

GREATER BOCA RATON BEACH & PARK DISTRICT
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
February 17, 2026

The MEETING took place at the Swim & Racquet Center and was live-streamed via Zoom for viewing & listening. Vice Chair Wright called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Craig F. Ehrnst *arrived at 5:18 p.m.*
Steven M. Engel
Robert K. Rollins, Jr. *-Absent*
Susan Vogelgesang
Erin Wright

PUBLIC REQUESTS:

Robert DuKate cited the Miller Legg survey priorities for North Park and urged the Board to align any future RFP accordingly. He emphasized the importance of transparency and requested outreach to Boca Teeca residents near the proposed skate park site.

Commissioner Ehrnst strongly objected to claims that the Board lacks transparency, stating that North Park planning has been discussed publicly for years with significant community input and investment.

Michael Schneider submitted a resolution from the Boca Teeca Three Condo Board opposing incompatible development at North Park.

Harold Chaffee asked for clarification on the status of the Boys & Girls Club proposal.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS BOARD MEETINGS:

MOTION was made by Commissioner Vogelgesang and seconded by Commissioner Engel to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 2, 2026, at 5:15 p.m.

MOTION PASSED 4-0

REGULAR BUSINESS:

1. Presentations and Ranking of Multi-Use Rink Cover Bid Proposals

At the Board's direction, all proposers were invited to present for the Multi-Use Rink Cover project at Sugar Sand Park. Presentations were made in the following order: Butters Construction (presenting both a metal roof option and a proprietary fabric canopy option), Shiff Construction & Development, Vercetti Enterprises, Recreational Design & Construction (RDC), and MBR Construction. Each firm outlined its design approach, structural system, warranties, timeline, and cost-saving or value-engineering options specific to the project. A question-and-answer session with the Board followed every presentation, and after all presentations concluded, members of the public were provided an opportunity to speak.

Public Comment:

Art Turpel, representing one of the user groups, thanked the Board and staff and stated that all five proposers are strong, noting he personally visited similar facilities built by the firms. He acknowledged that permitting timelines may take 15–17 months and urged the Board to move forward with ranking and selection promptly to avoid further delays.

Board Discussion:

It was the consensus of the Board to have staff obtain standardized responses to the previously issued questions in a comparative format, review the foundation assumptions, and return at the next meeting for ranking and selection.

2. District Office Flooring Discussion

Executive Director Harms reported that the second-floor tile at the Swim & Racquet Center has been detached due to improper installation, as identified by the City's engineer. She advised that staff is obtaining three bids for the repairs and requested Board authorization for an amount not to exceed \$35,000 to complete the flooring repairs.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Engel and seconded by Commissioner Vogelgesang to authorize the Executive Director to expend an amount not to exceed \$35,000 for second-floor floor repairs at the Swim & Racquet Center.

MOTION PASSED 4-0

APPROVAL OF PAYROLL AND INVOICES:

MOTION was made by Commissioner Ehrnst and seconded by Commissioner Engel to approve the payroll and invoices as presented, totaling \$1,181,347.21.

MOTION PASSED 4-0

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

Executive Director:

FY 2025 Audit Update

The FY 2025 audit has been completed with no findings or recommendations. The audit will be formally presented at a future meeting and posted on the District's website in accordance with statutory requirements.

Traffic Garden Safety Fair

The Traffic Garden Safety Fair will take place tomorrow from 9:00–11:00 a.m. With no school in Palm Beach County public schools, strong attendance is anticipated. The event will include helmet fittings, participation from the Police Department, and giveaways for children.

North Park Bids

Bids for North Park are due tomorrow at 11:00 a.m. Following the public opening, the bid amounts will be distributed to the Board, and staff will begin the evaluation process.

Community Outreach – Career Day

The Executive Director shared that during a recent elementary school career day visit, many students identified Sugar Sand Park as a favorite park, underscoring the positive community impact of the District's facilities.

District Counsel:

District Counsel Jacob Horowitz provided an update on House Bill 6005 and Senate Bill 378, which relate to the District's annual adoption of performance standards and measures. He noted

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that both bills have been stalled in committee since January with no recent activity. Counsel will continue to monitor the legislation and provide updates.

Commissioners:

Commissioner Engel reiterated that District projects are undertaken for the benefit of the entire community, not just individual neighborhoods, and stressed the importance of maintaining that perspective in planning and decision-making. He also asked District Counsel for an update on whether the property tax legislation is progressing during the current legislative session.

Executive Director Harms clarified that the survey referenced during public comment was an open survey, not the statistically valid survey with quantified results. She noted that community sentiment has changed since the 2022 survey, particularly regarding support for P3 partnerships. She added that staff is working with the City to develop an updated survey to gather current input.

Commissioner Ehrnst wished Commissioner Rollins a speedy recovery. He expressed pride in the Board’s progress at North Park, noting the significant \$19 million P3 investment and stating that the improvements, including the Traffic Garden, will benefit the entire community. He said the projects across District parks are coming together well and should not be driven by fear. He apologized if he appeared upset during public comments, but firmly stated that the Board has been transparent throughout the process.

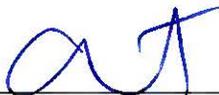
Commissioner Vogelgesang relayed a concern from a Patch Reef Park pickleball player regarding morning glare from the east; staff responded that a solution is being developed and a related change order will be forthcoming. She also emphasized the importance of establishing a cohesive architectural look for North Park as future projects, including the proposed field house, move forward.

Commissioner Wright agreed with Commissioner Ehrnst, stating that it is frustrating to hear accusations of a lack of transparency and the spread of misinformation, as the Board works hard to conduct open and transparent meetings. She expressed enthusiasm for the skate park, describing it as a fantastic amenity that will serve the entire Beach & Park District, along with the trails. She looks forward to moving ahead once bids are received and wished Commissioner Rollins a speedy return.

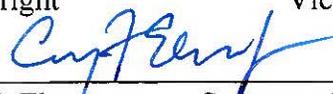
ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION was made by Commissioner Engel and seconded by Commissioner Vogelgesang to adjourn the meeting at 8: 02 p.m.

MOTION PASSED 4-0



Erin Wright Vice-Chair



Craig F. Ehrnst Secretary-Treasurer