

# Chicago Park District



## Meeting Minutes - Final

Wednesday, August 9, 2023

11:30 AM

### REGULAR MEETING

South Shore Cultural Center  
7059 South Shore Drive,  
Chicago, IL 60649

## Board of Commissioners

*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, August 9, 2023, at South Shore Cultural Center Park located at 7059 South Shore Drive, Chicago, IL 60649 at 11:30 A.M. or immediately following the Public Hearing.

**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Roll Call  
General Business  
Approval of the Minutes  
Acknowledging Excellence  
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 during the Public Hearing.

## Roll Call

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

**Present:** 4 - President Myetie Hamilton, Commissioner Andrea Telli, Commissioner Sharif Walker and Vice President Modesto Valle

**Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Ashley Hemphill Netzky and Commissioner Jose M. Munoz

## 1. GENERAL BUSINESS:

**23-1089-080**

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### **CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION FOR THE CANCELLATION OF THE CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT BOARD MEETING ON JULY 12, 2023**

**Sponsors:** Office of the Secretary

**Indexes:** Certificate of Publication

This Certificate was marked as received and filed by the Secretary.

**23-1090-080**

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### **CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION OF THE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING THE INTENT OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT TO SELL NOT TO EXCEED \$40,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION LIMITED TAX PARK BONDS AND \$6,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS (ALTERNATE REVENUE SOURCE)**

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**Indexes:** Certificate of Publication

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## 2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

**23-1086-080**

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### **APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING ON JUNE 14, 2023**

**Sponsors:** Office of the Secretary

**Indexes:** Meeting Minutes

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

**Aye:** 4 - Hamilton, Telli, Walker and Valle

**Absent:** 2 - Hemphill Netzkzy and Munoz

### 3. ACKNOWLEDGE EXCELLENCE:

23-1091-080

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#### RECOGNITION OF THE CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT GYMNASTIC PROGRAMS AND 2023 NATIONAL QUALIFIERS

**Sponsors:** Community Recreation

**Indexes:** Presentation

Jennifer Moomey, Gymnastics Manager, gave a presentation in recognition of the Chicago Park District Gymnastics Program and 2023 National Qualifiers. National Qualifiers: Jeremy Richard and Lulu Ton That and their coaches: Reggie Orr and Crystal Stanhke also addressed the Commissioners.

### 4. PEOPLE IN THE PARKS:

23-1087-080

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#### PUBLIC COMMENTS AUGUST 9, 2023

**Sponsors:** Office of the Secretary

**Indexes:** Public Comments

The following members of the public addressed the Commissioners:

1. Sandra Wortham (Addressed Nat King Cole Park and requested diversity in programming, timeline for ongoing capital projects, and enhanced safety)
2. Susannah Ribstein (Addressed South Shore Cultural Center budget, programming, and staffing)
3. Bobbie Townsend (Addressed Mandrake Park and requested air conditioning in the gymnasium and increased programming on south side of the city)
4. Judy Dever (Addressed concerns with pool hours, lifeguard recruitment, and pool service areas)
5. Kenneth Newman (Addressed dirt piles along Lake Shore Drive in Jackson Park, the closure of Darrow Bridge, and requested partnerships with Chicago Public Schools for athletic facilities)
6. Claudia Galina Sanchez (Addressed concerns with Harrison Park festivals)
7. Chris Sanchez (Addressed concerns with Harrison Park festivals)
8. Phillip McGrath (Addressed concerns with the Chicago Park District pension)
9. Mark Heller (Addressed the City of Chicago's Open Space Impact Fee assessment process)
10. Louise McCurry (Addressed Jackson Park and requested new playground security measures, to convert unused tennis courts into pickleball courts, and for a pool in the maintenance building)
11. Eric Lewis (Addressed outstanding permit issuance for recurring event in Washington Park)
12. May Toy (Addressed Skinner Park and requested a new fieldhouse and that holes in the park be filled with dirt)
13. Florina Florea (Requested water fountains and bathrooms in Douglass Park and addressed concerns with Riot Fest in Douglass Park)

14. Linda Hudson (Addressed complaint regarding a staff person at Avalon Park)

Cecilia Butler registered to speak but was unavailable for comment.

