

Jan 13th Board of Directors Meeting (Tuesday, January 13, 2026)

Members present

Bernie DuBray, Brian Phillips, Emily Bernstein, Glenn Powers, Gov Jay Nixon, Lisa Suggs, McGraw Milhaven, Monica Huddleston, Robert Epstein

Meeting called to order at 11:30 AM

1. OPENING OF MEETING

A. OPEN TIME

B: CALL TO ORDER/ ROLL CALL

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

TO APPROVE THE AGENDA

Motion by Brian Phillips, second by Monica Huddleston.

Aye: Bernie DuBray, Brian Phillips, Emily Bernstein, Glenn Powers, Gov Jay Nixon, Lisa Suggs, McGraw Milhaven, Monica Huddleston, Robert Epstein

D. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS MAY BE CORRECTED

Motion by Robert Epstein, second by Lisa Suggs.

Aye: Bernie DuBray, Brian Phillips, Emily Bernstein, Glenn Powers, Gov Jay Nixon, Lisa Suggs, McGraw Milhaven, Monica Huddleston, Robert Epstein

2. PRESENTATION (S)

A. Regional Plan Update - Mark Vogl

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. That the Board adopt Resolution 2026.001 amending the 2002 DBE Policy and authorizing other actions as necessary to effectuate the same. - MICHELLE BOCK/HUSCH BLACKWELL

Motion by Brian Phillips, second by Lisa Suggs

Motion to table until closed session

Motion by Robert Epstein, second by Monica Huddleston.

Aye: Bernie DuBray, Brian Phillips, Emily Bernstein, Glenn Powers, Gov Jay Nixon, Lisa Suggs, McGraw Milhaven, Monica Huddleston, Robert Epstein

Motion to table Resolution 2026.001 until February Board Meeting.

Motion by Robert Epstein, second by Brian Phillips.

Aye: Bernie DuBray, Brian Phillips, Emily Bernstein, Glenn Powers, Gov Jay Nixon, Lisa Suggs, Monica Huddleston, Robert Epstein

Not Present at Vote: McGraw Milhaven

4. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

A. NONE.

5. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

A. NONE.

6. REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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B. NOTICE OF CONTRACTS EXECUTED

7. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

A. NONE.

8. APPROVAL OF CONTRACTS - MULTIPLE REVENUE STREAMS

A. That the Board adopt Resolution 2026.002 approving a contract not to exceed \$120,000 with Holland & Knight LLP in connection with Federal Government Relations Services and authorizing other actions as necessary to effectuate the same. -Michelle Bock

Motion by Lisa Suggs, second by Monica Huddleston.

Aye: Bernie DuBray, Brian Phillips, Emily Bernstein, Glenn Powers, Gov Jay Nixon, Lisa Suggs, McGraw Milhaven, Monica Huddleston, Robert Epstein

9. APPROVAL OF CONTRACTS - GRG 1/10TH REVENUE STREAM

A. That the Board adopt Resolution 2026.003 approving a construction, operation and maintenance agreement with City of Wellston in connection with St. Vincent Greenway and authorizing other actions as necessary to effectuate the same. - BEN GROSSMAN

Motion by Glenn Powers, second by McGraw Milhaven.

Aye: Bernie DuBray, Brian Phillips, Emily Bernstein, Glenn Powers, Gov Jay Nixon, Lisa Suggs, McGraw Milhaven, Monica Huddleston, Robert Epstein

B. That the Board adopt Resolution 2026.004 approving a contract not to exceed \$56,000 with Forest Releaf of Missouri in connection with volunteer tree planting and stewardship and authorizing other actions as necessary to effectuate the same. - Josh Ward

Motion by Glenn Powers, second by Gov Jay Nixon.

Aye: Bernie DuBray, Brian Phillips, Emily Bernstein, Glenn Powers, Gov Jay Nixon, Lisa Suggs, McGraw Milhaven, Monica Huddleston, Robert Epstein

C. That the Board adopt Resolution 2026.005 approving a Cost Share Agreement not to exceed \$600,000, subject to future appropriation, with the City of St. Peters in connection with Centennial Greenway and authorizing other actions as necessary to effectuate the same. - Gil Thomas

Motion by Monica Huddleston, second by Brian Phillips.

Aye: Bernie DuBray, Brian Phillips, Emily Bernstein, Glenn Powers, Gov Jay Nixon, Lisa Suggs, McGraw Milhaven, Monica Huddleston, Robert Epstein

D. That the Board adopt Resolution 2026.006 approving a Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Program Grant Application with East-West Gateway Council of Governments in connection with Maline Greenway and a pledge of local matching funds, subject to future appropriation, and authorizing other actions as necessary to effectuate the same. - Kuleya Bruce

Motion by Brian Phillips, second by Lisa Suggs.

Aye: Bernie DuBray, Brian Phillips, Emily Bernstein, Glenn Powers, Gov Jay Nixon, Lisa Suggs, McGraw Milhaven, Monica Huddleston, Robert Epstein

10. APPROVAL OF CONTRACTS - GRG 3/16TH REVENUE STREAM

A. That the Board adopt Resolution 2026.007 approving a construction management contract not to exceed \$99,455 with Navigate Building Solutions, LLC in connection with Hodiamont Greenway and authorizing other actions as necessary to effectuate the same. - Kuleya Bruce

Approval motion to amend from \$99,455 to \$63,805

Motion by Brian Phillips, second by Lisa Suggs.

