



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

JUNE 18TH 2026



State Fair Park Authority

June 18, 2026

Board of Directors Meeting

Agenda

- 9:00pm Roll Call**
- 9:05am Approve May 21, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes**
- 9:10am Review May Financials**
- Allan Kitterman
- 9:20am Days of 47 Contract discussion**
- 9:30am Action Item**
- Vote to ratify the execution of the contract entered into by management on behalf of the Fair.
- 9: 15am Committee “FAIR” reports**
- Legislative: Steve Lund
 - Education Committee: Steve Lund
 - Fair: Lillian Bayles
 - Rodeo: Wade Garrett
 - Livestock: Jim Webb
 - Safety & Security: Ted Lewis
 - Compensation Committee: Ted Lewis
- 10:00am Call to enter a closed session pursuant to Section 52-4-205(d)**
- strategy sessions to discuss the purchase, exchange, or lease of real property, including any form of water right or water shares, or to discuss a proposed development agreement, project proposal, or financing proposal related to the development of land owned by the state.
- 10:40am Call for new business**
- 10:45am Meeting Adjourned**

UTAH STATE FAIRPARK AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING

Date: May 21, 2026

Time: 9:00 AM

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 9:00 AM.

Roll Call

Board members present included Dave Lewis, Lillain Bayles, Wade Garrett, Jim Webb, Steven Lund, Kip Paul, Darrell Hunting, Scott Sandall, Ted Lewis. Paul Morris, Tommy Joe Lucia, Excused: Kelli Patterson, Brook McCarrick, Absent: Jennifer Seelig

Staff present included Holli Buxton, Jaime Poulos, Larry Mullenax, Allan Kitterman

Also Present: Kerry Owens, Lauren Reber (Attorney) Benn Buys (Ufair) Elliott Clark (Attorney General Office)

Approval of Previous Minutes

Ted made the motion to approve March 5 and March 19 meeting minutes Lillian seconded. Approved unanimously.

Financial Report

March: Revenue down \$42,000; expenses up \$40,000.

April: Revenue up \$137,000; strong performance.

Year-to-date shows positive net income and strong budget performance.

Cash position improved significantly, with strong reserves.

Closed Session

Elliott Clark stated the board of directors would like to enter a closed session today for two purposes. First, for the discussion of the lease of real property under 5242051D, and for the discussion of an individual's character or professional competence under 5242051A.

The location will be held both virtually and at the anchor location.

(Utah State Fairpark 155 N 1000 W Salt Lake City Utah 84116 Thursday May 21, 2026 @ 9:15AM)

Dave adopted the motion to enter closed session for real property and personnel discussion and for the discussion of an individual's character or professional competence under 5242051A.

Ted made the motion Wade seconded. Approved via roll call.

Executive Director Compensation

Approved 2.6% COLA, \$47,500 incentive payout for 2025, and \$75,000 incentive target for 2026.

Livestock Fund Allocation

Approved reallocation of existing \$126,000 livestock auction budget with no additional funding.

Motion to adjourn approved unanimously.

DRAFT

**UTAH STATE FAIR CORPORATION
NOTES TO THE BOARD REPORT
FOR THE MONTHS ENDED MAY 31, 2026**

SUMMARY:

Event season is off and running.

MONTH-TO-DATE (MTD) ANALYSIS:

Revenues: Revenues are up \$160k to last year and up \$136k against the budget. Kilby Court and a Jaripeo were the big hitters.

Expenses: Our expenses are up \$92k to last year and up \$92k to budget. Professional and maintenance expenses increased due to the larger Kilby and the Jaripeo.

Ordinary income is up \$67k on last year and up \$44k on budget.

Other Income is even on last year. Interest income was \$39k.

YEAR-TO-DATE (YTD) ANALYSIS:

Revenues: Revenues are up \$259k to last year and up \$286k against the budget.

Expenses: Our expenses are up \$171k to last year and up \$25k to budget.

Ordinary income is up \$89k on last year and up \$261k on the budget.

Other Income is down \$1k on last year.

