



Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

A Regular Meeting of the Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, June 11, 2025, at the Tualatin Valley Water District Headquarters, 1850 SW 170th Avenue, Beaverton, Oregon. Executive Session 5:30 pm; Regular Meeting 7:00 pm.

Present:

Barbie Minor	President/Director
Alfredo Moreno	Secretary/Director
Miles Palacios	Secretary Pro-Tempore/Director
Tya Ping	Director
Doug Menke	General Manager

Absent:

Felicita Montebianco	Director
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Agenda Item #1 – Executive Session (A) Personnel (B) Land (C) Legal

President Barbie Minor called executive session to order for the following purposes:

- To consider the employment of a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent; and
- To conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to carry out labor negotiations; and
- To conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to negotiate real property transactions; and
- To consult with counsel concerning the legal rights and duties of a public body with regard to current litigation or litigation likely to be filed.

Executive Session is held under authority of ORS 192.660(2)(a)(d)(e) and (h).

President Minor noted that the news media and designated staff may attend executive session. Representatives of the news media were directed not to disclose information discussed during executive session. No final action or final decision may be made in executive session.

Agenda Item #2 – Call Regular Meeting to Order

A Regular Meeting of the Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District Board of Directors was called to order by President Barbie Minor on Wednesday, June 11, 2025, at 7:00 pm.

Agenda Item #3 – Action Resulting from Executive Session

Tya Ping moved that the board of directors authorize staff to acquire property in the southwest quadrant of the district for the price discussed in executive session, using system development charge credits, subject to the standard due diligence review and approval by the general manager or designee. Miles Palacios seconded the motion. Roll call proceeded as follows:

Alfredo Moreno	Yes
Miles Palacios	Yes
Tya Ping	Yes
Barbie Minor	Yes

The motion was **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**.

Agenda Item #4 – Swearing In of Newly Elected Board Members

A swearing-in ceremony for the district's newly elected board members was conducted as follows:

- Ridhi Patil swore in Pradnya Patil for Position #1
- Kristin Moreno swore in Alfredo Moreno for Position #2
- Xavier Minor swore in Barbie Minor for Position #3

Agenda Item #5 – Election of Officers for Fiscal Year 2025/26

Barbie Minor nominated Alfredo Moreno to serve as President of the THPRD Board of Directors for Fiscal Year 2025/26. Tya Ping seconded the nomination. Hearing no further nominations, roll call proceeded as follows:

Alfredo Moreno	Yes
Miles Palacios	Yes
Tya Ping	Yes
Barbie Minor	Yes

The motion was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Barbie Minor nominated Miles Palacios to serve as Secretary of the THPRD Board of Directors for Fiscal Year 2025/26. Alfredo Moreno seconded the nomination. Hearing no further nominations, roll call proceeded as follows:

Miles Palacios	Yes
Tya Ping	Yes
Alfredo Moreno	Yes
Barbie Minor	Yes

The motion was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Barbie Minor nominated Tya Ping to serve as Secretary Pro-Tempore of the THPRD Board of Directors for Fiscal Year 2025/26. Miles Palacios seconded the nomination. Hearing no further nominations, roll call proceeded as follows:

Tya Ping	Yes
Alfredo Moreno	Yes
Miles Palacios	Yes
Barbie Minor	Yes

The motion was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Alfredo Moreno offered comments of gratitude and appreciation for President Minor's service as board president over the past year.

Agenda Item #6 – Proclamations

Lulú Ballesteros, Equity & Engagement manager, introduced this evening's guests in attendance to read four proclamations on behalf of the THPRD Board of Directors:

A. Juneteenth National Independence Day

Tafena Campos-Macon with Westside Connect is in attendance to read the Juneteenth National Independence Day proclamation. Westside Connect is a Black-led organization rooted in Washington County whose work focuses on community advocacy, youth engagement, and culturally affirming programming for the Black community. THPRD has partnered with them many times before, including for this year's Juneteenth event at Cedar Hills Recreation Center.

Tafena offered comments around the history of Juneteenth and some common misconceptions; she read a quote from President Abraham Lincoln in which he stated that he was "...not, nor ever have been, in favor of bringing about in any way the social and political equality of the white and black races...", noting that she is reading this quote tonight to encourage us to lean into our

personal “whys” and to not just understand why we are doing this work, but to define it. She described how our biases have been shaped by this country and that unlearning these traumatic concepts is needed in order to be able to form a foundation of real enlightenment and truth. She then read the Juneteenth National Independence Day proclamation into the record.

B. LGBTQIA+ Pride Month

Aubrey Sibelman, board chair for the Westside Queer Resource Center, is in attendance to read the LGBTQIA+ Pride Month proclamation. Westside Queer Resource Center is dedicated to expanding access and support for the LGBTQIA+ community in the Beaverton area and throughout Washington County. They have been an active partner to the Elsie Stuhr Center, working closely with staff to explore meaningful ways to serve LGBTQIA+ 55 and better adults. Members of the Westside Queer Resource Center have generously shared their time and talents, leading support groups, participating in events, and even offering professional photography services to help bring a shared vision to life.

