



Livermore Area
Recreation and Park District
An independent special district

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

DRAFT MINUTES

September 9, 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: Chelynn Watkins, Senior Human Resources Analyst (SHRA)
Marc Roberts, Land Agent / Planner
Mathew Fuzie, General Manager (GM)
Michelle Newbould, Administrative Assistant (AA)
Rene Venus Dalusong, Executive Assistant to the General Manager (EA)

District Counsel: Andrew Shen, Esq. with Renne Public Law 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, with Director Palajac participating remotely due a “just cause.” Director Palajac was providing care for a parent after a recent medical procedure. Chair Pierpont led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

- Written public comment was received from Emily Fountain asking that a playground be considered at Robert Livermore Park, adjacent to the Community Center, and inquiring about the status of a previously proposed tot lot at the park (Supplemental Item 2).

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

3. CONSENT AGENDA (Motion):

- 3.1 Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on August 26, 2026.
- 3.2 General Manager’s Monthly Update to the Board on Issues and Projects: September 2026.

Director Furst requested a revision to the General Summation section on page 1: Change from “The Parks and Trails Master Plan” to “Parks, Recreation, and Trails Master Plan.”

MOTION:

Moved by Director Furst, seconded by Director Faltings, approved Consent Agenda Items 3.1 as submitted and 3.2 as amended, 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. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

4.1 Proposed Conflict of Interest Waiver for Renne Public Law Group:

DC Shen presented an updated conflict-of-interest waiver covering three new East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) employment cases. He confirmed that the cases are not related to Renne Public Law Group's work for LARPD.

Chair Pierpont opened the public comment period. There were no comments, and the public comment period was closed.

RESOLUTION: Moved by Director Faltings, seconded by Director Palajac, adopted Resolution No. 2851 authorizing the Board Chair to sign a Conflict of Interest Waiver, 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)

4.2 Remuneration and Reimbursement - Board Policy No. 4124:

SHRA Watkins provided an overview of Board member benefits, including applicable state law, current District policy, historical Board actions, current benefit offerings, potential financial costs, and comparisons with other cities and special districts. The Board asked staff to review the current policy and identify which Board benefits are included, not included, or addressed by the policy for further discussion.

Chair Pierpont opened the public comment period. There were no comments, and the public comment period was closed.

- **Action:** Staff will compare current Board benefits with the Board policy, identify which benefits are covered, and return to the Board at a November meeting.

4.3 Memorial and Commemorative Gift Policy - Administrative Policy No. FAC-86-1007:

The Board reviewed the policy and asked questions about the 10-year term and renewal process. EA Dalusong reported that changes approved by the Board on February 24, 2021, were never added to the policy or District website. AA Newbould noted that the webpage has been temporarily disabled while the policy is under review. GM Fuzie suggested forming an ad hoc committee to review and update the policy. Chair Pierpont appointed Directors Furst and Palajac to serve on the committee.

- **Action:** The Board formed an ad hoc committee to review the Memorial and Commemorative Gift Policy. Chair Pierpont appointed Directors Furst and Palajac to serve on the committee.

4.4 Term of Office: Member, Board of Directors - Board Policy No. 4123:

The Board discussed potential changes to term limits, the ballot process, and associated election costs.

- **Action:** Staff will provide information on the process and estimated cost of placing a term limits measure on the ballot.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a) Vice Chair Faltings reported attending the September 9, 2026, Program Committee meeting with Director Furst. The Committee received a season update on Camp Shelly and future planning, and an Aquatics Program update. The Program Committee agenda was included in the Board agenda packet.
- b) Director Furst reported attending the September 3, 2026, Livermore Valley Chamber of Commerce Business Alliance meeting. Guest speaker Dr. Patel from John Muir Health spoke about AI in health care.

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

Director Boswell gave a brief update on the 11,000 acres of unincorporated land northeast of the District's service area and asked that it be added to a future agenda for further discussion. GM Fuzie said the item will be discussed after the Parks, Recreation, and Trails Master Plan is approved.

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

GM Fuzie reported that the California Association for Park and Recreation Indemnity (CAPRI) Board appointed him to the Recreation Insurance Organization (RIO) Board. RIO is owned by CAPRI and helps manage CAPRI's insurance risks. The RIO Board holds one in-person meeting each year in Salt Lake City, Utah.

8. OPEN SESSION DISCLOSURE REGARDING CLOSED SESSION ITEMS 9.1 and 9.2 (Gov. Code, § 54957.7)

At Chair Pierpont's request, Item 9, Closed Session, was taken out of order and heard before Item 3.

Chair Pierpont announced that the LARPD Board of Directors would convene a Closed Session to discuss items 9.1 and 9.2. Closed Session was convened at 5:04 p.m.

9. CLOSED SESSION

9.1 Conference with Real Property Negotiators (Gov. Code, § 54956.8)

Properties: Assessor Parcel Nos. 099B630000301, 099A178500114, 099B565000104, 099B630000302, 099B630000303, 099B650000201, 099A178000105, and 099B642500204

Agency Negotiators: Mathew L. Fuzie, General Manager and Marc Roberts, Land Agent / Planner

Negotiating Parties: City of Livermore, 2000 Corbett Family Trust and the Corbett Family Limited Partnership

Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment

9.2 Conference with Real Property Negotiators (Gov. Code, § 54956.8)

Properties: Assessor Parcel Nos. 099A-1610-001-09, 099A-2300-004-06, 099A-2310-003-01, 099A-1501-003-07, 099A-1504-002, 099A-2300-003-03, 099-0850-005-05, 099-0625- 002-02, 099-0500-001-03, 099-0625-002-01, 099A-2310-002-00, 099- 0600-001-07, 099-0600-001-08

Agency Negotiators: Mathew L. Fuzie, General Manager and Marc Roberts, Land Agent / Planner

Negotiating Parties: City of Livermore, Wente Bros. (dba Wente Family Vineyards/Wente Family Estates), Wente Land & Cattle Company

Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment

The acquisition is intended to be part of the City's Open Space Conservation Program, which works with property owners to acquire land for open space, habitat and watershed protection, and non-motorized passive recreational opportunities.

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

The Board of Directors returned from Closed Session at 5:56 p.m. Chair Pierpont stated that no reportable action was taken.

11. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:23 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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From: [Emily Fountain](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Cc: [cip_email](#)
Subject: Public Comment: Robert Livermore Park
Date: Monday, September 7, 2026 7:26:49 AM

Hi there!

I'm a local parent and LARPD user, and I was wondering if LARPD has considered adding a playground to Robert Livermore Park, adjacent to the Community Center.

With so many families already coming to the area for swim lessons, classes, sports, and events, it seems like it would be such a well-used addition—especially for toddlers and younger children.

I also saw that an older LARPD master plan referenced a tot lot at Robert Livermore Park. I'd love to know what happened to it, whether a new playground has been considered, and if there's a way for local families to show support for one in future planning.

Thank you so much!

Emily Fountain

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