



Livermore Area
Recreation and Park District
An independent special district

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

DRAFT MINUTES

Wednesday, July 29, 2026

5:00 p.m.

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

Directors Present: Directors Jan Palajac, David Furst, James Boswell
Vice Chair Maryalice Faltings, Chair Philip Pierpont

Directors Absent: None.

Staff Present: Mathew Fuzie, General Manager (GM)
Rene Venus Dalusong, Executive Assistant to the General Manager

District Counsel: Gary Bell, Esq. with Colantuono, Highsmith & Whatley, PC
Meghan A. Wharton, Esq. with Colantuono, Highsmith & Whatley, PC
Nelson A. Fialho, Executive Director, Renne Public Management Group

Others Present: Larry Bird

1. CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Chair Pierpont called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. All Directors were present except for Director Boswell. Chair Pierpont led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

- a) Larry Bird informed the Board that he had repaired the sagging pickleball net at Jack Williams Park.

There were no further comments, and the public comment period was closed.

Director Boswell took their seat on the dais.

3. CONSENT AGENDA (Motion):

- 3.1 Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on July 8, 2026.

Director Furst asked that the minutes be amended to include additional information regarding his opposition to Item 4.5.

Vice Chair Faltings requested a correction to the alphabetical bulleting under Item 6 on page 4.

3.2 Approval of the Minutes of the Public Meeting in the Park on July 22, 2026.

MOTION:

Moved by Director Faltings, seconded by Director Furst, approved the Consent Agenda Item 3.1, as amended, and Item 3.2, as submitted, by the following voice vote:

AYES: *Directors Palajac, Furst, Boswell, Faltings, and Chair Pierpont (5)*
NOES: *None (0)*
ABSTENTIONS: *None (0)*
ABSENT: *None (0)*

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a) Director Palajac reported attending the July 21, 2026, Facilities Committee meeting with Chair Pierpont. The Committee received updates on the Pickleball Recycling Pilot Program, Avenza Maps mobile app, and Capital Improvement Projects. The Facilities Committee agenda was included in the Board agenda packet.
- b) Director Furst reported attending the July 13, 2026, Personnel Committee meeting with Director Boswell. The Committee received an update on employee demographics, and staff will provide an update to the Board at a future Board meeting. The Personnel Committee agenda was included in the Board agenda packet.
- c) Director Boswell reported attending the July 20, 2026, Alameda County Agricultural Subcommittee on Trails, where the committee discussed trail updates.

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

- a) Chair Pierpont reported that he spoke with one of the students who proposed the Sport Stack Pilot Program during the Board Meeting in the Park at Jack Williams Park on July 22, 2026. A program update will be provided at a future Facilities Committee meeting.
- b) Director Palajac reported attending the Livermore Police Department's E-Bike education course on July 20, 2026.
- c) Director Palajac noted that Livermore City Council Member Kristie Wang attended the LARPD Board Meeting in the Park on July 22, 2026, and later reported to the Livermore City Council about the event. As a result, additional City Council members have expressed interest in attending future Board Meetings in the Park. Chair Pierpont suggested a joint Board Public in the Park with the City of Livermore. GM Fuzie will note their interest and reach out to the City of Livermore City Manager.
- d) Director Furst announced that the Livermore Valley Chamber of Commerce Wine Country Luncheon Series: Tri-Valley Mayors' Summit will be held on July 30, 2026, at 11:00 a.m., not 11:30 a.m. as indicated in the email sent to the Board regarding upcoming events.
- e) Director Furst requested that the Memorial Bench Program be added to a future Board meeting agenda for review and update.
- f) Director Furst requested a discussion at next month's Board meeting regarding the City's downtown park plans and whether to recommend park consolidation if LARPD is responsible for operation and maintenance.
- g) Director Boswell inquired about the status of the LARPD Foundation Giving Tree update. Director Palajac will report back with an update.
- h) Vice Chair Faltings and Chair Pierpont announced the upcoming 2026 Intermediate 50/70 Baseball World Series event, scheduled for August 2–9, 2026 at Max Baer Park.

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/MATTERS INITIATED/ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE GENERAL MANAGER: None.

7. OPEN SESSION DISCLOSURE REGARDING CLOSED SESSION ITEMS 8.1 and 8.2 (Gov. Code, § 54957.7)

Chair Pierpont announced that the LARPD Board of Directors would convene a Closed Session to discuss items 8.1 and 8.2. Closed Session was convened at 5:19 p.m.

8. CLOSED SESSION

8.1 Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (Gov. Code, § 54956.9, subd. (d)(1))

The Board of Directors finds, based on advice from legal counsel, that discussion in open session will prejudice the position of the District in the litigation.

Name of Case: Livermore Area Recreation and Park District v. East Bay Regional Park District

Names of Parties: Livermore Area Recreation and Park District; East Bay Regional Park District; Melissa Wilk, in her capacity as the Alameda County Auditor-Controller

Case No.: San Francisco Superior Court Case No.: CPF-25-519308

8.2 Public Employee Performance Evaluation (Gov. Code, § 54957(b))

Title: General Manager

9. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION; REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION (Gov. Code, § 54957.1)

The Board of Directors returned from Closed Session at 6:03 p.m. Chair Pierpont stated that no reportable action was taken.

10. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

APPROVED,

Philip Pierpont
Chair, Board of Directors

ATTEST:

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

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