

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES

Thursday, August 07, 2025

The Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners of the City of Los Angeles convened the Regular Meeting at 9:03 a.m. Present were, President Renata Simril, Vice President Luis Sanchez, Commissioner Marie Lloyd and Commissioner Benny Tran. Also present were, Jimmy Kim, General Manager, Deputy City Attorney IV Steven Hong and Deputy City Attorney III Brendan Kearns.

The following Department staff members were also present:

Cathie Santo Domingo, Assistant General Manager Planning Maintenance, and Construction Branch
Chinyere Stoneham, Assistant General Manager, Recreation Services Branch
Brenda Aguirre, Assistant General Manager, Special Operations Branch
John Busby, Senior Management Analyst II, Finance Administration Branch

CALL TO ORDER

ELECTION OF OFFICERS OF THE BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 AND PUBLIC COMMENT

President Simril requested a nomination for President for the 2025-26 FY. Commissioner Lloyd made such motion, and it was seconded by Commissioner Tran. There being no objections, the motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 3-0. President Simril requested a nomination for Vice President. Commissioner Lloyd made such motion, and it was seconded by Commissioner Tran. There being no objections, the motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 3-0.

Public comments on the election of officers of the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners for Fiscal Year 2025-26 were invited, 1 such request was submitted.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

President Simril called for a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 23, 2025. Vice President Sanchez made such motion, and it was seconded by Commissioner Tran. There being no objections, the motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 4-0.

GENERAL MANAGER'S UPDATE

Jimmy Kim, General Manager began his update by Congratulating President Simril and Vice President Sanchez on the election for the 2025-26 fiscal year of officers. . Mr. Kim

introduced Trish Delgado the Executive Director of the Expo Center to provide and introduction of the staff and share a bit of history regarding this facility.

Mr. Kim mentioned that RAP's website has a new trip planning feature. Mr. Kim stated the Commission has received various communications from constituents, and he has assigned appropriate staff for follow up.

Mr. Kim provided a few specific updates. He mentioned that all public facing facilities during this elevated heat that we're experiencing can be used by Angelinos as locations to take refuge from the heat. In addition, currently the department is activated to support the local emergency. The water emergency over at Granada Hills and Porter ranch areas of the city. There are currently 2 water distribution operations going on at 2 city parks. The 1st one is at the Holly Brunson Memorial Park, and the second at the O' Melveny Park. Both locations have portable restrooms for access, laundry service, and shower service for the affected constituents, and in addition to that, the Department has deployed portable restrooms at Jane and Burt Foxton Park, as well as supporting LAFD operations through our rangers by the loan of one of our water tenders to support any firefighting needs in the Granada Hills and Porter ranch area.

Mr. Kim also provided a report back on the Parks, improvements being done at Hollywood Recreation Center related to the department policy on the replacement of native trees. RAP Staff have reviewed the tree Species selection to mitigate the loss of the trees at Hollywood Recreation Center, and they have determined that it is in line with our recently approved RAP, forestry, Manual. For additional context, Staff has informed me that exclusively planting native species can sometimes be limiting and even harmful. Given the increasing challenges posed by climate change, pests and diseases

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments on matters within the Board's jurisdiction were invited, 10 such requests were submitted.

BOARD REPORT PUBLIC COMMENT AND CONSIDERATION OF THE BOARD REPORTS

Public comments relevant to the Board Reports were requested; 11 such requests were submitted.

BOARD REPORTS

25-112 Communication Services – Transfer of Appropriations Between Funds in the Department of Recreation and Parks and the Information Technology Agency

Board Report No. 25-112 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

- 25-113** Contract with Plug'n Pay Technologies, Inc. for Acquisition and Setup of Webxpress Gateway System; Exemption from Charter Section 1022

Board Report No. 25-113 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

- 25-114** As-Needed Brush Clearance, Weed and Refuse Abatement Services – Award of Contracts

Board Report No. 25-114 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

- 25-115** Expo Center – Donation from the Los Angeles Parks Foundation for the 2025 Summer Youth Job Corps Intern Program and Summer Camp Jamboree

Board Report No. 25-115 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

- 25-116** Clean and Safe Spaces (CLASS) Parks Youth Employment Internship – Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act After- School Enrichment and Supervision Program for Fiscal Year 2025-2026; Acceptance of Grant Funds

Board Report No. 25-116 was taken on consent.

