

**RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION
FOR THE PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE
Special Meeting – 1:00 p.m.
BREC Administration Building
6201 Florida Boulevard
Baton Rouge, Louisiana
Commission Minutes
May 13, 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 1:00 p.m. by Chairman Michael Polito. Commissioner Murelle Harrison offered the invocation, and Commissioner Ortego 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. Commissioner David McDavid was absent. 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 and media.

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 1:02 p.m.

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

Motion by Mr. Evans

Second by Mr. Vicknair

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

Yeas: 8

Nays: 0

The board reconvened the Special Meeting without opposition at 1:47 p.m.

Commissioner Evans asked for a motion to add an item to the agenda to hire a new Superintendent, seconded by Commissioner Vicknair.

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

Yeas: 8 Mr. Stages, Mr. Temple, Mr. Polito, Mr. Vicknair, Mr. Evans, Mr. Yates, Dr. Harrison, Mr. Ortego

Nays: 0

The motion was approved unanimously.

Commissioner Vicknair moved to allow the BREC Commission to enter into negotiations with the intent to hire as Superintendent the candidate, Brooks Williams; seconded by Commissioner Evans.

Commissioner Stages asked which group would be negotiating the contract; Chairman Polito suggested that it be the Executive Committee, to which there was no objection.

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

Yeas: 8

Nays: 0

The motion was approved unanimously.

Adjournment

Chairman Polito called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Yates made a motion, Commissioner Harrison seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m. without objection.

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

Michael Polito, Chairman

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