

a. Board Executive Committee – February 7, 2024 Minutes



**EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT
BOARD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
AGENDA STAFF REPORT**

DATE	April 3, 2024
TITLE	Approval of the Minutes for the Board Executive Committee Meeting February 07, 2024
DIVISION	General Manager's Office
FROM	Monica Hernandez-Juarez, Recording Clerk

RECOMMENDATION

Recommend approval of the minutes for the Board Executive Committee Meeting February 07, 2024.

COMMITTEE MIINUTES

The February 07, 2024, Board Executive Committee (Committee) meeting was held pursuant to the Brown Act. Committee members and staff participated in the meeting in the Board Room at 2950 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland, California.

The February 7th Board Executive Committee was video recorded and may be viewed by copying the following link: [February 07, 2024 Executive Committee - East Bay Regional Park District, CA \(swagit.com\)](https://www.swagit.com/February-07-2024-Executive-Committee-East-Bay-Regional-Park-District-CA)

Committee Chair Echols called the meeting to order at 10:33 a.m.

I. Roll Call

Recording Clerk Yolande Barial Knight conducted a roll call. Present were the following Directors and staff:

Committee: Director Echols, Director Corbett and virtually Director Waespi.

Staff Coordinator(s): General Manager, Sabrina Landreth & Deputy General Manager, Dr. Ana M. Alvarez

Staff and Presenters: Yolande Barial Knight, Debra Fuller, Lynne Bourgault, Amir Aziz, Susan Shiu, Lauren Bernstein, Holly Potter, Katy Hornbeck, Kerstin Firmin, Michele Kageura, Anna Huang

2. Approval of Minutes

Submitted minutes from January 2024 were presented to the Committee and pending approval. Motion by Director Corbett and seconded by Director Waespi. Minutes approved via vote (3-0).

3. Public Comments on Items Not on the Agenda

None.

4. Action items

None.

5. Informational Items

a. Regional Parks Foundation Annual Report for 2023/Year-End Report on RPF Contributions to EBRPD

Assistant General Manager, Public Affairs, Susan Shiu along with Regional Parks Foundation (RPF) Executive Director, Lauren Bernstein and Regional Parks Foundation Board President, Holly Potter gave an overview of the 2023 year which exceeded fundraising expectations by 13% last year. 2023 was the RPF's 54th anniversary and ended it with a revenue of \$2,271,372. RPF boasts an 83% renewal rate in memberships with over 12,000 active members. RPF worked hand-in-hand with aquatics and public safety, environmental education, recreation, stewardship and public outreach. 2024 priorities include the District's 90th anniversary as well as the RPF's 55th anniversary. RPF is also looking forward to hosting their first fundraising running event in July. Director Corbett asked if there were opportunities for RPF Board of Directors to interact with the District's Board of Directors and both Potter and Bernstein agreed that it's important to get the groups together especially during this 90th anniversary year. Director Waespi wondered if RPF will continue to work with Public Safety in hosting the National Night Out and Bernstein said they are happy to continue this collaboration event. Director Echols inquired more information regarding the scholarships available for kids.

b. Grants Department 2023 Year Overview

Grants Manager, Katy Hornbeck, provided a brief overview of the accomplishments from the Grants department from 2023. 2023 was another year of active applying, securing, and managing grant contracts with \$23.38 million payments received. Some highlights include the grant funding for the Ferry Point Pier Removal project as well as the Martinez Bay Trail Gap Closure project. Director Waespi asked if SF Bay Restoration Authority granted the District any funds to our project and Hornbeck announced that we received \$600,000 for the final design phase of that project. Director Corbett asked if there are any projects coming that they can get insight in and Hornbeck said they are currently waiting to hear back within the next couple of months. Director Echols acknowledged the hard work of Katy and her team.

6. Announcements

None.

7. Adjournment

There being no further business, Director Echols declared the meeting adjourned at 11:16 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Monica Hernandez-Juarez, Acting Executive Assistant