



These updates highlight the key decisions and reports from the special meeting of the Board of Trustees held on July 6, 2023.

Park Board Welcomes Five New Trustees

The Park Board welcomed five new trustees to its board. Schel Heydenburg, notary public and Park Board administrative services manager, administered the oath of office to: Sara Godwin, Bill Clement, Gerald Wilson, Barry Willey, and Robert Bullwinkel. Seated members Jason Hardcastle, Kimberly Gaido, Jason Worthen, and councilman Mike Bouvier welcomed the newly appointed trustees who sat for their first meeting following the oath.

Park Board Unanimously Appoints Jason Hardcastle as Chairman

The newly seated board unanimously appointed Jason Hardcastle as the new Chair of the Board. "I am very grateful for this consideration," Hardcastle stated. The Board also elected Kimberly Gaido as the Vice Chair and Jason Worthen as Secretary of the Park Board of Trustees. The Board also voted to designate Jason Hardcastle as the Park Board Representative on the Industrial Development Corporation of the City of Galveston.

Park Board Begins Committee Assignments

The Park Board voted to appoint Kimberly Gaido as Chair of the Finance and Operations Committee (FOC), and new trustee Gerald Wilson as its Vice Chair. The Board voted unanimously to appoint Barry Willey and Robert Bullwinkel to FOC as well. The Board also voted unanimously to appoint Kimberly Gaido as Chair of the Tourism Development Advisory Committee (TDAC) and appointed Sara Godwin as Vice-Chair of TDAC. Additional appointments for BMAC (Beach Maintenance Advisory Committee), PAC (Parks and Amenities Committee), GMAC (Galveston Music Development Advisory Committee) and WDC (Workforce Development Committee) will be made at the regular meeting on Tuesday, July 25.

Park Board Approves Transfer of \$695,000 in Registration Funds to the City of Galveston

The Park Board of Trustees voted to send \$695,000 of registration funds to the City of Galveston contingent on an update to the interlocal agreement with the City of Galveston with a 6-3 majority. The following day, the City and the Park Board signed an updated operational agreement that defines terms for the transfer of short-term rental (STR) registration funds. “We are grateful for both the City of Galveston and Park Board staffs’ swift action to amend this agreement,” said Jason Hardcastle, chairman of the Park Board of Trustees. “I look forward to more collaborative efforts in the future and thank Mayor Brown for his direct assistance.”

Park Board Commends Coastal Zone Management for July 4th Clean-up Efforts

Park Board Trustee Jason Worthen commended the Coastal Zone Management (CZM) team for their exceptional efforts in the clean-up operations conducted on July 4th and 5th. “I want to complement Kimberly [Danesi], Larry Jackson, and the entire CZM team,” said Worthen. CZM crews began collecting trash from the beaches at 4 A.M on the morning of July 5th to clear the beachfront of litter before sunrise.

In addition to the above updates and announcements, the Park Board discussed future agenda items for the July 25th meeting including revisiting the process of a national search for the Park Board chief executive officer position and revisiting the annual budget for presentation to City Council at the end of the month.

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Park Board meetings are typically held on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 1:30 p.m. at 601 23rd Street.

