

**WESTCHESTER PARK DISTRICT  
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
May 8, 2023, 7:30PM  
MAYFAIR RECREATION AND BANQUET CENTER  
10835 Wakefield Avenue, Westchester, Cook County, Illinois**

**Call to Order**

President Busa called the meeting to order at 8:27 pm.

**Roll Call**

Commissioner Derek Gordon – here; Commissioner Daniel Maldonado – here; Commissioner Joseph Christopher – here; President Steven Busa – here

Also present were: Interim Executive Director Leanne Robinette; Attorney Vlado Vranjes ; Board Secretary Laura Ball; Honorable Daniel Weber

**Public Comments**

None

**Minutes**

Motion to approve the minutes from the April 10, 2023 Committee Meeting.

Motion by: Commissioner Christopher

Second by: Commissioner Gordon

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Gordon, Christopher, Maldonado, and Busa      MOTION CARRIED

Motion to approve the minutes from the April 10, 2023 Board Meeting.

Motion by: Commissioner Gordon

Second by: Commissioner Maldonado

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Christopher, Gordon, Maldonado, and Busa      MOTION CARRIED

Motion to approve the minutes from the April 10, 2023 Executive Session Meeting.

Motion by: Commissioner Gordon

Second by: Commissioner Christopher

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Maldonado, Gordon, Christopher, and Busa      MOTION CARRIED

Motion to approve the minutes from the April 20, 2023 Special Board Meeting.

Motion by: Commissioner Christopher

Second by: Commissioner Maldonado

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Gordon, Christopher, Maldonado, and Busa MOTION CARRIED

Motion to approve the minutes from the April 20, 2023 Executive Session Meeting.

Motion by: Commissioner Gordon

Second by: Commissioner Christopher

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Christopher, Christopher, Maldonado, and Busa MOTION CARRIED

### **Finance Committee**

Motion to approve the expense vouchers in the amount of March 2023 \$267,894.23

Motion by: Commissioner Christopher

Second by: Commissioner Gordon

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Christopher, Maldonado, Gordon, and Busa MOTION CARRIED

### **Policy Committee**

Motion to approve A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE WESTCHESTR APRK DISTRICT POLICY MANUAL TO ALLOW THE PRESIENT OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO MOVE THE LOCATION OF A BOARD MEETING TO AN ALTERNATE LOCATION WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF FOUR COMMISSIONERS

Motion by: Commissioner Christopher

Second by: Commissioner Maldonado

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Maldonado, Christopher, Gordon, and Busa MOTION CARRIED

### **Old Business**

### **New Business**

Secretary Report – Election Proclamation by Board Secretary Laura Ball

### **Election Proclamation**

### **Official Certificate of Results for the April 4, 2023 Consolidated Election**

The Cook County Clerk, having completed a canvas of all votes cast for Commissioner, Westchester Park District, 4 years, hereby certifies the following vote totals:

<b>Candidates</b>	<b>Percentage</b>	<b>Votes</b>
Steven M. Busa	20.75	1,727
Joseph Christopher	18.97	1,579
Daniel Bakovich	16.01	1,333
Marianne C. Nagl	17.77	1,479
Christina Tenuta	12.28	1,022
Ellen Christina Nepomuceno	14.22	1,184
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>8,324</b>

This election having been certified to me as three (3) to be elected results in Steven M. Busa, Joseph Christopher, Marianne C. Nagl being elected.

Dated this April 25, 2023, Karen A. Yarbrough, Cook County Clerk

- I. **Administration of the Oath of Office by the Honorable Daniel Weber for Marianne Nagl.**  
 "I Marianne Nagl, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Illinois, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Park District Commissioner according to the best of my ability."
  
- II. **Administration of the Oath of Office by the Honorable Daniel Weber for Joseph Christopher.**  
 "I Joseph Christopher, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Illinois, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Park District Commissioner according to the best of my ability."
  
- III. **Administration of the Oath of Office by the Honorable Daniel Weber for Steven M. Busa.**  
 "I Steven M. Busa, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Illinois, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Park District Commissioner according to the best of my ability."

**Roll Call – 8:45pm**

Commissioner Derek Gordon – here; Commissioner Marianne C. Nagl – here; Commissioner Daniel Maldonado – here; Commissioner Joseph Christopher – here; President Steven Busa – here

**Presidents Report –**

President Busa recapped the year by recognizing the deaths of Commissioner Stanley Kolodziej and Past Park District Executive Director Gary Kasanders. President Busa also mentioned the vandalizing of the Westchester Swimming Pool and how everyone pulled together to clean and re-open the pool as well as extend the pool hours past Labor Day. It was greatly appreciated by the residents.

