

**RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION
FOR THE PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE**
Special Meeting – 5:00 p.m.
BREC Administration Building
6201 Florida Boulevard
Baton Rouge, Louisiana
Commission Minutes
May 13, 2025

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 May 13, 2025. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Vice Chairwoman Clarice Gordon. Commissioner Dwayne Rogers offered the invocation. Commissioner Nathan Rust led the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll was taken and a quorum of Commissioners was present, including Clarice Gordon, Vice Chair; Mike Polito; Dwayne Rogers; Nathan Rust; Lon Vicknair; and Collis Temple, III, were present. Commissioners Donna Collins Lewis, Kenneth Pointer and Rossie Washington, Jr., were absent. Staff members present were Corey K. Wilson, Superintendent; Reed Richard, Assistant Superintendent of System Planning; Aneatra Boykin, Chief Administrative Officer; Andrea Roberts, Chief Operating Officer; Chad Brewer, Jim Fleshman, Angela Harms, Darlene Jarvis, RaHarold Lawson, and Ebony Allen. Murphy Foster, legal counsel; Carl Stages, Executive Director of BREC Foundation, were also in attendance. The rest of the audience consisted of other BREC staff, sign language interpreters, media, and the public.

Public Comment

The Vice Chair 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.

Adoption of Minutes

Vice Chair Gordon read the following resolution:

Resolved, that the reading of the minutes of the Recreation and Park Commission Meeting of April 24, 2025, be dispensed with, and that they be approved as written.

Motion to approve by Mr. Rust

Second by Mr. Temple

Unanimously approved.

Motion to Amend Agenda

Commissioner Rogers moved to amend the agenda to move Item VI(A) – Executive Session under New Business – to the first item under Unfinished Business and General Orders.

Seconded by Mr. Polito.

The motion was approved without objection.

Executive Session

The Vice Chair announced that the Recreation and Park Commission for the Parish of East Baton Rouge ("BREC") would enter into Executive Session pursuant to LSA-R.S. 42:17(A)(1) for discussion of the character and professional competence of potential candidates for the Interim Superintendent position.

Motion to enter Executive Session was made by Mr. Rust.

Seconded by Mr. Vicknair.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Executive Session began at approximately 5:10 PM and ended at approximately 5:52 PM.

Unfinished Business and General Orders

Vice Chair Gordon began the items under Unfinished Business and General Orders. She read the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Special Rule of Order entitled Votes Required for Adoption, which provided the following language: "Unless specifically stated elsewhere on this document, the bylaws, or the standing rules, any action item placed before the commission for approval must receive a minimum of five votes to be adopted", be deleted in its entirety, effective immediately.

Vice Chair opens the floor to the Commissioner who added the resolution to the agenda to which Mr. Polito acknowledged and motioned to call for a vote.

Seconded by Mr. Rust

After no discussion, a vote was taken. The results are as follows:

Yeas: 0

Nays: 6 Ms. Gordon, Mr. Rogers, Mr. Rust, Mr. Polito, Mr. Temple and Mr. Vicknair

Abstained: 0

Absent: 3 Ms. Lewis, Mr. Pointer and Mr. Washington

The motion failed unanimously.

Vice Chair Gordon continued under Unfinished Business and General Orders reading the following resolution under Item B:

Resolved, That the Commission approve the establishment of a search committee to conduct a national search for the new superintendent. The committee will review the job description and make recommendations of any necessary changes to the Commission for approval, develop a timeline, make regular reports of their progress at scheduled Commission meetings, and work with a qualified consultant firm to provide the Commission a list of highly qualified candidates to interview.

Vice Chair called for a motion to defer this resolution to the following regular commission meeting scheduled, Thursday, May 22nd at 5:00pm.

Motion to defer by Mr. Temple

Second by Mr. Rust

With no discussion, Vice Chair Gordon announced that there will be a vote. The results are as follows:

Yeas: 6 Ms. Gordon, Mr. Rogers, Mr. Rust, Mr. Polito, Mr. Temple and Mr. Vicknair

Nays: 0

Abstained: 0

Absent: 3 Ms. Lewis, Mr. Pointer and Mr. Washington

The motion to defer was unanimously passed.

New Business

Vice Chair Gordon read the following resolution under New Business:

Resolved, That the Commission vote on the selection of the interim superintendent.

Vice Chair Gordon called for a motion to defer this resolution to the following regular commission meeting scheduled, Thursday, May 22nd at 5:00pm.

Motion to defer by Mr. Rust

Second by Mr. Rogers

With no discussion, Vice Chair Gordon announced that there will be a vote. The results are as follows:

Yeas: 6 Ms. Gordon, Mr. Rogers, Mr. Rust, Mr. Polito, Mr. Temple and Mr. Vicknair

Nays: 0

Abstained: 0

Absent: 3 Ms. Lewis, Mr. Pointer and Mr. Washington

The motion to defer was approved unanimously.

Adjournment

Vice Chair Gordon requested a motion to adjourn. Mr. Rust made a motion to adjourn, Mr. Vicknair seconded, and Vice Chair Gordon adjourned the meeting at 5:57 p.m. without objection.

Corey K. Wilson, Superintendent
and Ex-Officio Secretary

Donna Collins-Lewis, Chair

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