



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, October 8, 2025, at the Tualatin Valley Water District Headquarters, 1850 SW 170th Avenue, Beaverton, Oregon. Executive Session 5:30 pm; Regular Meeting 6:00 pm.

Present:

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

Agenda Item #1 – Executive Session (A) Land

President Alfredo Moreno called executive session to order to conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to negotiate real property transactions. Executive Session is held under authority of ORS 192.660(2)(e).

President Moreno 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.

At the conclusion of executive session, board member Minor was excused from the meeting.

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 Alfredo Moreno on Wednesday, October 8, 2025, at 6:25 pm.

Agenda Item #3 – Action Resulting from Executive Session

There was no action resulting from Executive Session.

Agenda Item #4 – Proclamations

A. Indigenous Peoples' Day

Lulú Ballesteros, Equity & Engagement manager, shared an update on THPRD's intentional approach to relationship-building with Native and Indigenous partners, noting that relationship building moves at the pace of trust and that THPRD as a whole recognizes and honors the significance of this day with the seriousness and respect it deserves and reaffirms our shared commitment to continue this work to learn from one another and build together the systemic changes needed within our region and beyond.

B. Lights On Afterschool Day

Ann Johnson, Recreation manager, provided a brief overview of the district's afterschool programs and showed a video of THRIVE afterschool participants reading the proclamation.

Agenda Item #5 – Audience Time

There was no testimony during Audience Time.

Agenda Item #6 – Board Time

A. Committee Liaisons Updates

Miles Palacios provided the following updates and comments:

- ✓ Is looking forward to next month's Fiduciary Committee meeting and in the meantime will be taking some training on the topic.
- ✓ After the most recent Metro Policy Advisory Committee meeting, he had the opportunity to speak with Dr. Leslie King, Portland State University professor, about the impact of the district's Black & Green Fellowship program. He described the need to continue to keep climate at the front of mind as the district engages people in our community.

Pradnya Patil provided the following updates and comments:

- ✓ Attended her first Nature & Trails Advisory Committee meeting as board liaison, during which discussion occurred regarding a construction project on Barnes Road that will impact a district trail, noting that there was a lot of committee engagement and feedback.

Tya Ping provided the following updates and comments:

- ✓ Attended her first Parks & Facilities Advisory Committee meeting as board liaison, during which discussion occurred regarding an Oregon Department of Energy grant, potential Challenge Grant projects, and a committee attendance policy that keeps members accountable but also remains welcoming.
- ✓ Began coaching second grade boys' soccer and expressed gratitude to district staff for staying on top of field maintenance needs.

President Moreno provided the following updates and comments:

- ✓ Reflected on this month's proclamations, particularly around the diversity behind Indigenous Peoples' Day, including in viewpoints and experiences, and the critical community service provided through THPRD's afterschool programs, including the trust that the district has built with our community in caring for their children. He expressed gratitude for the district's thoughtfulness and work around these topic areas.
- ✓ The Tualatin Hills Park Foundation held a fundraising event at the Jenkins Estate last month and around 60 people attended, most of whom did not have prior experience with the foundation. Some Beaverton School District board members also attended and he commented on the strong relationships being built between our two boards.

Agenda Item #7 – Consent Agenda

Tya Ping moved that the board of directors approve consent agenda items (A) Minutes of September 10, 2025 Regular Board Meeting, (B) Intergovernmental Agreement Amendment with Metro for 2019 Parks and Nature Bond Local Share Project at Willow Creek Greenway, and (C) Resolution Amending Budget for Grant Appropriation. Miles Palacios seconded the motion. Roll call proceeded as follows:

Pradnya Patil	Yes
Miles Palacios	Yes
Tya Ping	Yes
Alfredo Moreno	Yes

The motion was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Agenda Item #8 – Unfinished Business

A. Strategic Plan Annual Report

The district's 2023 Strategic Plan consists of a set of goals selected from the district's 2023 Comprehensive Plan to be accomplished between 2023 and 2028. While a comp plan is a high-level policy document that helps jurisdictions operationalize their community's vision and address complex issues over a longer period (usually 20 years), a strategic plan is a trim document intended to provide high-level direction to staff and a clear vision to stakeholders about where staff will focus over the next five years. Bruce Barbarasch, Sustainability manager, provided a progress update on efforts related to the district's 2023 Strategic Plan via a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was entered into the record, and which included updates in the following categories:

- Welcoming and Inclusive
- Play for Everyone
- Accessible and Safe
- Environmental Stewardship
- Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Access and Belonging
- Technology and Innovation
- Financial Sustainability

Bruce also provided an overview of the upcoming focus areas for each of these categories and offered to answer any questions the board may have.

Miles Palacios recognized the variety of partnerships reflected within the Welcoming and Inclusive update, noting that it is great to see that so many different organizations in our community are involved, and shows the intentionality of this work and making sure everyone feels seen. He appreciates that the Climate Action Plan is being integrated into the next steps for the Environmental Stewardship category. Additionally, he referenced the almost \$10 million in grant awards so far for 2025, noting that this is something to be extremely proud of. He expressed support for the district's promotion of employee affinity groups and asked for additional information around the accessibility for employees being able to engage in those groups.

- ✓ Lulú Ballesteros, Equity & Engagement manager, noted that the district's affinity groups meet monthly and employees are offered paid time to attend. The leadership of those groups also receive additional paid time for planning and preparation purposes.

