



RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

EVERGREEN PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT REGULAR MEETING February 24, 2026

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Director McGhee called the regular meeting of the Board of Directors (Board) of the Evergreen Park & Recreation District (EPRD/District) to order at 5:02pm. Present from the Board were President Mary McGhee, Second Vice President Betsy Hays, Treasurer Peter Eggers, and Secretary Ally Hilgefert. Youth Advisory Board Members Paul Howe & Xavier Gomez were absent and excused.

Present from staff were Executive Director (ED) Cory Vander Veen, Director of Operations (DO) Brian Tucker, Director of Development and Community Engagement (DCM) Nancy Judge, Grants & Strategy Manager (GSM) Liz Cohen, Executive Manager (EM) Maddy Evans, Park Operations Manager (PO) Jarred Lilyhorn, and Lake House Coordinator (LHC) Klaire Funderburgh.

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS & CHANGES TO THE AGENDA & CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE

Director Hilgefert announced a new nonprofit in Evergreen, Touch Grass Colorado, with a mission to increase outdoor play among youth and prevent harm caused through online platforms. They are hosting a free kids dodgeball tournament this weekend at Wulf Recreation Center.

Director Hays highlighted that the Active4All Polar Plunge is happening this Sunday, March 1st.

3. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

District Resident Tracy Lester commented as a private citizen in support of Monty Estis being appointed to the EPRD Board.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 - January 2026 Board Meeting Minutes

4.2 - Capital Project Public Communications Update

4.3 - Public Art Applications

MOTION

Director Eggers moved to approve all items on the consent agenda. Director Hays seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS FROM CONSENT AGENDA

There were no items removed from the consent agenda for discussion.

6. VACANT BOARD POSITION APPOINTMENT

Director Hays nominated Rebecca Davis for the vacant seat on the EPRD Board of Directors. Director McGhee noted that she supported Monty Estis for the vacant seat on the EPRD Board of Directors. Nominations closed and the appointment went to a vote.

MOTION

Director Hays moved to nominate Rebecca Davis for the vacant seat on the EPRD Board of Directors. Director Hilgefert seconded. The Board discussed interviews that occurred. Director Hays, Hilgefert, and Eggers voted in favor. Director McGhee voted in opposition. The motion passed 3 to 1.

7. APPOINTED BOARD MEMBER OATH OF OFFICE

Rebecca Davis verbally recited her oath and signed her Oath of Office.

****BREAK 5:24PM-5:33PM**** *Director Davis's Oath of Office was filed by EM Evans during the break.*

8. SEATING OF APPOINTED BOARD MEMBER

Rebecca Davis officially took her seat as a Board Member of the Evergreen Park & Recreation District.

9. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Because former Director Rosenthal was First Vice President and Director Hays is second vice president, the Board chose to re-assign those two positions while the other position assignments will remain as is.



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Director Eggers moved that Director Hays fill the position of Vice President and that Director Davis fill the position of Second Vice President. Director Hilgefert seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

10. AQUATICS EXPANSION UPDATE

ED Vander Veen provided an update on the Aquatics Expansion focused on groundwater management and drainage needs for the new pool. Designers and construction crews were given clear direction on developing a perimeter drainage and pumping plan to prevent buoyancy during scheduled pool drains. EPRD Staff are pursuing donor leads, and the project recently secured a contract price reduction. A deposit has been paid to Myrtha for the pool structure equipment. ED Vander Veen emphasized the project's efficient contractor coordination, ongoing site access and grading work, and upcoming trail detours and major excavation in the next few weeks.

11. PAVILION UPDATE

The pavilion project remains on schedule and within budget, with subcontractors secured, timber trusses in production, cost-saving roofing bids, and LED/sound quotes received; final utility work is pending. ED Vander Veen reported on community interest in engaging the El Rancho property owner and noted an MOU allowing EPRD to salvage materials at no cost before demolition, with items to be stored on EPRD property and incorporated into Phase 2 of the pavilion. He also discussed the recent El Rancho press conference and release, community feedback, the updated EPRD website, and Phase 2 renderings, and noted that staff are coordinating communications and managing public and media inquiries.

The team discussed community concerns about tree spraying and removals in the park, explaining that some trees must come down to slow pest spread and protect infrastructure, while emphasizing education through walkthroughs. Due to the high cost and low success rate of relocating trees, they prefer planting new native, drought-tolerant saplings and are exploring partnerships for sourcing young trees. Staff are coordinating permits and access with CDOT and Jefferson County.

12. OLD BUSINESS AND UPDATES

Other Buchanan Park updates touched on the outdoor game area and skatepark. Concrete games have been ordered and are expected to ship soon. Public access to this park amenity will depend on construction staging and final road/earthwork sequencing. The skatepark public meeting held on February 23rd had strong, multigenerational turnout and positive energy; staff will vet comments with the stakeholder subcommittee and finalize detailed design in the coming month. A community survey for the skatepark is available through EPRD's website and open until March 2nd.

13. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments from the public.

14. INITIAL DRAFT OF THE MARCH 2026 BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Consent Agenda (February Meeting Minutes, Capital Project Public Communications Update), Subcommittee Discussion, COP Budget Update, Adventure Playground Update, Pavilion Update, Aquatics Expansion Update

15. ADJOURNMENT MOTION

Director Davis moved to adjourn the February 24, 2026 Board of Directors Meeting as of 6:34pm. Director Eggers seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:34pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Madalyn Evans
Executive Manager