

Greater Vallejo Recreation District

GVRD promotes wellness and healthy lifestyles
by providing safe parks and innovative and fun
recreation programs for all residents.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Rizal Aliga
Robert Briseño
Thomas Judt
Tom Starnes
Ward Stewart

GENERAL MANAGER

Gabe Lanusse

Greater Vallejo Recreation District Board of Directors Minutes

Thursday, June 26, 2025- 401 Amador Street, Vallejo, CA 94590
6:30 p.m. – Regular Session

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Briseño called a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Greater Vallejo Recreation District to order at 6:30 p.m., June 26, 2025, in the Board Room of the Greater Vallejo Recreation District Office, 401 Amador Street, Vallejo, California.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Chairperson Briseño led the pledge of allegiance.

3. Roll Call

Present: Chairperson, Robert Briseño; Vice-Chairperson, Tom Starnes; Secretary, Thomas Judt

Staff: General Manager, Gabe Lanusse; Legal Counsel, Andrew Shen; Recreation Services Director, Antony Ryans; Parks and Facilities Director, Salvador Nuño; Finance Director, Noel Parkhurst; Human Resources Director, Lisa Sorvari; Board Clerk, Kimberly Pierson

Excused: Director Ward Stewart, Director Rizal Aliga

4. Approval of Agenda

Director Starnes offered the motion, seconded by Director Judt to approve the agenda with two changes. Remove *8.2-Approve 5-year lease with VPNS* and *12.2-Conference with Labor Negotiators*. Motion passed. Directors Stewart and Aliga were absent for the vote.

5. Public Comment

(Note: For matters not otherwise listed on this agenda. The Board of Directors welcomes your comments under this section but is prohibited by State Law from discussing items not listed on the agenda. Your item will be taken under consideration and may be referred to Board of Directors Committee(s) and/or Staff.) To provide an opportunity for all members of the public who wish to address the Board, a time allocation of 3 minutes for each individual speaker and 5 minutes for an individual representing an organization

6. Committee Updates-None



7. Consent Calendar

Items listed on the consent calendar are considered routine in nature and may be enacted by one motion. If discussion is required, that item will be removed from the consent calendar and will be considered separately.

- 7.1 Approve Board Minutes – June 12, 2025
- 7.2 Accept Budget and Finance Committee Minutes-May 28, 2025
- 7.3 Accept Publicity, Program and Community Relations Committee Minutes-June 10, 2025
- 7.4 Accept Facility and Development Committee Minutes-June 11, 2025

Director Judt offered the motion, seconded by Director Starnes to approve the consent calendar. Motion passed. Directors Stewart and Aliga were absent for the vote.

8. Action Items: Public Speakers-None

- 8.1 Fee Waiver Request-Up to \$800 from Angels with Heart for use of District Parks for Community Programing. (Lanusse)

Francean Kennedy gave a presentation on the 2025 Angels with Heart Summer Park Program. Director Briseño offered the motion, seconded by Director Starnes to Waive \$810 in fees for 5 Summer Events. Motion Passed. Directors Stewart and Aliga were absent for the vote.

- ~~8.2 Approve 5 Year Lease Agreement with Vallejo Parent Nursery School (VPNS) (Lanusse)~~

9. Financials:

- 9.1 Discussion and Possible Action on Additional Cuts to 2025-26 Preliminary Budget (Lanusse)

After discussion, no action was taken. Staff will continue to adjust the 2025-26 preliminary budget prior to the July 10th board meeting and will work on a 4-year plan to increase operating reserves.

- 9.2 Accept Financials 4/1/2025 through 4/30/2025 (Parkhurst)

- 9.3 Accept Financials 5/1/2025 through 5/31/2025 (Parkhurst)

Director Starnes offered the motion, seconded by Director Judt to Accept the April and May Financials. Motion passed. Directors Stewart and Aliga were absent for the vote.

10. Staff Updates:



10.1 General Manager

- Announced a dedication on July 9th for the Sunset Rotary's Peace Pole at Children's Wonderland.
- Attended The Leadership Vallejo Youth Program's graduation on Friday. The Democratic Club meeting on June 23rd regarding GVRD and Assemblywoman Lori D. Wilson's presentation on June 20th.
- Announced the application has been submitted to participate in the 4th of July parade.

10.2 Recreation Services Director

- Provided an update on the ongoing fee study.
- Announced Bands and Brews returns on Friday with Mare Island Brewery as the beer sponsor.
- Provided an update on summer camps and recreation swim.

10.3 Parks and Facilities Director

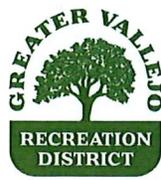
- Provided an update on preparations for July 4th in the parks department. There will be additional staffing and security to help with traffic control.
- Provided an update on repairs to the irrigation pump at Blue Rock Springs Park.

10.4 Human Resources Director

- Announced employees of the month for May-Ernest McCullough and Safari Harris.
- Announced the HR Department is assisting with onboarding lifeguards and visitor services staff.

10.5 Finance Director

- Provided an update on the Franklin Prop. 68 grant project. Payment advances are limited to 6 months.
- Provided and updated on negotiations with the ERP vendors. Requested a reduction in deposit, segmented payments and spread payments over two fiscal years.
- Provided an update on the 2022-23 audit. Date has been pushed back to September.



11. Announcements and Comments from Board Members:

Chairperson Briseño – He attended Late Night Basketball. It was well attended, and he was pleased with the turnout.

Board would like an update of options for streaming board meetings at an upcoming meeting.

12. Executive Session: At 8:22pm Chairperson Briseño convened to executive session.

12.1 Public Employee Performance Evaluation; pursuant to Government Code Section 54957

Title: General Manager

~~12.2 Conference with Labor Negotiators; pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6~~

~~Agency Designated Representative: General Manager Gabe Lanusse
Unrepresented Employees: Finance Director, Parks and Facilities Director,
Human Resources Director, Recreation Director, Board Clerk and Human
Resources Coordinator~~

At 8:44pm Chairperson Briseño re-convened to regular session and reported the following:

12.1 Direction Given

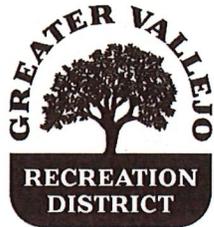
13. Action Item:

13.1 Discussion and Possible Action on Merit Increase to General Manager Salary (Legal Counsel)

Director Briseño offered the motion, seconded by Director Starnes to approve a 3.4% merit increase. Combined with the 1.6% COLA increase for a total of 5%. Motion passed. Directors Stewart and Aliga were absent for the vote.

14. Meeting Adjourn: 8:46pm

Thomas Judt, Board Secretary



ATTENDANCE SHEET	PRESENT	EXCUSED
Director Aliga		✓
Director Briseño	✓	
Director Judt	✓	
Director Starnes	✓	
Director Stewart		✓

DATE OF MEETING June 26, 2025 - 6:30pm

Kimberly Pierson 6/26/2025
Clerk of the Board Date

**Greater Vallejo Recreation District
Board of Directors Meeting
Sign in Sheet
Thursday, June 26, 2025, 6:30pm
Administration Office Board Room**

Signing in for this meeting is voluntary.

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