 2023**

Sponsors: Office of the Secretary

Indexes: Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Telli, seconded by Commissioner Edwards,
that the Meeting Minutes be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Hamilton, Valle, Edwards, Hemphill Netzky, Munoz, Telli and Walker

3. ACKNOWLEDGE EXCELLENCE:**23-1057-061****4**

**RECOGNITION OF THE RECIPIENTS OF THE 2023 JUNIOR CITIZEN
AWARD**

Sponsors: Community Recreation

Indexes: Presentation

Stacey Anti, North Region Director, gave a presentation in recognition of the
recipients of the 2023 Junior Citizen Awards. Junior Citizen Awardees: Makani
Brooks, Kayla Williams, Jessica Browley-Claxton and Madeline Bailey also
addressed the Commissioners.

4. PRESENTATIONS & REPORTS:**23-1078-061****4****UPDATE ON THE 2023 CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT SUMMER
AQUATICS PLAN****Sponsors:** Community Recreation**Indexes:** Report

Andrew Walsh, Manager of Beaches and Pools, gave a presentation on lifeguard hiring and plans for opening beaches and pools.

NEW BUSINESS:

President Hamilton made a motion to take the agenda out of order to consider the following items of New Business next: Authorization to Change the General Admission Fee for the Museum of Contemporary Art, Appointment of Officers, and the Settlement of Jane Doe versus the Chicago Park District.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Munoz. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes - 7**Nays - 0**[23-1050-061](#)[4](#)**AUTHORIZATION TO CHANGE THE GENERAL ADMISSION FEE FOR
MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART****Indexes:** Museum Fee Increase

Steve Lux, Chief Financial Officer, addressed the Commissioners and introduced Gwen Perry Davis, Chief Operating Officer of the Museum of Contemporary Art.

Commissioner Edwards and Commissioner Hemphill Netzkly stated for the record that they would recuse themselves from voting on the matter because they serve as Trustees for the Museum of Contemporary Art.

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

Aye: 5 - Hamilton, Valle, Munoz, Telli and Walker**Recused:** 2 - Edwards and Hemphill Netzkly**23-1081-061****4****APPOINTMENT OF OFFICER****Sponsors:** Commissioners' Office**Indexes:** Appointment

President Hamilton nominated Nicholas Cummings to serve as General Counsel

for the Chicago Park District.

The nomination was seconded by Commissioner Hemphill Netzky. The nomination carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Hamilton, Valle, Edwards, Hemphill Netzky, Munoz, Telli and Walker

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APPOINTMENT OF OFFICER

Sponsors: Commissioners' Office

Indexes: Appointment

President Hamilton made a motion to defer this item until the next Regular Board meeting.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Munoz. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes - 7

Nayes - 0

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ATTORNEY-CLIENT COMMUNICATION PRIVILEGED AND CONFIDENTIAL

SETTLEMENT OF THE CASE OF JANE DOE V. CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT (21L011231)

Sponsors: Law Department

Indexes: Settlement Agreement

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

Aye: 7 - Hamilton, Valle, Edwards, Hemphill Netzky, Munoz, Telli and Walker

5. PEOPLE IN THE PARKS:

Commissioner Edwards made a motion to return to the order of the day. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Munoz. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes - 7

Nayes - 0

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PUBLIC COMMENTS JUNE 14, 2023

Sponsors: Office of the Secretary

Indexes: Public Comments

The following members of the public addressed the Commissioners:

1. Florina Florea (Addressed concerns with Riot Fest in Douglass Park)
2. Karina Solano (Addressed concerns with Riot Fest in Douglass Park)
3. Derek Brown (Addressed benefits of Riot Fest in Douglass Park)
4. Denise Ferguson (Addressed concerns with Riot Fest in Douglass Park)
5. Marcus Betts (Addressed benefits of Riot Fest in Douglass Park)
6. Princess Shaw (Addressed concerns with Riot Fest in Douglass Park)
7. Chris Sanchez (Addressed concerns with festivals in Harrison Park)
8. Amy Villasenor (Addressed concerns with festivals in Harrison Park)
9. Louis Gomez (Addressed concerns with festivals in Harrison Park)
10. Philip McGrath (Addressed the financial stability of the pension fund)
11. Melissa Quintana (Addressed concerns with Re:SET festival in Riis Park)
12. Eric Branholm (Addressed concerns with Re:SET festival in Riis Park)
13. Warren Williams (Addressed concerns with Re:SET festival in Riis Park)
14. Fabian Cisneros (Addressed concerns with Re:SET festival in Riis Park)
15. Kurt Gippert (Addressed unauthorized construction in Humboldt Park)

24th Ward Alderwoman, Monique Scott, addressed the Commissioners regarding community support for Riot Fest.

Written Testimony was received from Thomas Nelson, Joel Novak, Susan Mullen, Hector Escobar, Joanna Tess, Marcus Paulson, Rebecca Wolfram, Susannah Ribstein and Denita Robinson.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

[23-1076-061](#)

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PROVISIONAL APPROVAL FOR SPECIAL EVENTS - THE CHOSEN FEW OLD SCHOOL REUNION

Sponsors: Revenue

Indexes: Provisional Approval - Special Event Permit

Attachments: [Exhibit A](#)

The Secretary stated for the record that Commissioner Edwards had left the meeting and returned to the meeting during the presentation.

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

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

Aye: 7 - Hamilton, Valle, Edwards, Hemphill Netzkzy, Munoz, Telli and Walker

[23-1074-061](#)

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PROVISIONAL APPROVAL FOR SPECIAL EVENTS - ARC MUSIC FESTIVAL

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 Vice President Valle, seconded by Commissioner Hemphill Netzky, that the matter be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Hamilton, Valle, Edwards, Hemphill Netzky, Munoz, Telli and Walker

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PROVISIONAL APPROVAL FOR SPECIAL EVENTS - RIOT FEST

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 Munoz, seconded by Vice President Valle, that the matter be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Hamilton, Valle, Edwards, Hemphill Netzky, Munoz, Telli and Walker

7. ADJOURNED

A motion was made by Commissioner Edwards, seconded by Commissioner Munoz, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Hamilton, Valle, Edwards, Hemphill Netzky, Munoz, Telli and Walker