



Des Moines Pool Métropolitain Park District

February 24, 2026

7:00 p.m.

Hybrid (DMPMPD District Office and Remote Online)

MINUTES REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

President Young called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Also, present were Commissioners, Dusenbury and Stender, District General Manager Deschenes, Clerk Melum, and resident Achziger. Commissioner Fortine logged on at 7:08 p.m. Commissioners Campbell was not present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Commissioner Dusenbury led the flag salute.

ADOPTION/MODIFICATIONS OF AGENDA There were no to the agenda. Commissioner Stender moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Dusenbury 2nd. Motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Fortine logged on at 7:08 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS – District GM Deschenes announced and presented Proclamation 2026-01, March is Lifeguard, Instructor, and Aquatic Workforce Month. Celebrating the growth of the Mount Rainier Pool and the District, which has helped showcase how important and rewarding it is to have a career in aquatics. Commissioner Stender moved to approve Proclamation 2026-01 March is Lifeguard, Instructor, and Aquatics Workforce Month. Commissioner Dusenbury 2nd. Motion passed 4-0.

District Deschenes also announced that the Seattle Parks foundation meeting has been pushed back again. They are looking at a possible meeting in mid to late March.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Resident Achziger announced that a Nonprofits and City Groups Summit will be held at the Activity Center on March 7 at 10:00 a.m. President Young requested clarification regarding the date, and Resident Achziger confirmed the March 7 date and noted additional information is available in the most recent Des Moines City Manager’s Report. President Young also asked about the Legacy Foundation Ball, which Resident Achziger stated will take place on June 6. Resident Achziger further announced several July events, including the Children’s Festival, Shark in the Park, a fishing derby, and a dedication ceremony for the Redondo Pier.

6a. CONSENT AGENDA

District GM Deschenes reported that the January financial reports will be presented at the March meeting due to staff unavailability. The January total expenditures, including payroll and vendor payments via warrant and electronic transfer were included in the consent agenda for board approval. Commissioner Dusenbury moved to approve the consent agenda including vouchers and electronic transfer requests processed in January 2026 totaling **\$183,353.64**. Commissioner Stender 2nd. The motion passed 4-0.

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Commissioner Fortine joined the meeting at 7:08pm.

Old Business**7a. Schedule Update (March 8, 2026)**

District GM Deschenes presented the March 2026 schedule for Mount Rainier Pool, effective March 8. Updates include earlier Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday openings, an additional Tuesday and Thursday morning water exercise class, adjusted weekend family swim hours (1:00–2:30 p.m.), and the addition of evening water polo practices. Commissioner Stender asked about the water polo age group. Interim Aquatics Manager Sevores joined the meeting at 7:13 p.m. and reported the program will serve ages 14–18, with the possibility of including a junior varsity team.

7b Surge Pit Repairs

District GM Deschenes announced the possibility of some surge pit repairs in May. District GM Deschenes shared photos of the areas of focus for the repairs and stated that he may also have the parts inspected prior to repair. Lastly, District GM Deschenes stated he would be making some calls to get estimates, and the goal date will be during the May closure.

7c. Emergency Repairs Update

District GM Deschenes presented a consolidated summary of emergency repair projects, including expenditures compared to amounts previously authorized by the Board at the request of Commissioner Dusenbury in Q4 2025. He noted that two projects are awaiting final billing, and the Board will be updated once the invoicing process is complete. District GM Deschenes also reviewed anticipated reimbursements related to the power surge repairs for the Pacific Middle School vandalism. President Young inquired whether Board action was required; District GM Deschenes confirmed the item was for informational purposes only.

7d Grants and Engineer of Record

District GM Deschenes reported that he reviewed District archives and located a covenant containing language related to facility grant processes. He is coordinating with King County Parks regarding next steps. He also shared that, following a meeting with King County Parks and Highline School District, it was determined that the School District will resume responsibility for grant administration. Additionally, District GM Deschenes noted that he has consulted with other pool districts further along in the process and provided a brief overview of the process.

Board Commissioners asked clarifying questions and expressed concerns regarding the school district's decision to resume responsibility for grant administration, particularly in light of the facility's aging and critical systems. Following discussion with the District General Manager, including updates related to the Engineer of Record and associated work, the Board thanked the District General Manager for the information and agreed to revisit the matter at a later time.

