



Minutes of  
The Special Board of Commissioners Meeting  
3:30 p.m. Monday, August, 2026  
Robert N. Blackwell Admin Building  
Pekin, IL 61554

1. Call to order. President Dralle called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance. All stood to recite the pledge of allegiance.
3. Roll call.

The following Commissioners were present: Greg Ranney, Mike Dralle, Gary Gillis, Sue McMillan, Kristen Walraven, Kyle Cain, and Steve Sours. Also in attendance were: Cameron Bettin, Executive Director; and Ericka Davis, Superintendent of Human Resources and Risk Management.

4. Public Comment. None.
5. Discussion and Approval of Executive Director contract.

The Board received the contract back from Abi Almandinger with her questions and requests as part of the negotiating process. Items asked about and discussed by the Board were vacation, sick time, relocation costs/assistance/stipend, phone stipend, and vehicle allowance. The Board called Abi to go over her questions and requests, and their offers. Vacation would be at 20 days with an increase of 5 days at five years of service, and then another 5 days at ten years. Sick time is as written in the Employee Handbook. Relocation reimbursement costs would be up to \$2,000. Phone stipend will be at \$30 a month for use of her own phone. The vehicle allowance will be \$300 per month. Abi was in agreement to all of the above. The Board said they would have the Park District attorney make the changes and get her the contract either this evening or first thing tomorrow morning, and asked her to sign right away and get back to the Board President for him to sign. Abi's starting date is Tuesday, September 8.

Motion made by Gary Gillis to approve the contract with the changes verbally approved by Abi Almandinger and to be made by the Park District attorney, and upon signature by both parties. Second by Kyle Cain. All ayes by a roll call vote - Motion carried.

Commissioner Sours left the meeting at 4:06 p.m.. Additional discussion occurred on getting the contract to the Park District attorney and back to President Dralle. Commissioner Walraven e-mailed the contract with changes to the Park District attorney. Cameron Bettin also called the attorney to let him know it was on its way and asked if he could make the changes by the end of the day or first thing tomorrow, and get it to President Dralle.

6. Adjourn.

Motion Gary Gillis; Second Mike Dralle.  
All ayes by a voice call vote - Motion carried.  
Time: 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted.  
Chip Hill  
Board Secretary, Pekin Park District