MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE OAK BROOK PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
October 19, 2026 – 6:30 p.m.
Canterberry Room

1. CALL TO ORDER THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE OAK BROOK PARK DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND CONDUCT THE ROLL CALL
   President Gondek called to order the Regular Meeting of the Oak Brook Park District at the hour of 6:31 p.m. Commissioners Chan, Ivkovic Kelley, Knitter, Vescovi, and President Gondek answered "present" from the Oak Brook Park District Family Recreation Center, Canterberry Conference Room. Also present in Canterberry Conference Room was Laure Kosey, Executive Director; Marco Salinas, Chief Financial Officer; Bob Johnson, Deputy Director; Robert Pechous, Director of Recreation and Communications; and Nicole Karas, District Attorney.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. OPEN FORUM
   President Gondek asked if there were any public comments and provided a summary of the policy for open forum.

   There was no public comment.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA, MINUTES, AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT

   a. APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 19, 2026 AGENDA
      Motion: Commissioner Knitter made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ivkovic Kelley, to approve the October 19, 2026 Regular Board Agenda.

      The motion passed by roll call vote.
      Ayes: Commissioners Vescovi, Knitter, Ivkovic Kelley, Chan, and President Gondek
      Nays: None

   b. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
      i. September 21, 2026 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

         Motion: Commissioner Chan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Vescovi, to approve the September 21, 2026 Regular Board Meeting Minutes as amended.

         Commissioner Chan explained her reasons for amending the minutes. Commissioner Chan's amendments have been shared with the commissioners.

         The motion did not pass by roll call vote.
         Ayes: Commissioners Chan and Vescovi
         Nays: Commissioners Ivkovic Kelley, Knitter, and President Gondek

         Motion: Commissioner Knitter made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ivkovic Kelley, to approve the September 21, 2026 Regular Board Meeting Minutes as presented.

The motion passed by roll call vote.
Ayes: Commissioners Knitter, Ivkovic Kelley, and President Gondek
Nays: Commissioners Vescovi and Chan

ii. September 21, 2026 Closed Meeting Minutes
Motion: Commissioner Knitter made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ivkovic Kelley, to approve the September 21, 2026 Closed Meeting Minutes.

The motion passed by roll call vote.
Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Ivkovic Kelley, Knitter, Vescovi, and President Gondek
Nays: None

c. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2026

i. Warrant 713
Motion: Commissioner Knitter made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ivkovic Kelley, to approve the Financial Statement.

Commissioner Vescovi requested clarification regarding Warrant 713.

Commissioner Chan inquired about the expense for the Aquatic Desk remodel.

Staff responded to Commissioners Vescovi and Chan.

The motion passed by roll call vote.
Ayes: Commissioners Knitter, Ivkovic Kelley, and President Gondek
Nays: Commissioners Vescovi and Chan

5. STAFF RECOGNITION

a. Wilyam Jawshino, Tennis Center Building Engineer
The Board welcomed Wilyam Jawshino.

6. PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

a. Presentation of the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the fiscal year ended April 30, 2026, by a Representative from Lauterbach and Amen, LLP

Jasleen Kaur from Lauterbach and Amen, LLP presented the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2026.

7. REPORTS

a. Administration and Enterprise Operations Report

Dr. Laure Kosey presented her report, which can be found in the Park District's records.

Dr. Kosey thanked the board for allowing the attendance at the National Parks and Recreation (NPRA) Conference in Philadelphia.

Commissioner Chan requested that the total cost of a project be shared whenever approving a bid as she spoke on the color coating expense for the tennis court project. Dr. Kosey stated that the color coating expense was included in the overall budget of the tennis court project, but the color coating was not included in the tennis court bid since it is a separate job. Alin Pop, Superintendent of Enterprise Operations, confirmed this.

b. Finance and Human Resources Report

Marco Salinas presented his report, which can be found in the Park District's records.

c. Recreation and Communications Report

Robert Pechous presented his report, which can be found in the Park District's records.

d. Parks and Facilities Report

Bob Johnson presented his report, which can be found in the Park District's records.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Appointment of Legal Counsel

Motion: Commissioner Knitter made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ivkovic Kelley, to approve the proposal from Robbins Schwartz appointing David J. Freeman as the Park District's Attorney and Approving an Agreement between the Oak Brook Park District and the Law Firm of Robbins Schwartz for Legal Services as presented.

Commissioner Chan explained her opposition to appointing Robbins Schwartz as the Park District's attorney and shared her concerns regarding the roles of the attorney and Executive Director in relation to the Board.