7e Y.E.T.I. Partnership, Resolution, 2026-07 Public Gifting

District GM Deschenes presented Resolution 2026-07 Y.E.T.I. Partnership, Public Gifting and discussed the details of the program and the Y.E.T.I. non-profit organization. District GM Deschenes asked the board to pass the resolution which would authorize program space for the Y.E.T.I program during specific times of day and up to 24 hours per school year. Commissioner Dusenbury moved to approve Resolution 2026-07 Y.E.T.I. Partnership, Public Gifting. Commissioner Stender 2nd. Motion passed 4-0.

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7f. Resolution 2025-11 Public Gifting for Second PTSA Swim

District GM Deschenes presented the board with an update to the current Resolution 2025-11 Public Gifting for PTSA Swims. General discussions occurred regarding the specific wording for the update to ensure each school had a fair opportunity to participate in the program. Commissioner Stender moved to approve two event motion for PTSA Swims for the 2025-2026 school year only. Commissioner Dusenbury 2nd. The motion passed 4-0.

7g. Q4 Financial Report

District GM Deschenes presented the Q4 financial report. A copy of the report is available in the February 24 agenda packet. Commissioner Stender asked whether further action was required. District GM Deschenes clarified that this item was for information purposes only.

7h. Policy 520, Procurement (first touch) UPDATED

District GM Deschenes presented updates to Policy 520, Procurement, including revised spending limits for management tiers, public bidding requirements, and other procurement authorities based on guidance from the State Auditor's Office (SAO). The draft policy will be circulated to Board members for review and is expected to be on the agenda for action at the March 24 meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

8a Second Aquatics Coordinator Recruitment

District GM Deschenes outlined an action plan to recruit a new Aquatics Coordinator and discussed recruitment methods, timeline, and related considerations. District GM Deschenes stated the Aquatic Coordinator position would be posted beginning in March and would remain posted until the position is filled.

8b Employee Handbook Review

District GM Deschenes outlined an action plan to update the employee handbook and discussed a timeline, meetings with board committees, and some potential changes. District GM Deschenes stated he plans to have all updates completed and include in the March 24 agenda for first touch, then the draft policy will be reviewed by the board and included in the April 28 agenda for second touch.

8c Policy 391 Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Response (first touch)

District GM Deschenes presented Policy 391, Disaster preparedness and Emergency Response policy and discussed what the policy was, it's purpose. District GM Deschenes encouraged the board to read through the policy and gave the option to have this policy be a first touch or the board could pass the policy immediately since legal and the insurance provider has already approved it and since the policy was an insurance requirement. With no further discussions or questions from the board. Commissioner Stender moved to approve the adoption of Policy 391 – Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Response Policy (Mount Rainier Pool). Commissioner Dusenbury 2nd. Motion passed 4-0.

8d Sunbelt Control Agreement Renewal

District GM Deschenes presented a renewal agreement for services at the Mount Rainier Pool through Sunbelt Controls and discussed the purpose of this agreement, the cost, and positive impact it has for the District. The renewal is valid from 2/1/2026 – 1/31/2027. Commissioner Dusenbury asked if the cost for this service was in the budget. District GM Deschenes clarified that the cost was in the budget. Commissioner Dusenbury moved to approve motion Sunbelt Controls Service Agreement Renewal. Commissioner Stender 2nd. Motion passed 4-0.

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8e City Currents Content & 50th Anniversary Video

District GM Deschenes shared pages from the Winter 2026 *City Currents* magazine featuring Mount Rainier Pool, the first issue to include content from the District as part of a new partnership. The article included a 2025 pool review and a link to the District's YouTube page with a video from the September 2025 50th anniversary event.

9a Executive Session #1 Performance of a Public Employee

At 7:45p.m., President Young announced the Board would enter Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(1)(b) to discuss the performance of a public employee. The session was expected to last approximately 15 minutes.

At 8:00 p.m. the Board returned to open session.

9b Executive Session #2 Mount Rainier Pool Lease

At 8:00 p.m., President Young announced the Board would enter Executive Session regarding the Mount Rainier Pool lease. The session was expected to last approximately 5 minutes. The Executive Session was extended 10 minutes.

At 8:15 p.m., the Board returned to open session.

No motions or directions were made by the board after the executive sessions.

11. Good of the Order

President Young asked if anyone had anything for Good of the Order. President Young mentioned the upcoming Bayside Ball on June 6, 2026, and then reminded the board of the regular board meeting on March 24, 2026. Everyone said goodnight.

Adjournment

With no further business to discuss. The meeting adjourned at 8:16pm.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- March 24, 2026, Regular Board Meeting, 7:00pm, Location: Hybrid (DMPMPD Offices and Online)

Respectfully submitted by Angela Melum, District Clerk.

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