



Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

December 8, 2025

5:00 – 5:59 pm

Present: Commissioners Jeffery, Bird, Powers, and Becker. Commissioner Witteck arrived at 5:06. Commissioner Pauling arrived at 5:46.

Staff: Executive Director Rini, Directors Bachewicz, Quinn, and Scumaci, Superintendent Adamson, Finance Supervisor Nge, and Executive Assistant Greninger

Topic: **Presentation of the Proposed 2026 Budget**

Director Scumaci presented the budget for fiscal year 2026. During this meeting, we provided an overview of the proposed budget. Each Director highlighted key areas. At the January 12, 2026 meeting, we will request the Board's formal approval of the 2026 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance, 2026 Goals, the 2026 Organizational Chart, and 2026 Full-Time and Part-Time Wage Scales.

Commissioner Becker recalled approving the Gas and Electric Contracts recently. Have we explored using alternate energy sources, like solar? Executive Director Rini said we did explore this option two years ago. The return on investment is insufficient. We only have one building with the type of roof that would support the solar panels, which would not make a big enough impact to make it worthwhile.

Commissioner Jeffery noted that exploring the use and applications for AI technology is on the list for Organizational Goals. Director Scumaci said we are cautious, especially as it pertains to security. PDRMA is reviewing Tracker AI, which uses cell phone signals to track where people come from before attending events at the park district and where they go afterwards. It could lead to additional business sponsorships.

Commissioner Bird asked what percentage of EAV is expected for new growth. Director Scumaci estimates \$9 million, which is much higher than recent years.

There being no further questions, the committee meeting was adjourned at 5:59 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Lisa Scumaci'.

Lisa Scumaci
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