

Minutes of the Freeport Park District Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting Held on Jan. 20, 2026.

1. In attendance were Commissioners Stewart, Schwartz, Petersen, Yartzak, and McIlwain, Executive Director Cubberley, Superintendent Booker, Superintendent Jackson, Manager Minkie, and Merry Blake, Bill Wagner, and Nick Connell.
2. The meeting was called to order by President Petersen at 6:40 P.M. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Stewart, Aye: Schwartz, Aye: Petersen, Aye: Yartzak, Aye: McIlwain.
3. On a motion by Commissioner Schwartz and second by Commissioner McIlwain to approve the meeting agenda for January 20, 2026, Regular meeting of the Freeport Park District Board of Commissioners. Roll call vote: Aye: Stewart, Aye: Schwartz, Aye: Petersen, Aye: Yartzak, Aye: McIlwain.

4. Public Comments:

A member of the public asked questions regarding a topic that had been addressed at a previous meeting and through other public communications.

A member of the public expressed appreciation for the park district's Christmas light displays and winter trail maintenance.

A member of the public expressed concerns about specific trail conditions, past maintenance issues, and some memorial benches that need attention.

5. On a motion by Commissioner Yartzak and second by Commissioner Schwartz to approve the minutes from December 16, 2025, Regular Meeting of the Freeport Park District Board of Commissioners. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Stewart, Aye: Schwartz, Aye: Petersen, Aye: Yartzak, Aye: McIlwain.
6. On a motion by Commissioner Stewart and second by Commissioner Yartzak to approve the bills for January 2026, totaling \$496,347.54, including \$124,164.76 in payroll and \$372,182.78 in vouchers. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Stewart, Aye: Schwartz, Aye: Petersen, Aye: Yartzak, Aye: McIlwain.
7. On a motion by Commissioner Stewart and second by Commissioner Yartzak to receive and place on file the reports. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Stewart, Aye: Schwartz, Aye: Petersen, Aye: Yartzak, Aye: McIlwain.
8. Discussion Item: Executive Director Cubberley presented the Budget & Appropriations Ordinance for the 2026 -27 Fiscal Year.

9. Discussion Item: Superintendent Booker presented information regarding the potential outsourcing of pool concessions at Read Park Pool. The Board discussed the matter.
10. On a motion by Commissioner Stewart and second by Commissioner Yarzak to approve Ordinance #26-20-01 to amend and adopt Chapter V, Section 4 of the Freeport Park District Use Regulations relating to Cannabis, Alcohol, and Illegal Drug Use. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Stewart, Aye: Schwartz, Aye: Petersen, Aye: Yarzak, Aye: McIlwain.
11. On a motion by Commissioner Stewart and second by Commissioner Schwartz to approve Resolution #26-01-20A authorizing a land exchange between Freeport Park District and Kyle D. Williams. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Stewart, Aye: Schwartz, Aye: Petersen, Aye: Yarzak, Aye: McIlwain.
12. On a motion by Commissioner Stewart and second by Commissioner Yarzak to approve bids for the Jane Addams Trail Improvement RTP Grant. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Stewart, Aye: Schwartz, Aye: Petersen, Aye: Yarzak, Aye: McIlwain.
13. On a motion by Commissioner Stewart and second by Commissioner Schwartz to approve Resolution #26-01-20B: Review and authorization to release certain closed session minutes. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Stewart, Aye: Schwartz, Aye: Petersen, Aye: Yarzak, Aye: McIlwain.
14. On a motion by Commissioner Stewart and second by Commissioner Yarzak to go into closed session at 7:02 P.M. for the purpose of discussing the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees pursuant to 5 ILCS 120 Section 2(c)(1) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Stewart, Aye: Schwartz, Aye: Petersen, Aye: Yarzak, Aye: McIlwain.
15. On a motion by Commissioner Yarzak and second by Commissioner Schwartz to adjourn the closed session and reconvene into regular session at 7:15 P.M. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Stewart, Aye: Schwartz, Aye: Petersen, Aye: Yarzak, Aye: McIlwain.
16. On a motion by Commissioner Stewart and second by Commissioner Yarzak to approve action as a result of the executive session, approval of Pay Grade Assignments. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Stewart, Aye: Schwartz, Aye: Petersen, Aye: Yarzak, Aye: McIlwain.
17. On a motion by Commissioner Yarzak and second by Commissioner Schwartz to table any action as a result of the executive session, pay wage adjustments. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Stewart, Aye: Schwartz, Aye: Petersen, Aye: Yarzak, Aye: McIlwain.
18. On a motion by Commissioner Stewart and second by Commissioner Schwartz to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:19 P.M. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Stewart, Aye: Schwartz, Aye: Petersen, Aye: Yarzak, Aye: McIlwain.