INVESTMENTS AND CASH ACCOUNT BALANCES:

Cash in bank is up on last year, \$1.94 mil. Accounts Recievable is up \$532k on last year while Accounts Payable is up \$150k compared to last year. The change in our financial position is up on last year \$2.0 mil. Our financial position continues to be very strong.

Please keep in mind that the numbers on the following reports have not been audited and are subject to change.

UTAH STATE FAIR CORPORATION

Profit & Loss

May 2026

	May 26	Jan - May 26
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Contributions / Sponsorships	0.00	50,000.00
Event Revenue	825,188.61	1,412,435.87
Fair Revenue	83,250.00	83,250.00
Miscellaneous Incomes	11,582.27	22,554.10
Monthly Rental/ Storage	16,142.67	112,884.42
Stall Rental	70.00	310.00
Total Income	936,233.55	1,681,434.39
Gross Profit	936,233.55	1,681,434.39
Expense		
Advertising & Legal	5,094.87	16,083.24
Awards & Premiums	0.00	1,030.00
Board Member Expenses	1,289.68	6,845.05
Computer & Professional Service	149,670.10	251,974.07
Data Processing	7,676.06	31,883.72
Depreciation Expense	39,927.01	197,983.17
Equipment Rental	4,543.60	15,860.21
Insurance	6,109.84	30,549.20
Maintenance Expenses	87,079.38	129,779.44
Miscellaneous Expense	2,253.64	14,231.99
Office Equipment/ Furnishings	0.00	-143.48
Office Expense	544.53	816.71
Payroll Expenses	202,869.60	873,187.33
Processing Fees	6,675.65	20,535.93
Public Relations Expenses	799.00	9,631.90
Travel Expenses	147.80	9,188.16
Utilities	53,035.99	208,672.49
Total Expense	567,716.75	1,818,109.13
Net Ordinary Income	368,516.80	-136,674.74
Other Income/Expense		
Other Income	39,182.03	189,768.94
Net Other Income	39,182.03	189,768.94
Net Income	407,698.83	53,094.20

UTAH STATE FAIR CORPORATION
Profit & Loss Prev Year Comparison - Month
May 2026

	May 26	May 25	\$ Change
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
Event Revenue	825,188.61	726,321.14	98,867.47
Fair Revenue	83,250.00	12,106.77	71,143.23
Miscellaneous Incomes	11,582.27	13,942.91	-2,360.64
Monthly Rental/ Storage	16,142.67	24,249.45	-8,106.78
Stall Rental	70.00	0.00	70.00
Total Income	<u>936,233.55</u>	<u>776,620.27</u>	<u>159,613.28</u>
Gross Profit	936,233.55	776,620.27	159,613.28
Expense			
Advertising & Legal	5,094.87	951.83	4,143.04
Awards & Premiums	0.00	0.00	0.00
Board Member Expenses	1,289.68	2,216.68	-927.00
Computer & Professional Service	149,670.10	75,464.82	74,205.28
Data Processing	7,676.06	4,449.00	3,227.06
Depreciation Expense	39,927.01	37,840.98	2,086.03
Equipment Rental	4,543.60	13,840.34	-9,296.74
Insurance	6,109.84	9,930.13	-3,820.29
Maintenance Expenses	87,079.38	74,974.28	12,105.10
Miscellaneous Expense	2,253.64	2,844.28	-590.64
Office Equipment/ Furnishings	0.00	0.00	0.00
Office Expense	544.53	779.72	-235.19
Payroll Expenses	202,869.60	193,847.80	9,021.80
Processing Fees	6,675.65	8,911.97	-2,236.32
Public Relations Expenses	799.00	0.00	799.00
Travel Expenses	147.80	1,307.17	-1,159.37
Utilities	53,035.99	48,159.07	4,876.92
Total Expense	<u>567,716.75</u>	<u>475,518.07</u>	<u>92,198.68</u>
Net Ordinary Income	368,516.80	301,102.20	67,414.60
Other Income/Expense			
Other Income	39,182.03	38,455.27	726.76
Net Other Income	<u>39,182.03</u>	<u>38,455.27</u>	<u>726.76</u>
Net Income	<u><u>407,698.83</u></u>	<u><u>339,557.47</u></u>	<u><u>68,141.36</u></u>

