

# Chicago Park District



## Meeting Minutes - Final

Wednesday, September 8, 2021

11:30 AM

Virtual Regular Board Meeting

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### **Board of Commissioners**

*Commissioner M. Laird Koldyke*

*Commissioner Donald Edwards*

*Commissioner Ashley Hemphill Netzky*

*Commissioner Jose M. Munoz*

*Vice President Tim King*

*President Avis LaVelle*

## PUBLIC NOTICE

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter II, Section A of the Code of the Chicago Park District and due to the COVID-19 health emergency and to protect our Board Members, Chicago Park District staff, and members of the public, NOTICE is hereby given that the Regular Board Meeting of the Commissioners of the Chicago Park District will be held remotely on September 8, 2021 at 11:30 AM.

To protect the public's health and in adherence with Senate Bill 2135, Article 15, Section 15-5 and the Amended Open Meetings Act 5ILCS 120 Section (7) Subsection (e), (4) and in continued adherence of the Governor's Executive Order No. 86 and Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation filed on August 20, 2021 as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the District will conduct its Board of Commissioners' Meeting virtually via an electronic platform.

Click on the link below or copy and paste it in your browser to join the virtual meeting:  
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## ORDER OF BUSINESS

Roll Call  
General Business  
Approval of the Minutes  
Acknowledging Excellence  
Presentation from the Departments  
Communications and Reports  
People in the Parks  
Unfinished Business  
New Business  
Adjournment

### By order of President Avis LaVelle

In compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. Section 794) and the Americans with Disabilities Act (42 U.S.C. Section 12101 et seq.), the Chicago Park District does not discriminate on the basis of disability in employment or admission/access to programs and activities.

Any person with a disability who desires special accommodations or the services of a sign language interpreter in order to attend a meeting of the Chicago Park District Board of Commissioners, should contact Disability Policy Officer, Larry Labiak, 504 Compliance Officer, 541 North Fairbanks Court, Chicago, Illinois 60611, at 312/742-5097 or telephone 312/747-2001 (TTY) at least 72 hours before the Board Meeting.

**Avis LaVelle**  
**President**

**Sarah Gelder**  
**Secretary Pro Tempore**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

The pledge of allegiance was recited

**Roll Call**

A roll call was taken and the following Commissioners were found to be in attendance:

**Present:** 3 - President Avis LaVelle, Commissioner M. Laird Koldyke and Commissioner Donald Edwards

**Absent:** 3 - Commissioner Jose M. Munoz, Commissioner Ashely Hemphill Netzky and Tim King

**3. ACKNOWLEDGE EXCELLENCE:**

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**CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT  
2021 SUMMER PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS**

**Sponsors:** Chief Program Officer

This item was taken out of order. Alonzo Williams, Chief Programming Officer, gave a presentation on 2021 Summer Programming accomplishments.

**Roll Call**

Commissioner Netzky joined the meeting during Acknowledging Excellence. Quorum was present at this time.

**Present:** 4 - President Avis LaVelle, Commissioner M. Laird Koldyke, Commissioner Ashely Hemphill Netzky and Commissioner Donald Edwards

**Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Jose M. Munoz and Tim King

**1. GENERAL BUSINESS:**

**21-1324-090**

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**RESOLUTION HONORING CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT  
COMMISSIONER M. LAIRD KOLDYKE**

**Sponsors:** Commissioners' Office

**Indexes:** Resolution-Honoring

This item was not heard.

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

**Indexes:** Appointment

Michael P. Kelly nominated Cecilia Prado to serve as Trustee on the Park Employees' Annuity and Benefit Fund of Chicago for a term of three years. The

nomination was seconded by Commissioner Edwards. The nomination prevailed by a voice vote of 4-Ayes and 0-Nayes.

**2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

[21-1325-090](#)

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**APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING HELD ON JULY 16, 2021**

**Sponsors:** Office of the Secretary

**Indexes:** Meeting Minutes

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

**Aye:** 4 - LaVelle, Koldyke, Hemphill Netzky and Edwards

**Absent:** 2 - Munoz and King

**4. PRESENTATION FROM THE DEPARTMENTS:**

There was nothing to present.

**5. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS:**

[21-1332-090](#)

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**STATEMENT ON LAKEFRONT SAFETY**

Timothy King, General Counsel, gave a statement on lakefront safety. Timothy King introduced Gerry Dworkin, from Live Saving Sources Inc. and Nadav Shoked, Professor of Law at Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law. Mr. Dworkin and Mr. Shoked also made brief statements on lakefront safety.

**6. PEOPLE IN THE PARKS:**

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**PUBLIC COMMENTS  
SEPTEMBER 8, 2021**

The following members of the public addressed the Commissioners:

- 1.Rebecca Wolfram
- 2.Susan Mullen
- 3.Bethany Kozak
- 4.Rachel Azzarello
- 5.Robert Fedoruk
- 6.Fernando Monge
- 6.Louise McCurry
- 8.Sylvia Jones
- 9.Halle Quezada
- 10.Tavis Stampley
- 11.Terry Schilling

- 12.David Kostelansky
- 13.AI DeBonnett
- 14.Susan Avila
- 15.Brigid Maniates

These speakers were heard.

