

**RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION
FOR THE PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE
Regular Meeting – 5:00 p.m.
BREC Administration Building
6201 Florida Boulevard
Baton Rouge, Louisiana
Commission Minutes
March 26, 2026**

Call to Order

A regular meeting of the Recreation and Park Commission for the Parish of East Baton Rouge (BREC) was held at BREC's Administrative Offices on March 26, 2026. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chairman Michael Polito. Commissioner Carl Stages offered the invocation and Chairman Polito led the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll was taken and a quorum of Commissioners was present, including Michael Polito, Chair; Carl Stages, Treasurer; Dr. Murelle Harrison, Lon Vicknair, David McDavid, Marshall Ortego and Dustin Yates. Commissioner Wade Evans was absent. Commissioner Collis Temple III arrived at 5:54 p.m. Staff members present were Janet Simmons, Interim Superintendent; Aneatra Boykin, Chief Administrative Officer; Maurice Velasquez, Interim Chief Operating Officer; Johanna Landreneau, Interim Chief Human Resources Officer; Corey Luttrell, Rhonda Williams, Tia Edwards, Jim Fleshman, Angela Harms, Steven Knight, RaHarold Lawson, Robyn Lott, Katrina Coots-Ward, Dina Duplantis, and Brendan Nestor. Murphy Foster, legal counsel, was also in attendance. The rest of the audience consisted of other BREC staff, media, and the public.

Public Comment

Chairman Polito 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.

In anticipation of a lengthy Executive Session and the number of people wishing to speak on the obsolete land items on the agenda, Chairman Polito made a motion to move the Executive Session to the end of the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McDavid. Chairman Polito asked for public comment and recognized Crystal Ellis, who stated that due to the agenda being published the day before the meeting listing that the Executive Session would be held at the beginning of the meeting, the persons wishing to speak on the obsolete land issue may be slow to arrive. Chairman Polito stated that since there were several items ahead of those agenda items, and that those persons would arrive in time to speak.

There being no further discussion, Chairman Polito called for the vote with the following results:

Yeas: 7

Nays: 0

The motion was approved unanimously.

Chairman Polito stated that he had erred in placing Item D under New Business on the agenda and made a motion for its removal. The motion was seconded by Mr. Vicknair and approved unanimously.

Adoption of Minutes

Resolved, that the reading of the minutes of the Regular Recreation and Park Commission Meeting of February 26, 2026, be dispensed with, and that they be approved as written.

Motion by Dr. Harrison

Second by Mr. Vicknair

There being no discussion, Chairman Polito called for the vote with the following results:
Yeas: 7
Nays: 0
The motion was approved unanimously.

Consent Calendar

Resolved, That the Recreation and Park Commission for the Parish of East Baton Rouge does hereby approve the Consent Calendar item.

Motion by Mr. Vicknair

Second by Mr. Yates

There being no discussion, Chairman Polito called for the vote with the following results:

Yeas: 7

Nays: 0

The motion was approved unanimously.

The following item was approved as part of the Consent Calendar:

Acceptance of Recommendations from Human Resources

Resolved, that the Commission review and accept the Routine Personnel Transactions from February 3, 2026 through March 9, 2026.

Presentations

The Commission viewed a brief video showcasing various upcoming activities throughout the parish for the month of April.

Reports of Officers and Standing Committees

Interim Superintendent Simmons presented the February 2026 attendance report and provided updates on community engagement meetings, Liberty Lagoon upgrades, summer camp enrollment, City-Brooks Community Park Master Planning surveys, and obsolete land list community meetings.

Standing Committee Reports

Finance

Chairman Polito recognized Commissioner Stages, Treasurer and Chair of the Finance Committee. Treasurer Stages stated that there were a number of items considered and called on Finance Director Rhonda Williams to expound on them.

Ms. Williams presented the February Monthly Budget Status Report and the 2024 Audit Report. She stated that the 2025 Audit will begin April 20, 2026 and end June 8, 2026. She also reported on her role in the obsolete land sales and stated that the money from the sales will go into a restricted account to be utilized in the same area.

Commissioner Yates commended Ms. Williams and her staff for their hard work in completing four audits in a tremendously short amount of time. He asked for clarification on the funds created from the obsolete land sales, whether the money would be absorbed by the agency or placed into the general fund. Ms. Williams stated that the money would be placed into a fund that is restricted to use in the area where the sold land was originally located.