UTAH STATE FAIR CORPORATION
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
May 2026

	May 26	Budget	\$ Over Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
Event Revenue	825,188.61	750,358.00	74,830.61
Fair Revenue	83,250.00	12,105.00	71,145.00
Miscellaneous Incomes	11,582.27	13,944.00	-2,361.73
Monthly Rental/ Storage	16,142.67	24,250.00	-8,107.33
Stall Rental	70.00	0.00	70.00
Total Income	<u>936,233.55</u>	<u>800,657.00</u>	<u>135,576.55</u>
Gross Profit	936,233.55	800,657.00	135,576.55
Expense			
Advertising & Legal	5,094.87	952.00	4,142.87
Awards & Premiums	0.00	0.00	0.00
Board Member Expenses	1,289.68	2,216.00	-926.32
Computer & Professional Service	149,670.10	75,284.00	74,386.10
Data Processing	7,676.06	4,612.00	3,064.06
Depreciation Expense	39,927.01	37,841.00	2,086.01
Equipment Rental	4,543.60	14,171.00	-9,627.40
Insurance	6,109.84	8,816.00	-2,706.16
Maintenance Expenses	87,079.38	39,927.00	47,152.38
Miscellaneous Expense	2,253.64	7,145.00	-4,891.36
Office Equipment/ Furnishings	0.00	0.00	0.00
Office Expense	544.53	779.00	-234.47
Payroll Expenses	202,869.60	227,939.00	-25,069.40
Processing Fees	6,675.65	8,031.00	-1,355.35
Public Relations Expenses	799.00	0.00	799.00
Travel Expenses	147.80	589.00	-441.20
Utilities	53,035.99	48,158.00	4,877.99
Total Expense	<u>567,716.75</u>	<u>476,460.00</u>	<u>91,256.75</u>
Net Ordinary Income	368,516.80	324,197.00	44,319.80
Other Income/Expense			
Other Income	39,182.03	38,455.00	727.03
Net Other Income	<u>39,182.03</u>	<u>38,455.00</u>	<u>727.03</u>
Net Income	<u><u>407,698.83</u></u>	<u><u>362,652.00</u></u>	<u><u>45,046.83</u></u>

UTAH STATE FAIR CORPORATION
Profit & Loss Prev Year Comparison
January through May 2026

	Jan - May 26	Jan - May 25	\$ Change
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
Contributions / Sponsorships	50,000.00	0.00	50,000.00
Event Revenue	1,412,435.87	1,189,878.73	222,557.14
Fair Revenue	83,250.00	81,641.36	1,608.64
Miscellaneous Incomes	22,554.10	28,112.20	-5,558.10
Monthly Rental/ Storage	112,884.42	122,341.51	-9,457.09
Stall Rental	310.00	210.00	100.00
Total Income	1,681,434.39	1,422,183.80	259,250.59
Gross Profit	1,681,434.39	1,422,183.80	259,250.59
Expense			
Advertising & Legal	16,083.24	11,618.18	4,465.06
Awards & Premiums	1,030.00	300.00	730.00
Board Member Expenses	6,845.05	11,454.28	-4,609.23
Computer & Professional Service	251,974.07	136,974.18	114,999.89
Data Processing	31,883.72	28,644.03	3,239.69
Depreciation Expense	197,983.17	188,123.89	9,859.28
Equipment Rental	15,860.21	23,885.30	-8,025.09
Insurance	30,549.20	49,860.65	-19,311.45
Maintenance Expenses	129,779.44	137,490.26	-7,710.82
Miscellaneous Expense	14,231.99	11,301.46	2,930.53
Office Equipment/ Furnishings	-143.48	660.97	-804.45
Office Expense	816.71	3,847.37	-3,030.66
Payroll Expenses	873,187.33	813,684.05	59,503.28
Processing Fees	20,535.93	25,725.68	-5,189.75
Public Relations Expenses	9,631.90	766.19	8,865.71
Travel Expenses	9,188.16	3,752.68	5,435.48
Utilities	208,672.49	199,415.14	9,257.35
Total Expense	1,818,109.13	1,647,504.31	170,604.82
Net Ordinary Income	-136,674.74	-225,320.51	88,645.77
Other Income/Expense			
Other Income	189,768.94	191,089.75	-1,320.81
Net Other Income	189,768.94	191,089.75	-1,320.81
Net Income	53,094.20	-34,230.76	87,324.96

