**GATEWAY SPECIAL RECREATION ASSOCIATION**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS’ MEETING**

**June 12, 2025**

**I. Call to Order:**  Chairman Mike Hayes, Hinsdale, called the Gateway Special Recreation Association Board of Directors Meeting to order at 3:00 pm on July 17, 2025 at the Oak Brook Park District Family Recreation Center, 1450 Forest Gate Road in Oak Brook, Illinois. A Quorum was present.

*Roll Call:* Board Members present:

Jim Pacanowski, Burr Ridge Mike Hayes, Hinsdale Robert Pechous, Oak Brook Matt Russian, Pleasant Dale *Ray Graham Staff (Ryan Massengill, Catherine Campos and Kim Zoeller)*

Kathy Kasprzak, Westchester Jeremy Fila, York Center

*Absent:*

Michele Sullivan, Countryside Jessica Marquez, Elmhurst

*Guests:*

**II. Approval of July 2025, Agenda:**

A motion was made by Matt Russian to approve the June 2025, agenda and seconded by Jim Pacanowski.

*On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.*

**III. Open Forum:**

**IV. Board Member Comments:**

**V. Communications:**

**VI. Approval of June 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes:**

A motion was made by Jim Pacanowski to approve the May 2025, meeting minutes, and seconded by Matt Russian.

*On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.*

**VII. Approval of July 2025,** **Treasurer’s Report:**

A motion was made by Jim Pacanowski to approve the June 2025, treasurer’s report, and seconded by Robert Pechous.

*On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.*

**VIII. Reports**

1. **RGA Monthly Report**
   1. Program Participation
      1. Currently serving 114 individuals, with additional participants expected for upcoming volleyball sessions and August special events.
      2. Elevate program maintains steady attendance with 18–20 participants.
      3. Efforts are underway to increase overall participation and expand program offerings.
   2. **Staffing**
      1. An additional part-time staff member will be added to support program growth.
   3. **Summer Camp**
      1. Session I: 41 participants
      2. Session II: 40 participants
   4. **Facility Updates**
      1. The sensory room has been completed and is fully operational.
   5. **Program Development**
      1. Exploring opportunities to expand health and wellness initiatives.
      2. Recent survey feedback indicates high levels of satisfaction with current programming and expansion efforts.
   6. **June Program Highlights**
      1. Bocce and swimming events held at ISU were a success
      2. Talent Night showcased participant creativity and engagement
   7. **SRA Information Packet**
      1. It was decided that the SRA informational packet will be available both as an online PDF and in printed booklet format for new members.

**IX. Old Business:**

1. Items
   1. Approval of 2025-26 Budget with an increase in member contribution rates to 3.5%.

A motion was made by Jim Pacanowski and seconded by to ­­­Robert Pechous approve the Increase in Member contribution rates to 3.5% in the FY25-26 Budget. *On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.*

**X. New Business:**

1. Items –
   1. Fundraising and Development Initiatives
      1. Initial discussion took place regarding potential fundraising strategies and opportunities to support program growth and participant engagement.
   2. SRA Informational Packet
      1. A preliminary draft is in development for a comprehensive SRA packet designed for new members.
      2. The packet will include key documents such as the organizational contract, historical background, past meeting minutes, and an overview of the organization's mission and services to provide context and continuity.

**XI. Adjournment:** A motion was made by ­Jeremy Fila to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Matt Russian *The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.* The meeting was adjourned at 3:38pm.