Aye: Bernie DuBray, Brian Phillips, Emily Bernstein, Glenn Powers, Gov Jay Nixon, Lisa Suggs, McGraw Milhaven, Monica Huddleston, Robert Epstein

Motion to approve amended Resolution 2026.007 by Gov Jay Nixon, second by Monica Huddleston.

Aye: Bernie DuBray, Brian Phillips, Emily Bernstein, Glenn Powers, Gov Jay Nixon, Lisa Suggs, McGraw Milhaven, Monica Huddleston, Robert Epstein

B. That the Board adopt Resolution 2026.008 approving a License Agreement with the City of St. Louis in connection with Brickline Greenway and authorizing other actions as necessary to effectuate the same. - Michael Steinlage

Motion by Glenn Powers, second by Brian Phillips.

Aye: Bernie DuBray, Brian Phillips, Emily Bernstein, Glenn Powers, Lisa Suggs, McGraw Milhaven, Monica Huddleston, Robert Epstein

Nay: Gov Jay Nixon

C. That the Board adopt Resolution 2026.009 approving a contract amendment not to exceed \$542,000, subject to future appropriation, with Smith Group, Inc. in connection with Brickline Greenway and authorizing other actions as necessary to effectuate the same. -Lonny Boring

Motion by Monica Huddleston, second by Lisa Suggs.

Aye: Bernie DuBray, Brian Phillips, Emily Bernstein, Glenn Powers, Lisa Suggs, McGraw Milhaven, Monica Huddleston, Robert Epstein

Abstain: Gov Jay Nixon

D. That the Board adopt Resolution 2026.010 approving a Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Grant Application with East-West Gateway Council of Governments in connection with Hodiament Greenway and a pledge of local matching funds, subject to future appropriation, and authorizing other actions as necessary to effectuate the same. - Gil Thomas

Motion by Brian Phillips, second by Lisa Suggs.

Aye: Bernie DuBray, Brian Phillips, Emily Bernstein, Glenn Powers, Gov Jay Nixon, Lisa Suggs, McGraw Milhaven, Monica Huddleston, Robert Epstein

E. That the Board adopt Resolution 2026.011 approving a Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Program Grant Application with East-West Gateway Council of Governments in connection with Brickline Greenway and a pledge of local matching funds, subject to future appropriation, and authorizing other actions as necessary to effectuate the same. - Brian Stith

Motion by Lisa Suggs, second by Brian Phillips.

Aye: Bernie DuBray, Brian Phillips, Emily Bernstein, Glenn Powers, Gov Jay Nixon, Lisa Suggs, McGraw Milhaven, Monica Huddleston, Robert Epstein

F. That the Board adopt Resolution 2026.012 approving a contract amendment not to exceed \$100,000 with The Rome Group, Inc. in connection with campaign consulting services for Brickline Greenway and authorizing other actions as necessary to effectuate the same. -RACHEL JOHNSON

Motion by Brian Phillips, second by Monica Huddleston.

Aye: Bernie DuBray, Brian Phillips, Emily Bernstein, Glenn Powers, Gov Jay Nixon, Lisa Suggs, McGraw Milhaven, Monica Huddleston, Robert Epstein

11. APPROVAL OF CONTRACTS - CAR 3/16TH REVENUE STREAM

A. NONE.

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. NONE.

13. CLOSED SESSION

A. ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION

The Board of the Metropolitan Park and Recreation District, d/b/a Great Rivers Greenway, may go into closed session at this meeting if such action is approved by a majority vote of the Board members who constitute a quorum, to discuss legal, confidential or privileged matters under RSMo. §610.021(1); leasing, purchase or sale of real estate under §610.021(2); personnel actions under §610.021(3); specifications for competitive bidding under §610.021(11); sealed bids under §610.021(12); personnel records under §610.021(13); or records under §610.021(14) which are otherwise protected from disclosure by law; or confidential or privileged communications with the District's auditor, including auditor work products under §610.021(17).

Motion by Glenn Powers, second by Gov Jay Nixon.

Aye: Bernie DuBray, Brian Phillips, Emily Bernstein, Glenn Powers, Gov Jay Nixon, Lisa Suggs, McGraw Milhaven, Monica Huddleston, Robert Epstein

14. ADJOURNMENT

A. ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION

TO ADJOURN THE MEETING

Motion by Monica Huddleston, second by Emily Bernstein.

Aye: Bernie DuBray, Brian Phillips, Emily Bernstein, Glenn Powers, Gov Jay Nixon, Lisa Suggs, Monica Huddleston, Robert Epstein

Not Present at Vote: McGraw Milhaven

B. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

Motion by Robert Epstein, second by Brian Phillips.

Aye: Bernie DuBray, Brian Phillips, Emily Bernstein, Glenn Powers, Gov Jay Nixon, Lisa Suggs, Monica Huddleston, Robert Epstein

Not Present at Vote: McGraw Milhaven

15. ADJOURNMENT

A. ADJOURN OPEN SESSION

Motion to Adjourn by Robert Epstein, second by Brian Phillips

Aye: Bernie DuBray, Brian Phillips, Emily Bernstein, Glenn Powers, Gov Jay Nixon, Lisa Suggs, Monica Huddleston, Robert Epstein

Not Present at Vote: McGraw Milhaven