



Des Moines Pool Métropolitain Park District

March 24, 2026

7:00 p.m.

Hybrid (DMPMPD District Office and Remote Online)

MINUTES REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Clerk of the Board Campbell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Also, present were Commissioners, Dusenbury, Stender, Fortine, District General Manager Deschenes, Clerk Melum, and resident Achziger. President Young attended the meeting via audio only.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Commissioner Dusenbury led the flag salute.

ADOPTION/MODIFICATIONS OF AGENDA District GM Deschenes added the February 2026 Revenue & Expenses to the meeting agenda. District GM Deschenes added agenda item 08d **Des Moines Legacy Foundation Request**. Clerk of the Board Campbell called for all in favor to adopt all modifications to the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS – District GM Deschenes announced the District received approximately \$12,500 in insurance reimbursement through AWC-RMSA related to prior vandalism losses and equipment replacement.

District GM Deschenes presented Proclamation 2026-02, recognizing April as Water Safety & Readiness Month, promoting water safety awareness and related programming. Commissioner Stender moved to approve Proclamation 2026-02. Commissioner Dusenbury seconded. Motion passed 4–0.

PUBLIC COMMENT – There were no public comments at this time.

6a. CONSENT AGENDA

The total expenditures, including payroll and vendor payments via warrant and electronic transfer were included in the February 2026 consent agenda for board approval. Commissioner Dusenbury moved to approve the consent agenda including vouchers and electronic transfer requests processed in February 2026 totaling **\$129,831.96**. Commissioner Stender 2nd. The motion passed 4-0.

Old Business

7a. Aquatic Coordinator Recruitment Update

District GM Deschenes discussed a recruitment plan for hiring one, maybe two new Aquatic Coordinators which includes a first and second round of interviews conducted by District GM Deschenes and Interim Aquatic Manager Sevores. The recruitment plan also includes a few backup plans in the event of hiring delays.

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7b Seattle Parks Foundation Meeting/Strategic Planning

District GM Deschenes reported that he, Commissioner Dusenbury, and Commissioner Stender met with the Seattle Parks Foundation to discuss levy planning and moving forward. He summarized key points from the meeting, and Commissioners Dusenbury and Stender provided additional input and recommendations. The Board discussed holding a planning retreat within the next 30 days to further these efforts and directed District GM Deschenes to contact the Seattle Parks Foundation regarding potential mentorship or planning support.

7c. Policy 520, Procurement Policy (second touch)

District GM Deschenes shared all the updates to policy 520, Procurement based on feedback from the Washington State Auditor's Office, the District's legal representative, and the District's Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Dusenbury moved to approve Policy 520, Procurement, Commissioner Stender 2nd. Motion passed 4-0.

7d Employee Handbook (First Touch)

District GM Deschenes reported that this agenda item was a first touch, not a second touch. District GM Deschenes discussed the updates to the employee handbook, including revisions to align with current policies and improved consistency. He noted that a review process, including the use of AI tools, was utilized to support the identification of inconsistencies and enhance overall clarity.

7e Engineer of Record (EOR) Work

District GM Deschenes reported on updates to the ongoing hold on grant-funded projects, noting delays impacting work for the District's new EOR. He recommended assigning smaller-scale capital and maintenance projects to the EOR and noted that a list of upcoming projects with cost estimates will be presented at the April 28 board meeting, with action anticipated at the May 26 board meeting. Commissioner Stender moved to approve the District GM to utilize the EOR to develop design concepts and cost estimates for the surge pit repairs and portable installation, and to return to the board for further approval prior to construction. Commissioner Stender 2nd the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS

8a April Pool's Day

District GM Deschenes shared that April Pool's Day will be April 25, 2026, highlighting the event's history and significance, advertisement, activities, and information on limited spots due to pool space and safety regulations. District GM Deschenes shared how patrons can register for this event.

8b Performance Metrics (First Touch)

District GM Deschenes shared a plan to create and implement a performance metric system for aquatic operations to help with communication among staff, financial gains utilizing dashboards, etc. District GM Deschenes shared a similar system and explained that he will be testing an Excel version of this type of system for the quarter 2 report. Commissioner Campbell offered her support on this project.

8c 2025 Annual Financial Report Letter

District GM Deschenes shared the details of the annual financial report letter showcasing a slightly different layout this year and summarized key items reflecting the 2026 budgeting. A copy of the summary is available in the March 24 agenda packet.

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8d Des Moines Legacy Foundation Request (Item Added During Adoption/Modification)

District GM Deschenes shared a request from the Legacy Foundation for support of their annual Bayside Ball event on June 6, 2026, including a request for six District lifeguards to volunteer at the event as servers. District GM Deschenes and Interim Aquatic Manager Sevores noted that paid participation would likely be more effective than asking staff to volunteer. The Board expressed support for compensating staff, with final costs to be determined based on availability. District GM Deschenes stated that a resolution with a finalized staff list and cost estimate will be presented at the April 28 meeting.

District GM Deschenes turned the meeting over to Resident Achziger to present a request from the Legacy Foundation for half-page ad space in the summer issue of the Des Moines City Currents magazine to promote the Bayside Ball. Resident Achziger outlined the request and provided context regarding the Foundation’s support of District programs. The Board asked clarifying questions regarding space requirements and action needed. District GM Deschenes noted that action was required at this meeting due to publication deadlines, with a Resolution to follow at a later date. Commissioner Stender moved to approve public gifting of half-page ad space to the Legacy Foundation for this purpose. Commissioner Fortine seconded. Motion passed 4–0.

11. Good of the Order

Commissioner Campbell reviewed key items discussed during the meeting and asked if there were any additional items for Good of the Order. Resident Achziger brought up several upcoming events happening around the city of Des Moines for the spring and summer months.

Adjournment


With no further business to discuss. The meeting adjourned at 7:59pm.


UPCOMING MEETINGS


- To Be Determined, Special Meeting**, N/A, Location: Hybrid (DMPMPD Offices and Online)
- April 28, 2026, Regular Board Meeting, 7:00pm, Location: Hybrid (DMPMPD Offices and Online)


Respectfully submitted by Angela Melum, District Clerk.


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
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