

BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
March 11, 2026

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman Knautz called the meeting to order at 1:30pm.

2. **Roll Call:** The following Roll Call was taken:

Members Present: Rob Bond-Addison Park District
Phyllis Schmidt-Bensenville Park District
Maryfran Leno- Itasca Park District
Joe McCann-Lombard Park District
Maria Piworski-Medinah Park District (1:37pm)
Shannon Eley-Oakbrook Terrace Park District
Brian Kaspar-Village of Schiller Park
Tim Howe-Village of Villa Park
Jon Marquardt-Wood Dale Park District
Keith Knautz-Village of Glendale Heights

Members Absent: Jack Savage-Butterfield Park District

Staff Present: Jerry Barton, Executive Director
Carlos Marroquin, Marketing and Communications Manager
Maggie Goode, Superintendent of Recreation
Rosario Lopez, H.R. Generalist
Marissa Jimenez, Office Manager
Sam Crane, Accountant
Nicole Giddens, Accountant

3. **Introduction of Guests and Staff** Director Barton welcomed Trustee Piworski from the Medinah Park District.

4. **Public Comments** None.

5. **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

- a. Chairman Knautz requested a motion to approve the Board of Trustees regular meeting minutes from 2/4/2026. Trustee Leno motioned to approve, and Trustee Schmidt made a second. Without further discussion the motion passed unanimously on a voice vote with 9 ayes and 0 nays.

6. **Consent Agenda – Financial Reports**

- a. Chairman Knautz requested a motion to approve the NEDSRA Disbursements and Financial Statements as presented for the period ending 1/31/2026. Trustee Leno made the motion, and Trustee Elsey made the second. Chairman Knautz asked if there was any need for discussion. There being no further discussion, on a roll call vote, voting aye: Trustee Bond-Addison Park District; Trustee Schmidt-Bensenville Park District; Trustee Leno-Itasca Park District; Trustee McCann-Lombard Park District; Trustee Elsey-Oakbrook Terrace Park District; Trustee Kaspar-Village of Schiller Park; Trustee Howe-Village of Villa Park; Trustee Marquardt-Wood Dale Park District; and Trustee Knautz-Village of Glendale Heights. Motion passed with 9 ayes and 0 nays.

7. Comments and Communications

Director Barton shared the NEDSRA Blanket fundraiser and the recent Cryo-Plunge fundraiser. He also shared details about the new Fire and Policy Academy that will be starting in April.

8. Agency Report

- a. Director Barton shared with the Board an update on the Illinois state grant and the reimbursement check recently received.

Superintendent Goode shared with the Board that today NEDSRA was hosting the St. Patty's Day Bowl-a-Rama with over 170 local students participating. She also shared the upcoming Member Partner Training taking place on Friday and also that upcoming summer trainings have already started to be scheduled.

Manager Marroquin updated the Board the proceeds from the Patriot dinner that took place in February. He also shared the recent donation from the Prairie Path 100+ Women Who Care Club from Villa Park. Lastly, he shared details about the upcoming Double Good fundraiser starting in March.

9. Unfinished Business

- a. Changes to Board Meeting Calendar
Chairman Knautz requested a motion to approve the Changes to the Board Meeting Calendar. Trustee McCann made the motion, and Trustee Leno made the second. Chairman Knautz asked if there was any need for discussion. There being no further discussion, on a roll call vote, voting aye: Trustee Bond-Addison Park District; Trustee Schmidt-Bensenville Park District; Trustee Leno-Itasca Park District; Trustee McCann-Lombard Park District; Trustee Piworski-Medinah Park District; Trustee Elsey-Oakbrook Terrace Park District; Trustee Kaspar-Village of Schiller Park; Trustee Howe-Village of Villa Park; Trustee Marquardt-Wood Dale Park District and Trustee Knautz-Village of Glendale Heights. Motion passed with 10 ayes and 0 nays.

