

Lakewood Community Recreation & Education Commission
Minutes for November 18, 2025
Taft Center for Innovation

Attendance

<u>Commission</u>	<u>Staff</u>
Paul Porter, President	Leslie Favre Krogman
Troy Bratz, Vice President	Mark Walter
William Fraunfelder III *	Sharon Mathaios
Joe Stolitza	
Art Gold	
Christopher Mehling	Lakewood City Council, Cindy Strebig
Christopher Ferrone	

Call to Order:

Commissioner Paul Porter called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Troy Bratz made a motion to approve the minutes from October 21, 2025, which Commissioner Joe Stolitza seconded. The motion passed with all in favor.

Communications / Public Comment:

City Council Cindy Strebig community would like more handball courts

Coordinator Report:

The Board of Education presentation is scheduled for November 24th at Emerson.

The upcoming recreation winter booklet will be distributed by the end of December. Residents will have the first week to register for programs, after which registration will open to non-residents the following week.

In terms of programming, a new tap floor, mirrors, and rails have been installed in the newly established dance room at Taft.

Youth basketball registration will conclude this week. Teams will be organized, and practice schedules will be distributed at regular intervals each week. Teams will be established for boys and girls across grades 1-2, 3-4, and 5-6, as well as 2 collaborative teams for boys in grades 7-8. Furthermore, the NIMBA program will be offered to high school students who are not participating on their respective school teams. We also have travel teams starting games next week for boys in grades 3-4 and 5-6, and 2 travel teams for girls in grades 5-6.

The basketball coaches' meeting is scheduled for December 9th.

Members of the Student Athletic Leadership Team (SALT) will be visiting schools to distribute postcards as a final effort to encourage basketball registration.

Please note that some parts of the batting cage are currently missing.

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Old Business:

Board of Education presentation; Leslie will reshare the presentation slides.

New Business:

C.R.E.C. By-laws discussions will be moved to the January 2026 meeting.

Western Reserve Historical Society awarded Lakewood Recreation a 100-year-in-business certificate.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM, motioned by Commissioner Christopher Ferrone and seconded by Commissioner Art Gold. All in favor.

Upcoming Meetings:

February 17, 2026

March 17, 2026

April 21, 2026

May 19, 2026

June 16, 2026

July 21, 2026

August 18, 2026

September 15, 2026

October 20, 2026

November 17, 2026