UTAH STATE FAIR CORPORATION
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual YTD
 January through May 2026

	Jan - May 26	Budget	\$ Over Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
Contributions / Sponsorships	50,000.00		
Event Revenue	1,412,435.87	1,162,938.00	249,497.87
Fair Revenue	83,250.00	81,653.00	1,597.00
Miscellaneous Incomes	22,554.10	28,128.00	-5,573.90
Monthly Rental/ Storage	112,884.42	122,344.00	-9,459.58
Stall Rental	310.00	140.00	170.00
Total Income	<u>1,681,434.39</u>	<u>1,395,203.00</u>	<u>286,231.39</u>
Gross Profit	1,681,434.39	1,395,203.00	286,231.39
Expense			
Advertising & Legal	16,083.24	11,620.00	4,463.24
Awards & Premiums	1,030.00	210.00	820.00
Board Member Expenses	6,845.05	11,320.00	-4,474.95
Computer & Professional Service	251,974.07	140,702.00	111,272.07
Data Processing	31,883.72	24,666.00	7,217.72
Depreciation Expense	197,983.17	188,124.00	9,859.17
Equipment Rental	15,860.21	23,877.00	-8,016.79
Insurance	30,549.20	44,290.00	-13,740.80
Maintenance Expenses	129,779.44	166,136.00	-36,356.56
Miscellaneous Expense	14,231.99	17,042.00	-2,810.01
Office Equipment/ Furnishings	-143.48	661.00	-804.48
Office Expense	816.71	3,847.00	-3,030.29
Payroll Expenses	873,187.33	933,077.00	-59,889.67
Processing Fees	20,535.93	24,650.00	-4,114.07
Public Relations Expenses	9,631.90	767.00	8,864.90
Travel Expenses	9,188.16	2,251.00	6,937.16
Utilities	208,672.49	199,397.00	9,275.49
Total Expense	<u>1,818,109.13</u>	<u>1,792,637.00</u>	<u>25,472.13</u>
Net Ordinary Income	-136,674.74	-397,434.00	260,759.26
Other Income/Expense			
Other Income	189,768.94	191,089.00	-1,320.06
Net Other Income	<u>189,768.94</u>	<u>191,089.00</u>	<u>-1,320.06</u>
Net Income	<u><u>53,094.20</u></u>	<u><u>-206,345.00</u></u>	<u><u>259,439.20</u></u>

UTAH STATE FAIR CORPORATION
Statement of Financial Position
As of May 31, 2026

	May 31, 26	May 31, 25	\$ Change
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Checking/Savings	12,739,916.06	10,795,816.53	1,944,099.53
Accounts Receivable	1,569,792.15	1,037,504.50	532,287.65
Other Current Assets	190,664.22	124,959.81	65,704.41
Total Current Assets	14,500,372.43	11,958,280.84	2,542,091.59
Other Assets	4,067,359.45	4,606,124.73	-538,765.28
TOTAL ASSETS	18,567,731.88	16,564,405.57	2,003,326.31
LIABILITIES & EQUITY			
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Accounts Payable	393,185.88	243,163.22	150,022.66
Credit Cards	7,190.30	10,536.12	-3,345.82
Other Current Liabilities	1,892,473.13	1,318,462.63	574,010.50
Total Current Liabilities	2,292,849.31	1,572,161.97	720,687.34
Long Term Liabilities	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Liabilities	2,292,849.31	1,572,161.97	720,687.34
Equity	16,274,882.57	14,992,243.60	1,282,638.97
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	18,567,731.88	16,564,405.57	2,003,326.31



State Fair Park Authority
Executive Directors Monthly Review
June 18, 2026

Executive Summary

We're in our busy season and most of our efforts are directed at successfully producing quality events. With a significant amount of attention to guest satisfaction. Note* All the events that we hosted to date have exceeded prior year attendance and revenues. Unfortunately, our conversion rate for new clients/events is lower than prior years. However, the events that we are bringing to contract are large quality events.

