

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, March 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, March 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
Sarah Lagesse, Elmhurst
Mike Hayes, Hinsdale
Matt Russian, Pleasant Dale
Kathy Kasprzak, Westchester
Jeremy Fila, York Center

Absent: Brian DeWolf, Oak Brook

RGA Staff

Ryan Massengill, Superintendent of Recreation, Ray Graham Association

II. Approval of agenda

A motion was made by Jeremy Fila, York Center to approve the March 2026 agenda and seconded by Michele Sullivan, Countryside.

On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

III. Open Forum: None

IV. Comments by Board Members: None

V. Communications: None

VI. Approval of February 12, 2026, regular meeting minutes

A motion was made by Jim Pacanowski, Burr Ridge to approve February 12, 2026, meeting minutes, and seconded by Jeremy Fila, York Center.

On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

VII. Approval of the March Treasurer's Report

A motion was made by Jeremy Fila, York Center to approve March 2026, treasurer's report, and Michele Sullivan, Countryside.

On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Reports

- a. RGA Monthly Report
 - i. Soccer and softball starting
 - ii. 404 programs-110 participants
 - iii. Elevate- 1 participant moved to **Misericordia**
 - iv. 1 participant had to stop the program. 18 participants total.
 - v. Summer Camp Registration opened
 - vi. April 6 Digital print guides for summer come out
 - vii. Starting Unified Volleyball- 3 individual with special needs and 3 Unify partners. Will still have same Volleyball program.
 - viii. Flag Football and Floor Hockey coming in summer
 - ix. Ryan will be going to talk to parents at Elmhurst Transition Center
 1. Will provide information on where to go with Elevate in the future.
 - a. Possible addition of sites in Elmhurst and Burr Ridge/Hinsdale area.
- b. RGA Action Plan-Updates
 - i. Social media increased- Have a theme for everyday and that is what drives the post (hiring, summer camp, etc.)
 - ii. Continuing outreach events

IX. Old Business

- a. Agency Recruitment
 - i. No feedback from approached agencies yet.

X. New Business

- a. Gateway Contractual Agreement for Service with RGA- Mike handed out a draft.
- b. Next contract is to start July 1, 2026, and will continue for three years.
- c. Matt- Why start again in the middle of the summer when we made the decision to not do that going forward.
 - i. Agreement will be modified to only be for 2.5 years.
- d. Jim- Have we ever had non- special needs participant who want to join Gateway programs? Ryan confirmed there has not been. Jim questioned if we still need that verbiage in the contract, if we haven't had the request for at least 10 years.
- e. Mike will move ahead with working with Legal on new Contract and moving vehicles from Gateway to RGA.
- f. Ryan- Add quarterly financial reports to Contract.

XI. Adjournment

A motion was made by Jeremy Fila, York Center, to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Michele Sullivan, Countryside

On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 3:20pm.