



Livermore Area
Recreation and Park District
An independent special district

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2026

5:00 P.M.

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

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

DIRECTORS ABSENT: None.

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Mathew Fuzie, General Manager (GM)
David Weisgerber, Community Outreach Supervisor (COS)
Linda VanBuskirk, Executive Assistant (EA)
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 5:00p.m. All Directors were present. Chair Pierpont led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT: Chair Pierpont opened the public comment period. There were no speakers, and the public comment period was closed.

3. CONSENT AGENDA (Motion):

- 3.1 Approval of the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting on December 3, 2025.
- 3.2 Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on December 10, 2025.
- 3.3 General Manager's Monthly Update to the Board on Issues and Projects: January 2026.
- 3.4 Authorize the General Manager to execute documents necessary to complete a property transfer from the City of Livermore to LARPD, for the Sunken Gardens skate park.

Director Furst requested that Item 3.4 be pulled from the Consent Agenda and added to the Discussion and Action Items for further consideration.

MOTION:

Moved by Director Palajac, seconded by Director Furst, approved the Consent Agenda Items 3.1, 3.2, and 3.3, 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. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS:

4.1 DIRECTOR ATTENDANCE AT 2026 CONFERENCES

The Board reviewed the 2026 conference list for agencies of which LARPD is a member. Vice Chair Faltings and Director Furst expressed interest in attending the California Association of Recreation and Park Districts (CARPD) Conference, scheduled for May 27 – 30, 2026, in Monterey, California.

EA VanBuskirk noted that the May 27, 2026 Board of Directors meeting falls during the same week as the CARPD conference. Director Palajac also noted that she will be on vacation that week.

ACTION: Staff will send a reminder email to the Board of Directors when an upcoming event’s early-bird registration deadline approaches. The May 27th board meeting may be cancelled if there is not a quorum present.

4.2 ANNUAL BOARD POLICY MANUAL REVIEW PROPOSED CONFLICT OF INTEREST WAIVER FOR RENNE PUBLIC LAW GROUP

The Board reviewed and considered approval of an updated Conflict of Interest Waiver for Renne Public Law Group (Supplemental Item 4.2). The waiver reflects an additional request from the East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) for another attorney from the firm to handle a separate employment matter that is unrelated to LARPD.

RESOLUTION:

Moved by Director Boswell, seconded by Director Faltings, adopted Resolution No. 2836 authorizing the Board Chair to approve a request for a Conflict of Interest Waiver, submitted by the Renne Public Law Group on January 12, 2026, 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)

4.3 AUTHORIZATION TO COMPLETE PROPERTY TITLE TRANSFER – LOT 3, PARCEL MAP 10858 (Sunken Gardens) (Motion)

[Director Furst earlier requested that Item 3.4 be pulled from the Consent Agenda and added to the Discussion and Action Items for further consideration.]

COS Weisgerber updated and answered the Board’s questions regarding the independent appraisal of the parcel. The Board authorized the General Manager to execute all documents necessary to complete the property title transfer of Lot 3 – Parcel Map 10858 from the City of Livermore to the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District.

MOTION:

Moved by Director Palajac, seconded by Director Faltings, authorized the General Manager to execute all documents necessary to complete the property title transfer of Lot 3 – Parcel Map 10858 from the City of Livermore to the Livermore Area Recreation and Park 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)

5. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS (No Action Required)

5.1 2026 COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Chair Pierpont announced the committee appointments for 2026. (Information)

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a) Director Boswell reported on his attendance, along with Vice Chair Pierpont, at the December 17, 2025, Finance Committee meeting. The committee received an update on the status of the 2025 Finance Goals and Objectives, preliminary October and November financials, and financial policies. Its agenda was included in the Board agenda packet.
- b) Director Furst reported on his attendance at the January 7, 2026, Chamber of Commerce Business Alliance meeting. The guest speaker, Sherri Souza, President/CEO of Livermore Valley Chamber of Commerce, provided an overview of the Livermore Valley Chamber of Commerce.
- c) Director Palajac reported on her attendance at the January 5, 2026, LARPD Foundation meeting. The Foundation discussed the Board elections and the 2026 Wine Down in the Grove and donor outreach. Its agenda was included in the Board agenda packet.
- d) Chair Pierpont reported that he did not attend the December 16, 2025, Livermore Downtown Inc. meeting.
- e) Director Boswell reported on his attendance at the December 15, 2025, Alameda County Agricultural SubCommittee on Trails meeting. The subcommittee discussed the Coast to Sierra Trail and updating the trails map.

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

- a) Director Furst announced the following 2026 Livermore Valley Chamber of Commerce events:
 - Wine Country Luncheon, Thursday, May 28, 2026: State of City, Mayor John Marchand at Robert Livermore Community Center.
 - Wine Country Luncheon, Thursday, June 25, 2026: State of the County with Supervisor David Haubert and Leadership Livermore Graduation at Garré Vineyard and Winery.
 - Wednesday, September 30, 2026: Candidates Forum at Robert Livermore Community Center.
 - Wine Country Luncheon, Thursday, October 29, 2026: State of the State with Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer-Kahan, State Senator Jerry McNerney, and Congressman Eric Swalwell at Garré Vineyard and Winery.
- b) Director Boswell announced the reopening of the female restrooms at Ernie Rodrigues Sports Field.

- c) Director Boswell raised concerns that William (Bill) J. Payne Park is being used as a dog park. [GM Fuzie noted that this item will be discussed further at a future meeting.]
- d) Director Furst asked about the status of the trails map. [GM Fuzie said staff continue to work on the map and will share it when it is complete.]

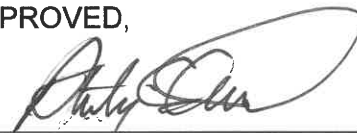
8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/MATTERS INITIATED/ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE GENERAL MANAGER:

GM Fuzie made the following announcements:

- a) Livermore Valley Chamber of Commerce Membership: The 2026 membership level changed from Diamond to Platinum. Board members with questions or concerns about event registrations should contact GM Fuzie.
- b) Board Policy Manual: Staff continue to work on the edits and will present the revised Board Policy Manual at a future Board meeting.
- c) Sunken Gardens Bicycle Pump Track: The Board received an update on construction work.
- d) GM Fuzie reported that LARPD has received 2026 funding from the LARPD Foundation and asked for programming ideas from the Board.
- e) Netflix's Star Search: GM Fuzie shared that an LARPD staff member's daughter is participating in the competition on Wednesday, January 21st at 6:00 p.m.
- f) EA VanBuskirk announced her retirement from LARPD after eight years of service.

9. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 5:53 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