

**RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION
FOR THE PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE
Special Meeting – 11:00 a.m.
BREC Administration Building
6201 Florida Boulevard
Baton Rouge, Louisiana
Commission Minutes
April 9, 2026**

Call to Order

A special meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission for the Parish of East Baton Rouge (BREC) was held at BREC's Administrative Offices on April 9, 2026. After being delayed, the meeting was called to order at 11:42 a.m. by Vice-Chair Wade Evans. Commissioner Carl Stages offered the invocation, and Vice Chair Wade Evans led the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll was taken, and a quorum of Commissioners was present, including Wade Evans, Vice-Chair; Carl Stages, Treasurer; Dr. Murelle Harrison, David McDavid, and Marshall Ortego. Commissioners Mike Polito, Collis Temple III, Lon Vicknair, and Dustin Yates were absent. Staff members present were Janet Simmons, Interim Superintendent; Aneatra Boykin, Chief Administrative Officer; Johanna Landreneau, Interim Chief Human Resources Officer; and Ebony Allen. The rest of the audience consisted of other BREC staff and media.

Before the meeting began, the present Commissioners shared their appreciation for BREC and the community that it serves.

Public Comment

Vice Chair Evans announced that public comment would be allowed prior to a vote being taken on any agenda action item and explained the process to be observed.

Presentations

None

Reports of Officers and Standing Committees

None

Standing Committee Reports

None

Reports of Special Committees

None

Special Orders

None

Unfinished Business and General Orders

None

New Business

Vice Chair Polito read Item A under New Business:

EXECUTIVE SESSION – The Recreation and Park Commission for the Parish of East Baton Rouge (“BREC”) anticipates calling an Executive Session pursuant to LSA R.S. 42:17(A)(1), for the purpose of discussing the character and professional competence of potential

candidates for the superintendent position.

Vice Chair Evans asked for a motion to go into Executive Session. Commissioner Harrison made a motion, Commissioner Ortego seconded, and the board entered Executive Session without opposition at 11:45 a.m.

Executive Session concluded. Vice Chair Evans called for a motion to reconvene the Special Meeting.

Motion by Mr. McDavid

Second by Ms. Harrison

There being no discussion, Vice Chair Evans called for the vote with the following results:

Yeas: 5

Nays: 0

The board reconvened the Special Meeting without opposition at 2:30 p.m.

Adjournment

Vice Chair Evans called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Ortego made a motion, Commissioner Stages seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 2:31 p.m. without objection.

Janet C. Simmons, Interim Superintendent
and Ex-Officio Secretary

Wade Evans, Vice Chair

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