Chairman Polito, for further clarity, asked if a park was sold in St. George, could the funds created from the sale be used at City Park. Ms. Williams replied that it could not be used in that manner.

Chairman Polito read Item a.(i.)(1) under Finance:
Resolved, that the Commission accept the unaudited monthly Budget Status Report for the month ending and fiscal year-to-date period ending February 28, 2026, as presented.
Motion to approve by Mr. Yates
Second by Mr. Vicknair
There being no discussion, Chairman Polito called for the vote with the following results:
Yeas: 7
Nays: 0
The motion was approved unanimously.

Chairman Polito read Item a.(ii.)(1) under Finance:
Resolved, that the Commission approve awarding SB 1858 Highland Road Community Park Tennis Renovations Phase 2 Project to the lowest responsive bidder, Quality Court Industries, LLC, for the base bid of \$463,000.00. Authorize the Interim Superintendent to execute appropriate documents.
Motion to approve by Mr. Stages
Second by Mr. McDavid
There being no discussion, Chairman Polito called for the vote with the following results:
Yeas: 7
Nays: 0
The motion was approved unanimously.

Finance information items include Capital Outlay Purchases over \$25,000 and Contracts \$75,000 and Under.

Planning and Park Resources

Chairman Polito explained the thirteen item process undertaken by BREC in order to declare lands obsolete and stated that no steps were skipped in declaring the listed lands obsolete.

Chairman Polito read Item a(i.) under Park and Planning Resources:
Resolved, that the Commission hereby declares Alexander Street Park to be obsolete and not needed for public purposes. The Superintendent is authorized to initiate the sale of this property at no less than its appraised value of \$550,000.00, subject to all required legal reviews. Proceeds from the sale shall be reinvested in parks and recreation facility improvements within the same service area.

Chairman Polito read Item a(ii.) under Park and Planning Resources:
Be it further resolved, that the Commission introduce a proposed ordinance in accordance with LA RS 47:2201 authorizing the sale of this land, Alexander Street Park, with the minimum sale price which shall be the appraised value of \$550,000.00. Any opposition received during the fifteen-day notice period (April 1 through April 15, 2026) will be heard at a public hearing during the regular Commission meeting on April 23, 2026, at the BREC Administrative Office in Womack Park, 6201 Florida Boulevard, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The ordinance shall become effective on May 3, 2026, ten days after its adoption.
Motion to approve by Mr. Ortego
Second by Mr. Vicknair.

Mr. Brett Wallace, Assistant Director of Planning and Development, presented the criteria considered to declare Alexander Street Park obsolete.

Mr. Vicknair stated that this park was declared obsolete sixteen years ago and asked why it is still being talked about. Chairman Polito stated that there is now an administration in place that is moving forward with the things that the public has requested be done. Mr. Vicknair applauded that concept but also wondered why this was not done prior to the new administration's arrival. Mr. Wallace stated that he was unsure of a particular reason but suggested that it may not have been a priority to the previous administration.

Mr. McDavid asked a question regarding attendance tracking and cell phone usage. Mr. Wallace relayed the numbers compiled. Mr. McDavid asked if there were any facilities on the site. Mr. Wallace stated that there were none.

Mr. Ortego asked a question about missing data from Monte Sano Park, which is nearby. Mr. Wallace stated that sometimes the data is unavailable, and that they do the best they can with the data available.

Mr. Stages asked if the public would be able to have an opportunity to comment depending on what was decided. Mr. Wallace stated that after the fifteen day public notice period there would be a public hearing at the Commission meeting where the public would be able to speak, and it would be at that meeting that the Commission would vote on moving on to the next step, which is advertising the land for sale. Mr. Stages asked if that would be included in the planned community meetings. Interim Superintendent Simmons stated that it would not be included. Chairman Polito stated that based on the policy and the fifteen step process he had just read, he believed and recommended that there be some type of community meeting planned and publicized.

There being no further discussion, Chairman Polito called for the vote with the following results:

Yeas: 7

Nays: 0

The motion was approved unanimously.

Chairman Polito read Item b.(i) under Planning and Park Resources:

Resolved, that the Commission hereby declares Belfair Park to be obsolete and not needed for public purposes. The Superintendent is authorized to initiate the sale of this property at no less than its appraised value of \$30,000.00, subject to all required legal reviews. Proceeds from the sale shall be reinvested in parks and recreation facility improvements within the same service area.

