



Livermore Area  
Recreation and Park District  
*An independent special district*

## REGULAR MEETING of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2024

5:00 P.M.

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

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

DIRECTORS ABSENT: None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Mathew Fuzie, Linda VanBuskirk, Patrick Lucky

DISTRICT COUNSEL: Andrew Shen, Esq. with Renne Public Law Group

OTHERS PRESENT: Public member Ryan Blake and his minor son

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Chair Furst called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. All Directors were present. Chair Furst led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Legal Counsel Andrew Shen was introduced and welcomed by the Board.

#### 2. PUBLIC COMMENT: Ryan Blake, a Livermore resident, addressed the Board regarding the need for more sports facilities in Livermore.

Chair Furst stated that there will be no Closed Session items this evening, so Items 8, 9 and 10 were pulled from the Agenda.

#### 3. CONSENT ITEMS:

- 3.1 Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on December 13, 2023;
- 3.2 General Manager's Monthly Update to the Board on Issues and Projects – January 2024;
- 3.3 Revisions to Board Policy No. 2000 – Personnel.

Chair Furst pulled Item 3.3 from the Consent Agenda and added it to the Discussion Items as Item 4.3 for further discussion.

**MOTION:**

Moved by Director Palajac, seconded by Director Faltings, approved the Consent Agenda items 3.1 and 3.2, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: *Directors Pierpont, Boswell, Faltings, Palajac, and Chair Furst (5)*  
NOES: *None (0)*  
ABSTENTIONS: *None (0)*  
ABSENT: *None (0)*

**4. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS**

**4.1 DIRECTOR ATTENDANCE AT 2024 CONFERENCES**

GM Fuzie commented, there is no longer a cap on the budget for how many conferences a Director may attend. Chair Furst suggested each Director review the list carefully and send an email to Executive Assistant (EA) Linda VanBuskirk with their desired conference sessions.

**Board Comments/Questions:**

- Director Palajac commented that she and GM Fuzie attended the ACSDA meeting today where they learned that the Special Districts Legislative Days to be held on May 21 and 22 are going to be structured differently this year and to keep that in mind when reviewing conferences, as it may be of interest.
- Director Boswell commented that some of the breakout sessions may be of interest for staff. If that appears to be the case, he suggests sharing that information with GM Fuzie, who can recommend staff members for attendance. Board Members expressed agreement with this suggestion.

**DIRECTION:**

- Directors were instructed to review the list carefully and send an email to Executive Assistant (EA) Linda VanBuskirk with their desired conference sessions prior to any designated Early Bird Registration to save some money.

**4.2 2024 COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

Chair Furst indicated he had a request to make a change to one of the Committee assignments. Under Community Outreach Liaison - Alameda County Special Districts Association, the alternate is listed as Director Faltings, who is not available. Director Pierpont and Director Boswell each expressed their respective scheduling conflicts, thus, the new alternate will be Director Palajac.

The Board of Directors had no further comments or questions. This was information only and no Board action was taken.

**4.3 REVISIONS TO BOARD POLICY NO. 2000: PERSONNEL**

Chair Furst earlier pulled Item 3.3 from the Consent Agenda and added it to the DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS as Item 4.3 because it required a Board resolution.

The Board's directive at the December 13, 2023 meeting was to make the discussed changes to Board Policy 2000 – Personnel and bring it back to the next meeting on the Consent Agenda.

The Board of Directors had no further comments or questions.

**RESOLUTION:**

Moved by Director Pierpont, seconded by Director Faltings, adopted Resolution No. 2803, approving revisions to Board Policy 2000: Personnel, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: *Directors Boswell, Palajac, Faltings, Pierpont, and Chair Furst (5)*  
NOES: *None (0)*  
ABSTENTIONS: *None (0)*  
ABSENT: *None (0)*

**5. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a) Director Palajac reported on her attendance, along with Director Furst, at the December 14, 2023 Facilities Committee meeting. Summer plans for Camp Shelly were discussed at that meeting. Its agenda was included in the Board agenda packet.
- b) Director Palajac reported on her attendance, along with Director Furst, at the January 8, 2024 Personnel Committee meeting. The 2024 HR calendar was reviewed during that meeting. Its agenda was included in the Board agenda packet.
- c) Director Palajac also reported on the January 10, 2024 ACSDA meeting. At that meeting, Alameda County Water District gave a presentation on their operations.
- d) Director Palajac reported on her attendance at the January 8, 2024 meeting of the LARPD Foundation. Its agenda was included in the Board agenda packet.
- e) Director Furst reported on his attendance, along with GM Fuzie, at the December 19, 2023 Intergovernmental Committee meeting. It was held at the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District (LVJUSD) office, and its agenda was included in the Board agenda packet. GM Fuzie added, we are still working through our Master Property Agreement with the LVJUSD.
- f) Director Furst reported on his attendance at the January 10, 2024 Chamber of Commerce Business Alliance meeting. The guest speaker was Yolanda Fintschenko, PhD, Executive Director of Daybreak Labs, who have a variety of programs; one is a non-profit that helps people with no experience or knowledge to learn how to begin a start-up.
- g) Director Pierpont reported that he did not attend the December 19, 2023 Livermore Downtown, Inc. meeting, but noted it was a welcome meeting for new members.

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

- a) Director Faltings shared that she and GM Fuzie attended the Livermore Rotary meeting earlier that day. They awarded their educational grant (nearly \$16k) for outdoor sports.
- b) Director Palajac noted that Santa Cruz County has a policy on AI. This is something she believes the LARPD should look at. Chair Furst directed this to be assigned to the Program Committee for initial review.

- c) Director Boswell shared that he has been attending the Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) meetings. One of the key things that has come up each time has been that the City of Livermore (COL) Planning Department has been asking for public comment. Public input is being prioritized at these meetings and includes such items as a sports complex.

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

GM Fuzie made the following announcements:

- a) For the Board's awareness, LARPD has received 18 responses to the Request for Qualifications for On-Call Professional Services (Engineering, Architectural Design, Construction Project Management.)
- b) He has been getting a lot of comments at Rotary meetings about the Bothwell Center.
  - Chair Furst confirmed with Director Boswell (the 2024 Chair of the Facilities Committee) that he would like both of these topics (RFQ responses for contractors and Bothwell Center) to be slated for an upcoming Facilities Committee meeting agenda.

**Public Comment:** Member of the public, Ryan Blake commented that his son has attended many art classes at the Bothwell and has found it a great way to spark his creativity. Would like to see this hidden gem continue.

~~**8. OPEN SESSION DISCLOSURE REGARDING CLOSED SESSION ITEMS PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957.7**~~

At the beginning of this meeting, Chair Furst stated that there will be no Closed Session items this evening. Items 8, 9 and 10 were pulled from the Agenda.

~~**9. CLOSED SESSION**~~

~~**9.1 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION**~~

~~Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957~~

~~Title: General Manager~~

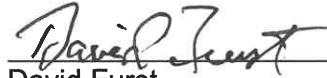
~~**9.2 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**~~

~~Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2): (2 cases)~~

~~**10. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION; REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION – PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957.1**~~

**11. ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

APPROVED,



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David Furst  
Chair, Board of Directors

ATTEST:



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Mathew L. Fuzie  
General Manager and  
Ex-officio Clerk to the Board of Directors

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