Tya Ping referenced the Play for Everyone category and the next steps identified around reviewing and updating current key performance indicators using quantifiable metrics to measure progress related to program assessments. She asked how the district will ensure that it is creating spaces for everyone and is not missing certain groups.

- ✓ Emily Kent, Sports & Inclusion manager, noted that this is a question on staff's mind, as well. She noted that our current key performance indicators are driven by attendance and program hours but the National Recreation and Park Association has some different standards that district staff is going to begin exploring in order to determine whether we are using the right measurements that capture the work the district is doing and telling the story we need it to tell in order to move the district in the right direction. It is going to take some time to develop, but staff is excited for this work.

Tya added that she is a big proponent of training and thanked the district for continuing to make Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Access and Belonging a priority for staff.

Pradnya Patil expressed agreement with Tya's comments around the district's focus on Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Access and Belonging, noting that the emphasis on Belonging resonated with her. She referenced the public's interest in seeing technology improvements for the district and knows that staff is working hard to move forward in this area both in terms of the behind the scenes work as well as bringing the district's customers along when changes are implemented.

President Moreno commented on the photos included in the report and presentation and how they can tell such great stories about the district's work. He also described the benefits of having something like a strategic plan and clear processes to follow. In relation to Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Access and Belonging, he noted that a lot has changed in terms of how this work is viewed on a national level, and the community served by the district has many points of views as well, but the goal is ultimately to connect people and empower everyone to have a productive voice into district programming and success. He appreciates this work and although it has changed significantly over time, things need to continue to evolve and grow along with the world around it in order to be effective.

B. General Manager's Report

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

- 2026 Replacement Bond Measure Preparation
 - Holly Thompson, Communications director, provided an update on the community survey work completed for the potential 2026 Replacement Bond Measure and an update on the work of the district's Bond Task Force, via a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was entered into the record.
- Annual Grant Report
 - Leilani Garcia, grants administrator, provided an overview of the Annual Grant Report as included within the board of directors' information packet, via a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was entered into the record.
- Affordable Housing Update
 - Nicole Paulsen, Planning supervisor, and Peter Swinton, urban planner II, provided an update on the district's affordable housing program, including the waivers issued in Fiscal Year 24/25 and an update on the number of waivers remaining before reaching the fee waiver cap, 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.

2026 Replacement Bond Measure Preparation

Pradnya Patil expressed appreciation for the informative presentation noting that the polling results are very promising, and asked for additional information regarding next steps.

- ✓ Holly provided an outline of what the board can expect to see over the next few months, noting that the goal is to conclude the Bond Task Force process in November and have them present their recommendations to the board at the December meeting. The board could consider referring the measure also at the December meeting, which would enable development of the public information campaign in January and February. The last 90 days leading up to election day would focus on thorough dissemination of that public information, including many speaking engagements.

Tya Ping referenced the polling results identifying safety as a top priority and wondered if this was in relation to people's feelings around their personal safety when using THPRD amenities or concerns about the structural safety of THPRD amenities.

- ✓ Holly described the examples of safety concerns that were given during the polling process, like broken equipment, decaying boardwalks, buckling trails, and other structural needs, but also around personal safety, such as building entrances. Some projects would allow the district to address both safety and accessibility concerns at the same time. Safety could mean different things to different people so it will be necessary to talk about it in a multitude of ways.

President Moreno expressed appreciation for Holly's experience and thoughtful process in this effort.

Annual Grant Report

Board members expressed gratitude to district staff for these efforts, noting that every year shows amazing progress in securing grants in an increasingly challenging environment.

President Moreno inquired about any conditions or timing that need to be met in relation to the grant awards the district has received for the future Westside Trail pedestrian and bicycle bridge.

- ✓ Leilani confirmed that stipulations were evaluated when seeking grant funding for this project, such as when the funding would be granted and timing for execution and project completion dates in order to ensure that the grants the district have been awarded would align with the overall construction plan.
- ✓ General Manager Doug Menke added that there will be a healthy component of the project cost included in the upcoming replacement bond measure, as well. He also recognized Leilani's work and proficiency.

Alfredo provided comments around the beneficial, symbiotic relationship between the district and the Tualatin Hills Park Foundation in grant efforts as well as private fundraising efforts and expressed gratitude for continuing to focus on and build this relationship.

Affordable Housing Update

President Moreno asked how long the district has offered affordable housing waivers.

- ✓ General Manager Doug Menke provided a brief overview of the history of this program and recognized former board member Felicita Monteblanco as a major influence. He described the program as an acknowledgement of what can be done as a community, noting that the district is dependent on its partnerships, such as with Metro, Washington County, City of Beaverton, and local special districts. The reality is that for housing in particular, the need is obvious and our opportunity and ability to work with others, combined with the grant process, is the ultimate complement to doing the right thing.

Alfredo reflected that there is risk involved in doing this work but the board and staff worked to identify a way forward. As the district ponders the future of other ways in which it can work to serve the community, it is able to point to this particular effort that is making an impact. He hopes that THPRD receives the full credit and recognition it deserves due to the risk and effort involved.

- ✓ Doug acknowledged Mayor Beaty as an influencer in this process, as well, and agreed that while there is some level of risk, with the confidence of our elected officials behind us, such initiatives can be successful.

Agenda Item #9 – Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Alfredo Moreno, President

Miles Palacios, Secretary

Recording Secretary,
Jessica Collins