- **Kilby Block Party**

I'm happy to report that organizers of the Kilby Block Party executed a contract for 2027 keeping the festival at the Fairpark for another year.

We're very appreciate of the relationship that we have developed with S&S presents and look forward to partnering with them for many more years to come.

- **October New Business**

Organizers will be announcing (1) of two new concerts that will be at the Fairpark in October of 2026 on June 22nd. The second date will be announced in early July.

Both events will feature mainstream POP artists and based on current ticket sales history should be very well attended.

- **Thomas Carnival**

We are moving towards a cashless experience for rides this year. Guest will purchase an all-day wristband or individual ride tickets either on-line or at one of the 6 ticket kiosks and booths throughout the park.

Moving towards a cashless experience will allow us to see ride utilization for the first time and to see revenues in real time.

Early reports from other fairs that are using this service report increased revenues over the prior year.

- **Point of Sale for food purchases**

We are working towards a partnership that will allow us to utilize a single POS system for all food vendors.

A single POS system will allow us to track food sales in real time and eliminate the need for us to contract with a third-party audit firm to reconcile sales.

While providing us with greater understanding of what products our guests favor. Allowing us to select food providers that are aligned with our needs, and right size the numbers of vendors by food category.

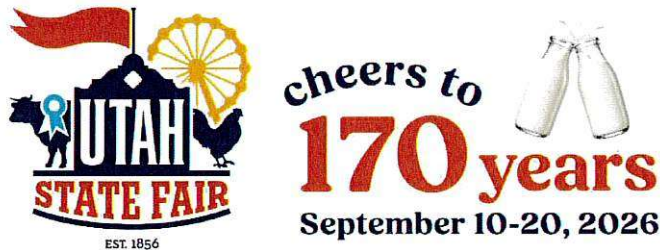
Board Report - Nicki Claeys

Dept 60 – Marketing & Sponsorship | Dept 25 - Entertainment Department | Dept 20 - Administrative
May 2026

Marketing

Marketing efforts are officially underway for the 2026 Utah State Fair, with current campaigns focused on concert sales through radio and social media ads. In the coming two weeks we will begin ads for arena events, and as we move further into the summer, we will begin layering Fair messaging, promo days, etc.

We have launched the branding for the 2026 Fair theme, **“Cheers to 170 Years.”** This theme gives us a fun opportunity to celebrate the history and tradition of the Utah State Fair. The logo includes milk jars as a nod to our agricultural roots.



Sakura and I attended the PTA conference last month to promote our Fair education programs, including Read & Win, school field trips and Special Friends Day. The conference was well attended, and it was encouraging to see how much enthusiasm still exists for our education programs. It is always a good reminder that these programs continue to have strong recognition and value with teachers, parents, and school communities.

Sponsorships

I have had several great conversations with new potential sponsors over the past few weeks. There is good interest in building partnerships that go beyond basic signage and create more meaningful engagement at the Fair.

A few of these conversations are with companies that are looking for ways to connect directly with families, fairgoers, and event audiences through on-site activations, branded experiences, and community-focused opportunities. I am hopeful that I will have new partnerships to report soon as these conversations continue to develop.

Entertainment

Concert sales are active and continuing to build. At this point, Matchbox Twenty has the strongest sales, followed by Darius Rucker, and then Lynyrd Skynyrd. Lynyrd Skynyrd sales are currently pacing slower, but we do expect that audience to be more heavily driven by late buyers, which is consistent with what we have seen from this demographic in the past.