Written Testimony was submitted by Dean Magalin, Regan Burke, Andy Carter, Gary Oswaarde, Sara Heymann, and Laura Sabransky.

**7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

There was nothing to present.

**8. NEW BUSINESS:**

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**REQUEST TO OFFICIALLY NAME  
JACKSON PARK TURF AND TRACK FIELD  
IN HONOR OF BOB PICKENS**

**Sponsors:** Planning and Construction

**Indexes:** Park Renaming-Phase II, Park Naming

Heather Gleason, Director of Planning and Construction, addressed the commissioners.

A motion was made by Commissioner Koldyke, seconded by Commissioner Netzky, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 4 - Edwards, LaVelle, Hemphill Netzky and Koldyke

**Absent:** 2 - King and Munoz

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**ADOPTION OF THE 2021 ANNUAL TAX LEVY ORDINANCE**

**Sponsors:** Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

**Indexes:** Tax Levy

Steve Lux, Chief Financial Officer, addressed the Commissioners.

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

**Aye:** 4 - Edwards, LaVelle, Hemphill Netzky and Koldyke

**Absent:** 2 - King and Munoz

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**ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED**

**\$120,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION LIMITED TAX PARK BONDS OF 2021 IN ONE OR MORE SERIES**

**Sponsors:** Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

**Indexes:** Bond

**Attachments:** [CPD 2021 - Authorizing Ordinance Published in Pamphlet Form - 21-1327-0908#8C](#)

Ordinance - GO LTD Bonds Series 2021BCD

Preliminary Official Statement.2021BCDEF

Bond Purchase Agreement CPD 2021B-F

Escrow Agreement

**Steve Lux, Chief Financial Officer, addressed the Commissioners.**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Edwards, seconded by Commissioner Koldyke, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 4 - Edwards, LaVelle, Hemphill Netzky and Koldyke

**Absent:** 2 - King and Munoz

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**ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$50,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION UNLIMITED TAX REFUNDING BONDS OF 2021**

**Sponsors:** Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

**Indexes:** Bond

**Attachments:** [CPD 2021 - Authorizing Ordinance Published in Pamphlet Form - 21-1328-0908#8D](#)

Ordinance - ULT PPRT ARS - Series 2021E

Preliminary Official Statement.2021BCDEF

Bond Purchase Agreement CPD 2021B-F

Escrow Agreement

**Steve Lux, Chief Financial Officer, addressed the Commissioners.**

**A motion was made by President LaVelle, seconded by Commissioner Netzky, that the item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 4 - Edwards, LaVelle, Hemphill Netzky and Koldyke

**Absent:** 2 - King and Munoz

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**ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$12,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION UNLIMITED TAX REFUNDING BONDS OF 2021**

**Sponsors:** Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

**Indexes:** Bond

**Attachments:** [Ordinance - Authorizing Ordinance Publish in Pamphlet Form - 21-1329-0908#8E](#)

Ordinance - Series 2021F Harbor Refunding

Preliminary Official Statement.2021BCDEF

Bond Purchase Agreement CPD 2021B-F

Escrow Agreement

**Steve Lux, Chief Financial Officer addressed the Commissioners.**

**A motion was made by President LaVelle, seconded by Commissioner Netzky, that the item be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 4 - Edwards, LaVelle, Hemphill Netzky and Koldyke

**Absent:** 2 - King and Munoz

**9. CLOSED SESSION:**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Koldyke, seconded by Commissioner Netzky, that the meeting enter into Closed Session pursuant to 5ILCS 120 Section 2, Subsection C, (1). The motion prevailed with a voice vote of 4-Ayes and 0-Nayes.**

Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120 Section 2, Subsection C, (1)

**21-1331-090**

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**APPOINTMENT OF SECRETARY OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT**

**Sponsors:** Commissioners' Office

**Indexes:** Appointment

**This item was discussion only. No action was taken.**

**10. OPEN SESSION:**

Report on Closed Session

**21-1331-090**

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**APPOINTMENT OF SECRETARY OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT**

**Sponsors:** Commissioners' Office

**Indexes:** Appointment

**A motion was made by Commissioner Edwards and seconded by**

**Commissioner Koldyke that Sarah Gelder be appointed as Board Secretary of the Chicago Park District from Secretary Pro Tempore. The motion prevailed with the following roll call vote:**

**Aye:** 4 - LaVelle, Koldyke, Hemphill Netzky and Edwards

**Absent:** 2 - Munoz and King

## **11. ADJOURNED**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Netzky and seconded by Commissioner Koldyke that the meeting be adjourned. The motion prevailed with a voice vote of 4-Ayes and 0-Nayes.**