



Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

MINUTES

Wednesday, March 11, 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 Members Absent: Mathew Fuzie, General Manager (GM)
Linda VanBuskirk, Executive Assistant
Rene Venus Dalusong, Executive Assistant
Jill Kirk, Community Services Manager

District Counsel: Gary Bell, Esq. with Colantuono, Highsmith & Whatley, PC
Meghan A. Wharton, Esq. with Colantuono, Highsmith & Whatley, PC

Others Present: Julien Avilla, David Madsen, Sondra Tosky, Paul Hodges,
Pat Hodges, Kathy Lake

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. Chair Pierpont led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

- a) Julien Avilla shared his experience coordinating a 5K run and suggested more guidance on park use, permits, and timelines.
- b) David Madsen proposed a Veterans Benefit Concert Series at Robertson Park (Supplemental Item 2b).
- c) Sondra Tosky requested consideration of native plants for landscaping at the Sunken Gardens Pump Track project.

Chair Pierpont referred the request to the Facilities Committee and invited Sondra Tosky to attend a future Facilities Committee meeting for further discussion.

There were no further speakers. The public comment period was closed.

3. RECOGNITION:

3.1 RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION – LINDA VAN BUSKIRK

The Board presented Linda Van Buskirk a resolution commending her on her retirement and a years of service certificate. (Supplemental Item 3.1)

RESOLUTION:

Moved by Director Faltings, seconded by Director Boswell, approved Resolution No. 2838, commending Linda Van Buskirk on the occasion of her retirement from the District, 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. CONSENT AGENDA (Motion):

- 4.1 Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on February 11, 2026.
- 4.2 General Manager’s Monthly Update to the Board on Issues and Projects: March 2026.

MOTION:

Moved by Director Palajac, seconded by Director Faltings, approved the Consent Agenda Items 4.1 and 4.2, by the following voice vote:

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

5. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS:

5.1 CALIFORNIA SPECIAL DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION (CSDA) BOARD OF DIRECTORS CALL FOR NOMINATIONS – BAY AREA NETWORK, SEAT C

The Board discussed the call for nominations and nominated Chair Pierpont for election to the CSDA Board of Directors – Bay Area Network, Seat C, for the 2027-2029 term.

RESOLUTION:

Moved by Director Faltings, seconded by Director Boswell, approved Resolution No. 2839, nominating Director Philip Pierpont for election to the CSDA Board of Directors – Bay Area Network, Seat C, for the 2027-2029 term, by the following roll call vote:

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

5.2 RODEO GROUNDS – EVENT GUIDELINES

The Board discussed past events and expanding programming at the Rodeo Grounds. Director Palajac suggested continuing the discussion at a special Board meeting.

Public Comment: Chair Pierpont opened the public comment period.

- a) David Madsen spoke about the need for more use of the Rodeo Grounds and shared additional information on his proposed Veterans Benefit Concert Series.

Director Furst asked about the event date. *[David Madsen said he is planning for summer 2026.]*

There were no further speakers. The public comment period was closed.

- **ACTION:** The Board directed staff to schedule a special meeting to continue discussion about event guidelines at the Rodeo Grounds.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a) Director Palajac reported on her and Chair Pierpont's attendance at the February 17, 2026, Facilities Committee meeting. The Committee reviewed its 2025 recap and discussed the 2026 Facilities Committee goals and objectives. The agenda was included in the Board agenda packet.
- b) Director Boswell reported on his and Director Palajac's attendance at the March 2, 2026, Finance Committee meeting. The Committee discussed the 2026 Finance Committee goals and objectives, reviewed the Reserve and Pension Obligation Bond balances, preliminary January 2026 financials, and financial policies. Director Boswell requested staff provide the Reserve and Pension Obligation Bond balances to the full Board. The agenda was included in the Board agenda packet.
- c) Director Furst reported on his and Director Boswell's attendance at the March 9, 2026, Personnel Committee meeting. The Committee received an update on the Health Reimbursement Account and reviewed the Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA). The agenda was included in the Board agenda packet.
- d) Vice Chair Faltings reported on her and Director Furst's attendance at the March 11, 2026, Program Committee meeting. The Committee discussed its 2026 goals and objectives and future programming at Ravenswood Historic Site. The agenda was included in the Board agenda packet.
- e) Director Furst reported on his attendance at the March 4, 2026, Chamber of Commerce Business Alliance meeting. David Kent of Darcie Kent and Concannon Vineyard spoke about the impact of economic conditions on the Livermore Valley vineyards.
- f) Director Palajac reported on her attendance at the March 2, 2026, LARPD Foundation meeting. The Committee discussed updating Trustee bios and website photos, membership and outreach events, and funding priorities.

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

- a) Director Furst inquired about the date and time for the Sunken Gardens Pump Track opening ceremony. *[GM Fuzie: No date has been set, but staff is coordinating the event.]*
- b) Director Palajac reported completing the Senate Bill 827 Fiscal & Financial Training.
- c) Director Furst stated that the LARPD Foundation Giving Tree needs updating, including more legible name plates and information on the Giving Tree and how to donate. *[Director Palajac said she will inform the LARPD Foundation.]*
- d) Director Furst noted that the Former Board Members photo wall appears incomplete, with some former members' photos missing. He requested staff to verify whether the photo wall is complete.
- e) Vice Chair Faltings announced that the CSDA publication, Volume 21, Issue 1 (January–February 2026), included an article titled *“Responding to Disrupted Meetings: What the Brown Act Requires.”* She suggested comparing the article with the Board Policy Manual (Supplemental Item 7e).

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/MATTERS INITIATED/ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE GENERAL

MANAGER: GM Fuzie informed the Board that he is tracking an unusual February property tax payment from the Alameda County Assessor's Office to see if it's a catch-up or a sign of what's coming with the April taxes.

9. OPEN SESSION DISCLOSURE REGARDING CLOSED SESSION ITEMS 10.1 PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957.7

Chair Pierpont announced that the LARPD Board of Directors would convene a Closed Session to discuss item 10.1. Open Session was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

10. CLOSED SESSION

**10.1 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL; EXISTING LITIGATION
(Gov. Code, § 54956.9(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

11. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION; REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION – PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957.1

The Board of Directors returned from Closed Session at 7:01 p.m. Chair Pierpont stated that no reportable action was taken.


12. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 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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