

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

Rita Fryar
Thomas Judt
Nicole Person
Olivia Ruiz
Ward Stewart

GENERAL MANAGER

Gabe Lanusse

Greater Vallejo Recreation District Board of Directors Minutes

Thursday, April 9, 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 6:35 p.m., April 9, 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, Director Rita Fryar

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

4. Approval of Agenda:

Director Judt offered the motion, seconded by Director Stewart to approve the agenda. 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. Presentations: 2 Public Speakers item 6.3-Sue Casey, Liat Meitzenheimer

6.1 Marketing Update (Verdin)

Devan Spiegel from Verdin Marketing reviewed the 2025 Annual Marketing Report. She also presented an Award of Merit received for the GVRD Greater Campaign video.

6.2 Measure K Parcel Tax (NBS)

Amanda Welker from NBS presented information on Special Taxes.

6.3 Congratulations to General Manager, Gabriel Lanusse, on his retirement from the District

Chairperson Judt presented a certificate and gift certificate.

7. Committee Updates: None

The Chairperson for Standing Committees will provide any updates to the Board of Directors.

8. 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.

8.1 Approve Board Minutes – March 26, 2026

8.2 Approve Board Minutes – April 1, 2026, Special Meeting

8.3 Accept Budget and Finance Committee Minutes – March 18, 2026

8.4 Accept Publicity, Programs and Community Relations Committee Minutes – March 23, 2026

Director Stewart offered the motion, seconded by Director Person to approve the consent calendar. Motion passed unanimously.

9. Action Items:

9.1 Touro University Request to Waive Fees up to \$1692 for Use of the South Vallejo Community Center Kitchen for a Nutrition Medicine Program (Ryans)

Director Stewart offered the motion, seconded by Director Ruiz to approve with modifications as mentioned in Option 2 of staff report with a program evaluation and submission of participation data after 6 months. Motion passed unanimously.

Approve a partial or time-limited fee waiver (e.g., 3–6 months) and authorize continued use through 2026, with conditions. Conditions may include periodic program evaluation, submission of participation data, compliance with all District policies, and reassessment of fees after the initial waiver period. This option balances community benefit with fiscal responsibility and accountability.



9.2 Budget for General Manager Retirement Celebration

The Ad Hoc Committee provided an update on planning, announced no funds would be used for alcohol. Director Judt offered the motion, seconded by Director Person to approve a \$1500, not to exceed \$2000 budget for the event. Motion passed unanimously.

9.3 Approve Resolutions and Employment Agreement Appointing Pamela Sloan Interim General Manager

Director Stewart offered the motion, seconded by Director Person to approve Resolution 2026-01 (Gov't Code Section 21221(g) Appointing Pamela Sloan as Interim General Manager. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Fryar, Ruiz, Person, Judt, Stewart; Noes: None; Absent: None. Motion passed unanimously.

Director Stewart offered the motion, seconded by Director Fryar to approve Resolution 2026-02 (Gov't Code Section 21221(h) Appointing Pamela Sloan as Interim General Manager. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Fryar, Ruiz, Person, Judt, Stewart; Noes: None; Absent: None. Motion passed unanimously.

Director Stewart offered the motion, seconded by Director Fryar to approve Employment Agreement Appointing Pamela Sloan Interim General Manager. Motion passed unanimously.

9.4 Goals for Interim General Manager

Chairperson Judt mentioned the following items: Board Work Plans Status, Audits, ERP System. He stated meetings will be had once the Interim starts with more discussion.

9.5 General Manager Position – Transition Planning and Recruitment Process

General Manager Lanusse asked for direction on his role in future negotiations. Chairperson Judt stated the item would be discussed in closed session.

10. Financials:

10.1 Accept Financial Statement for 1/1/2026 through 2/28/2026 (Parkhurst)

Director Judt offered the motion, seconded by Director Fryar to approve the Financial Statement for 1/1/2026 through 2/28/2026. Motion passed unanimously.

11. Staff Updates:

11.1 Finance Director

- Provided an update on the status of the FY 22-23 audit.

11.2 Human Resources Director

- Provided an update on implementing communication improvements.
- Provided an update on revisions being made to the separation process.



11.3 Parks and Facilities Director

- Announced the first round interviews for the Maintenance Worker vacant position are scheduled for April 29th.
- Announced Visitor Services season began April 4th. Recruitment efforts are ongoing.
- Provided details on pathway improvements coming to Blue Rock Springs Park.
- Announced the Vallejo Watershed Alliance opening event at the Vallejo Naval & Historical Museum was cancelled due to a power outage.

11.4 Recreation Services Director

- Provided details on the new Mobile Recess program. 1st session was held April 4th.
- Recognized Johathan Burton for his outstanding support. He recently took on the role of "Twitch the Bunny".

11.5 General Manager

- Provided an update on a Community Project Funding request that was submitted through Congressman Garamendi's office. GVRD made it to the list for federal review.

12. Announcements and Comments from Board Members:

Chairperson Judt:

- Would like the Measure K item brought to the next meeting.

Director Stewart:

- Would like a teambuilding workshop timed with the leadership change.

13. Executive Session: At 9:06pm Chairperson Judt convened to executive session.

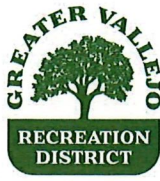
13.1 Conference with Labor Negotiators; pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6

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

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

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

Title: General Manager



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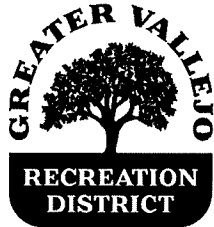
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Unrepresented Employees: Finance Director, Recreation Services Director, HR Director, Parks and Facilities Director, HR Coordinator, Asst. to GM/Board Clerk

At 10:10pm Chairperson Judt re-convened to regular session and reported the following: Direction given, nothing to report.

14. Meeting Adjourn: 10:11pm

Nicole Person, Board Secretary



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

DATE OF MEETING April 9, 2026 - 6:30pm

Kimberly Pierson 4/9/2026
Clerk of the Board Date

**Greater Vallejo Recreation District
Board of Directors Meeting
Sign in Sheet
Thursday, April 9, 2026, 6:30pm
Administration Office Board Room**

Signing in for this meeting is voluntary.

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