

2. Approval of the Minutes for the Board Meeting February 4, 2025



**EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
AGENDA STAFF REPORT**

DATE	April 1, 2025
TITLE	Approval of the Minutes for the Board Meeting February 4, 2025
DIVISION	General Manager's Office
FROM	Yolande Barial Knight, Clerk of the Board

RECOMMENDATION

The General Manager recommends the Board of Directors approve the attached minutes for the Board Meeting of February 4, 2025.

BOARD MINUTES FEBRUARY 4, 2025

The Special Meeting, which was held February 4, 2025, at East Bay Regional Park District, 2950 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland, CA 94605 was called to order at 10:43 a.m. by Board President John Mercurio.

I. ROLL CALL

Directors Present:

John Mercurio, President

Colin Coffey, Treasurer

Dennis Waespi, Secretary

Luana España

Lynda Deschambault

Directors Remote: None

Directors Absent: Elizabeth Echols, Olivia Sanwong

Staff Present: Sabrina Landreth, General Manager; Lynne Bourgault, General Counsel

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA ITEMS

None

III. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

A. OVERVIEW AND TRAINING ON RALPH M. BROWN ACT AND BOARD MEETING RULES OF CONDUCT

Michelle Marchetta Kenyon and Denise Bazzano from Burke, Williams, and Sorensen, LLP provided an overview of the Brown Act and responded to Board Member questions.

IV. ADJOURN SPEICAL MEETING

President Mercurio adjourned the special meeting at 12:43 pm.

The Board Meeting, which was held February 4, 2025, at East Bay Regional Park District, 2950 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland, CA 94605 was called to order at 1:01 p.m. by Board President John Mercurio.

I. ROLL CALL

Directors Present:

John Mercurio, President

Olivia Sanwong, Vice President

Colin Coffey, Treasurer

Dennis Waespi, Secretary

Elizabeth Echols

Luana España

Lynda Deschambault

Directors Remote: None

Directors Absent: None

Staff Present: Sabrina Landreth, General Manager; Lynne Bourgault, General Counsel, Debra Fuller, Yolande Barial-Knight, Max Korten, Amir Aziz, Allyson Cook, Chief Filice, Erich Pfuehler, Amanda Gallo, Lisa Baldinger, José G. González, Giorgio Chevez, Christopher Rudy, Katie Lindsey, Luke Shaffer, Dominic Cotroneo, Jacquelyn West, Brendan Randall, Jason Dwyer, Joel Eisler and Aileen Theile

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Director Waespi led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Director España read the land acknowledgment.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION

Moved by Director Waespi seconded by Director Echols, the Board approved agenda by the following vote:

FOR: Olivia Sanwong, Colin Coffey, Dennis Waespi, Lynda Deschambault, Luana España, John Mercurio, Elizabeth Echols

AGAINST: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

V. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

A. Special Recognition of Police Officer of the Year, Detective Christopher Rudy, and Public Safety Dispatcher of the Year, Communications Dispatcher Katie Lindsey

Chief of Police Roberto Filice introduced the item. Police Captain Giorgio Chevez announced Detective Christopher Rudy as Police Officer of the Year and Katie Lindsey as Public Safety Dispatcher of the Year.

B. Presentation of Lifesaving Medals to Officer Luke Shaffer, Officer Dominic Cotroneo and Communications Dispatcher Jacquelyn West, and Distinguished Service Medals to Firefighter Brendan Randall, On Call Firefighter Jason Dwyer and On Call Firefighter Joel Eisler

Police Captain Terrance Cotcher presented Lifesaving Awards to Officer Luke Shaffer, Officer Dominic Cotroneo and Communications Dispatcher Jacquelyn West. Fire Chief Ailene Thiele presented Distinguished Service Medals to Firefighter Brendan Randall, On-Call Firefighter Jason Dwyer and On-Call Firefighter Joel Eisler. Filice presented Deputy General Manager Allyson Cook with a special recognition award.

C. Presentation of Lifesaving Medals to Officer Luke Shaffer, Officer Dominic Cotroneo and Communications Dispatcher Jacquelyn West, and Distinguished Service Medals to Firefighter Brendan Randall, On Call Firefighter Jason Dwyer and On Call Firefighter Joel Eisler

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT NOT ON THE AGENDA

Renee Patterson reminded the Board of the PERBS filing that AFSCME filed on August 26, 2022. Mr. Dyson commented on the reimbursement he received for his damaged tent.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

VIII. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

D. CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION

Moved by **Director Waespi** seconded by **Director Echols**, the Board approved the Consent Calendar by the following vote:

FOR: Olivia Sanwong, Colin Coffey, Dennis Waespi, Lynda Deschambault, Luana España, John Mercurio, Elizabeth Echols
AGAINST: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

1. Approval of Park District Check Listing for the Period of November 4, 2024 through November 24, 2024

Resolution No. 2025 – 02 - 11

2. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes for Board Meeting of December 3, 2024

3. Authorization to Approve and Adopt an Amendment to the East Bay Regional Park District Salary Schedule to Implement Approved Wage Adjustments for Police Association Classifications and Certain Public Safety Unrepresented Classifications

Resolution No. 2025 – 02 - 12

4. Authorization to Award Blaisdell’s Business Services a Contract for \$61,979 for the Purchase of Office Furniture for the Modular Office Building at Peralta Oaks

Resolution No. 2025 – 02 - 13

5. Authorization to Enter into a Contract with AT&T to Replace the State Mandated 9-1-1 Telephone System for a Total of \$230,348
Resolution No. 2025 – 02 - 14

6. Authorization to Amend the Contract with Advanced Helicopter Services to Increase the Amount to \$140,000 and Extend the Term Through December 31, 2025
Resolution No. 2025 – 02 - 15

