

GATEWAY SPECIAL RECREATION ASSOCIATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the meeting of the
Gateway Special Recreation Association Board of Directors
will be held on **Thursday, January 8, 2026, at 3:00 PM**
at the Oak Brook Family Recreation Center
1450 Forest Gate Rd., Oak Brook, IL 60523

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 Thursday, January 8, 2026**, at the Oak Brook Park District Family Recreation Center, 1450 Forest Gate Road in Oak Brook, Illinois. A Quorum was present.

II. **Roll Call:**

Present

Jim Pacanowski, Burr Ridge
Michele Sullivan, Countryside **arrived at 3:08PM**
Sarah Lagesse, Elmhurst
Mike Hayes, Hinsdale
Brian DeWolf, Oak Brook
Matt Russian, Pleasant Dale
Kathy Kasprzak, Westchester
Jeremy Fila, York Center

Board of Directors not in Attendance:

RGA Staff

Ryan Massengill, Superintendent of Recreation, Ray Graham Association
Catherine Campos, Senior Director of Community and Family Support Services, Ray Graham Association

Visitors

III. **Approval of January 8, 2026, agenda**

A motion was made by Jeremy Fila, York Center to approve the January 8, 2026, agenda and seconded by Jim Pacanowski, Burr Ridge
On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

IV. **Open Forum**

V. **Comments by Board Members**

VI. **Communications**

Matt- Reminder on COI's. If you have not submitted updated COI, you need to send in ASAP. Burr Ridge, Oak Brook, York Center still need to submit.

VII. Approval of December 11, 2025, regular meeting minutes

A motion was made by Jeremy Fila, York Center to approve December 11, 2025, meeting minutes, and seconded by Mike Hayes, Hinsdale the Board was polled.

On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Correction to minutes- Under 3-September 2025 date listed and should be December 2025

VIII. Approval of the January Treasurer's Report

A motion was made by Jim Packinowski, Burr Ridge to approve January 8, 2026, meeting minutes, and seconded by Jeremy Fila, York Center. The Board was polled.

On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Matt Russian-On the treasurer's statement, there is a line item under revenue for \$500.00; Gateway accidentally paid Mark M. twice. Mark cashed both checks, and then paid us back \$500.00 by writing check.

IX. Reports (Ryan Massengill)

a. RGA Monthly Report

- i. Winter Registration started end of December. New family from Hinsdale added to Gateway.
- ii. 104 participants for 395 programs.
- iii. Basketball is the most popular sport. Floor Hockey will start in spring. Many participants just participate in sports and not weekly programs. Indoor soccer starts in February.
- iv. Elevate currently has 18 participants, one individual from Hinsdale is moving to Misericordia next week. There is someone that is taking her spot, will maintain 18 participants.
- v. Working on branding and pushing community outreach to get out to public and bring more people into Gateway.
- vi. Will be hiring a part time position to do Gateway and Horsemanship.
- vii. This weekend there is the Job Fair at Elmhurst. Gateway attending.
- viii. Two individuals from Berkley are in Gateway programs. May be worth approaching Berkley.

b. RGA Action Plan-Updates

- i. Ryan Massengill-Condensed previous document and will incorporate into RGA Monthly Report going further. CFO will still come in quarterly to go over financials. Jim Packinowski- requested to have once a year the entire document and highlight in red what has changed. Other months just update in RGA Monthly Report.

X. Old Business

a. RGA Service Contract

- i. Mike Hayes- Legal had no changes or corrections. RGA signed document.

b. Update from RGA on grants, donations, etc. to support Gateway

- i. Mike Hayes- Talked to Kim-will be meeting with her in the next two weeks.
- ii. Ryan- Holliday appeal received very well. Donor who has donated previously, donated again- wants donation to go directly to Gateway programs. Received other donations as well. Don't have a total donation amount, donations are still coming in. Will get a report to Gateway Board in the next few months.

XI. New Business

a. Member Contribution Invoices

- i. Sent out via email. Due March 1, 2026 (second installment)

XII. Adjournment

A motion was made by Jeremy Fila, York Center, to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Michele Sullivan, Countryside. The Board was pulled. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote to adjourn the meeting at 3:17pm.

Mike Hayes, Board President

Sarah Lagesse, Recording Secretary