

**Park District of Franklin Park
Board of Park Commissioners
Regular Monthly Board Meeting
Tuesday, December 16, 2025; 7:00 p.m.
Community Center
9560 Franklin Avenue
Franklin Park, Illinois 60131
MINUTES**

Call to Order at 7:03 p.m.

President White called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Roll Call

Physically Present: Commissioner Joseph E. Zinga, AnneMarie Casas, Mark K. White and Michael A. Vonesh.

Absent: Commissioner Susan E. O'Connell.

Present: Daniel LoCascio, Executive Director; Nathan Wick, Superintendent of Parks; Stephanie Bersani, Superintendent of Finance & Technology; Liz Visteen, Superintendent of Recreation; Catherine Saponieri, Marketing & Communications Manager; Carla Deak, Ice Arena Manager and Thomas Hoffman, Attorney.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Additions, Corrections and Deletions to the Agenda

No additions, corrections, or deletions were made to the Agenda.

Recess for Public Comment at 7:04 p.m.

President White recessed for Public Comment at 7:04 p.m.

Reconvene at 7:05 p.m.

President White reconvened at 7:03 p.m.

Presentation / Approval of the Regular Board Meeting Minutes dated November 25, 2025

Motion #1 by Commissioner Vonesh, seconded by Commissioner Casas to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes dated November 25, 2025.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioners Casas, yes; White, yes; Vonesh, yes; Zinga, yes. Motion carried.

Presentation / Approval of Manual Bill Listing dated November 2025 for \$806,224.06

Motion #2 by Commissioner Casas, seconded by Commissioner Zinga to approve the November 2025 Manual Bill Listing for \$806,224.06.

The Manual Bill Listing was reviewed.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioners White, yes; Vonesh, yes; Zinga, yes; Casas, yes. Motion carried.

Presentation / Approval of System Bill Listing dated December 2025 for \$64,233.09

Motion #3 by Commissioner Vonesh, seconded by Commissioner Casas to approve the December 2025 System Bill Listing for \$64,233.09.

The System Bill Listing was reviewed.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioners Vonesh, yes; Zinga, yes; Casas, yes; White, yes. Motion carried.

Correspondence

No correspondence.

Reports of Officers and Commissioners

Commissioner Casas reported that the Ice Arena Holiday Show was a success. She thanked Matt Jakubowski and Carla Deak for taking photos for social media. The parents really enjoy them and share them.

She commented that the Staff Holiday Party and the centerpieces were very nice. The Hot Chocolate Bar Room was set up very nice. The Starr Blades had their Christmas Party and Santa visited. They also enjoyed the penguin centerpiece.

Commissioner Zinga echoed the Holiday Party comments; it was very laid-back and a nice party. The Hot Chocolate Room was also very nice.

Commissioner Zinga thanked staff for doing a great job with keeping up with the snow. Year in review, some sad times, complimented staff, and keep up the good work.

Commissioner Vonesh apologized for missing some meetings and the Holiday Party. He thanked the staff for the edible arrangement and all the calls and texts. Keep up the good work.

Staff Reports:

Director

Items to discuss are on the Agenda later.

Superintendent of Finance/Technology

Superintendent Bersani reported that we are halfway through the year financially. All funds are close to where they should be. Working on the new financial software, preparing for audit, and year-end. Looking for property taxes to come in.

Superintendent of Parks

Superintendent Wick reported that staff has been taking care of the snow. With warmer weather staff is going to do some cleanup that was not finished. Working on reorganizing and cleaning the shop after the new roof installation.

Superintendent of Recreation

Superintendent Visteen shared that the First Holiday Train Express was this past Saturday. It was a great event. We accommodated additional participants due to not having a choir.

Ice Arena Manager

Manager Deak shared that the Holiday Ice Show went great. They enjoyed hosting the Christmas Party. A large part of the decorations in the Pro Shop came from Anne Raucci and McKenna Spearman. They did a great job. The Ice Arena will be super busy over the holiday break.

Marketing & Communications Manager

Manager Saponieri presented the 2025 Sponsorship & Advertising Overview Report. Agency Showcase items were submitted. Ninety-three personalized letters were written for the Santa Drop Off Bin. They were put in the mailbox today for delivery.

WSSRA

We will be hosting the Legislative Breakfast this year.

Unfinished Business

Service Center Renovations

Motion #4 by Commissioner Casas, seconded by Commissioner Vonesh to approve Payout #3 to WB Olson, Inc., for \$310,511, leaving a balance, plus retainage of \$212,550 to finish the Service Center Roof Renovation.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioners Zinga, yes; Casas, yes; White, yes; Vonesh, yes. Motion carried.

Solar Project

Motion #5 by Commissioner Vonesh, seconded by Commissioner Casas to approve Payout #7 to General Energy Corporation, for the Park District of Franklin Park Rooftop Solar PV Project for \$157,763.70, with a remaining balance of \$166,048.26.

The final panel was installed today. Inspected on Friday and go live on Friday at the Ice Arena.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioners Casas, yes; White, yes; Vonesh, yes; Zinga, yes. Motion carried.

Ice Arena / Interior Renovation Project

Motion #6 by Commissioner Casas, seconded by Commissioner Zinga to approve Payout #9 to WB Olson, Inc., for \$4,988 as the final payment for the Ice Arena Interior Restoration project.

Director LoCascio reviewed the project. Very pleased with the timeframe.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioners White, yes; Vonesh, yes; Zinga, yes; Casas, yes. Motion carried.

New Business:

Tax Levy

Motion #7 by Commissioner Zinga, seconded by Commissioner Vonesh to adopt Ordinance #24-25-5/O, for the levy and assessment of taxes for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2025 & ending April 30, 2026.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioners Vonesh, yes; Zinga, yes; Casas, yes; White, yes. Motion carried.

WSSRA Appointments

Motion #8 by Commissioner Casas, seconded by Commissioner Zinga to appointment Daniel LoCascio as the Regular Representative, and Liz Visteen as the alternate to the WSSRA Board of Directors for the Park District of Franklin Park for 2026.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioners Zinga, yes; Casas, yes; White, yes; Vonesh, yes. Motion carried.

Suggested Motions

No suggested motions.

Required Signatures

Manager Laskowski received the required signatures.

Closed Session

Motion #9 by Commissioner Zinga, seconded by Commissioner Casas to enter Closed Session at 7:35 p.m. to discuss Personnel 2(c)1.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioners Casas, yes; White, yes; Vonesh, yes; Zinga, yes. Motion carried.

Rise Out of Closed Session

Motion #10 by Commissioner Zinga, seconded by Commissioner Casas to rise out of Closed Session at 7:53 p.m.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioners White, yes; Vonesh, yes; Zinga, yes; Casas, yes. Motion carried.

Adjourn at 8:01 p.m.

Motion #11 by Commissioner Vonesh, seconded by Commissioner Zinga to adjourn at 8:01 p.m.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioners Vonesh, yes; Zinga, yes; Casas, yes; White, yes. Motion carried.

AnneMarie Casas, Secretary