7. Authorization to Accept and Appropriate \$249,776 PG&E and California Fire Safe Council Grant Funds from the Regional Parks Foundation for Fuels Management Projects District-wide
Resolution No. 2025 – 02 - 16

8. Authorization to Apply to CAL FIRE'S Forest Health Grant Program for Fuels Maintenance Work District-wide in an Amount up to \$7,000,000
Resolution No. 2025 – 02 - 17

9. Acceptance of 2024 Investment Report and Market Review for September 30, 2024
Resolution No. 2025 – 02 - 18

10. Approval of the 2025 Investment Policy
Resolution No. 2025 – 02 - 19

E. GENERAL MANAGER'S OFFICE

I. Proposed Special Interest Months (SIM) & Observances Designation Process and Calendar

José G. González, Equity Officer presented a PowerPoint explaining SIMs; new guidelines and roles; and the proposed 2025 SIM Calendar.

Board members suggested additional holidays to add to the calendar and requested a structured process to provide feedback and discuss the topic further.

Public Comment: Norman LaForce commented on the calendar.

MOTION

Moved by **Director Deschambault** seconded by **Director Echols**, the Board approved the Proposed Special Interest Months (SIM) & Observances Designation Process and Calendar by the following vote:

FOR: Olivia Sanwong, Colin Coffey, Dennis Waespi, Lynda Deschambault, Luana España, John Mercurio, Elizabeth Echols
AGAINST: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

II. Authorization to Enter into a Contract for Services with Kountoupes Denham Carr & Reid in the Amount of \$156,000 for General Federal Advocacy Consulting Services

Erich Pfuehler, Division Lead for Government and Legislative Affairs introduced the item and noted that supplemental information was adding regarding the Request for Proposals (RFP) process since the item was previously brought to the Board.

In response to Directors Sanwong and Deschambault's questions, Pfuehler provided additional details on the RFP process and previous contracts with Federal Advocates.

MOTION

Moved by Director España seconded by Director Echols, the Board approved the Authorization to Enter into a Contract for Services with Kountoupes Denham Carr & Reid in the Amount of \$156,000 for General Federal Advocacy Consulting Services by the following vote:

FOR: Lynda Deschambault, Luana España, John Mercurio, Elizabeth Echols
AGAINST: Dennis Waespi
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: Colin Coffey, Olivia Sanwong

III. Resolution of the East Bay Regional Park District Reaffirming the East Bay Regional Park District's Commitment to Creating Safe, Welcoming, and Inclusive Workplaces and Parks for All

General Manager Sabrina Landreth introduced the item. Director Echols read the resolution aloud in its entirety. In response to Director Deschambault's comments Chief of Police Roberto Filice clarified that the Park District's Police Department has a policy of not performing immigration work with ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) but does cooperate with HIS (Homeland Security Investigation) when requested.

MOTION

Moved by Director Deschambault seconded by Director Echols, the Board approved the Resolution of the East Bay Regional Park District Reaffirming the East Bay Regional Park District's Commitment to Creating Safe, Welcoming, and Inclusive Workplaces and Parks for All by the following vote:

FOR: Olivia Sanwong, Colin Coffey, Dennis Waespi, Lynda Deschambault, Luana España, John Mercurio, Elizabeth Echols
AGAINST: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

VIII. GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENTS

None.

IX. PROPOSED FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Director Coffey proposed, and Director Waespi seconded, a need for a closed session to be scheduled as soon as possible.

X. BOARD COMMENTS

Director Coffey reported on meetings attended. Director Coffey:

- Attended a ribbon cutting in celebration of the opening of the Alhambra Highlands Open Space in Martinez, CA;

Director España reported on meetings attended. Director España:

- Met with AFSCME Local 2428 on Jan. 23;
- Attended Mia Bonta's Assembly District 18 Awards and Luncheon on Jan. 25;
- Attended a site visit of Golden Gate Fields with Norm LaForce on Jan. 26;
- Attended the State Advocacy Conference on Jan. 28;
- Met with Ashland resident and advocate Barisha Spriggs on Feb. 1

Director Waespi reported on meetings attended. Director Waespi:

- Toured Ward 3 with President Mercurio on Jan. 16;
- Attended the HASPA Committee meeting on Jan. 16;
- Attended the Board Retreat on Jan. 24;
- Attended the Legislative Days in Sacramento on Jan. 27 and Jan. 28
- Attended the Land Study meeting on Jan. 31

Director Echols reported on meetings attended. Director Echo:

- Attended the Board Executive Committee on Jan. 22;
- Attended the Board Retreat on Jan. 24;
- Attended the Fungus Fair and Tilden;
- Met with AFSCME Local 2428
- Met with the Mayor of El Cerrito as part of the local government outreach for the District Plan

Director Deschambault reported on meetings attended. Director Deschambault:

- Met with the Lafayette Creeks Committee

President Mercurio reported on meetings attended. Director Mercurio:

- Toured Ward 3 with President Mercurio on Jan. 16;
- Attended a lunch meeting with DGM Cook on Jan. 22;
- Attended the Board Executive Committee on Jan. 22;
- Attended the Board Retreat on Jan. 24;
- Attended the Legislative Days in Sacramento on Jan. 27 and Jan. 28;
- Attended the East Bay Leadership Council speaker series on Jan. 29;
- Attended the Hayward Area Recreation District Annual Director's Awards Luncheon on Jan. 31
- Attended a ribbon cutting in celebration of the opening of the Alhambra Highlands Open Space in Martinez, CA;
- Attended the Pre-Board Meeting

XI. ADJOURNMENT

President Mercurio adjourned the meeting at 2:53 PM.