

WOODRIDGE PARK DISTRICT
Fred C. Hohnke Community Center
Special Board Meeting
September 23, 2025



President Cohen called the Special Meeting of the Board of Commissioners to order at 6:31 p.m.

Upon a roll of Commissioners being called, the following were

Present: Cohen, Mahoney, Venouziou, Coleman and Perry

Absent: None

Staff present: Knitter, Ritter, Webber, and Esquivel.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS

Executive Director Knitter provided an overview of the Strategic Master Plan process, and noted that it will guide the District's priorities and goals for the years 2025 – 2030. Executive Director Knitter distributed the statistically valid community survey findings report previously presented at the July Board Meeting. No further discussion occurred. Executive Director Knitter explained that this survey feedback will help inform the Strategic Master Plan.

Executive Director Knitter also noted that the website community survey is currently available and will remain open through October 31st. Staff will compile and present the results to the Board at the November meeting. The website community survey results will also be used to help define the Strategic Master Plan.

Executive Director Knitter then mentioned that since both the Board and staff provided minimal comments on the organization chart, the District's Leadership Team will review organizational needs in conjunction with the proposed FY2026 Budget and present recommendations to the Board at that time.

Executive Director Knitter then reviewed the results of the Strategic Master Plan Survey regarding simplified versions of the District's Mission Statement. The Board agreed with the revised mission statement version "We create community, connections and belonging through exceptional parks and recreation experiences".

Next, Executive Director Knitter presented a summary of the Employee Satisfaction Survey to the Board.

Lastly, Executive Director Knitter then facilitated an interactive Board engagement session, including a prioritization of the District's SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats) analysis and a future visioning activity to develop Board consensus.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn was requested. MOTION by Mahoney, seconded by Coleman to adjourn the regular board meeting at 8:16 p.m.

ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted.

Jack Mahoney, Secretary