

Approved Minutes
Charleston County Park & Recreation Commission (CCPRC)
Regular Commission Meeting
861 Riverland Drive, Charleston, SC, 29412
Monday, December 8, 2025 at 5:30 pm

Commission Members Present: Brad Taggart, Leslie Skardon, Amy Adams, Garrett Lacy, Lisa King, Mattese Lecque and Merriweather Mulé (via teleconference).

Staff Present: Kevin Bowie, Phil Macchia, Charlie McManus, Gina Ellis-Strother, Steve Hutton, Christine Volousky, Eric Stewart, Mark Madden, Melissa Muse, Patty Newshutz, Renee Dickinson, Tommy H., Shanté Ellis, Randy Woodard, Robert Lavarney, Noel Williams, Elizabeth Homer, Josh Blackstone, and Cassie McKinnon.

Legal Counsel Present: Dwayne Green.

Guests Present: Jeremy Cook and Kollan Shuford.

1. Call to Order and Welcome

Introduction of Guests and Notification to Media

The Charleston County Park & Recreation Commission met on Monday, December 8, 2025 at CCPRC's Headquarters, Charleston, SC and virtually via www.charlestoncountyparks.com. Commission Chair, Brad Taggart, called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance. In compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, notice of meetings and agendas were posted and furnished to news media and persons requesting notification.

2. Public Comments

None.

3. Presentations

Mr. Taggart and Mr. Bowie recognized Ms. Skardon for her accomplishments while Commissioner and presented her with a service gratitude plaque.

Mr. Taggart and Mr. Bowie congratulated CCPRC's Assistant Director of Parks Randy Woodard was also honored as the SCRPA Professional of the Year. Randy began his career with CCPRC in 1998 and quickly grew into key leadership roles at both James Island and Palmetto Islands County Parks. A past SCRPA President as well, he now oversees a wide range of facilities and teams across the entire Charleston County Parks system.

Mr. Taggart and Mr. Bowie congratulated CCPRC's Associate Executive Director Phil Macchia for receiving South Carolina Park & Recreation Association's (SCPRA) prestigious Robert L. Reid Hall of Fame Award for lifetime achievement in the parks and recreation community. This honor recognizes Macchia's more than 30 years of service to parks and recreation in South Carolina. Macchia joined Charleston County Parks as an intern in 1991 and eventually became the first manager of Wannamaker County Park. A former SCRPA Professional of the Year, he has been a reliable source of leadership and support for both CCPRC and the statewide parks community.

4. (Action) Approval of November 10, 2025 Regular Commission Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2025 Regular Commission Meeting was made by Commissioner Lecque and approved by the Commission. (#029-2526)

5. Audit Report

McManus introduced Shuford from Mauldin & Jenkins (CCPRC's current independent auditor) who oversaw the audit of the June 30, 2025 financial statements. He distributed 2025 financial statements and Auditor's Discussion & Analysis document. Shuford reviewed the highlights of the documents and confirmed that CCPRC received an unmodified opinion and no findings of deficient internal procedures or management points. The equity net position and fund balance are strong and in line with policy. He gave an overview of the required communications and recent changes in governmental accounting policies/procedures. He commended CCPRC's Finance Department and all the staff for their hard work.

6. (ACTION) Request for Public Hearing on Bond Issuance

Bowie introduced Cook to advise the Commission on the standards of the public debt issuance process. Cook described the procedures/rules for Special Purpose District to issue debt.

Motion to approve hosting a public hearing regarding the issuance of General Obligation Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$70,000,000 was made by Commissioner Lecque and approved by the Commission. (#030-2526)

7. (ACTION) Reimbursement Resolution

Motion to authorize a reimbursement resolution under US Treasury regulations to allow the Commission to reimburse itself for project costs incurred prior to the issuance of the bonds in an amount not to exceed \$10,000,000 was made by Commissioner Adams and approved by the Commission. (#031-2526)

8. (ACTION) Acquisition of Awendaw Property

Motion to approve the Executive Director's execution of a Purchase Sale Agreement with GBSC FDN, LLC, for the purchase of the 5130 Highway 17 N property, TMS # 625-00-00-095 and TMS # 625-00-00-003 for the appraised value of \$7,510,000 and associated closing cost was made by Commissioner King and approved by the Commission. (#032-2526)

9. (ACTION) Riverland Drive Easement Request for a Multi-use Path

Motion to approve the donation of 0.597 acres of right-of-way on parcel number 341-00-00-053) for a permanent easement to Charleston County for the construction of a multi-use path was made by Commissioner Lecque and approved by the Commission. (#033-2526)

10. Planning and Development Update

Planning & Development Director, Patty Newshutz, reviewed the campground feasibility study and progress staff are making related to their assigned Capital Improvement Projects, project solicitations, and potential land acquisitions.

11. Financial Services Update

Chief Financial Officer, Charlie McManus, presented and reviewed the checks over \$7,500 and financial reports for the month of October.

12. (Action) Award Contract – Kiawah Beachwalker Park (BWP) Boardwalk Replacement

Motion to enter into a contract with TM Taylor Construction, Inc., for Kiawah Beachwalker Park's Boardwalk Replacement in the amount of \$127,497.25 with funds coming from the approved CIP budget was made by Commissioner Lacy and approved by the Commission. (#034-2526)

13. Next Meeting

Mr. Taggart thanked the staff for wished everyone safe travels and have a happy holiday.

Regular Commission Meeting, Monday, January 12, 2026, 5:30pm at CCPRC Headquarters, Charleston, SC

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Brad Taggart, Commission Chair



Shanté Ellis, Executive Administrative Associate