.DISPOSITION: APPROVED

- 25-117** 2025 Dodgers Dreamteam Program Grant – Approval of Grant Agreement and Acceptance of Grant Funds and In-Kind Contributions from the Los Angeles Dodgers Foundation in Support of Specific Centers Youth Baseball and Softball Leagues for the 2025 Season

Board Report No. 25-117 was taken on consent.

.DISPOSITION: APPROVED

- 25-118** Normandale Recreation Center – Ballfield Renovation (PRJ21545) Project – Final Acceptance – Reallocation of Quimby Fees

Board Report No. 25-118 was taken on consent.

.DISPOSITION: APPROVED

25-119 Westwood Park – Aidan’s Place Play Area Replacement (PRJ21343) Project – Final Acceptance – Commitment of Park Fees

Board Report No. 25-119 was taken on consent.

.DISPOSITION: APPROVED

25-120 Warner Ranch Park (AKA Warner Center Park) – Outdoor Park Improvements (PRJ21746) (PRJ21171) Project – Commitment of Park Fees – Allocation of Quimby Fees – Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article 19, Section 15303(e) [Accessory (Appurtenant) Structures Including Garages, Carports, Patios, Swimming Pools, and Fences] of California CEQA Guidelines and Article III, Section 1, Class 3(6) of City CEQA Guidelines

Board Report No. 25-120 was taken on consent.

.DISPOSITION: APPROVED

25-121 South Park Renovation – Public Restroom Renovation (PRJ21068) (PRJ21721) (W.O. #E1908366) Project – Review of Bids and Award of Contract

Board Report No. 25-121 was taken on consent.

.DISPOSITION: APPROVED

25-122 Measure A – Acceptance of Recovery and Emergency Support for Trails, Open Space, and Recreation (RESTORE) Program Funds and Retroactive Authorization to Submit Work Plans for George Wolfberg Park, Wattles Garden Park, and Temescal Canyon Park Restoration Projects

Board Report No. 25-122 was taken on consent.

.DISPOSITION: APPROVED

25-123 As-Needed Special Event Planning and Production Services – Award of Contracts

Board Report No. 25-123 was taken on consent.

.DISPOSITION: APPROVED

25-124 As-Needed Leadership and Foundation Training Services for Youth Sports Coaches – Award of Contract

Sergio Montero, Management Analyst , Finance Administration Branch, presented Board Report No. 25-124.

.DISPOSITION: APPROVED

25-125 Griffith Park – Donation Consisting of the Restoration of the Fern Dell Comfort Station Roof Provided by the Friends of Griffith Park

Board Report No. 25-125 was taken on consent.

.DISPOSITION: APPROVED

25-126 Howard Finn Park – Agreement with the Los Angeles Conservation Corps, Inc. for Access to and Maintenance of the Howard Finn Park Orchard Area – Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article 19, Section 15301 [Operation, Repair, Maintenance, Permitting, Leasing, Licensing, or Minor Alteration of Existing Public or Private Structures, Facilities, Mechanical Equipment, or Topographical Features, Involving Negligible or No Expansion of Existing or Former Use] of California CEQA Guidelines as well as Article III, Section 1, Class 1(1) and Class 1(14) of City CEQA Guidelines

Board Report No. 25-126 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

25-127 North Hollywood Park – New Recreation Center, Pool, and Bathhouse Improvements (PRJ21687) Project – Commitment of Supplemental Park Fees – Modification of the Scope of Work – Approval of Funding for Design Work

Board Report No. 25-127 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

25-128 Griffith Park – Performing Arts Center – Phase II – Outdoor Performing Stage, Lighting, and Paths of Travel (PRJ20658) (PRJ21871) (W.O. #E170202A) Project – Commitment of Supplemental Park Fees – Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article 5, Section 15061(b)(3) [Where it can be seen with Certainty that There is No Possibility that the Activity In Question May Have a Significant Effect on the Environment, the Activity is Not Subject to CEQA] of California CEQA Guidelines and Article II, Section 2(l) of City CEQA Guidelines

