

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

Thomas Judt
Nicole Person
Olivia Ruiz
Ward Stewart

GENERAL MANAGER

Gabe Lanusse

Greater Vallejo Recreation District Board of Directors Minutes

Thursday, January 22, 2026- 401 Amador Street, Vallejo, CA 94590

6:30 p.m. – Regular Session

1. Call to Order:

Chairperson Judt called a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Greater Vallejo Recreation District to order at 6:30 p.m., January 22, 2026, in the Board Room of the Greater Vallejo Recreation District Office, 401 Amador Street, Vallejo, California.

2. Pledge of Allegiance:

Chairperson Judt led the pledge of allegiance.

3. Roll Call:

Present: Chairperson Thomas Judt; Vice-Chairperson Ward Stewart, Secretary Nicole Person, Director Olivia Ruiz

Staff: General Manager, Gabriel Lanusse; Legal Counsel, Andrew Shen; Recreation Services Director, Antony Ryans; Parks and Facilities Director, Salvador Nuño; Finance Director, Noel Parkhurst; HR Coordinator, Lorelei Morehouse; Board Clerk, Kimberly Pierson

4. Approval of Agenda:

Chairperson Judt offered the motion, seconded by Secretary Person to approve the agenda Motion passed unanimously.

5. Presentations:

5.1 Congratulations to Melissa Grondona, Accounting Clerk II for passing her employment probationary period (Parkhurst)

Finance Director Parkhurst introduced Melissa Grondona and congratulated her on passing probation.



5.2 Franklin Recreation Center Park- Project Update (CALA)

Ben Woodside of CALA provided an update on the project and provided some alternative design options to help offset any budget overages.

5.3 California Association for Park and Recreation Indemnity (CAPRI)- Insurance Services (Matt Duarte)

Matt Duarte of CAPRI provided the board with an overview of the insurance services currently provided to the district.

6. Public Comment- 1 Speaker: Adjoa McDonald representing Vallejo Project

(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

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 – January 8, 2026

Vice-Chair Stewart offered the motion, seconded by Director Ruiz to approve the consent calendar. Motion passed unanimously.

8. Discussion Items:

8.1 Narrowing agenda topics for February Special Board Meeting (Lanusse)

The General Manager provided details on a short list of items for the meeting agenda:

1. Department overviews provided by the executive team
2. Board goals and how they line up with the 10-year master plan
3. Discussion on district financials

Chairperson Judt offered the following topics to be included in future meetings:

1. Define Marketing Focus
2. Master Plan Objective 5.7-Explore opportunities for a Sports Center
3. Master Plan Objective 3.8-Develop a formal recreation program evaluation process
4. Art in the Park in conjunction with City of Vallejo
5. Discuss Department Heads giving presentations only once a month-summary of committee meetings with entire board
6. Policy 4015-Speaking for the district
7. Pursue OGALS grant for 6 parks, 1 in each council district, partnering with each council member for outreach and feedback.
8. Discuss adding discretionary board account to budget, requiring board approval
9. Discuss interactive Zoom broadcast of meetings
10. The placement and use of monies received from the sale of properties into General Reserve



9. Financials:

- 9.1 Accept December Payment of Bills 12/1/2025 through 12/31/2025
Director Ruiz offered the motion, seconded by Secretary Person to accept December Payment of Bills. Motion passed unanimously.
- 9.2 Draft Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget Calendar-Informational Item(Parkhurst)
Director Parkhurst announced one change: the adoption of the appropriations limitation will be held in July, not August as stated on the draft.

10. Staff Updates:

10.1 Finance Director

- Gave a brief update on the change to the audit field visit date.

10.2 Human Resources Coordinator

- Provided an update on recruitment: interviews were held earlier in the day for the HR Director position.

10.3 Parks and Facilities Director

- Provided details on sewer line upgrades at Wilson Park.
- Announced the driveway has been completed at the Franklin site. This will allow staff to park off street and may be expanded for users in the future.
- Provided details on the repairs being made at Cunningham Pool during the winter closure.
- Announced the Park Supervisor's first day was January 20th.

10.4 Recreation Services Director

- Provided details on the upcoming "senior prom" event being held on Valentines Day.
- Thanked the HR department for their assistance with recruitment.
- Provided details on the pool reopening. Pool will open on February 27th for a Vallejo Aquatic Club swim meet and will reopen to the public on March 2nd.



10.5 General Manager

- Provided details on recent vandalism and electrical theft at Wilson Park. Will keep the board posted on the status of the repairs.
- Announced recent meetings held with the City of Vallejo to discuss a partnership regarding potential grant opportunities.
- Provided an update on the recently held all staff meeting and lunch.

11. Chairperson Judt allowed a second Public Comment period: 1 Speaker: Adjoa McDonald, Vallejo Project

12. Announcements and Comments from Board Members:

Secretary Person: Wants to reinforce Director Stewarts comments regarding the damages at Wilson Park and the importance of communication with the Seaweed and the public.

Vice-Chairperson Stewart: Invited all to attend the Winged Migration Expo on Mare Island on January 31-February 1st.

Chairperson Judt: Announced he attended the All-Staff Meeting and looks forward to more opportunities to spend time with staff in a relaxed environment.

Chairperson Judt per Policy 4060-made the following board committee assignments:

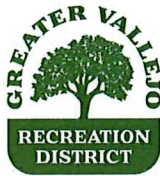
Budget and Finance Committee: Thomas Judt & Olivia Ruiz

Publicity, Program and Community Relations Committee: Thomas Judt & Nicole Person

Facility and Development Committee: Ward Stewart & TBD

Policy and Personnel Committee: Ward Stewart & Olivia Ruiz

13. Executive Session: 3 Speakers on item 12.2: Elisa Bryant, Vallejo Project; Jeanine Grider, Vallejo Project; Adjoa McDonald, Vallejo Project; Niki B.



At 8:58pm Chairperson Judt convened to executive session.

12.1 Conference with Labor Negotiators; pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6

Agency Designated Representatives: General Manager, Gabe Lanusse; Andrew Shen, Legal Counsel; Luke Jensen, Director of Labor Relations, Renne Public Law Group

Employee Organizations: International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local Union 1245 (IBEW); Service Employees International Union Local 1021 (SEIU)

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

Property: 1 St. Johns Mine Road, Vallejo

Agency Negotiators: General Manager, Gabe Lanusse; Director, Ward Stewart; Peppino Messina

Negotiating Parties: Ray Wright and Gina Wright

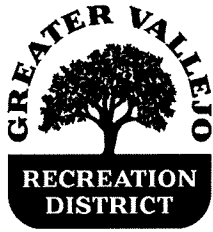
Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment

At 9:49pm Chairperson Judt re-convened to regular session and reported the following:

12.1, 12.2: Direction Given

14. Meeting Adjourn: 9:49pm

Nicole Person, Board Secretary



ATTENDANCE SHEET	PRESENT	EXCUSED
Director Judt	✓	
Director Person	✓	
Director Ruiz	✓	
Director Stewart	✓	
Vacant		

DATE OF MEETING January 22, 2026 - 6:30pm

Kimberly Pierson 1/22/2026
Clerk of the Board Date

**Greater Vallejo Recreation District
Board of Directors Meeting
Sign in Sheet
Thursday, January 22, 2026, 6:30pm
Administration Office Board Room**

Signing in for this meeting is voluntary.

Name	
1.	Niki Begley
2.	Jeanne Grider
3.	Elisa Bryant
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