Written Testimony was received from Colleen Wales, Leslie Recht, Rachel Azzarello, Rebecca Wolfram, and Denise Ferguson.

## 5. NEW BUSINESS:

[23-1094-080](#)

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**ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL  
OBLIGATION BONDS (ALTERNATE REVENUE SOURCE) OF THE  
DISTRICT IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO  
EXCEED \$6,000,000 PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
DEBT REFORM ACT OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, AS AMENDED,  
FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING HARBOR AND MARINA  
IMPROVEMENTS**

**Sponsors:** Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

**Indexes:** Bond

**Attachments:** [Published in Pamphlet Form Authorizing Ordinance General  
Obligation Bonds \(Alternate Revenue Source\)](#)

Steve Lux, Chief Financial Officer, addressed the Commissioners.

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

**Aye:** 4 - Hamilton, Telli, Walker and Valle

**Absent:** 2 - Hemphill Netzky and Munoz

[23-1095-080](#)

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**AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH  
GUIDEHOUSE INC. FOR THE CREATION OF A COMPREHENSIVE  
STRATEGIC PLAN  
SPECIFICATION NO. P-23009**

**Sponsors:** Office of General Superintendent

**Indexes:** Contract Award-IFB, RFP, RFQ

**Attachments:** EDS - Guidehouse

[MWBE Schedules - Guidehouse](#)

Pamela Witmer, Director of Policy, and Brian Stepp, Director of Purchasing, addressed the Commissioners.

General Superintendent and CEO, Rosa Escareno, gave remarks on the vision for the Strategic Plan.

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:** 4 - Hamilton, Telli, Walker and Valle

**Absent:** 2 - Hemphill Netzky and Munoz

[23-1088-080](#)

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**AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS WITH FIRMS FOR  
INCLUSION IN THE ARCHITECTURE AND ENGINEERING SERVICES  
PRE-QUALIFIED POOL  
SPECIFICATION NO. P-22018**

**Sponsors:** Planning and Construction

**Indexes:** Pre-Qualified Pool

**Attachments:** [Exhibit A - AE Pool Firms](#)

EDS - AE Pool Firms

Heather Gleason, Director of Planning and Construction, and Brian Stepp, Director of Purchasing, addressed the Commissioners.

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

**Aye:** 4 - Hamilton, Telli, Walker and Valle

**Absent:** 2 - Hemphill Netzky and Munoz

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**AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH CANNON  
COCHRAN MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC. FOR THIRD-PARTY  
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES: SPECIFICATION P-22017**

**Sponsors:** Risk Management

**Indexes:** Contract Award-IFB, RFP, RFQ

**Attachments:** EDS - CCMSI

[MWBE Schedules - CCMSI](#)

Andre Taylor, Director of Risk Management, and Brian Stepp, Director of Purchasing, addressed the Commissioners.

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

**Aye:** 4 - Hamilton, Telli, Walker and Valle

**Absent:** 2 - Hemphill Netzky and Munoz

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**APPOINTMENT OF OFFICER**

**Sponsors:** Commissioners' Office

**Indexes:** Appointment

**President Hamilton nominated Peter Neumer to serve as Inspector General. The nomination was seconded by Vice President Valle and carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 4 - Hamilton, Telli, Walker and Valle

**Absent:** 2 - Hemphill Netzky and Munoz

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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:** [Minutes](#) [Minutes Up For Release or Hold](#)

[Minutes\\_Verbatim Recordings Up For Destruction](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Telli, for the release of Closed Session Meeting Minutes for the following dates: February 15, 2023 and May 10, 2023. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 4 - Hamilton, Telli, Walker and Valle

**Absent:** 2 - Hemphill Netzky and Munoz

**Indexes:** Executive Session Minute Reveiw

**A motion was made by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Telli, for the destruction of verbatim records for the following dates: September 8, 2021 and January 26, 2022. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 4 - Hamilton, Telli, Walker and Valle

**Absent:** 2 - Hemphill Netzky and Munoz

## **6. ADJOURNED**

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

**Aye:** 4 - Hamilton, Telli, Walker and Valle

**Absent:** 2 - Hemphill Netzky and Munoz