



# 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, August 14, 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., August 14, 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, Director Rizal Aliga; Director Ward Stewart

**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

### 4. Approval of Agenda

Director Judt offered the motion, seconded by Director Starnes to approve the agenda with one change-Remove item 8.1-Approve Changes to Policy 3030. Motion passed unanimously.

### 5. Public Comment-None

(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 – July 24, 2025
- 7.2 Accept Policy and Personnel Committee Minutes-July 22, 2025
- 7.3 Accept Facility and Development Committee Minutes-July 30, 2025

**Director Starnes offered the motion, seconded by Director Judt to approve the consent calendar. Motion passed unanimously.**

## 8. Action Items: 1 Speaker Rue Mapp (Outdoor Afro)

~~8.1 Approve Changes to Policy 3030 Budget Process and Reserves (Lanusse/Parkhurst)~~

- 8.2 Authorize General Manager to Attend the California Special District Association (CSDA) Annual Conference August 25-28<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Apply for the Certified Special District Manager (CSDM) Designation and Training from the Special District Leadership Foundation, and Attend the California Weed Science Society (CWSS) Conference January 27-30, 2026. (Lanusse)

**Director Starnes offered the motion, seconded by Director Judt to authorize the General Manger to attend the August 2025 CSDA and January 2026 CWSS Conferences, and apply for the CSDM Designation and Training. Motion passed unanimously.**

- 8.3 Discussion and Status Update on Two Real Properties: McIntyre Ranch and 1110 Colusa Street (Lanusse)

**The General Manger provided an update on the two real properties. Discussions are ongoing with realtors for both properties regarding sales price and zoning.**

- 8.4 Discussion and Possible Action on GVRD Involvement in Honoring CC Sabathia's Contributions to the Vallejo Community (Lanusse)

**Discussion on CC's contributions to Vallejo and GVRD. Specifically, the North Vallejo Basketball Courts and Thurmon Little League Field. There was additional discussion on the possibility of installing a recognition plaque to honor his contributions. GVRD is onboard to support events being planned by the City of Vallejo.**



## 9. Financials:

- 9.1 Accept June Financials 6/1/2025 through 6/30/2025 (Parkhurst)  
Director Judt offered the motion, seconded by Director Starnes to accept June Financials 6/1/2025 through 6/30/2025. Motion passed unanimously.

## 10. Staff Updates:

### 10.1 General Manager

- Provided an update on a recent meeting with Pastor Summers regarding unsheltered clean up services.
- Announced the Impact Fee Request was sent to the City of Vallejo today.
- Announced he attended the final Bands and Brews and Late-Night Basketball events last Friday.
- Announced he will be volunteering at the Vallejo Chamber golf tournament fundraiser. Additional volunteers are needed.
- Provided details on the recruitment efforts for the Vallejo Leadership next class. GVRD will send one person this year. Informed the board that he is the current President.

### 10.2 Recreation Services Director

- Announced the Fall/Winter Activity Guide will be out online tomorrow, and the printed version will be delivered in a week or so.
- Acknowledged staff for a great summer.

### 10.3 Parks and Facilities Director

- Provided an update on completed repairs to the irrigation pump at Blue Rock Springs Park. Announced the grass is green again.
- Announced he will attend the Vallejo Watershed Alliance annual meeting on Saturday. Event takes place at Foley Cultural Center.
- Provided details on the current City of Vallejo project at Dan Foley Park. As part of the Costco Project, two bio retention areas are being installed in the park.
- Provided an update on the advance funding request for the Franklin Prop. 68 project.



#### 10.4 Human Resources Director

- Announced the second round of Recreation Coordinator interviews were held and a job offer is being sent.

#### 10.5 Finance Director

- Provided an update on the Franklin Prop. 68 grant project: The Office of Grants and Local Services provided confirmation of receipt of pre-funding request.
- Announced he will attend the California Special District Association (CSDA) Annual Conference representing the Yolo-solano chapter of CSDA.

#### 11. Announcements and Comments from Board Members:

Director Aliga announced he was invited to DJ at an upcoming event at FairyLand in Oakland.

Chairperson Briseño shared feedback received regarding the Winter pool closure: Vallejo Aquatics would love to see the pool reopen in February. Announced: an upcoming fundraiser for Shakespeare in the Park at VINO Godfather. August Summer Nights happening in Downtown Vallejo-Redman's Hall will be hosting an after party.

#### 12. Executive Session: At 8:06pm 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 9:48pm Chairperson Briseño re-convened to regular session and reported the following:

12.1 and 12.2 Direction given-nothing to report



13. Meeting Adjourn: 9:49pm

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Thomas Judt, Board Secretary



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

**DATE OF MEETING August 14, 2025 - 6:30pm**

*Kimberly Pierson* 8/14/2025  
Clerk of the Board                      Date

**Greater Vallejo Recreation District  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Sign in Sheet  
Thursday, August 14, 2025, 6:30pm  
Administration Office Board Room**

*Signing in for this meeting is voluntary.*

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