Chairman Polito read Item b.(ii.) under Planning and Park Resources:

Be it further resolved, that the Commission introduce a proposed ordinance in accordance with LA RS 47:2201 authorizing the sale of this land, Belfair Park, with the minimum sale price which shall be the appraised value of \$30,000.00. Any opposition received during the fifteen-day notice period (April 1 through April 15, 2026) will be heard at a public hearing during the regular Commission meeting on April 23, 2026, at the BREC Administrative Office in Womack Park, 6201 Florida Boulevard, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The ordinance shall become effective on May 3, 2026, ten days after its adoption.

Motion to approve by Mr. Vicknair

Second by Mr. McDavid.

Mr. Wallace presented the criteria considered to declare Belfair Park obsolete. He stated that he has received a great number of phone calls regarding this park from people interested in

purchasing it or partnering with BREC so that it can remain a community asset.

Chairman Polito read an email from a community member regarding the proposed sale of public lands.

There were eight audience members who spoke in opposition to the agenda item.

Commissioner Temple arrived at 5:54 p.m.

Mr. Wallace stated that the PlacerAI information was the best data available and although limited and possibly flawed, staff were utilizing the available data to the best of their ability. Chairman Polito asked if the low cell phone usage information from community members was correct, could data from nearby parks be similarly affected. Mr. Wallace said that it could be presumed, but more clarity could be sought. Ms. Simmons asked if the park was currently open. Mr. Wallace stated that the recreation center had been closed for several years but could not provide a reason for its closure.

Commissioner Vicknair asked if there was anything preventing a partnership moving forward if there was a vote affirming proceeding towards sale. He stated that although public support was welcomed and appreciated, the Commission still needed to move forward. Chairman Polito stated that voting to move forward would keep things on track, including putting together a partnership.

Commissioner Stages asked if there was a program in place to turn over recreational centers to partner organizations. Ms. Aneatra Boykin, Chief Administrative Officer and General Counsel, stated that there was a program in place. She stated that the notice given today and the ordinances that may or may not be passed at next month's meeting do not prohibit entering into a partnership agreement with an organization or creating relationships with the community; that is not an option being considered.

Mr. Wallace stated that the building is two stories and needs an elevator, which is the probable reason for the shutdown.

Commissioner Stages asked if the decision is made to move forward with entering into an agreement with an organization, will there be enough time to put something together before the time runs out. Ms. Boykin stated that there is enough time, and there has already been contact between BREC and interested parties about developing a partnership. She also stated that the ordinance only gives permission to move forward in the process. Chairman Polito clarified that at the next meeting, the Commission could defer the item if a deal is close to being made. Commissioner Stages asked whether the Commission should table the discussion or proceed. Ms. Boykin stated that she believed the Commission should proceed.

Commissioner McDavid stated that he would love to visit the park and do a walk-through and see what could be done in terms of upgrades. Commissioner Yates expressed a similar sentiment and applauded the interested parties for their service to the community.

There being no further discussion, Chairman Polito called for the vote with the following results:

Yeas: 8

Nays: 0

The motion was approved unanimously.

Chairman Polito read Item c.(i.) under Planning and Park Resources:

Resolved, that the Commission hereby declares Blueberry Street Park to be obsolete and not needed for public purposes. The Superintendent is authorized to initiate the sale of this property at no less than its appraised value of \$125,000.00, subject to all required legal reviews. Proceeds from the sale shall be reinvested in parks and recreation facility improvements within the same service area.

Chairman Polito read Item c.(ii.) under Planning and Park Resources:

Be it further resolved, that the Commission introduce a proposed ordinance in accordance with LA RS 47:2201 authorizing the sale of this land, Blueberry Street Park, with the minimum sale price which shall be the appraised value of \$125,000.00. Any opposition received during the fifteen-day notice period (April 1 through April 15, 2026) will be heard at a public hearing during the regular Commission meeting on April 23, 2026, at the BREC Administrative Office in Womack Park, 6201 Florida Boulevard, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The ordinance shall become effective on May 3, 2026, ten days after its adoption.

Motion to approve by Mr. Yates

Second by Mr. McDavid

Mr. Wallace presented the criteria considered to declare Blueberry Street Park obsolete. He stated that there is another park in development directly across the street that will be located within an apartment community currently under construction that will take the place of Blueberry Street Park after it is sold.

