



# Village of Oak Park

123 Madison Street  
Oak Park, Illinois 60302  
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## Meeting Minutes

### President and Board of Trustees

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Tuesday, May 6, 2025

6:30 PM

Village Hall

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#### I. Call to Order

Village President Vicki Scaman called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:33 P.M.

#### II. Roll Call

**Present:** 6 - Village President Scaman, Village Trustee Buchanan, Village Trustee Enyia, Village Trustee Parakkat, Village Trustee Robinson, and Village Trustee Straw

**Absent:** 1 - Village Trustee Wesley

#### III. Village President's Welcome

President Scaman welcomed friends, family, and community members to the meeting and expressed her appreciation to the outgoing trustees and newly elected and re-elected officials.

She read a proclamation recognizing May 9, 2025 as Provider Appreciation Day. Collaboration for Early Childhood Executive Director Mary Reynolds accepted the proclamation and expressed her appreciation for the recognition.

#### IV. Agenda Approval

It was moved by Trustee Straw, seconded by Trustee Buchanan, to approve the agenda. A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved.

#### V. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

#### VI. Consent Agenda

##### Approval of the Consent Agenda

It was moved by Trustee Buchanan, seconded by Trustee Straw to approve the items under the Consent Agenda. The motion was approved. The roll call on the vote was as follows:

**AYES:** 6 - Village President Scaman, Village Trustee Buchanan, Village Trustee Enyia, Village Trustee Parakkat, Village Trustee Robinson, and Village Trustee Straw

**NAYS:** 0

**ABSENT:** 1 - Village Trustee Wesley

- A.**     [RES 25-197](#)   **Resolution Authorizing Subordination of a Lien for the Property Located at 1017 North Harlem Avenue (SRP-049)**  
This Resolution was adopted.
- B.**     [ORD 25-142](#)   An Ordinance amending Article 2-1 ("Officers and Employees Generally") of the Oak Park Village Code to provide for an inauguration date for elected officers  
  
This Ordinance was adopted.

## **VII. Election Results**

- C.**     [RES 25-202](#)   **A Resolution Proclaiming the Results of the Consolidated Election Held on April 1, 2025**  
  
Village Clerk Christina Waters stated the election results were certified with the Cook County Clerk's Office.  
  
It was moved by Trustee Straw, seconded by Trustee Robinson, that this Resolution be adopted. A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved.

## **VIII. Oath of Office: Village Clerk**

- D.**     [ID 25-338](#)         1. Oath of Office of Re-Elected Village Clerk Christina Waters  
                              2. Remarks from Re-Elected Village Clerk Christina Waters  
  
Deputy Clerk Cindy Hansen performed the swearing in of re-elected Christina Waters to the office of Village Clerk.  
  
Clerk Waters made her remarks.

## **IX. Remarks from Mid-Term and Outgoing Village Trustees**

- E.**     [ID 25-345](#)         1. Remarks from Mid-Term Trustees  
                              a. Remarks from Trustee Wesley  
                              b. Remarks from Trustee Straw  
                              c. Remarks from Trustee Buchanan  
  
                              2. Remarks from Outgoing Trustees  
                              a. Remarks from Trustee Parakkat  
                              b. Remarks from Trustee Robinson  
  
Mid-term Trustees Straw and Buchanan made their remarks.

- E. 2.**   Remarks from Outgoing Trustees

Outgoing Trustees Parakkat and Robinson made their remarks.

## X. Resolutions in Appreciation and Service Awards

### F. [RES 25-207](#)

#### 1. Resolution in Appreciation of Trustee Ravi Parakkat

*Trustee Parakkat will be presented with the Resolution & given a service award. Trustee Parakkat will then leave his seat and pause for photographs.*

#### 2. Resolution in Appreciation of Trustee Lucia Robinson

*Trustee Robinson will be presented with the Resolution & given a service award. Trustee Robinson will then leave her seat and pause for photographs.*

Clerk Waters, Trustees Enyia, Buchanan, Straw, and President Scaman read the resolution into the record. Trustee Parakkat accepted the resolution and service award.

**It was moved by Trustee Buchanan, seconded by Trustee Enyia, that this Resolution be adopted. A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved.**

### F. 2. Resolution in Appreciation of Trustee Lucia Robinson

Clerk Waters, Trustees Enyia, Buchanan, Straw, and President Scaman read the resolution into the record. Trustee Robinson accepted the resolution and service award.

**It was moved by Village Trustee Buchanan, seconded by Village Trustee Straw, that this Resolution be adopted. A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved.**

## XI. Oath of Office: Village Trustee

### G. [ID 25-347](#)

#### 1. Oath of Office for Village Trustee

##### a. Village Trustee Chibuike Enyia

*After the oath of office, Trustee Enyia will return to his seat at the Village Board table*

##### b. Village Trustee Jenna Leving Jacobson

*After the oath of office, Trustee Leving Jacobson will take a seat at the Village Board table*

##### c. Village Trustee James J. Taglia

*After the oath of office, Trustee Taglia will take a seat at the Village Board table*

Clerk Waters performed the swearing ins of re-elected Chibuike Enyia and newly elected Jenna Leving Jacobson and James J. Taglia to the office of Village Trustee.

## XII. Oath of Office: Village President

**H. [ID 25-340](#)****1. Oath of Office for Village President****a. Oath of Office for Re-Elected Village President Vicki Scaman**

Clerk Waters performed the swearing in of re-elected Vicki Scaman to the office of Village President.

**XIII. Oak Park Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Statement****I. [RES 25-209](#)****A Resolution Adopting the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Statement**

President Scaman read the Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Statement into the record.

It was moved by Trustee Enyia, seconded by Trustee Straw, that this Resolution be adopted. A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved.

**XIV. Remarks from Newly Elected & Re-Elected Trustees****J. [ID 25-346](#)****1. Remarks from Newly & Re-Elected Village Trustees****a. Village Trustee James J. Taglia****b. Village Trustee Jenna Leving Jacobson****c. Village Trustee Chibuike Enyia**

Trustees Taglia, Leving Jacobson, and Enyia made their remarks.

**XV. Remarks from the Re-Elected Village President****K. [ID 25-343](#)****1. Remarks from Re-Elected Village President****a. Village President Vicki Scaman**

President Scaman made her remarks.

**XVI. Consideration of Motion to Enter Closed Session.**

Attorney Gregory Smith stated the executive session is pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21) to discuss closed session meeting minutes and pursuant to section 2(c)(5) to discuss the purchase or lease of real property for use of the Village. The Village Board will move to Room 130 for closed session and will adjourn the closed session and regular meeting from there and will not reconvene in the Council Chambers.

It was moved by Trustee Buchanan, seconded by Trustee Straw to adjourn into Executive Session. The motion was approved. The roll call on the vote was as follows:

**AYES:** 7 - Trustees Buchanan, Enyia, Leving Jacobson, Straw, Taglia and President Scaman

**NAYS:** 0

**ABSENT:** 1 - Trustee Wesley

## **XVIII. Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 8:32 P.M., Tuesday, May 6, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,  
Deputy Clerk Hansen