We are also getting closer to confirming openers for each concert and hope to have announcements soon. Adding the right openers will help strengthen each show package and give us additional marketing opportunities as we continue to promote the arena lineup.

Board Report - Nicki Claeys

Dept 60 – Marketing & Sponsorship | Dept 25 - Entertainment Department | Dept 20 - Administrative
May 2026

The local entertainment schedules for the South Plaza Stage and Oasis Stage are now complete, and we have started the contracting process with each performer. Between the two stages, we will have more than 140 local performances during the Fair. This continues to be an important part of the Fair experience and gives us a strong opportunity to showcase Utah talent throughout all 11 days.

Administrative

Tickets for arena events will go on sale in the next couple of weeks. Our new ticketing system, AXS, is very robust, which means each show requires more time on the front end to set up correctly. While the setup process is more detailed than what we have used in the past, we are excited about some of the system's features and are hopeful it will create more efficiency for staff and a better experience for guests in the long run.

We were also informed by the carnival that they have moved to RFID wristbands. They have assured us that the system has been very successful so far and that they are pleased with the reporting tools it provides. The RFID system allows them to see which rides are being used, how often they are being ridden, and how guests are spending their time in the carnival. This data should give them better insight into ride usage and overall carnival operations.



UTAH STATE FAIRPARK BOARD REPORT

Sales and Event Department 30

June Board Report | May Notes

Sales & Event Department 30

Aly Garcia: Events Director | Public Safety and Security

Corey Burns: Sales Manager | Group Sales

Kelli McCaffery: Event Coordinator | Community Outreach | Commercial Vendor Sales

Fred Acebo: Food and Beverage Manager

Lexie Lubbers: Event Lead (Starting in May)

Crystal Nichols: Event Lead (Starting in May)

May Events

- Wasatch Reptile Show
- Race Day Bike Races
- Wasatch Community Garden Spring Sale
- Cards and More Card Show
- Kilby Block Party
- Jaripeo
- Fairpark Community Council Meeting

Sales Report – Corey Burns

Food & Beverage Performance

Food and beverage operations were a significant success during May, with revenues exceeding expectations across several major events.

Both Kilby Block Party and Jaripeo generated strong food and beverage sales, resulting in commission revenues that substantially outperformed prior projections. The Kilby Block Party, in particular, achieved record food vendor sales, reflecting both strong attendance and effective vendor operations.

Following Kilby Block Party, the Events and Food & Beverage teams conducted a post-event review and identified opportunities to further strengthen oversight and communication. As a result, the team is implementing a zone-based management approach for future large-scale events. This structure will improve communication with vendors, increase operational visibility, and support enhanced auditing and compliance efforts.

The May Jaripeo also delivered strong food and beverage performance. The event continues to demonstrate the value of culturally significant programming, attracting strong attendance and generating meaningful economic activity for both vendors and the Fairpark.

Additionally, the transition to our new alcohol service provider has produced positive operational results. The purchasing and inventory processes have been streamlined, improving service efficiency while maintaining a strong focus on safety and compliance. The new partnership also provides improved revenue opportunities

through a more favorable commission structure, positioning the Fairpark for continued growth across events of all sizes.

Overall, May demonstrated the strength of the Fairpark's food and beverage program and highlighted the positive impact of ongoing operational improvements, strategic partnerships, and diverse event programming.

Department 30 Report – Aly Garcia

May represented one of the busiest and most operationally demanding months of the year for the Events Department. The team successfully supported multiple large-scale events, including Kilby Block Party and Jaripeo, while continuing preparations for the upcoming Fair season and managing ongoing client bookings, vendor contracting, and event planning activities.

A significant milestone for the department was the addition of two Event Operations Leads, who joined the team during the Kilby Block Party load-in week. Despite entering during one of the most complex operational periods of the year, both individuals quickly integrated into event operations and immediately provided valuable support to the department. Their early performance has been encouraging, and they continue to develop the skills and knowledge necessary to support event execution at a higher level.

