

**Lake County Forest Preserve District
Rules Committee Minutes - November 6, 2023**

The Lake County Forest Preserve District Rules Committee met on November 6 at the Lake County Forest Preserve District's General Offices, 1899 West Winchester Road, Libertyville, Illinois.

- 1.0 Call to Order – With a quorum present, Chair Paras Parekh called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m. and confirmed electronic attendance for Gina Roberts; and Ann Maine if she should connect on Zoom (however, member Maine did not sign on).
- 2.0 Roll Call - Committee Secretary Gragnani call the roll and five committee members responded: Paras Parekh, Chair; Paul Frank, Vice Chair; Mary Ross Cunningham, Sara Knizhnik, and Gina Roberts.

Also Present:

Angelo Kyle, President	Marah Altenberg (via Zoom)	Julie Gragnani
Alex Kovach	John Nelson	Maureen Shelton
Matt Norton, Corporate Counsel	Ron Davis	

- 3.0 Pledge of Allegiance – Chair Parekh led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 4.0 Addenda to the Agenda – None
- 5.0 Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting – Motion by member Knizhnik second by Vice Chair Frank to approve the Minutes of the December 8, 2022 meeting. Voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously.
- 6.0 Public Comment – None
- 7.0 Correspondence – None
- 8.0 Recommend approval of an Ordinance amending the District's policy for Attendance at Public Meetings by Video or Audio Conference – Motion by member Frank, second by member Cunningham to recommend approval. Mr. Kovach explained that the Illinois Open Meetings Act was amended in July of this year to add “unexpected childcare obligations” to the current list of reasons that a public body member may attend a meeting remotely if a quorum is physically present. Staff recommends amending the District's Electronic Attendance Policy to add this reason. In addition, staff recommended revisions to language requiring the use of the specific form attached to the Policy. The revised language allows that the form “may” be used, or written notification, while still requiring that Commissioners provide the information required on the form for staff and the Board or Committee to determine whether the request complies with the Open Meetings Act and the Electronic Attendance Policy. With a voice vote being had, the motion passed unanimously and the recommendation was forwarded to the full Board for approval.
- 10.0 Adjournment – With no further business, Chair Parekh declared the meeting adjourned at 12:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Julie Gragnani
Committee Secretary

Approved: 12-5-2024