

**GREATER BOCA RATON BEACH & PARK DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF THE FINAL PUBLIC TRIM COMPLIANCE HEARING  
ON PROPOSED 2025-2026 TAXES AND BUDGET**

September 15, 2025

The MEETING took place at the Swim & Racquet Center and was live-streamed for viewing & listening through Zoom. The meeting was called to order by CHAIR WRIGHT at 6:00 p.m.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

Craig F. Ehrnst  
Steven M. Engel  
Robert K. Rollins, Jr.  
Susan Vogelgesang  
Erin Wright

**PRESENTATION:**

Executive Director Harms presented the District's Final Budget for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026. She noted that the final operating budget expenditures are 10.5% higher than the total operating expenditures of the prior year. Ms. Harms reviewed each line item in the Final Budget. The total appropriated expenditures and reserves for Fiscal Year 2025–2026 are \$105,980,400.

**RESOLUTION 2025-08 TO ADOPT A FINAL MILLAGE RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026:**

Mr. Goren, District Counsel, read Resolution 2025-08 adopting the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 final operating millage rate of 1.08 mills, which is greater than the rolled-back rate of 1.0302 mills by 4.83%.

**MOTION** was made by Commissioner Engel and seconded by Commissioner Vogelgesang to adopt Resolution No. 2025-08 for Fiscal Year 2025-2026, establishing a final operating millage rate of 1.08 mills.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS:**

*Mr. Robert DuKate* urged the District to invest in the western portion of North Park without relying on public-private partnerships. He asked about the purpose of the \$20 million major capital projects reserve. He also raised concerns about whether the District has a legal obligation to spend \$10 million on property it does not own, noting that it seems more appropriate for the city to fund improvements on city-owned land. Additionally, he praised the popularity of the traffic garden and suggested placing a pump track nearby to complement it.

*Mr. John Pearlman* inquired why the District is giving land to the City for new ball facilities at Sugar Sand Park without charging rent, selling, or leasing it. Second, he questioned whether gopher tortoise concerns have been addressed, specifically if the District has coordinated with the Florida Wildlife Commission for a site survey, and why the City would be responsible for the cost. Finally, he asked how often the District interacts with the State of Florida on a daily, monthly, and annual basis.

*Ms. Kathy Cotrell* inquired whether the City of Boca Raton has any contractual obligation to report how the \$3.1 million given to the CRA is being spent on recreational uses, and how much longer the Board will be required to make CRA payments for recreational purposes.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Commissioner Ehrnst	Yes
Commissioner Engel	Yes
Commissioner Rollins	Yes
Commissioner Vogelgesang	Yes
Commissioner Wright	Yes

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

**(Time Adopted- 6:26 p.m.)**

**RESOLUTION 2025-09 TO ADOPT A FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026**

Mr. Goren, read Resolution 2025-09 adopting a final budget for FY 2025-2026. The Greater Boca Raton Beach & Park District set forth the appropriations and revenue estimate for the Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 in the amount of \$105,980,400.

**MOTION** was made by Commissioner Vogelgesang and seconded by Commissioner Engel to adopt Resolution No. 2025-09, establishing a final budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 in the amount of \$105,980,400.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS:**

No members of the public came forth to speak on the final budget.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Commissioner Ehrnst	Yes
Commissioner Engel	Yes
Commissioner Rollins	Yes
Commissioner Vogelgesang	Yes
Commissioner Wright	Yes

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

**(Time Adopted- 6:27 p.m.)**

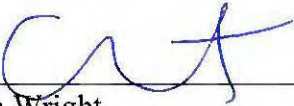
**ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION** was made by Commissioner Engel and seconded by Commissioner Vogelgesang to adjourn the meeting at 6:27 p.m.


**Roll Call Vote:**

Commissioner Ehrnst	Yes
Commissioner Engel	Yes
Commissioner Rollins	Yes
Commissioner Vogelgesang	Yes
Commissioner Wright	Yes

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

  
Erin Wright

Chair

  
Craig F. Ehrnst

Secretary-Treasurer

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