There were three audience members who spoke in opposition of the agenda item.

Commissioner Vicknair asked about the distance between the current park and the park in development. Mr. Wallace responded that the distance was about one thousand feet. Mr. Temple asked if the new park would have everything that the current park has. Mr. Wallace stated that it would not have a recreation center but would be a greenspace that is a bit smaller with a different format. It would, however, contain wooded nature trails, which is something that Blueberry Street Park does not have.

Commissioner Stages inquired about raised beds that he noticed outside of the building and asked about programming. Mr. Wallace responded that the last time the park had any programming was about five years ago. Ms. Boykin clarified that there was a partnership agreement that began in 2021, but that agreement was terminated due to the lack of programming and activity in accordance with the agreement.

There being no further discussion, Chairman Polito called for the vote with the following results:

Yeas: 7

Nays: 1 (Commissioner Temple)

The items were passed with a majority vote.

Chairman Polito read Item d.(i.) under Planning and Park Resources:

Resolved, that the Commission hereby declares Fortune Addition Park to be obsolete and not needed for public purposes. The Superintendent is authorized to initiate the sale of this property at no less than its appraised value of \$700,000.00, subject to all required legal reviews. Proceeds from the sale shall be reinvested in parks and recreation facility improvements within the same service area.

Chairman Polito read Item d.(ii.) under Planning and Park Resources:

Be it further resolved, that the Commission introduce a proposed ordinance in accordance with LA RS 47:2201 authorizing the sale of this land, Fortune Addition Park, with the minimum sale price which shall be the appraised value of \$700,000.00. Any opposition received during the fifteen-day notice period (April 1 through April 15, 2026) will be heard at a public hearing during the regular Commission meeting on April 23, 2026, at the BREC Administrative Office in Womack Park, 6201 Florida Boulevard, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The ordinance shall become effective on May 3, 2026, ten days after its adoption.

Mr. Wallace presented the criteria considered to declare Fortune Addition Park obsolete.

Chairman Polito acknowledged the comment cards submitted in opposition to the agenda items regarding Blueberry Street Park.

Commissioner Temple inquired about the closeness in proximity to Cadillac Street Park, which is approximately one thousand feet away from Fortune Addition Park. Commissioner Stages asked how the property was acquired. Mr. Wallace replied that it was a cash sale for \$2,000,000 in 1949. Commissioner Stages explained that the Planning and Park Resources Committee discussed this item and originally voted to move forward, but it was subsequently deferred along with the remaining agenda items under this section. He also commented that he was told that the park was being utilized for football practices. Mr. Wallace stated that Fortune Addition Park does have more greenspace than Cadillac Street Park, which makes football possible and that the plans for Cadillac Street Park may not allow for that type of use. Commissioner Stages inquired about the amenities in Fortune Addition Park. Mr. Wallace stated that there were walking trails, a playground, basketball court, and bleachers. Chairman Polito referred to the map and inquired about the space next to it. Mr. Wallace stated that it was a school. Commissioner Harrison stated that the school was closed. Commissioner Vicknair asked if it was possible to utilize the proceeds from the sale of Fortune Addition Park to create football practice space at Cadillac Street Park. Mr. Wallace stated that there was a space issue. Chairman Polito stated that the space concerns could possibly be rectified in the design phase.

There being no further discussion, Chairman Polito called for the vote with the following results:

Yeas: 8

Nays: 0

The motion was approved unanimously.

Chairman Polito read Item e.(i.) under Planning and Park Resources:

Resolved, that the Commission hereby declares Wenonah Street Park to be obsolete and not needed for public purposes. The Superintendent is authorized to initiate the sale of this property at no less than its appraised value of \$6,000.00, subject to all required legal reviews. Proceeds from the sale shall be reinvested in parks and recreation facility improvements within the same service area.

Chairman Polito read Item e.(ii.) under Planning and Park Resources:

Be it further resolved, that the Commission introduce a proposed ordinance in accordance with LA RS 47:2201 authorizing the sale of this land, Wenonah Street Park, with the minimum sale price which shall be the appraised value of \$6,000.00. Any opposition received during the fifteen-day notice period (April 1 through April 15, 2026) will be heard at a public hearing during the regular Commission meeting on April 23, 2026, at the BREC Administrative Office in Womack

Park, 6201 Florida Boulevard, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The ordinance shall become effective on May 3, 2026, ten days after its adoption.