Board Report No. 25-128 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

25-129 Van Nuys Sherman Oaks War Memorial Park – Playground Replacement (PRJ21606) Project – Final Acceptance – Decommitment of Park Fees

Board Report No. 25-129 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

25-130 Rancho Cienega Park – Celes King III Pool Demolition (PRJ21412) Project – Final Acceptance – Decommitment of Park Fees

Board Report No. 25-130 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

25-131 Venice Beach – Final Approval of “Declaration” Sculpture Removal – Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article 19, Section 15301(l)(4) [Demolition or Removal of Individual Small Structures Such as Accessory (Appurtenant) Structures Including Garages, Carports, Patios, Swimming Pools, and Fences] of California CEQA Guidelines and Article III, Section 1, Class 1(11)(d) of City CEQA Guidelines

David Lee, Management Assistant , Planning, Maintenance and Construction Branch, presented Board Report No. 25-131.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

25-132 Alvarado Terrace Park – Acceptance of Dog Waste Station Donation – Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article 19, Section 15311 [Construction, or Placement of Minor Structures Accessory to (Appurtenant to) Existing Commercial, Industrial, or Institutional Facilities] of California CEQA Guidelines as well as Article III, Section 1, Class 11(1) and Class 11(6) of City CEQA Guidelines

Board Report No. 25-132 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

25-133 La Tierra De La Culebra Park – Approval of Lease Agreement with Los Angeles Neighborhood Land Trust – Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article 19, Section 15301 [Operation, Repair, Maintenance, Permitting,

Leasing, Licensing, or Minor Alteration of Existing Public or Private Structures, Facilities, Mechanical Equipment, or Topographical Features, Involving Negligible or No Expansion of Existing or Former Use] of California CEQA Guidelines and Article III, Section 1, Class 1(14) of City CEQA Guidelines

DISPOSITION: **WITHDRAWN**

25-134 David M. Gonzales Recreation Center Stormwater Capture (SCP001) (W.O. #EW40078D) Project – Approval of Final Plans and Specifications; Concurrence with the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power Board of Commissioners' Adoption of the Initial Study / Mitigated Negative Declaration and Related Findings Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

Board Report No. 25-134 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

25-135 Holocaust Museum LA at Pan Pacific Park – Grant of Right for Los Angeles Department of Water and Power Facilities – Categorically Exempt from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article 19, Section 15301 [Operation, Repair, Maintenance, Permitting, Leasing, Licensing, or Minor Alteration of Existing Public or Private Structures, Facilities, Mechanical Equipment, or Topographical Features, Involving Negligible or No Expansion of Existing or Former Use] and Section 15303(d) [Construction of Small Structures Such as Water Main, Sewage, Electrical, Gas, and Other Utility Extensions, Including Street Improvements, of Reasonable Length to Serve Such Construction] of California CEQA Guidelines and Article III, Section 1, Class 1(14) and Class 3(5) of City CEQA Guidelines

Board Report No. 25-135 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

25-136 Elinor and Don Richardson Family Park – Playground Replacement (PRJ21391) (PRJ21764) Project – Acceptance of Stop Payment Notice on Construction Contract No. 4132 for Access Pacific, Inc.

Board Report No. 25-136 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

25-137 Heritage Square – Electrical And Lighting Upgrades (PRJ21866) Project –

Commitment of Park Fees – Categorically Exempt from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article 19, Section 15301(b) [Minor Alterations to Existing Facilities of Both Investor and Publicly Owned Utilities Used to provide Electric Power, Natural Gas, Sewerage, or Other Public Utility Services] and 15303(d) [Construction and Location of Limited Numbers of New, Small Facilities or Structures Such as Water Main, Sewage, Electrical, Gas, and Other Utility Extensions, Including Street Improvements, of Reasonable Length to Serve Such Construction] of California CEQA Guidelines and Article III, Section 1, Class 1(2), 1(12) and 3(5) of City CEQA Guidelines

Board Report No. 25-137 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

25-138 California Department of Social Services (CDSS) 2025-26 General Child Care and Development Program – Acceptance of Grant Contract Terms and Conditions: Acceptance of Grand Fund, if Awarded