The addition of these positions is an important step in strengthening the department's operational capacity. As the Event Operations Leads continue to grow into their roles, they will assume more responsibility for event logistics, on-site coordination, and operational execution. This will allow management staff to dedicate greater attention to client relationships, strategic planning, vendor partnerships, and overall guest experience.

The department continues to focus on building sustainable systems, improving operational consistency, and developing staff capacity to support future growth. The successful execution of May's event schedule demonstrated not only the dedication of the team, but also the value of continued investment in personnel, processes, and long-term organizational development.

Event Coordination & Commercial Vendor Report – Kelli McCaffery

May marked the return of several annual events, including the Wasatch Community Gardens Spring Plant Sale, Wasatch Reptile Expo, SCCA, and Kilby Block Party. These longstanding events continue to demonstrate strong satisfaction with the Fairpark, with each having already expressed interest in returning for the 2027 season.

The continued retention of recurring clients reflects the strength of our venue, staff, and event support services. Repeat business remains a key indicator of customer satisfaction and contributes to the long-term stability of the Fairpark's event portfolio.

Kilby Block Party was one of the most operationally complex events of the month, requiring significant coordination across multiple departments. The event's scale and food and beverage operations demanded extensive planning and on-site management. Through strong collaboration among the Events, Operations, and Food & Beverage teams, the event was successfully executed and delivered a positive experience for attendees, vendors, and organizers.

Commercial Fair vendor contracting also reached a major milestone during May. While vendor applications were slower to develop earlier in the spring, the team successfully finalized contracting and invoicing workflows within EventPro. As a result, more than 85% of available commercial vendor booth spaces have now been proposed, invoiced, and contracted, positioning the Fairpark well for the upcoming season.

Food & Beverage Report – Fred Acebo

May was a highly active and successful month for Food & Beverage operations, highlighted by two major events held on consecutive weekends: Kilby Block Party and Jaripeo.

Kilby Block Party

Kilby Block Party was the largest event of the month, drawing approximately 30,000 attendees per day over the three-day festival. Food & Beverage operations supported nearly 50 concessionaires throughout the event, requiring extensive coordination of vendor logistics, site operations, compliance, permitting, administrative processes, and communication between vendors and event organizers.

The event was successfully executed from both an operational and guest service perspective. Vendor participation was strong, food service operations remained stable throughout the weekend, and the Fairpark's food and beverage program successfully supported the demands of a large-scale, multi-day festival.

Jaripeo

The following weekend, Food & Beverage operations supported Jaripeo, which welcomed approximately 5,500 attendees. While smaller in scale than Kilby Block Party, the event required a full operational deployment and vendor management effort under a compressed turnaround schedule.

The event delivered strong vendor participation and continued operational success while demonstrating the department's ability to efficiently transition between large-scale events with minimal downtime.

Operational Outlook

The successful execution of two major events on consecutive weekends highlights the effectiveness of the Fairpark's Food & Beverage program, vendor partnerships, and operational planning processes. These events generated strong food and beverage activity while providing positive experiences for guests, vendors, and event organizers.

The department continues to focus on improving vendor communication, operational oversight, and event readiness processes to support future growth and enhance service delivery across all Fairpark events.

Public Safety & Security – Aly Garcia

May included two of the Fairpark's most significant public events, Kilby Block Party and Jaripeo, each requiring comprehensive public safety planning and coordination.

Kilby Block Party welcomed approximately 90,000 attendees over three days and was completed without any major incidents, weather-related disruptions, evacuations, or significant operational interruptions. The event demonstrated the effectiveness of pre-event planning, interagency coordination, and on-site communication systems in supporting a safe and positive guest experience.

The following weekend, Public Safety & Security operations supported Jaripeo. While the event presents a different operational profile and requires enhanced planning and resource deployment, the Fairpark's established safety procedures, staffing plans, and partnerships with public safety agencies allowed the event to be managed effectively and safely.

Throughout both events, the Public Safety team worked closely with venue operations, event staff, law enforcement, fire, EMS, and event organizers to ensure rapid response capabilities, effective crowd management, and a safe environment for guests, vendors, and staff.