Motion to approve by Mr. Vicknair
Second by Mr. Yates

Mr. Wallace presented the criteria considered to declare Wenonah Street Park obsolete.

Chairman Polito recognized a community member who spoke in opposition of the agenda items and acknowledged two comment cards submitted in opposition.

Commissioner Stages asked if there was any BREC signage on the property. Mr. Wallace stated that there was none. Chairman Polito asked how the property was acquired. Mr. Wallace stated that the property was purchased from the city in 1971 for purposes unknown.

There being no further discussion, Chairman Polito called for the vote with the following results:

Yeas: 8

Nays: 0

The motion was approved unanimously.

Chairman Polito read Item f.(i.) under Planning and Park Resources:

Resolved, that the Commission hereby declares Dover Street Park to be obsolete and not needed for public purposes. The Superintendent is authorized to initiate the sale of this property at no less than its appraised value of \$250,000.00, subject to all required legal reviews. Proceeds from the sale shall be reinvested in parks and recreation facility improvements within the same service area.

Chairman Polito read Item f.(ii.) under Planning and Park Resources:

Be it further resolved, that the Commission introduce a proposed ordinance in accordance with LA RS 47:2201 authorizing the sale of this land, Dover Street Park, with the minimum sale price which shall be the appraised value of \$250,000.00. Any opposition received during the fifteen-day notice period (April 1 through April 15, 2026) will be heard at a public hearing during the regular Commission meeting on April 23, 2026, at the BREC Administrative Office in Womack Park, 6201 Florida Boulevard, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The ordinance shall become effective on May 3, 2026, ten days after its adoption.

Motion to approve by Mr. McDavid
Second by Dr. Harrison

Mr. Wallace presented the criteria considered to declare Dover Street Park obsolete.

Chairman Polito acknowledged comment cards submitted in opposition to the agenda items.

Commissioner Temple inquired about the distance between Dover Street Park and Rio Drive Park. Mr. Wallace estimated that it would be approximately a fifteen minute walk from Dover Street Park to Rio Drive Park due to the way Dover Street Park is accessed. Commissioner Stages inquired about the additional parks in the area and the distance between Thomas Maher Park and Rio Drive Park. Mr. Wallace stated that he did not know the exact distance between those two parks, but that Thomas Maher Park and Lanier Drive Parks were close.

There being no further discussion, Chairman Polito called for the vote with the following

results:

Yeas: 8

Nays: 0

The motion was approved unanimously.

Chairman Polito read Item g.(i.) under Planning and Park Resources:

Resolved, that the Commission hereby declares Lanier Drive Park to be obsolete and not needed for public purposes. The Superintendent is authorized to initiate the sale of this property at no less than its appraised value of \$250,000.00, subject to all required legal reviews. Proceeds from the sale shall be reinvested in parks and recreation facility improvements within the same service area.

Chairman Polito read Item g.(ii.) under Planning and Park Resources:

Be it further resolved, that the Commission introduce a proposed ordinance in accordance with LA RS 47:2201 authorizing the sale of this land, Lanier Drive Park, with the minimum sale price which shall be the appraised value of \$250,000.00 Any opposition received during the fifteen-day notice period (April 1 through April 15, 2026) will be heard at a public hearing during the regular Commission meeting on April 23, 2026, at the BREC Administrative Office in Womack Park, 6201 Florida Boulevard, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The ordinance shall become effective on May 3, 2026, ten days after its adoption.

Motion to approve by Mr. Vicknair

Second by Mr. McDavid

Mr. Wallace presented the criteria considered to declare Lanier Drive Park obsolete. He stated that Thomas Maher Park is about a ten minute walk away from Lanier Drive Park. He explained that PlacerAI is restricted from collecting data in certain areas, and he would reach out to them to see if those restrictions were still in place in an attempt to collect more data regarding usage at Lanier Drive Park. He also stated that the City-Parish is looking for stormwater management opportunities, and this park is located in the middle of a flood plain, so this could potentially be utilized in that manner.

Chairman Polito acknowledged comment cards submitted in opposition to the agenda items.

Commissioner Vicknair asked if the property being located in a flood zone would limit our investment into the park. Mr. Wallace responded that any improvements to the park would be at a significant cost to BREC.