Board Report No. 25-138 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

25-139 Echo Park Boathouse Café Concession – Approval of Agreement for the Operation and Management of the Food and Beverage Concession – Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article 19, Section 15301 [Operation, Repair, Maintenance, Permitting, Leasing, Licensing, or Minor Alteration of Existing Public or Private Structures, Facilities, Mechanical Equipment, or Topographical Features, Involving Negligible or No Expansion of Existing or Former Use] of California CEQA Guidelines as well as Article III, Section 1, Class 1(1) and Class 1(14) of City CEQA Guidelines

Rahulan Kathir, Management Analyst , Special Operations Branch, presented Board Report No. 25-139.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

25-140 Rancho Cienega Park – Donation of Park Improvements Consisting of the Refurbishment of the Outdoor Basketball and Handball Courts Area Within Michelle and Barack Obama Sports Complex at Rancho Cienega Park Provided by the Los Angeles Clippers Foundation and Ticketmaster – Approval of Donor Recognition Signage

Board Report No. 25-140 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

- 25-141** Griffith Park – License Agreement for the 2025 Los Angeles Haunted Hayride and Related Attractions – Categorically Exempt from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article 19, Section 15304(e) [Minor Temporary Use of Land Having Negligible or No Permanent Effects on the Environment, Including Carnivals, Sales of Christmas Trees, etc.], and Article III, Section 1, Class 4(6) and Class 4(7) of City CEQA Guidelines

Dave Koeper, Pr. Park Services Attendant , Special Operations Branch, presented Board Report No. 25-141.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

- 25-142** Community School Parks Program – Joint Powers Agreement with the Los Angeles Unified School District – Categorically Exempt from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article 19, Section 15323 [Normal Operations of Existing Facilities for Public Gatherings for which the Facilities were Designed, where there is a Past History of the Facility Being Used for the Same or Similar Kind of Purpose] of California CEQA Guidelines and Article III, Section 1, Class 23 of City CEQA Guidelines

Ryan Carpio, Director of External Affairs , Special Operations Branch, presented Board Report No. 25-142.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

- 25-143** Site-Specific Joint Use Agreements with the Los Angeles Unified School District for Proposition K Competitive Grant-Funded Projects at John Marshall High School, Eagle Rock High School, and Edward R. Roybal Learning Center

Ryan Carpio, Director of External Affairs , Special Operations Branch, presented Board Report No. 25-143.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

President Simril requested a Motion to approve the Board Reports that were taken on Consent 25-112, 25-113, 25-114, 25-115, 25-116, 25-118, 25-119, 25-120, 25-121, 25-122, 25-123, 25-125, 25-126, 25-127, 25-128, 25-129, 25-130, 25-132, 25-134, 25-135, 25-136, 25-137, 25-138, and 25-140. It was moved by Commissioner Lloyd and seconded by Commissioner Tran. There being no objections, the motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 4-0.

President Simril recused herself from the vote on item 25-117.

Vice President Sanchez requested a Motion to approve the Board Report 25-117 that were taken on Consent. . It was moved by Commissioner Lloyd and seconded by Commissioner Tran. There being no objections, the motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 3-0.

President Simril requested a Motion to approve Board Reports 25-124, 25-131, 25-139, 25-141, 25-142, and 25-143 as presented. It was moved by Vice President Sanchez and seconded by Commissioner Tran. There being no objections, the motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 4-0.

Board Report 25-133 was **WITDRAWN**

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL COMMENTS

Discussion with Neighborhood Council Representatives on Neighborhood Council Resolutions or Community Impact Statements Filed with the City Clerk Relative to Any Item Listed or Being Considered on this Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Meeting Agenda (Los Angeles Administrative Code 22.819; Ordinance 184243)

There was no such comment from Neighborhood Council Representatives relative to the Agenda Items being considered.

COMMISSION TASK FORCE UPDATES

Commission Task Force on Concessions

This Task force did not meet.

Commission Task Force on Facility Repair and Maintenance

Vice President Sanchez stated this Task force will meet today following this meeting and provide a report at our next meeting.


COMMISSION BUSINESS

Comments from the Commissioners on Matters within the Board's jurisdiction and Requests by Commissioners to Schedule Specific Future Agenda Items were requested. Commissioner Lloyd requested a report back on the Ponies. President Simril requested a report back on artificial turf.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Meeting adjourned at 10:47 a.m.

ATTEST



PRESIDENT



BOARD SECRETARY