

MINUTES
CLOSED SESSION OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE OAK BROOK PARK DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
1450 FOREST GATE ROAD
OAK BROOK, IL 60523
Canterberry Room
May 19, 2025
6:30 p.m.

1) **RECORD MEETING**

2) **CALL TO ORDER-ROLL CALL**

President Knitter called to order the closed session of the regular meeting of the Oak Brook Park District Board of Commissioners at the hour of 7:56 p.m. Commissioners Chan, Gondek, Ivkovic Kelley, Vescovi and President Knitter answered "present" from the Oak Brook Park District Family Recreation Center, Canterbury Conference Room. Also present in Canterbury Conference Room was Steve Adams, District Attorney.

3) **APPROVAL**

a. May 19, 2025 Agenda of the Closed Session of the Regular Meeting

Motion: Commissioner Ivkovic Kelley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gondek, to approve May 19, 2025, Agenda of the Closed Session of the Regular Meeting.

There was no additional discussion, and the motion passed by roll call vote.

Ayes: Commissioners Chan, Gondek, Ivkovic Kelley, Vescovi and President Knitter

Nays: None

4) **SELECTION OF A PERSON TO FILL A PUBLIC OFFICE, INCLUDING A VACANCY IN A PUBLIC OFFICE, WHEN THE PUBLIC BODY IS GIVEN POWER TO APPOINT UNDER LAW OR ORDINANCE, OR THE DISCIPLINE, PERFORMANCE OR REMOVAL OF THE OCCUPANT OF A PUBLIC OFFICE, WHEN THE PUBLIC BODY IS GIVEN POWER TO REMOVE THE OCCUPANT UNDER LAW OR ORDINANCE. (Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(3) of the Open Meetings Act.)**

President Knitter received a letter from Commissioner Ivkovic Kelley regarding Commissioner Vescovi's repeated and unexplained absenteeism.

The Board of Commissioners convened to discuss the adoption of a formal policy to address absenteeism, citing growing concerns over accountability and governance.

Attorney Adams presented the council with a set of best practices and legal precedents to guide the policy's development.

Commissioners Ivkovic Kelley, Gondek, Vescovi, and President Knitter expressed their full support for the immediate adoption of a policy to address absenteeism and reinforce expectations of duty and presence.

Attorney Adams issued a grave warning to all Commissioners: any disclosure of information discussed in this session would constitute a breach of confidentiality and may be subject to

prosecution under federal and state perjury laws. Any individual found to have violated this confidentiality would face arrest and be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

Commissioner Gondek stated for the record that confidential information is already circulating online prior to this closed session.

Attorney Adams reiterated the seriousness of such breaches, emphasizing that as elected officials, Commissioners are held to the highest legal and ethical standards. With cause, the Park District would be legally obligated to take immediate and decisive action.

5) ARISE FROM CLOSED SESSION AND RESUME THE OPEN SESSION

Motion: Commissioner Ivkovic Kelley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gondek to arise from Closed Session at 8:22 p.m. and resume the Open Session of May 19, 2025, Regular Board Meeting. The motion passed by voice vote.



Dr. Laure L. Kosey, Executive Director