There being no further discussion, Chairman Polito called for the vote with the following results:

Yeas: 8

Nays: 0

The motion was approved unanimously.

Chairman Polito read Item h.(i.) under Planning and Park Resources:

Resolved, that the Commission hereby declares the out parcel Lot 119, 0.27acre at 9142 Corlett Drive (Sharon Hills Park) to be obsolete and not needed for public purposes. The Superintendent is authorized to initiate the sale of this property at no less than its appraised value of \$25,000.00, subject to all required legal reviews. Proceeds from the sale shall be reinvested in parks and recreation facility improvements within the same service area.

Chairman Polito read Item h.(ii.) under Planning and Park Resources:

Be it further resolved, that the Commission introduce a proposed ordinance in accordance with LA RS 47:2201 authorizing the sale of this land, Sharon Hills Park out parcel, with the minimum sale price which shall be the appraised value of \$25,000.00. Any opposition received during the fifteen-day notice period (April 1 through April 15, 2026) will be heard at a public hearing during the regular Commission meeting on April 23, 2026, at the BREC Administrative Office in Womack Park, 6201 Florida Boulevard, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The ordinance shall become effective on May 3, 2026, ten days after its adoption.

Motion to approve by Mr. McDavid

Second by Dr. Harrison

Mr. Wallace presented the criteria considered to declare Sharon Hills Park obsolete.

Chairman Polito acknowledged one comment card submitted in opposition to the agenda item.

There being no further discussion, Chairman Polito called for the vote with the following results:

Yeas: 8

Nays: 0

The motion was approved unanimously.

Selection of Professionals

Chairman Polito read Item a under Selection of Professionals:

Resolved, that the Commission approve utilizing Louisiana State Contract No. 4400031912 with Custom Security Systems to furnish and install Physical Access Control Systems at various Recreation facility locations for a total contract amount of \$173,535.44, as described on project proposals.

Motion by Mr. Yates

Second by Mr. Temple

There being no discussion, Chairman Polito called for the vote with the following results:

Yeas: 8

Nays: 0

The motion was approved unanimously.

Reports of Special Committees

Chairman Polito recognized Ms. Harms, who gave an update on the steering committee meeting for the City-Brooks Master Plan and Lakes Vision project. There will be a public meeting on April 22, 2026 at the Leo S. Butler Community Center; time to be determined, but most likely at 5:30 p.m.

Chairman Polito inquired about the minutes being published for the meeting. Ms. Harms responded that the minutes are available by public records request; she has already received one request for the minutes and they have been provided.

Commissioner Stages stated that the Commissioners have been getting emails from the community regarding this project and asked if they are being recorded in some way. Ms. Harms replied that they are being recorded. Ms. Boykin added that the emails are mostly regarding City-Brooks Park and the golf course, but they are being collected.

Chairman Polito asked if the Committee was still on schedule as it relates to the timeline.

Ms. Harms assured him that it was and that the end date would be in mid-July.

Commissioner Stages that due to the inquiries regarding numerous project phases and the amount of capacity BREC has as it relates to tax revenues, the Planning and Park Resources Committee and the Finance Advisory Committee would be working together to obtain that information.

Special Orders

Chairman Polito took up the appointments to standing advisory committees as follows:

Michael Polito

Dwayne Shelton	Communications & Information Systems
John Musso	Finance
Nicklaus Russell	Golf
Byron Washington	Planning & Park Resources
Larry Bradford	Recreation
Kirk Robertson	Zoo

Carl Stages

Trinard Franklin	Communications & Information Systems
Ashley Lathan	Finance
Angela Canady	Golf
Amelia Georgetown	Human Resources
Carl Stages	Planning & Park Resources
Gerald Collins	Recreation
John Brown	Zoo

David McDavid, Mayor of Zachary

Sharon Phillips	Communications & Information Systems
Deanna Mankins	Finance
Andre Prejean	Golf
Gary Hay	Human Resources
Eddie Wren	Planning & Park Resources
Ira Gene Causey	Recreation
Jill McGraw	Zoo

Dustin Yates, Mayor of St. George

Valerie Gibson	Communications & Information Systems
Michael Lala	Finance
Gabriel Rice	Human Resources
Megan Cook	Recreation

