

Minutes of the Freeport Park District Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting Held on March 24, 2026.

1. In attendance were Commissioners Stewart, Schwartz, Petersen, Yartzak, and McIlwain, Executive Director Cubberley, Superintendent Booker, Superintendent Jackson, Superintendent Fago, Manager Hartman, Manager Minkie, Eric Borneman, Len Lassandro, Colleen Lassandro, Millie Keith, and Merry Blake.
2. The meeting was called to order by President Petersen at 6:31 P.M. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Stewart, Aye: Schwartz, Aye: Petersen, Aye: Yartzak, Aye: McIlwain.
3. On a motion by Commissioner Yartzak and seconded by Commissioner Stewart to approve the meeting agenda for March 24, 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, a Freeport resident, and an attorney representing local clients expressed dissatisfaction with the district's lease with JCWifi. Noting that the project's contract was handled with little care and done with bare minimum requirements.

A member of the public submitted a written public comment to be read. The letter stated that the notice was insufficient in time, that the project lacked transparency, failed to meet due diligence requirements, and failed to consider proper land use for the community. A request was made to the board to reconsider.

5. On a motion by Commissioner Yartzak and seconded by Commissioner Stewart to approve the regular meeting minutes from February 17, 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 Stewart and seconded by Commissioner Schwartz to approve the closed session minutes from February 17, 2026, Regular 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 seconded by Commissioner McIlwain to approve the bills for March 2026, totaling \$268,394.09, including \$123,164.33 in payroll and \$145,229.76 in vouchers. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Stewart, Aye: Schwartz, Aye: Petersen, Aye: Yartzak, Aye: McIlwain.

8. On a motion by Commissioner Stewart and seconded by Commissioner Yartzak 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 Retiree Continuation of Health Insurance Policy.
10. On a motion by Commissioner Schwartz and seconded by Commissioner Yartzak to approve and adopt Ordinance #26-3-24A - 2026-27 Budget and Appropriation. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Stewart, Aye: Schwartz, Aye: Petersen, Aye: Yartzak, Aye: McIlwain.
11. On a motion by Commissioner Schwartz and seconded by Commissioner Yartzak to approve Ordinance #26-3-24B Abatement of 2025 tax Levy Series 2021B Bonds. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Stewart, Aye: Schwartz, Aye: Petersen, Aye: Yartzak, Aye: McIlwain.
12. On a motion by Commissioner Yartzak and seconded by Commissioner Schwartz to approve the Fund Balance Policy. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Stewart, Aye: Schwartz, Aye: Petersen, Aye: Yartzak, Aye: McIlwain.
13. On a motion by Commissioner Stewart and seconded by Commissioner McIlwain to approve 5.6% Salary Increase Pool for eligible full-time staff for a total of \$64,624. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Stewart, Aye: Schwartz, Aye: Petersen, Aye: Yartzak, Aye: McIlwain.
14. On a motion by Commissioner Stewart and seconded by Commissioner Yartzak to approve the Audit Services Proposal by The Lucas Group. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Stewart, Aye: Schwartz, Aye: Petersen, Aye: Yartzak, Aye: McIlwain.
15. On a motion by Commissioner Stewart and seconded by Commissioner Yartzak to approve the Tree Removal Bid by Fransen Tree Service. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Stewart, Aye: Schwartz, Aye: Petersen, Aye: Yartzak, Aye: McIlwain.
16. On a motion by Commissioner Yartzak and seconded by Commissioner Stewart to approve the Emergency Tree Work proposal by Triangle Tree Care LLC. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Stewart, Aye: Schwartz, Aye: Petersen, Aye: Yartzak, Aye: McIlwain.
17. On a motion by Commissioner Stewart and seconded by Commissioner Yartzak to approve the Tree Stump Removal contract with EZ Care Services. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Stewart, Aye: Schwartz, Aye: Yartzak, Aye: McIlwain. Nay: Petersen.
18. On a motion by Commissioner Stewart and seconded by Commissioner Schwartz to approve the purchase of the SpaceKap Wild 6 Truck Cap for the 2026 Chevy Silverado for \$. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Stewart, Aye: Schwartz, Aye: Yartzak, Aye: McIlwain. Nay: Petersen.

19. On a motion by Commissioner Stewart and seconded by Commissioner Schwartz to approve the purchase of Read Park Aquatic Center water heaters. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Stewart, Aye: Schwartz, Aye: Petersen, Aye: Yarzak, Aye: McIlwain.
20. On a motion by Commissioner Stewart and seconded by Commissioner Schwartz to approve authorization for auction purchases for the Park Hills Golf Course. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Stewart, Aye: Schwartz, Aye: Petersen, Aye: Yarzak, Aye: McIlwain.
21. On a motion by Commissioner Stewart and seconded by Commissioner Schwartz to approve the purchase of plant containers for the Koenig Amphitheater. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Stewart, Aye: Schwartz, Aye: Petersen, Aye: Yarzak, Aye: McIlwain.
22. On a motion by Commissioner Yarzak and seconded by Commissioner Stewart to go into closed session at 7:32 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.
23. On a motion by Commissioner Stewart and seconded by Commissioner Schwartz to adjourn the closed session and reconvene into regular session at 8:29 P.M. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Stewart, Aye: Schwartz, Aye: Petersen, Aye: Yarzak, Aye: McIlwain.
24. On a motion by Commissioner Stewart and seconded by Commissioner Yarzak to approve action as a result of the executive session, approval of 2026-27 annual compensation adjustment for Bruce Cubberley, Executive Director, authorizing an annual salary of \$113,022. Effective April 1, 2026. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Stewart, Aye: Schwartz, Aye: Petersen, Aye: Yarzak, Aye: McIlwain.
25. On a motion by Commissioner Stewart and seconded by Commissioner Yarzak to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:32 P.M. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Stewart, Aye: Schwartz, Aye: Petersen, Aye: Yarzak, Aye: McIlwain.