

**RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION  
FOR THE PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE  
Special Meeting – 10:00 a.m.  
BREC Administration Building  
6201 Florida Boulevard  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana  
Commission Minutes  
May 7, 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 May 7, 2026. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairman Michael Polito. Commissioner Wade Evans offered the invocation, and Interim Superintendent Janet Simmons led the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll was taken, and a quorum of Commissioners was present, including Michael Polito, Chair; Wade Evans, Vice Chair; Carl Stages, Treasurer; Lon Vicknair, Collis Temple III, Dr. Murelle Harrison, and Marshall Ortego. During the executive session Matt Thornton, serving as the designee for Commissioner David McDavid, arrived at 10:09 a.m. and Commissioner Dustin Yates arrived at 10:43 a.m. Staff members present were Janet Simmons, Interim Superintendent; Aneatra Boykin, Chief Administrative Officer and General Counsel; and Dorothy Brandon. The rest of the audience consisted of other BREC staff members.

**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.

**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**

Chairman 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.

Chairman Polito asked for a motion to go into Executive Session. Commissioner Vicknair made a motion, Commissioner Temple seconded, and the board entered Executive Session without opposition at 10:06 a.m.

Executive Session concluded. Chairman Polito called for a motion to reconvene the Special Meeting.

Motion by Mr. Vicknair

Second by Mr. Yates

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

Yeas: 9

Nays: 0

The board reconvened the Special Meeting without opposition at 2:08 p.m.

Chairman Polito asked for a motion to add an item to the agenda. Commissioner Vicknair made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Harrison.

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

Yeas: 9

Nays: 0

The motion was approved unanimously.

Chairman Polito moved to hold a special meeting for the purpose of discussing the character and professional competence of potential candidates for the Superintendent position to be held on Wednesday, May 13, 2026 at 1:00 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Harrison.

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

Yeas: 9

Nays: 0

The motion was approved unanimously.

### **Adjournment**

Chairman Polito called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Vicknair made a motion, Commissioner Yates seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m. without objection.

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

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Michael Polito, Chairman

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