

# 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, February 12, 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, February 12, 2026, 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 Pacanowski, Burr Ridge  
Michele Sullivan, Countryside  
Mike Hayes, Hinsdale  
Brian DeWolf, Oak Brook  
Matt Russian, Pleasant Dale  
Kathy Kasprzak, Westchester  
Jeremy Fila, York Center

**Absent:** Sarah Lagesse, Elmhurst and Michele Sullivan, Countryside

#### RGA Staff

Kim Zoeller, President & CEO, Ray Graham Association

Catherine Campos, Senior Director of Community and Family Support Services, Ray Graham Association

Ryan Massengill, Superintendent of Recreation, Ray Graham Association

## II. Approval of agenda

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

## III. Open Forum: None

IV. **Comments by Board Members:** Matt Russian, Pleasant Dale passed out copies of Audit for review. Still need COI's from York Center and Burr Ridge. Member contributions are due March 1, 2026.

## V. Communications: None

## VI. Approval of January 8, 2026, regular meeting minutes

A motion was made by Jeremy Fila, York Center to approve September 2025, meeting

minutes, and seconded by Mike Hayes, Hinsdale.

On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously

**VII. Approval of the February Treasurer's Report**

A motion was made by Jeremy Fila, York Center

to approve February 2026, treasurer's report, and Jim Pacanowski, Burr Ridge

On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

**VIII. Reports**

a. RGA Monthly Report

- i. Currently have 107 individuals for 401 programs-Winter Season.
- ii. Elevate has 19 individuals. Every day is full (12 per day max).
  1. Two potential participants may be signing up for Waitlist
  2. Ryan is keeping in contact with families at Elmhurst and Hinsdale Transition Center on who is transitioning out of the program, will need future services
  3. Summer Camp registration March 2, 2 camps in Elmhurst youth, teen, young adults, 1 Hinsdale for Teens & Adults. Countryside will have all ages
- iii. 4 out of the 5 basketball teams going to state championships

b. RGA Action Plan-Updates

- i. Focusing on promoting Gateway programs
- ii. Involved in Master Planning for Hinsdale
- iii. Continue focusing on high quality of programs

**IX. Old Business**

a. Recruitment update

- i. Mike talked with Laure from Oak Brook. Laure has been talking to Broadview about possibly joining Gateway.

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

- i. Mike met with Kim Zoeller and Ryan Massengill last week for update.
- ii. Holiday Appeal \$76,440
  1. 75,000 Most of appeal was from one family, with stipulations (restricted funds) that all money go to Gateway to support programs, equipment and uniforms
    - a. \$20,000 will go to Gateway SRA funds to build up the Fund Balance.
    - b. 7-8 other donations through Holiday Appeal to support Gateway.

c. Elevate, Gateway SRA Day Support Service program update

- i. 2 participants are currently on Medicare, both already using their funds.
- ii. Other SRA that uses this method had to have its sites become certified
  1. Training, inspections, etc. – arduous process

**X. New Business- None**

**XI. Adjournment**

A motion was made by Jeremy Fila, York Center, to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Jim Packinowski, Burr Ridge. The Board was pulled. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote to adjourn the meeting at 3:21pm.