

**URBANA PARK DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
 MINUTES – BOARD STUDY SESSION
 TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2025
 6:00 PM
 PLANNING AND OPERATIONS FACILITY
 1011 E. KERR AVENUE
 URBANA, ILLINOIS 61802**

The Study Session meeting of the Urbana Park District Board of Commissioners was held Tuesday, November 4, 2025 at the Planning and Operations Facility, 1011 E. Kerr Avenue, Urbana, IL at 6:00 pm. The notice and agenda of the meeting were posted at the park district administrative office and at the location of the meeting. Copies of the notice and agenda were received by each Commissioner of the district and by local newspapers, radio, and television stations at least forty-eight hours before the meeting in compliance with the Open Meetings Act of the State of Illinois. A copy of the notice and agenda is attached to the minutes. Also available for inspection are all documents that were reviewed or approved at the meeting.

COMMISSIONERS	PRESENT	ABSENT
President Cedric Stratton	X	
Vice-President Meredith Blumthal	X	
Commissioner Laura Hastings	X	
Commissioner Sarah Roper	X	
Commissioner Ashley Withers	X	

Also present were:

Laura Orcutt, Superintendent of Business Services;
 Derek Liebert, Superintendent of Planning & Operation;
 Corky Emberson, Superintendent of Recreation;
 Andy Rousseau, Park Planner;
 Allison Jones served as Recorder.

I. Call to Order

President Stratton called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

A. Remote Attendance

There was no remote attendance requested.

II. Accept Agenda

COMMISSIONER HASTINGS MADE A MOTION WITH A SECOND BY COMMISSIONER BLUMTHAL TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN, ALL SAID "AYE."

III. Public Comment

There were no comments from members of the public.

IV. Discussion

A. Electric Vehicle Charging and Fleet Review

Andy Rousseau presented the Vehicles & Equipment Replacement Schedule for the Board's consideration. He reviewed current vehicle and large equipment inventory, the replacement schedule, and how best to begin evaluation for the transition to electric or hybrid vehicles. Next he reviewed the budget for planned vehicle replacement from 2025-2040. He noted that the UPD generally keeps vehicles for 10 years and the budget for replacement is approximately \$150,000 - \$225,000 per year. He then presented information on the capital costs of replacing gas vehicles with electric or hybrid, and also evaluated estimated fuel costs and maintenance costs between the two options. The Board and staff discussed the options and timeline for moving to electric vehicles, including grant opportunities, a gradual phase in of electric vehicles, and focusing on smaller vehicles at first which have the best performance reviews. The Board expressed strong support for this transition.

V. Comments from Commissioners

Commissioner Hastings expressed congratulations to former UPD Director Tim Bartlett for winning the ACE Award for Lifetime Achievement. She noted that the awards banquet will be held on 12/2/25.

VI. Adjourn

Commissioner Stratton adjourned the meeting at 7:00 PM

Cedric A. Stratton, President

Rachel D. Lenz, Secretary

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Date Approved: December 9, 2025