Commissioner Knitter shared her perspective in support of appointing Robbins Schwartz.

President Gondek offered a differing perspective regarding Commissioner Chan's comments on the roles of the attorney and Executive Director.

The motion passed by roll call vote.
Ayes: Commissioners Ivkovic Kelley, Knitter, and President Gondek
Nays: Commissioners Chan and Vescovi

b. Ordinance 26-1019: An Ordinance Authorizing the Destruction of the Verbatim Record of Certain Closed Meeting

Motion: Commissioner Knitter made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ivkovic Kelley, to approve Ordinance 26-1019: An Ordinance Authorizing the Destruction of the Verbatim Record of Certain Closed Meeting.

Commissioner Chan explained her reasons for opposing the motion to destroy the verbatim records of certain closed meetings.

The motion passed by roll call vote.
Ayes: Commissioners Knitter, Ivkovic Kelley, and President Gondek
Nays: Commissioners Vescovi and Chan

c. Outdoor Tennis Courts Color Coating

Motion: Commissioner Knitter made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ivkovic Kelley, to approve the proposal from, and enter a contract with, U.S. Tennis Court Construction Company for tennis court color coating for a total cost not-to-exceed $91,390.75

Commissioner Chan stated her reason for not approving the color coating and compared the cost with the tennis courts in the Brook Forest subdivision. Dr. Kosey clarified that the tennis courts at the Tennis Center meet USTA qualifications and that the Park District relies on professional engineers and architects, while also making expectations clear to them. Commissioner Ivkovic Kelley agreed that the cost and quality for the courts at Brook Forest and the Tennis Center are not comparable.

The motion passed by roll call vote.
Ayes: Commissioners Ivkovic Kelley, Knitter, and President Gondek
Nays: Commissioners Chan and Vescovi

d. Resolution 26-1021: A Resolution Authorizing and Approving a Change Order Increase in Contract Price with Abbey Construction Company for the Central Park Tennis Court Renovations

Motion: Commissioner Knitter made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ivkovic Kelley, to approve Resolution 26-1021: A Resolution authorizing and approving a change order increase in the contract price with Abbey Construction for the Central Park Tennis Court Renovations.

The motion passed by roll call vote.
Ayes: Commissioners Knitter, Ivkovic Kelley, and President Gondek
Nays: Commissioners Vescovi and Chan

e. Resolution 26-1020: A Resolution Regarding the Review of Minutes for Closed Meetings from January 1989 through August 2026

Motion: Commissioner Knitter made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ivkovic Kelley, to approve Resolution 26-1020: A Resolution Regarding the Review of Minutes for Closed Meetings from January 1989 Through August 2026.

The motion passed by roll call vote.
Ayes: Commissioners Ivkovic Kelley, Knitter, and President Gondek
Nays: Commissioners Chan and Vescovi

9. NEW BUSINESS

a. Approval of a Travel Expense for Commissioner Attendance at the 2027 IAPD/IPRA Annual Conference, January 28 - 30, 2027 at the Hyatt Regency Chicago

Commissioner Chan inquired about the conference cost and reiterated her position on commissioners' travel expenses. Commissioners Knitter and Ivkovic Kelley, along with President Gondek, shared their views on conferences and commissioner responsibilities. Dr. Kosey responded that there is a budget for the conference.

b. Employee Health Insurance Contract

Dr. Kosey reported that One Digital, the Park District's insurance broker, negotiated on our behalf the Health Insurance Contract, which was initially much higher, but One Digital was able to negotiate a lower rate.

c. Acceptance of The Oak Brook Park District's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) for the Fiscal Year Ended April 30, 2026

Dr. Kosey stated the report was presented earlier tonight.

d. Resolution 26-1116: A Resolution Between the Village of Oak Brook and The Oak Brook Park District for Approval of the HUD Grant B-24-CP-IL-0778 Environmental Review.

Dr. Kosey reported that the village will need to approve the environmental and Hud applications. Park District will present it on November 10th at the Village.

10. THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE OAK BROOK PARK DISTRICT BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS WILL BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 16, 2026, 6:30 P.M.
President Gondek announced the next Regular Meeting of the Oak Brook Park District Board of Park Commissioners would be held on November 16, 2026, 6:30 p.m.

11. ADJOURNMENT
Motion: Commissioner Knitter made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ivkovic Kelley, to adjourn the October 19, 2026 Regular Meeting of the Oak Brook Park District Board of Commissioners. The motion passed by voice vote, and the meeting adjourned at the hour of 7:32 p.m.

Dr. Laure L. Kosey, Executive Director