10. New Business

- a. Bid Results-Gymnasium Sanding Project
Director Barton provided an update on the recent bid results for the Gymnasium Sanding Project. Trustee Leno made a motion to accept the base bid from Consolidated Flooring with alternates 1, 4, 6 and 7 and not to exceed \$75,000. Trustee Elsey made the second motion. Chairman Knautz

asked if there was any need for discussion. There being no further discussion, on a roll call vote, voting aye: Trustee Bond-Addison Park District; Trustee Schmidt-Bensenville Park District; Trustee Leno-Itasca Park District; Trustee McCann-Lombard Park District; Trustee Piworski-Medinah Park District; Trustee Elsey-Oakbrook Terrace Park District; Trustee Kaspar-Village of Schiller Park; Trustee Howe-Village of Villa Park; Trustee Marquardt-Wood Dale Park District and Trustee Knautz-Village of Glendale Heights. Motion passed with 10 ayes and 0 nays.

b. Bid Results-Gymnasium Updates Project

Director Barton provided an update on the recent bid results for the Gymnasium Upgrades Project. Trustee Leno made a motion to accept the base bid with alternate 1 from Carroll Seating not to exceed \$105,000. Trustee Elsey made the second motion. Chairman Knautz asked if there was any need for discussion. There being no further discussion, on a roll call vote, voting aye: Trustee Bond-Addison Park District; Trustee Schmidt-Bensenville Park District; Trustee Leno-Itasca Park District; Trustee McCann-Lombard Park District; Trustee Piworski-Medinah Park District; Trustee Elsey-Oakbrook Terrace Park District; Trustee Kaspar-Village of Schiller Park; Trustee Howe-Village of Villa Park; Trustee Marquardt-Wood Dale Park District and Trustee Knautz-Village of Glendale Heights. Motion passed with 10 ayes and 0 nays.

c. Budget Workshop

Director Barton provided information regarding the 2026-2027 budget. Items reviewed included Member contributions, projected revenue, grants, capitals, staff wages, fundraising initiatives, IT, health insurance and IMRF rates. Capital impacts include the Gymnasium projects and new flooring for the sensory room and possibly the admin areas. Director Barton reviewed the Inclusion wages including an update on the member partner inclusion requests. Superintendent Goode reviewed upcoming recreation initiatives including the expansion plans for the additional days for TREC in the Lombard and Wood Dale locations, travel trips, VETS Special Outings and 50th Anniversary Programming. Manager Marroquin reviewed the marketing and fundraising initiatives including the Golf Classic possibly changes and recent donations.

11. Motion to Convene into Closed Session

Chairman Knautz requested a motion to convene into Closed Session. Trustee Leno made the motion to convene into closed session to consider compensation, performance, appointment of specific employees pursuant to Section 2(c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act. Trustee Schmidt made the second. Chairman Knautz asked if there was any need for discussion. There being no further discussion, on a roll call vote, voting aye: Trustee Bond-Addison Park District; Trustee Schmidt-Bensenville Park District; Trustee Leno-Itasca Park District; Trustee McCann-Lombard Park District; Trustee Piworski-Medinah Park District; Trustee Elsey-Oakbrook Terrace Park District; Trustee Kaspar-Village of Schiller Park; Trustee Howe-Village of Villa Park; Trustee Marquardt-Wood Dale Park District and Trustee Knautz-Village of Glendale Heights. Motion passed with 10 ayes and 0 nays

12. Reconvene to Open Meeting

The board returned to open session at 3:06pm and no action was taken during closed session.

13. Board of Trustees Comments

Trustee Marquardt shared they have roof project starting in a few weeks and the next phase of the White Oaks remodeling will be starting. Trustee Schmidt shared that they are gearing up for summer programs. Trustee McCann shared they are working on two playground renovations and a new shelter at the golf course. Trustee Leno shared the Rec Center addition grand opening is scheduled for April 4th. Trustee Bond shared they are going through a master plan process and several playground renovations including Centennial Playground. Trustee Eley shared the upcoming Nature Center bathrooms renovations and new motorized gate. She also shared they will have a new Archery program. Trustee Kaspar shared they have a new full-time staff member and are working on an upcoming Taste of Schiller Park and new playground projects. Trustee Piworksi shared they recently hired a new Rec supervisor and several upcoming projects including the Thorndale South Parking lot.

14. Chairman of the Board Comments.

Chairman Knautz shared various projects including the Americana Park, a new OSLAD project.


15. Next Meeting Date. Wednesday, April 8, 2026, at 1:30pm at NEDSRA

16. Adjournment. Chairman Knautz said he would entertain a motion to adjourn without further business before the NEDSRA Board of Trustees. The motion was made by Trustee Schmidt and a second by Trustee McCann. Without further discussion, the motion passed unanimously on a voice vote with 10 ayes and 0 nays. The meeting adjourned at 3:27pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Marissa Jimenez, Recording Secretary



Keith Knautz, Chairman



Shannon Eley, Board Secretary