OFFICIAL **MINUTES** **OFFICIAL**

W.C. Walker Senior Center
505 Sunset Avenue, Shafter, CA 93263
August 11, 2026

1. CALL TO ORDER:
   Chair Salinas called the Regular Board Meeting of the Shafter Recreation & Park District (SRPD) to order at 6:03 pm.
2. FLAG SALUTE AND INVOCATION:
   Mr. Salinas led the flag salute and Mr. Jimenez gave the invocation.
3. ROLL CALL:

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT	BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT
Jorge López	Amando Chávez
Gary Rodríguez	
Cristina Camacho	
Nelson Salinas	

4. POSTING OF THE AGENDA:
   The agenda was posted on Friday, August 7th, 2026, at 6:00 pm.
5. PUBLIC COMMENTS: No public comments.
6. CONSENT AGENDA:
   Director Rodríguez **MOVED** to approve the Consent Agenda. Director López **SECONDED.**
   AYES 4 (Rodríguez, López, Camacho, Salinas)
   NAYS 0
   ABSENT 1
   ABSTAIN 0
   MOTION CARRIED
7. OLD BUSINESS
   A. MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR POSITION – **INFORMATION/ACTION ITEM**
   Mr. Jimenez presented the three top candidates interviewed for the Maintenance Supervisor position after two rounds of interviews with staff and board member panels. Co-Chair Camacho **MOVED** to approve hiring Jose Cardenas as SRPD's full-time, salaried Maintenance Supervisor at an annual salary of $70,304. Chair Salinas **SECONDED.**
   AYES 4 (Rodríguez, López, Camacho, Salinas)
   NAYS 0
   ABSENT 1
   ABSTAIN 0
   MOTION CARRIED

B. PROGRAM COORDINATOR POSITION – **INFORMATION/ACTION ITEM**
Mr. Jimenez recommended Nicklaus Ballengee, who has just stepped in as a Recreation Leader III to keep the 2026 Youth Soccer program on track, for the Program Coordinator position. Director Rodríguez **MOVED** to approve hiring Nicklaus Ballengee as SRPD's full-time, salaried Program Coordinator at an annual salary of $70,304. Director López **SECONDED.**
AYES 4 (Rodríguez, López, Camacho, Salinas)
NAYS 0
ABSENT 1
ABSTAIN 0
MOTION CARRIED

C. COMPLEX BUSINESS PLAN – **INFORMATION/ACTION ITEM**
Mr. Jimenez introduced Dmitri Serenov of Ridgeline Municipal Strategies, LLC, who gave a presentation regarding what his company can offer to assist us with Business Plans for the Complex and for the District and with a Nexus study. Chair Salinas designated Co-Chair Camacho and Director López to form an ad-hoc committee to review this and other companies and bring a recommendation to the Board on next steps. **NO ACTION TAKEN.**

D. MULTIMEDIA AIDE JOB DESCRIPTION – **INFORMATION/ACTION ITEM**
Mr. Jimenez presented the new Multimedia Aide job description and hourly wage recommendations, which was previously reviewed by the Personnel Committee, for Board review and approval. Co-Chair Camacho **MOVED** to approve the Multimedia Aide job description and wage recommendations. Director López **SECONDED.**
AYES 4 (Rodríguez, López, Camacho, Salinas)
NAYS 0
ABSENT 1
ABSTAIN 0
MOTION CARRIED

E. NOR PROPOSAL NEGOTIATION UPDATE – **INFORMATION/ACTION ITEM**
Mr. Jimenez gave a brief update to the Board and the item was tabled for a future meeting. (Gov. Code 54956.8)

F. DISTRICT MANAGER CONTRACT – **INFORMATION/ACTION ITEM**
Tabled for a future meeting. (Gov. Code 54957(b)(1))

8. NEW BUSINESS: No new business.

9. STAFF REPORTS
DISTRICT MANAGER: Mr. Jimenez reminded the Board of the upcoming meeting with The Wonderful Company and Directors Lopez and Rodriguez offered to attend as well. He noted that he will be attending the Caltrans District 6, the Shafter Community Collaborative, the Valley Strong Community, and other meetings in the next few weeks. He announced the CRC $5000 sponsorship. He added that Volleyball is winding up with a tournament in each age group and that both Soccer and Cross-Country Striders registrations ended on August 7th and practices will begin soon. We also have a Movie Night scheduled for the Gossamer Grove Night Market on August 21st. He added that he would be out with surgery the next week.

Co-Chair Camacho left the meeting at 7:05 pm.

SCHOOL PROGRAMS & COMMUNITY LIAISON: Ms. Root was not in attendance.

FUNDRAISING/MARKETING COORDINATOR: Mr. Trujillo announced that fundraising training with Somos el Poder will be held on September 10th at 2:00 pm and requested that Board members add the date and time to their calendars and that potential new board members be invited to the training as well. He is working toward a Community Q&A and engagement to be held on September 3rd at the Walker Center.

746 SPORTS FOUNDATION: The Foundation Board has not met.

CONSULTANT: Mr. Garcia noted that our Complex needs an infusion of millions of dollars and that he has been in touch with large donors in Hollywood about the potential of their participation. He added that he had received a draft of the new construction bid costs and was in the process of reviewing these.

The Board encouraged the ideas of establishing an Advisory Board, hiring a third-party professional fund-raising organization and requested a visual graphic of fundraising efforts and the remaining amounts needed.

10. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS
PROGRAMS: Needs to meet with new Program Coordinator Nick Ballengee.
PERSONNEL: Met on August 10th, 2026, to review new job description.
FACILITY ACQUISITION AND DEVELOPMENT: No report.
BUDGET AND FINANCE: No report.
SAFETY: No report
746 Sports Foundation: No report.
AD-HOC: Wonderful Company Fund – No report.
AD-HOC: Ordiz-Melby Contract Addendum – No report.

11. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS
Director Rodriguez noted that he is not running for re-election. He added, "After 15 years here, I have made my mark, and I will be available to help train future board members. I want to do more work in the community—not officially representing SRPD will allow me to express myself differently. I want to keep planting seeds. John Guinn and Jed Hwang, with TWC's Community Fund, have opened their ears the needs of the community. We need dialysis here in Shafter, 24-hour urgent care, even a hospital on the westside. I will continue to work on these issues in the community."

Chair Salinas noted that he had met with Phillip, Gil and Favian about keeping the community informed on the complex and noted that, "We are working hard to get this built and we need to communicate that to the community. The more we are transparent, we can show the community where we are, through social media and other methods." He also noted that we need to encourage the community to help us find solutions and contact resources they may have, that we do not. He also commented on the 2026 Tennis Camp and how much it has grown over the last three [=
years. "We had 54 kids this year. The parents are great, the kids are learning so much and the tournament was great. I am pleased with the level we are helping our participants reach. By next year, we should be able to compete with other organizations." He offered thanks to everyone who supported the program.

Director Lopez left at 7:24 pm.

12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: DM Contract, NOR Negotiations, Complex Business Plan, Third-Party Fund-Raising.
13. EXECUTIVE SESSION:
    NOR Proposal Negotiation Update (Gov. Code 54956.8)
    District Manager's evaluation/employment contract. (Gov. Code 54957(b)(1))
14. ADJOURNMENT: Chair Salinas adjourned the meeting at 7:36 pm.