

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

**Board Members Absent
or Excused**

Tommy Joe Lucia (Absent)

Public

Benn Buys (UFAIR)

Brook McCarrick (Utah Attorney
General)

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.**