



Livermore Area
Recreation and Park District
An independent special district

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2026

5:00 P.M.

Robert Livermore Community Center
4444 East Avenue, Livermore, California
Sycamore Room

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Director Jan Palajac, James Boswell
Vice Chair Maryalice Faltings, Chair Philip Pierpont

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Director David Furst

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Mathew Fuzie, General Manager (GM)
Linda VanBuskirk, Executive Assistant
Rene Venus Dalusong, Executive Assistant

DISTRICT COUNSEL: Andrew Shen, Esq. with Renne Public Law Group (DC)

OTHERS PRESENT: None.

1. CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Chair Pierpont called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. All Directors were present except for Director Furst. Chair Pierpont led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT: Chair Pierpont opened the public comment period.

Chair Pierpont noted that the Board received a supplemental public comment from Gayle Thayer on January 28, 2026, requesting the Board prioritize developing a publicly accessible 50-meter community pool.

There were no other speakers, and the public comment period was closed.

3. CONSENT AGENDA (Motion):

3.1 Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on January 14, 2026.

MOTION:

Moved by Director Faltings, seconded by Director Palajac, approved the Consent Agenda, by the following voice vote:

AYES: Directors Palajac, Boswell, Faltings, and Chair Pierpont (4)
NOES: None (0)
ABSTENTIONS: None (0)
ABSENT: Director Furst (1)

4. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS:

4.1 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING BOARD POLICY MANUAL

The Board reviewed the draft Board Policy Manual and made the following edits:

- a) DC Shen recommended revising Policy Number 1045, Page 21, Section 1045.2, Line 8: “Legal Counsel is required to review and approve as to form District legal documents...” to “At the direction of the General Manager and Board approval, Legal Counsel will review and approve as to form...”
- b) Director Boswell recommended revising Policy Number 4112, Page 28, Section 4112.6: “Assists the General Manager in preparing agendas for Board meetings and has final review of the agenda” to “Assists the General Manager in preparing agendas for Board meetings and has final approval of the agenda.”

RESOLUTION:

Moved by Director Palajac, seconded by Director Boswell, adopted Resolution No. 2837 approving the revised Board Policy Manual with the minor edits discussed, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Directors Palajac, Boswell, Faltings, and Chair Pierpont (4)
NOES: None (0)
ABSTENTIONS: None (0)
ABSENT: Director Furst (1)

4.2 ENFORCEMENT OPTIONS REGARDING DISTRICT RULES AND REGULATIONS

The Board discussed options related to enforcement of the Rules and Regulations regarding uses of District Facilities and Parks.

- **ACTION:** This was a discussion only and no Board action was taken.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a) Directors Faltings and Furst were unable to attend the Alameda County Special Districts Association meeting on January 21, 2026.

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/MATTERS INITIATED/ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE DIRECTORS:

- a) Director Boswell requested a proper send-off for EA VanBuskirk in advance of her retirement.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/MATTERS INITIATED/ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE GENERAL MANAGER:

GM Fuzie made the following announcements:

- a) Sunken Gardens Bicycle Pump Track: He provided an update on construction progress.
- b) Springtown Community Park and Disc Golf Course: He reported that the park is expected to be completed in Summer 2026 and informed the Board to expect a future resolution to accept maintenance of the park.

8. **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 5:56 p.m.

APPROVED,



Philip Pierpont
Chair, Board of Directors

ATTEST:



Mathew L. Fuzie
General Manager and
Ex-officio Clerk to the Board of Directors

MF/Lvb/Rvd

From: Gayle Thayer [REDACTED]

Date: January 28, 2026 at 5:42:57 AM PST

To: Philip Pierpont <ppierpont@larpd.org>, Maryalice Faltings <mfaltings@larpd.org>, James Boswell <jboswell@larpd.org>, David Furst <dfurst@larpd.org>, Jan Palajac <jpalajac@larpd.org>

Subject: Request to prioritize a 50-meter public pool

Dear Chair Pierpont, Vice Chair Faltings, and Members of the Board,

I am writing as a Livermore resident to respectfully encourage the Board to prioritize the development of a publicly accessible 50-meter pool for our community.

Interest in aquatic sports and lap swimming in Livermore continues to grow, and it is important that our facilities are designed to meet both current demand and long-term community needs. Adequate space is essential to support recreational swimmers, youth programs, competitive teams, and lifelong fitness opportunities without excessive scheduling constraints.

Nearly every Northern California city comparable to Livermore in size already offers a 50-meter pool. Providing one here would bring our recreation infrastructure in line with regional standards and reflect the expectations of residents who value high-quality public facilities.

Great facilities promote greater participation, and there has never been a more important time to invest in youth activities and youth sports. Swimming stands out as a particularly strong investment: swimmers consistently rank among the athletes with the highest GPAs, and the sport fosters discipline, time management, and long-term healthy habits that extend well beyond athletics.

Swimming is also a truly lifelong sport. It is low impact, supports full-body fitness, improves circulation and mobility, and is accessible to people across ages and abilities. A 50-meter pool would allow Livermore to expand inclusive programming for youth, adults, seniors, and adaptive users while supporting both recreational and competitive use.

Additionally, given the age of the May Nissen facility, it is clear that an update or replacement will be necessary in the foreseeable future. As the District considers future pool development, I strongly urge the Board to choose a 50-meter design rather than a 35-yard pool. While a 50-meter pool is only approximately 30% longer, it provides significantly greater flexibility, capacity, and long-term value for the community.

Thank you for your time, leadership, and continued dedication to recreation, wellness, and quality of life in Livermore. I appreciate your consideration and hope you will make a 50-meter pool a priority in upcoming planning and investment discussions.

Sincerely,

Gayle Thayer

Parent of two teens, Lap Swimmer, elder caregiver, wife of public school teacher/swimmer, Scientist, 10+ years resident of Livermore