

UTAH STATE FAIRPARK  
AUTHORITY  
Board of Directors Meeting

Date: March 19, 2026

Time: 9:01 a.m.

State Fair Administration Building

North 1000 West

Salt Lake City, Utah

Chair Dave Lewis called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

Roll Call

**Board Members Present**

Lillian Bayles  
Jim Webb  
Kelly Pehrson  
Wade Garrett  
Dave Lewis  
Ted Lewis  
Steve Lund  
Jennifer Seelig  
Darrell Hunting  
Senator Scott Sandall  
Paul Morris  
Kip Paul

**Staff**

Larry Mullenax  
Becky Knight  
Alan Kitterman

**Public**

Benn Buys (UFAIR)  
Brook McCarrick (Utah Attorney  
General)

**Board Members Absent  
or Excused**

Tommy Joe Lucia (Absent)

A quorum was present

Approval of Previous Minutes

Minutes from February 19, February 23 (conference call), and March 5, 2026, were approved with a correction to the spelling of Kerry Owens.

Motion: Ted Lewis

Second: Lillian Bayless

Vote: Unanimous

**Financial Report – January and February 2026**

- January revenues exceeded prior year and budget projections.
- February revenues were below budget due to seasonal trends.
- Year-to-date revenues were near prior-year levels and above budget.
- Expenses were below budget.
- Cash balances increased approximately \$1.94 million compared to the prior year.
- Overall, the financial position improved by approximately \$1.26 million.

The Board received the report and noted that the Authority remains in a strong financial position.

Closed Meeting

The Board entered a closed meeting pursuant to Utah Code §52-4-205(1)(d) for discussion of real property negotiations.

Closed meeting began at 9:10 a.m.

**Motion:** To enter closed meeting

**Moved by:** Wade Garrett

**Seconded by:** Ted Lewis

**Roll-Call Vote:**

- Bayless – Yes
- Webb – Yes
- Pehrson – Yes
- Garrett – Yes
- Lewis (Dave) – Yes
- Lewis (Ted) – Yes
- Lund – Yes
- Seelig – Yes
- Hunting – Yes
- Sandall – Yes
- Morris – Not present for vote

Motion passed.

- **Subject Matter:** Real property negotiations
- **Date:** March 19, 2026
- **Time Closed Meeting Began:** 9:10 a.m.
- **Location:** State Fair Administration Building
- **Persons Present:** Board members and legal counsel only

The Board reconvened in open session following the closed meeting

### **Days of '47 Agreement Update**

Staff provided an update regarding ongoing negotiations for the Days of '47 operational agreement.

## **Fair Volunteer Banquet**

Staff presented an update regarding planning for the Fair Volunteer Banquet scheduled for **March 28, 2026**.

- Invitations had been distributed to staff, volunteers, partners, and board members
- RSVP responses were strong
- Planning remained within the approved budget

## **Committee Reports**

- **Safety, Security, and Compensation:** Evaluation updates in progress
- **Legislative Affairs:** Capital improvements and procurement updates
- **Education:** Continued collaboration with Utah State University
- **Fair Operations:** Programming largely complete; beverage contract awarded to Pepsi
- **Rodeo:** Contracts secured; cost pressures noted
- **Livestock:** Barn planning and design work ongoing

## **Additional Business**

- Recognition of staff member **JC** for national rodeo honors
- Discussion regarding potential Olympic-related use of Fairpark facilities
- Informal support expressed for exploring Fairpark-related street naming
- Senator Sandall acknowledged **Lillian Bayless's** gubernatorial reappointment

Next Meeting: April 16, 2026

Adjournment

**Motion:** To adjourn the meeting

**Moved by:** Ted Lewis

**Seconded by:** Scott Sandall

**Vote:** Unanimous

The meeting adjourned at approximately **10:00 a.m.**