Aubrey thanked the board for the opportunity to participate this evening and offered comments around the importance of Pride Month, especially considering the current difficult political climate, and that she appreciates the district’s commitment to the LGBTQIA+ community. She then read the LGBTQIA+ Pride Month proclamation into the record.

C. National Immigrant Heritage Month

Mouna Jbali, Washington County Chapter director for Unite Oregon, is in attendance to read the National Immigrant Heritage Month proclamation. Unite Oregon is a statewide organization working to advance social justice for immigrants, refugees, and communities of color through civic engagement, leadership development, and advocacy. THPRD’s partnership with Unite Oregon has grown in recent months through joint community events and activities. Recent highlights include Mexika New Year and a Multicultural Motherhood Celebration alongside other partners.

Mouna thanked THPRD for the opportunity to participate this evening and provided comments regarding her background as an immigrant as well as an advocate, and her work collaborating with THPRD in her former role with the Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization as well as in her new role with Unite Oregon. She then read the National Immigrant Heritage Month proclamation into the record.

D. Park and Recreation Month (July)

Jon Campbell, THPRD’s Maintenance Operations manager, is in attendance to read the Park & Recreation Month proclamation for July. THPRD is proud to celebrate Park & Recreation Month by recognizing the vital role our maintenance team plays in keeping THPRD parks and facilities safe, beautiful, and welcoming for all. From the smallest details to the biggest projects, their efforts make a lasting impact every day. As a team, they help create the vibrant, accessible spaces that our community relies on and enjoys.

Jon thanked the board for the opportunity to participate this evening and read the Park and Recreation Month proclamation into the record.

Agenda Item #7 – Budget Hearing: Resolution Adopting the Fiscal Year 2025/26 Budget, Levying Taxes, and Making Appropriations

A. Open Hearing

President Minor opened the budget hearing.

B. Staff Report

Jared Isaksen, Finance director, provided an overview of the memo included within the board of directors’ information packet via a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was entered into the

record, noting that the total appropriation amount for the Fiscal Year 2025/26 Budget is \$237,419,613. Technical adjustments are being requested to increase the Administration budget appropriation by \$90,000 as well as a transfer appropriation of \$10 from the Materials and Services appropriation line to an Interfund Transfer appropriation line in the Bond Capital Projects fund. The ad valorem property tax amount is at the rate of \$1.3073 per \$1,000 of assessed value, the local option levy tax rate is \$0.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value, and a property tax of \$9,481,849 for bonded debt. Jared expressed appreciation to the budget committee and district staff for their work in bringing the FY 2025/26 Budget forward for adoption.

C. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

D. Board Discussion

The board members offered comments of appreciation and gratitude to everyone involved in this year's successful and transparent budget process, including the budget committee members and district staff.

E. Close Hearing

President Minor closed the budget hearing.

F. Board Action

Tya Ping moved that the board of directors approve Resolution 2025-06 to adopt the 2025/26 budget, levy ad valorem taxes, and make appropriations. Alfredo Moreno seconded the motion. Roll call proceeded as follows:

Miles Palacios	Yes
Alfredo Moreno	Yes
Tya Ping	Yes
Barbie Minor	Yes

The motion was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Agenda Item #8 – Audience Time

President Minor welcomed those in attendance to provide public testimony this evening and provided an overview of the public testimony process.

Ben Reese is before the board as a small business owner regarding the 1st Street Dining Commons in downtown Beaverton. He described the overall community benefits this area has provided and requested that THPRD explore hosting three small events there this summer.

Agenda Item #9 – Board Time

Miles Palacios reflected on the first half of his term as a board member and expressed gratitude for the partnership and leadership of his colleagues, community involvement, and district staff.

Tya Ping expressed gratitude for President Minor's leadership as board president over the past year and congratulated her on her reelection.

Alfredo Moreno provided the following updates and comments:

- ✓ Provided a brief overview regarding this evening's consent agenda item to amend the Tualatin Hills Park Foundation's Articles of Incorporation.
- ✓ Recognized Rose Binoya, Portland Community College's 2025 student commencement speaker, who is also a THPRD fitness instructor.
- ✓ Expressed gratitude to President Minor for her service over the past year as board president and her efforts around enlivening the board's proclamations in such a special way, allowing the district to connect with and hear directly from the community.

President Minor referenced her remarks made in November 2023 calling for a ceasefire in Palestine and the resulting harassment, threats and intimidation that occurred, causing her to fear for her safety and that of her family. Now, the same tactics are being used against a fellow elected official on the Beaverton School District board, Dr. Tammy Carpenter, who has also used her voice to speak up for the humanity of Palestinians and is now, too, experiencing the same hateful, aggressive and threatening rhetoric. President Minor stated that she stands proudly next to Dr. Carpenter in support and solidarity. She is proud of the work THPRD does and the changes implemented for the board's proclamations in inviting community members to join us, adding that although affinity proclamations can be seen as performative, they represent only a fraction of the real work THPRD does to ensure that the district is constantly showing up in community. As the district honors this month's proclamations, she asks that each board member recommit to the board's values of diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging in all facets. She is eager to continue to build a district that ensures our most harmed communities are cared for and loved. She reflected on specific programming opportunities she hopes can be expanded, including gender-inclusive youth sports opportunities, the Black and Green Fellowship program, and partnerships to center our diverse, immigrant population. She concluded her remarks by stating that we are always stronger and better together and that the time to join in community and support one another is now, and expressed gratitude to her fellow board members and district staff for their support and guidance over the past year, as well as her family.

