



NISRA BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING
NISRA Office, Crystal Lake
February 18, 2026

Meeting Minutes

1.00 Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 1:31 PM by Scott Crowe

Roll Call: Dan Jones (Cary), Jason Herbster (Crystal Lake), Dave Peterson (Dundee), Jen Hermonson (Elgin), Laura Schraw (Hampshire), Jo Atkinson (Harvard), Scott Crowe (Huntley), Randy Splitt (Lake in the Hills), Tim Staton (Wauconda), Mark Pentecost (Woodstock - arrived at 1:31 after Roll call)

Staff Present: Jim Wiseman, Executive Director; Heidi Jenkins, Superintendent of Recreation; Patty Panas, Senior Manager of Human Resources and Administration; Tara Mackey, Recording Secretary

2.00 Recognition of Visitors & Matters from the Public:

There were no matters from the public or visitors at this time.

3.00 Superintendent's Report:

Superintendent Jenkins reported Leisure Ed continues to expand its reach. Three new schools from Crystal Lake, Marengo, and Woodstock have participated this month. Since revamping the initiative, there has been 24 programs with 100% of the responding classrooms reporting satisfaction. The program continues to strengthen school partnerships while promoting disability awareness and inclusion. Summer Day Camp registration begins March 2 and has thirty-eight staff returning. Special Olympics had twenty-three swimmers compete in their first meet of the year, 16 athletes participated in Regional Winter competitions, with eight advancing to the Winter Games in Galena. In basketball, both Knights teams earned gold medals at Regionals and qualified for the State tournament. Twelve full-time staff went down to the IPRA conference. The LIFE program leaders presented a session focused on evolving support for adults with disabilities, highlighting innovative, person-centered approaches in therapeutic recreation. Jenkins also mentioned the Fall program participation and Inclusion numbers were included in the Board Packet for review and passed out the Lease Vehicle agreements for 2026 for signatures.

Ayes: 9
Nays: 0
Motion carried.

Crowe reconvened open session at 2:35

11.00 Action Regarding Executive Session Items:

No action is needed at this time.

12.00 Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:39 pm

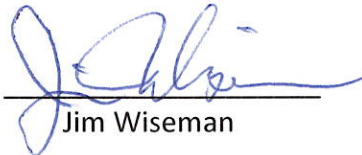
Motion by: Herbster 2nd by: Splitt

Ayes: 10

Nays: 0

Motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:


Jim Wiseman

Minutes recorded by Tara Mackey.