As attendance and event complexity continue to grow, the department remains focused on refining emergency planning, strengthening interagency coordination, and improving operational readiness to support the Fairpark's expanding event portfolio.

June 2026 Utah State Fair Board Meeting Information

Livestock – Sami Nordmann

Awards:

- Rosettes and buckles have been ordered and are in production
- Banner order is in progress with Showtimes Magazine
 - Will include sponsorship discount from Showtimes and ability to publish results and photos in The Showtimes Magazine itself.
- Giant check order is in progress
 - Each exhibitor placing in the top 10 for market shows and showmanship will receive a giant check that they can take home this year. Giant checks will list the designated amount of board-added money for the placing/title they received.

Rulebooks:

- Rulebooks are posted on the website
- Livestock schedule is posted on the website

Auction:

- Sami, Larry, Nicki, and Sakura have been connecting with various third-party consultants on auction processes and coming up with a game plan for this year's junior livestock auction operations
- Volunteers have been contacted in regard to joining the auction subcommittee

Misc.:

- Sami attended the Library Kickoff event in Taylorsville on June 10 with Sakura to share activities and information about the fair with kids and parents in the community. Over 150 kids were in attendance and visited the USF booth.

June 2026 Utah State Fair Board Meeting Information
Competitive Arts and Ag Education: Sakura Gallegos

General:

- Fairbook is on the website and showworks is launched.
- Still working on PDF of the books to post as a downloadable file on the website
- June 10th Taylorsville Library Community Outreach
- Emailed Read and Win and Rock Challenge to all Utah library emails I had

Fair Bldgs. and Staff:

- I will need to find a supervisor for fiber arts and culinary for 2026. I'm going to talk with Misty to see how she's feeling about supervising this year and maybe move to Culinary
- Working on Demonstrators for Creative, Fiber and Culinary
- Looking at putting music in each building so the space has a better vibe.
- County Banner Template is almost complete

Competitive Arts:

- I'm adding a Fair Ribbon competition, using old dated ribbons and rosettes that exhibitors will pick up and create some kind of art with it.
- BYF is plugging along. Our next meeting will be 6/18
- We will be handing out Board of Directors Choice Rosettes again this year. (arrived)
- I've asked FFA if their advisors could help staff the AG building on weekends if we are short, just for an hour or two.
- Working with 4H to create a fun 4H Saturday
- I've added 3 more cooking contests in Zions. 2 are for King Arthur and one will be An All American Pie Contest
- working on BOS and Grand Awards.
- Ordering Supplies
- Working on a Supervisors "training" meeting.

Fair Displays:

- Working on layout and programming for Zions
- Working on where to hang the County Banners
- Working on Pioneer Layout

Facilities and Operations Report

JUNE 2026

DFCM Projects/Status

1. We have been meeting Biweekly on the new main entrance project, and we have all concerns addressed and are wrapping up the design phase and preparing to go out to bid.
2. North food court RFP board planning in progress.
3. Admin/Bonneville floors and restroom project may shift all funds to admin because of hazmat concerns in Bonneville, planning currently in progress.

Fairpark Projects/Status

1. We have put some time and money into brick pointing and masonry repairs around the park, Grand building, admin building, brick wall on N Temple and south concessions area have all been completed allowing us to check items of the last facilities assessment report.
2. UPDATE: North food court concessions and Hospitality paint and epoxy floor project has been completed. Minor touch ups to be done.
3. Overseeding and fertilizer, weed killer, lawn care items being done to keep lawn healthy despite water restrictions.
4. We are working with Salt Lake City Public Utilities to add 10 new submeters to our irrigation system in hopes of substantial savings on our sewer bill currently in progress

Operations Update

- Utah State Fairpark is fully functional going into the summer months.
- Facilities & Operations is preparing for another full and successful event season, with continued emphasis on maintaining Fairpark as one of the premier public facilities in the state. Operations staff continue working through small events setups, Asian festival has come and gone and last weekend we hosted the Scottish festival.
- Regular facilities inspections and Upkeep pm work orders are being generated and completed daily.