

Minutes of the Freeport Park District Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting Held on Feb. 17, 2026.

1. In attendance were Commissioners Stewart, Schwartz, Petersen, Yartzak, and McIlwain, Executive Director Cubberley, Superintendent Jackson, Manager Hartman, Manager Minkie, Merry Blake, and Aaron Gold.
2. The meeting was called to order by President Petersen at 6:29 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 Yartzak to approve the meeting agenda for February 18, 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:
None
5. On a motion by Commissioner Schwartz and second by Commissioner McIlwain to approve the minutes from 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.
6. On a motion by Commissioner Yartzak and second by Commissioner Stewart to approve the minutes from January 20, 2026, Closed Meeting of the Freeport Park District Board of Commissioners. 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 approve the bills for February 2026, totaling \$195,088.118, including \$121,679.23 in payroll and \$73,408.95 in vouchers. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Stewart, Aye: Schwartz, Aye: Petersen, Aye: Yartzak, Aye: McIlwain.
8. On a motion by Commissioner Stewart and second by Commissioner Schwartz to receive and place on file the reports. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Stewart, Aye: Schwartz, Aye: Petersen, Aye: Yartzak, Aye: McIlwain.
9. Discussion Item: Executive Director Cubberley presented a draft of the proposed Fund Balance Policy.
10. On a motion by Commissioner Stewart and second by Commissioner Yartzak to approve acceptance of bids for General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds, Series 2026A. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Stewart, Aye: Schwartz, Aye: Petersen, Aye: Yartzak, Aye: McIlwain.

11. On a motion by Commissioner Stewart and second by Commissioner Schwartz to approve Ordinance 26-2-17A: An Ordinance providing for the issue of approximately \$731,730 General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds, Series 2026A. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Stewart, Aye: Schwartz, Aye: Petersen, Aye: Yartzak, Aye: McIlwain.
12. On a motion by Commissioner Stewart and second by Commissioner Yartzak to approve acceptance of sale to Bernardi Securities, Inc for General Obligation Park Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2026B. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Stewart, Aye: Schwartz, Aye: Petersen, Aye: Yartzak, Aye: McIlwain.
13. On a motion by Commissioner Stewart and second by Commissioner Yartzak to approve Ordinance 26-2-17B: An Ordinance providing for the issue of approximately \$1,315,000.00 General Obligation Park Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2026B. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Stewart, Aye: Schwartz, Aye: Petersen, Aye: Yartzak, Aye: McIlwain.
14. On a motion by Commissioner Schwartz and second by Commissioner Stewart to approve the Concession Contract for Carey Loeffelholz to run the Read Park Aquatic Center Concessions. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Stewart, Aye: Schwartz, Aye: Petersen, Aye: Yartzak, Aye: McIlwain.
15. On a motion by Commissioner Stewart and second by Commissioner Schwartz to approve bids for a 3/4-ton pickup truck. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Stewart, Aye: Schwartz, Aye: Petersen, Aye: Yartzak, Aye: McIlwain.
16. On a motion by Commissioner Stewart and second by Commissioner Schwartz to approve bids for a 1/2-ton pickup truck. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Stewart, Aye: Schwartz, Aye: Petersen, Aye: Yartzak, Aye: McIlwain.
17. On a motion by Commissioner Stewart and second by Commissioner Schwartz to approve bids to provide turf care applications at specific park locations. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Stewart, Aye: Schwartz, Aye: Petersen, Aye: Yartzak, Aye: McIlwain.
18. On a motion by Commissioner Stewart and second by Commissioner Yartzak to approve 2026 Park Hills Golf Course fertilizer, herbicide and insecticide chemical bids. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Stewart, Aye: Schwartz, Aye: Petersen, Aye: Yartzak, Aye: McIlwain.
19. On a motion by Commissioner Stewart and second by Commissioner Schwartz to approve Ordinance 26-2-17C: An Ordinance authorizing the sale or conveyance of certain personal property. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Stewart, Aye: Schwartz, Aye: Petersen, Aye: Yartzak, Aye: McIlwain.

20. On a motion by Commissioner Stewart and second by Commissioner Schwartz to go into closed session at 7:03 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.

21. On a motion by Commissioner Yarzak and second by Commissioner Petersen to adjourn the closed session and reconvene into regular session at 7:21 P.M. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Stewart, Aye: Schwartz, Aye: Petersen, Aye: Yarzak, Aye: McIlwain.

22. On a motion by Commissioner Schwartz and second by Commissioner Petersen to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:22 P.M. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Stewart, Aye: Schwartz, Aye: Petersen, Aye: Yarzak, Aye: McIlwain.