

# Livermore Area Recreation and Park District

## Staff Report

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TO: Chair Pierpont and Program Committee

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DATE: February 3, 2025

SUBJECT: Scope of the Program Committee

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RECOMMENDATION: At the December 11, 2024 Board of Directors meeting, the Board reviewed and discussed their interest in reviewing the scope and potentially renaming the Program Committee.

ATTACHMENTS:

- a) Board Policy No. 4060 – Committees of the Board of Directors

# LIVERMORE AREA RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT BOARD POLICY MANUAL

**POLICY TITLE:** Committees of the Board of Directors  
**POLICY NUMBER:** 4060

1. The Board may establish committees to help carry out its responsibilities.
  - a. Committees will assist the Board chiefly by conducting a more intensive and thorough analysis of items, preparing policy alternatives and developing recommendations for Board deliberation.
  - b. All matters requiring further study will be assigned to the appropriate committee for review, report and recommendation to the Board as a whole. Any determination resulting from committee review should be submitted to the Board via oral or written report.
2. Board committees are not to be created by the Board to advise staff and cannot exercise authority over staff. Further, the Board will not impede its direct delegation to the General Manager by requiring the approval of a Board committee before an executive action. The General Manager works for the Board, never for a Board committee.
3. Board committees may not speak or act for the Board, except when delegated said authority. The delegated authority shall be for a specific period of time. Such authority will be carefully stated so as not to conflict with the authority delegated to the General Manager.
  - a. Upon approval from the Board of Directors, specific Board committees may be granted authority to authorize expenditures related to that committee's function.
4. Authority to create ad hoc committees shall rest with the Chair of the Board. The Board Chair shall appoint all members to ad hoc committees of the Board of Directors. The duties of the ad hoc committees shall be outlined at the time of appointment, and the committee shall be considered dissolved when its final report has been made.
  - a. Any ad hoc committee of the Board of Directors shall contain at least one Board member.

5. The following shall be standing committees of the Board:
  - a. Facilities
  - b. Finance
  - c. Intergovernmental
  - d. Personnel
  - e. Program
6. The Board Chair shall appoint and publicly announce the members of the standing committees and any ad hoc committees deemed necessary for the ensuing year at the January meeting.
7. The Board's standing committees may be assigned to review District functions, activities, and/or operations pertaining to their designated areas of concern, as specified below. Said assignments may be made by the Board Chair or a majority vote of the Board.
  - a. All meetings of standing committees shall conform to all applicable statutes and regulations currently enacted pertaining to Special Districts in the County of Alameda and the State of California.
  - b. The Board's standing Facilities Committee shall be concerned with the acquisition, development, maintenance, and operation of District facilities, including review and recommendation for fee schedules, policies and regulations governing District facility use, and naming of facilities.
  - c. The Board's standing Finance Committee shall be concerned with reviewing and recommending to the Board items relating to the following areas: budget process; review audit; fiscal policies; financial performance review/financial reporting; financial leadership; and fiscal goals and planning.
  - d. The primary function of the Board's standing Intergovernmental Committee shall be to act as a conduit to share information between leaders in which the leaders of the community's local government agencies can share information on various matters of common interest and concern.

- e. The Board's standing Personnel Committee shall be responsible for:
    - hiring direct employees of the Board of Directors; recommendations for appointment of candidates to the Personnel Commission;
    - recommendations by the Personnel Commission to the Board of Directors; personnel actions in the areas of employee programs, benefits, and wage/salary adjustments; rules, regulations and policies governing District personnel.
  - f. The functions of the Board's standing Program Committee shall be to maintain a high level review of the program delivery in keeping with the mission of the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District. The Program Committee is primarily concerned with keeping the offerings of LARPD programs relevant to the desires of the community.
8. In the event the District desires to hire a contracted consultant to work directly with the Board of Directors on development of a work product, facilitate meetings involving the Board of Directors, Board training, or project specifically involving Directors, the Board shall direct the Personnel Committee of the Board to join the General Manager in interviewing and selecting a consultant for consideration (as a recommendation) for the Board's approval. The process will be that the General Manager will meet with the Committee, determine desirable attributes and background of potential candidates, be responsible for soliciting potential consultants, and facilitate the selection process. By contrast, the General Manager is responsible to select consultants, without Board participation, to carry out the District's day to day business in executing the Board-authorized annual budget and projects.
9. Should the Board find it necessary to create an advisory committee to develop recommendations on issues affecting District policy, the Board of Directors shall determine the number of committee members, the qualifications of committee members, the method of candidate screening, and shall ratify, by majority vote, the individuals appointed to the advisory committee.