Lon Vicknair

Ryan Cross	Communications & Information Systems
Randy Albarez	Finance
Mike Murray	Golf
Brett Murray	Human Resources
Nathan McBride	Planning & Park Resources
Ryan Pope	Recreation
Amy Daughdrill	Zoo

Collis Temple, III

Cliff Lewis
Linton Naquin
Eugene Daniel
Bruce Walker
Eric Brady
Anthony Lewis
Art Dubriel

Communications & Information Systems
Finance
Golf
Human Resources
Planning & Park Resources
Recreation
Zoo

Murelle Harrison

Todd Sterling
Barbie Pipes
David Dubriel
Jonathan Hill
Karen Lee
Reginald Abraham
Frederick Boutte

Communications & Information Systems
Finance
Golf
Human Resources
Planning & Park Resources
Recreation
Zoo

Marshall Ortego

Renee Verma
Joseph Guercio
Town Ortego
Leigh Bonfanti
Tim Gaines
Andre Prejean
Wanda Hargroder

Communications & Information Systems
Finance
Golf
Human Resources
Planning & Park Resources
Recreation
Zoo

Motion to approve by Mr. Yates

Second by Mr. Temple

There being no discussion, Chairman Polito called for the vote with the following results:

Yeas: 8

Nays: 0

The motion was approved unanimously.

Unfinished Business and General Orders

Chairman Polito read Item A under Unfinished Business:

Resolved, that the Commission approve the amended and extended Contract 2025000384 with Clearly Managed Consulting LLC for safety emergency training, including fire drills, situational awareness, and incident response for a monthly amount of \$14,895.83 for a period of twelve months, not to exceed \$178,749.96. Previous amount was for \$40,000; subject to legal review.

Motion to approve by Mr. Yates

Second by Mr. Temple

Commissioner Stages inquired about the extension and increase in price. Ms. Simmons stated that since the Commission directed that BREC begin to seek contractors for services as opposed to utilizing internal services, the contracts address both internal and external security issues at BREC.

Charles Robinson from Clearly Managed Consulting LLC explained the work that has

been completed thus far by his company as well as Contingency Consulting, whose representative was not able to attend the meeting.

Commissioner Stages asked if these contracts were bid out; Ms. Simmons stated that that was not necessary. Ms. Boykin stated that they were operating as consultants and were previously consulting and advising on processes needed for programming and training, so they were trying to continue receiving those services through the contracts. Commissioner Stages asked if the \$400,000.00 was included in the budget when presented or if the money would be pulled from other programs or projects to fund the contracts. Ms. Boykin said that she believed the amount was included. Ms. Rhonda Williams, Finance Director, stated that the funds would come from the savings from the workforce reduction. Commissioner Stages stated that in previous meetings, it was said that those savings would be used for other things. She stated that it would be used for that purpose as well. Commissioner Stages inquired about what other park systems do in regards to this type of program. He asked if the item could be tabled until additional information was received and made a substitute motion to table the item, which was seconded by Commissioner Harrison.

Commissioner Vicknair asked for a friendly amendment to offset the item for thirty days, and Commissioner Stages agreed.

Substitute motion to defer the item for thirty days by Mr. Stages.
Second by Mr. Temple

Chairman Polito asked if the deferral would jeopardize the current standing of the agreement. Ms. Boykin stated that they were currently under contract, but it would expire on March 31. Chairman Polito asked Commissioner Stages if he would accept a friendly amendment to extend the current contract for thirty days; Commissioner Stages accepted.

Substitute motion by Mr. Stages to defer Item A for thirty days and that the contract be extended for thirty days.
Second by Mr. Temple

There being no further discussion, Chairman Polito called for the vote with the following results:

Yeas: 7
Nays: 1 (Commissioner McDavid)
The motion was approved by majority vote.

Chairman Polito read Item B under Unfinished Business:

Resolved, that the Commission approve the amended and extended Contract 2025000355 with Contingency Consulting, LLC for Security Operations Center integration and workforce alignment for a monthly amount of \$14,835.67 for a period of twelve months, not to exceed \$178,895.83. Previous amount was for \$40,000; subject to legal review.

Commissioner Stages moved that the item be deferred for thirty days and that the contract be extended for thirty days.
Second by Mr. Vicknair

There being no discussion, Chairman Polito called for the vote with the following results:
Yeas: 7
Nays: 1 (Commissioner McDavid)

The motion was approved by majority vote.