**Election of Officers for the Year beginning May 1, 2023 and ending April 30, 2024.**

**Nominations for President: Steven M. Busa**

Nominated by: Commissioner Gordon

Motion to close nominations: Christopher, seconded by Maldonado.

The Board is polled on the nominations: Ayes - Maldonado, Nagl, Gordon, Christopher, Busa

**Nominations for Vice President: Joseph Christopher**

Nominated by: President Busa

Motion to close nominations: Gordon, seconded by Nagl

The Board is polled on the nominations: Ayes - Gordon, Maldonado, Nagl, Christopher, Busa

**Nominations for Secretary: Laura Ball**

Nominated by: President Busa

Motion to close nominations: Gordon, second by Christopher

The Board is polled on the nominations: Ayes – Nagl, Maldonado, Gordon, Christopher, Busa

**Nominations for Treasurer: Michael Pieczonka**

Nominated by: Commissioner Christopher

Motion to close nominations: Gordon, second by Kolodziej

The Board is polled on the nominations: Busa, Kolodziej, Maldonado, Gordon, Christopher

**HEREBY, THE SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR WESTCHESTER PARK DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING MAY 1, 2023 AND ENDING APRIL 30, 2024 ARE:**

**President – Steven M. Busa**

**Vice President – Joseph Christopher**

**Secretary – Laura Ball**

**Treasurer – Michael Pieczonka**

**RESOLVED**, that the aforesaid nominees shall be deemed to have been elected and/or appointed to the offices set before their respective names by the affirmative vote of the majority of the members present of the Westchester Park District to serve until successors shall have been elected and qualified.

**RESOLVED FURTHER**, that all of the acts of the Officers, Directors, Agents and Employees of the Westchester Park District for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2024 be and the same are hereby ratified confirmed and approved.

Motion by: Commissioner Christopher

Second by: Commissioner Nagl

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Maldonado, Christopher, Gordon, Nagl, and Busa MOTION CARRIED

**ATTORNEY APPOINTMENT**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, Del Galdo Law Group, LLC, be hereby appointed by the Westchester Park District as its Attorney on a month-by-month basis, effective May 1, 2023. Their duties shall be as prescribed by

the Board pursuant to board policy. The Park Board President shall be authorized to execute any and all such documents to affect the retention of the Del Galdo Law Group, LLC.

Motion by: Commissioner Christopher

Second by: Commissioner Gordon

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Maldonado, Gordon, Christopher, Nagl, and Busa MOTION CARRIED

Commissioner Gordon questioned changing the contract from month-to-month to a longer term. President Christopher wants to wait a month and meet with partners.

**Recess 8:56pm –**

Motion by: Commissioner Gordon

Second by: Commissioner Christopher

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Maldonado, Gordon, Christopher, Nagl, and Busa MOTION CARRIED

Reconvene – 9:46pm

#### **PRESIDENTIAL COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

Finance Committee Chair  
Assistant

President Busa  
Commissioner Christopher

Policy Committee Chair  
Assistant

Commissioner Nagl  
President Busa

Building & Grounds Committee Chair  
Assistant

Commissioner Christopher  
Commissioner Maldonado

Mayfair R&B Center Committee Chair  
Assistant

Commissioner Gordon  
Commissioner Nagl

Community Center Committee Chair  
Assistant

Commissioner Maldonado  
Commissioner Gordon

Gateway SRA Representative  
Alternate

Interim Executive Director Lianne Robinette  
David Brink

FOIA Officers

Finance Director David Brink  
Interim Executive Director Lianne Robinette

Ethics Advisor

Del Galdo Law Group, LLC

**Executive Session**

Motion to enter into closed session under 5ILCS 120/2 (c)(1) to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, and dismissal of specific employees: and under 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11) to discuss pending or imminent litigation against the Westchester Park District.

Motion by: Commissioner Gordon

Second by: Commissioner Christopher

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Maldonado, Gordon, Christopher, Nagl, and Busa MOTION CARRIED

**Motion to Adjourn**

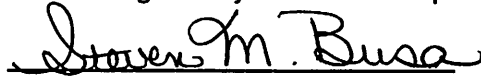
Motion by: Commissioner Gordon

Second by: Commissioner Maldonado

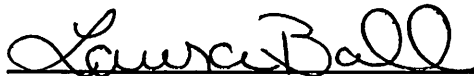
Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Nagl, Gordon, Christopher, Maldonado, and Busa

The meeting was adjourned at 10:24 pm



Steven M. Busa, Board President



Laura Ball, Board Secretary

Date: 7-13-23