

**BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS**  
**October 1, 2019**

**CALL TO ORDER**

A special meeting of the Cincinnati Board of Park Commissioners was held on this day at 950 Eden Park Drive. Commissioners present: President Brad Lindner, Vice President Jim Goetz, Commissioner Susan Castellini, Commissioner Kevin Flynn, and Commissioner Linda Lee Thomas. President Lindner called the meeting to order at 2:03 P.M.

**Resignation of Parks Director**

President Lindner announced the resignation of Wade Walcutt from his position as Director of Parks. Mr. Lindner expressed gratitude to Mr. Walcutt on behalf of the Board for his service to Parks and his commitment and dedication to improving and enhancing the facilities, operations, systems, and staff.

Commissioner Flynn motioned to accept Mr. Walcutt's resignation. Vice President Goetz seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote.

**Severance Package**

President Lindner asked for a motion to approve the severance package developed for Mr. Walcutt. Vice President Goetz motioned for approval. Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote.

**Appointment of Interim Director**

President Lindner announced the intention to appoint Kara Kish, Deputy Director to the position of Interim Director. Mr. Lindner expressed the Board's support and confidence in Ms. Kish and presented her background and achievements.

Commissioner Castellini motioned to approve the appointment of Kara Kish as Interim Director of Parks. Commissioner Flynn seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote.

President Lindner expressed there is no current intent to conduct a search to fill the Director position.

Commissioner Thomas asked how the Board plans to address the Deputy Director position vacancy. President Lindner suggested the Board reassess operational need for the position in three or four months and discuss with Ms. Kish at that time.

Commissioner Flynn asked if compensation details have been worked out for Ms. Kish in her new capacity as Interim Director. President Lindner expressed details had not yet been determined but would be.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Vice President Goetz motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Flynn seconded the motion.  
Motion passed by vote.

Meeting adjourned at 2:08 P.M.

ATTEST:

  
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PRESIDENT

  
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ACTING DIRECTOR