

GATEWAY SPECIAL RECREATION ASSOCIATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

November 13, 2025

Call to Order:

Chairman Mike Hayes, Hinsdale, called the Gateway Special Recreation Association Board of Directors Meeting to order at **3:00 pm** on **November 13, 2025**, at the Oak Brook Park District Family Recreation Center, 1450 Forest Gate Road in Oak Brook, Illinois. A Quorum was present.

Roll Call:

Present

Jim Paganowski, Burr Ridge
Michele Sullivan, Countryside
Sarah Lagesse, Elmhurst
Mike Hayes, Hinsdale
Brian DeWolf, Oak Brook
Matt Russian, Pleasant Dale
Kathy Kasprzak, Westchester
Jeremy Fila, York Center

Absent:

RGA Staff

Ryan Massengill, Superintendent of Recreation, Ray Graham Association
Amber Norman, CFO, Ray Graham Association
Kim Zoeller, President and CEO, Ray Graham Association

Visitors

Approval of November 13, 2025, Agenda:

A motion was made by Jeremy Fila, York Center to approve the November 13, 2025, agenda and seconded by Michele Sullivan, Countryside.

On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Open Forum:

Board Member Comments:

Communications:

Approval of October 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes:

A motion was made by Jeremy Fila, York Center to approve October 2025, meeting minutes, and seconded by Michele Sullivan, Countryside. The Board was polled.

On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of June 2025, Treasurer's Report:

A motion was made by Michele Sullivan, Countryside to approve the November 2025, treasurer's report, and seconded by Mike Hayes, Hinsdale.

On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Matt Russian found error on this year's budget on what the cost of the Contract with RGA is. Service Contract number should be \$590,251 instead of \$586,590.

Old Business

Mike Hayes moved Old Business up to after Treasurer's Report.

- A. Agency Recruitment
 - a. Still haven't heard back
- B. RGA Service Contract
 - i. RGA has now provided updated budget with 3 scenarios to the Board
 - 1. All have RGA taking over vehicles
 - 2. Kim Zoeller gave summary of three different scenarios:
 - a. One scenario-Move Elevate program-every element can be reimbursed under Medicaid-have to be licensed Medicaid vendor, RGA is. A good percentage of participants get home services. RGA would direct bill Medicaid; this would provide additional money to the program to bring down Gateway costs. Still be part of Gateway, but it would be run "In partnership with RGA". If participants don't qualify for Medicaid would need to look at if they can still participate. Would look exactly the same on the outside.
 - i. Brian from Oak Brook-would this affect rental agreement with Oak Brook to use Central Park West? Ryan, RGA-wouldn't affect program at all.
 - ii. Kim-staff will need to do a few things differently with documentation, billing, etc. Elevate would be assigned to Hanson Center state ID. Need to find out which participants receive Medicaid and which don't right now.
 - iii. Jim-could be a fluctuating program depending on who comes in and out? Kim-Based on hours of attendance-what Medicaid pays.
 - iv. Ryan-Two other SRA's that run on a similar model. Going to continue research
 - v. Increase in staff that was shown on original proposal is only to extend program to offer to more participants.
 - ii. Will do a 6 month extension with RGA to extend contract and research options for Elevate in the meantime.
 - iii. Gateway Board will look at developing a Fund Balance policy.

Reports

RGA Monthly Report

- A. Fall participation-large numbers
 - a. 4 more PE Take Over Days scheduled- big hit with schools

- b. Winter Spring brochure comes out next week. New senior program. Special Strong Fitness now being offered. Registration Dec 8.
- c. Holiday Appeal Fundraiser
 - Example provided from RGA. Ryan gave background on participant featured. New to Gateway programs. Started in Elevate.
 - Kim-Anyone who uses Gateway will just get GW letter, will not get RGA annual appeal. At printer now, plan is for it to be in mailboxes Monday after Thanksgiving.
 - Ryan-will be a spot on the website to be able to donate online.

New Business:

- A. Service Capacity
- B. Fund Balance
 - a. Sarah Lagesse, Elmhurst-We should draft a Fund balance policy.
 - b. Mike Hayes, Hinsdale-Original policy was 50% of expenses
 - c. Jim, Burr Ridge-depends on how we look at it-
 - 1. We should identify what we want the fund balance to do for us to help us arrive at a value.

Adjournment

A motion was made by **Jeremy Fila, York Center**, to adjourn the meeting, seconded by **Jim Pacanowski, Burr Ridge**. The Board was pulled. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote to adjourn the meeting at **3:42pm**.

Mike Hayes, Board President

Sarah Lagesse, Recording Secretary