New Business

Chairman Polito read Item A under New Business:
Resolved, that the Commission accept the 2024 Audit.
Motion to approve by Mr. Stages
Second by Dr. Harrison

Chairman Polito pointed out that once the Commission accepts the audit, BREC would be up to date on all outstanding audits.

There being no further discussion, Chairman Polito called for the vote with the following results:

Yeas: 8
Nays: 0
The motion was approved unanimously.

Chairman Polito read Item B under New Business:
Resolved, that the Commission approve the submittal of a formal Attorney General Opinion request regarding the legality of BREC's policy governing use of BREC facilities and staff by elected officials.

Motion to approve by Dr. Harrison
Second by Mr. Vicknair
There being no discussion, Chairman Polito called for the vote with the following results:
Yeas: 8
Nays: 0
The motion was approved unanimously.

Chairman Polito read Item C under New Business:
Resolved, that the Commission authorize BREC staff to procure the services of a qualified independent contractor to conduct a comprehensive inventory and valuation of BREC-owned marketable assets, including facility naming rights, category partnerships, and other revenue-generating opportunities. A prior study, submitted June 10, 2022, outlined such opportunities as of that date. A new assessment is needed to identify and evaluate current and emerging revenue-generating opportunities.

Motion to approve by Mr. Yates
Second by Mr. Temple

Commissioner Stages inquired about costs associated with this item. Ms. Boykin stated that she was not sure, but the contract would be brought before the Commission for approval. Commissioner Stages asked if the valuation was necessary since it was only four years old. Ms. Boykin replied that it was indeed outdated based on the numbers on the assets provided by the agency.

There being no further discussion, Chairman Polito called for the vote with the following results:

Yeas: 8
Nays: 0
The motion was approved unanimously.

Item D had been previously removed from the agenda.

Chairman Polito read Item E under New Business:

Resolved, that the Commission hereby authorize BREC administration, in accordance with LA.R.S. 39:1621, to procure and engage Alliant Retirement Services LLC to conduct an actuarial impact analysis related to BREC's participation in City-Parish Employees Retirement System (CPERS) and potential retirement plan alternatives. The professional services agreement for actuarial consulting services shall not exceed one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) unless further authorized by the Commission; subject to legal review..

Motion to approve by Mr. Stages

Second by Mr. Vicknair

There being no discussion, Chairman Polito called for the vote with the following results:

Yeas: 8

Nays: 0

The motion was approved unanimously.

Chairman Polito read Item F under New Business:

Resolved, that the Commission authorizes the Superintendent to execute a Broker of Record Letter on behalf of BREC for employee benefits, designating the appropriate broker as determined to be in the best interest of the organization. The Superintendent is further authorized to execute any and all related documents necessary to carry out the intent of this resolution.

Motion to approve by Mr. Temple

Second by Mr. Ortego

Commissioner Stages asked for interpretation of the item. Ms. Boykin stated that the current broker of record was Gallagher and that BREC was seeking a new broker to provide the service of the retirement system, and recognized Corey Luttrell, Director of Human Resources, to explain. Mr. Luttrell stated that this was an exploration to see if it is prudent to select a new broker and if there would be any potential savings, keeping in line with the IYP3 goal of financial sustainability. Commissioner Stages asked if findings would be brought back to the Commission; Ms. Boykin affirmed that they would be.

There being no further discussion, Chairman Polito called for the vote with the following results:

Yeas: 8

Nays: 0

The motion was approved unanimously.

Chairman Polito read Item IV.:

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 discussion of a personnel matter.

Motion to approve by Mr. Yates

Second by Mr. Vicknair

Commissioner Harrison announced that the Gardere Initiative would host a Kite Fest on Saturday, March 28, 2026 from 10:00 A.M. to 1:00 p.m. at Hartley/Vey Park with free food and games and extended an invitation to everyone to attend.

There being no further discussion, Chairman Polito called for the vote with the following results:

Yeas: 8

Nays: 0

The motion was approved unanimously.

The Commission retired to Executive Session at 7:32 p.m.

The Commission returned from executive session and Mr. Yates made a motion to reconvene. Mr. Vicknair seconded, and the Chairman called the meeting back to order in open session at 8:33 p.m. without objection.

Adjournment

Chairman Polito called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Yates made a motion, Commissioner McDavid seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m. without objection.

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

Michael Polito, Chairman

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