Agenda Item #10 – Consent Agenda

Miles Palacios moved that the board of directors approve consent agenda items (A) Minutes of May 15, 2025 Regular Board Meeting, (B) Resolution Authorizing System Development Charge Indexed Rate Annual Cost Adjustment, (C) Resolution Adopting District Investment Policy (D) Amended Tualatin Hills Park Foundation Articles of Incorporation, and (E) Collective Bargaining Agreement. Tya Ping seconded the motion.

Roll call proceeded as follows:

Alfredo Moreno	Yes
Tya Ping	Yes
Miles Palacios	Yes
Barbie Minor	Yes

The motion was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Agenda Item #11 – Unfinished Business

A. General Manager's Report

The following presentation was provided as listed within the General Manager's Report included in the board of directors' information packet:

- **Bond Planning Update**
 - Aisha Panas, deputy general manager, and Bruce Barbarasch, Sustainability manager, provided an update on the work underway planning for a potential replacement measure for the 2008 Bond Measure, via a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was entered into the record.

Doug and the presenters offered to answer any questions the board may have.

Miles Palacios asked how many people would be appointed to the Bond Measure Task Force.

- ✓ Bruce replied that the task force will likely have around 11 or 13 members.
- ✓ Holly Thompson, Communications director, agreed that it will be an odd number, either 11 or 13, based on the strength of the applications received.

Agenda Item #12 – New Business

A. Resolution Naming New Neighborhood Parks

Gery Keck, Planning & Development manager, introduced Chelsea Nikirk, community engagement specialist, to present an overview of the community outreach conducted and the resulting proposed names for two new neighborhood parks, one in the North Bethany area and the other in the South Cooper Mountain area. Staff is requesting board consideration this evening of approval of a resolution in naming these two new neighborhood parks.

Chelsea provided a detailed overview of the proposal to name these two new neighborhood parks via a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was entered into the record, and which included the following information:

- Process Overview
 - Cultural partners and researchers identify name options
 - Internal Naming Committee matches name options to sites
 - Present names to management team for input
 - Present names to community and gather input
 - Present names and input to advisory committee
 - Present all new names to THPRD Board of Directors for final approval
- Names Catalog
 - Create a list of potential site names to better represent communities and histories
 - Intentional outreach to those who helped identify names with a focus on identities and experiences among whom government systems have failed to represent
 - Engagement through in-depth discussions, historic and photographic collections
 - Honor and value diverse experiences and identities
- Consider
 - Pay attention to the feeling each name evokes or inspires
 - The community will be engaged around these names in many ways
 - Names can resonate with community and communities change
- North Bethany: Harvest Park
 - Inspired by early pictorial records of the Nikkei archive depicting crops and harvests
 - Connects across cultures
 - Raises awareness of the unique gleaning garden amenity
 - Lends to interpretive signage and art
- South Cooper Mountain: Free Skies Park
 - Wide sky views express the concept of freedom and possibility
 - Emphasizes the centralized and shared-space nature of this community lawn
 - Expected to be a place where people gather for a moment outdoors with neighbors

Gery and Chelsea offered to answer any questions the board may have.

Alfredo Moreno expressed gratitude for the community outreach efforts and described an idea around having a QR code or something similar on our signs that link to background information about the name of the site, including our older sites. He also reflected on the naming catalog and the balance needed when associating inspirational people from places outside of the Beaverton area with THPRD park names.

Miles Palacios expressed support for the proposed names and provided comments around the positive impact of pocket parks in family-focused areas, noting that he is proud of the district for being intentional in where these are placed.

Tya Ping expressed gratitude for the naming catalog and loves hearing the stories behind the proposed names which give more meaning to our parks.

President Minor reflected on the previous naming proposal for the South Cooper Mountain area park site of Meeting Point Park noting that the new proposed name is a testament to the district's dedication to its work and the connections that arose. She expressed gratitude to district staff for hearing the board's thoughts through this process.

Alfredo Moreno moved that the board of directors approve Resolution No. 2025-09, naming two new neighborhood park sites as Harvest Park and Free Skies Park. Tya Ping seconded the motion. Roll call proceeded as follows:

Miles Palacios Yes

Alfredo Moreno Yes

Tya Ping Yes

Barbie Minor Yes

The motion was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Agenda Item #13 – Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Barbie Minor, President

Alfredo Moreno, Secretary

Recording Secretary,
Jessica Collins