UTAH STATE FAIRPARK AUTHORITY

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

August 20, 2026, | 9:02 a.m. | 155 North 1000 West, Salt Lake City, Utah

1. Call to Order
The Utah State Fairpark Authority Board meeting was called to order at approximately 9:02 a.m. on Thursday, August 20, 2026. The Chair welcomed board members and attendees.

2. Roll Call and Introductions
The roll call included board members attending in person and remotely. The transcript identifies Dave Lewis as Board Chair; Lillian Bayles; Jim Webb (remote); Wade Garrett; Kip Paul; Senator Scott Sandall; Jennifer Seelig; Steve Lund; and newly appointed Representative Jason Thompson. Tommy John Lucia joined later in the meeting. Darrell Hunting was reported excused.

The Chair welcomed Representative Jason Thompson, who introduced himself and described his business background and legislative service. Brook McCarrick of the Utah Attorney General's Office administered the oath of office. Board members, staff, and counsel introduced themselves.

3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
A motion was made to approve the prior board meeting minutes included in the meeting packet. Ted Lewis made the motion and Lillian Bayless seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

4. June and July Financial Report
Alan, the Fairpark's fractional CFO, presented June and July financial results.

June
• Revenue was approximately $385,000 below the prior year and approximately $148,000 below budget.

• Comparisons were affected by the absence of the X Games event that occurred in 2025.

• Expenses were also lower due to the absence of X Games-related costs.

July
• Revenue was approximately $34,000 above the prior year and $53,000 above budget.

• Ordinary income was approximately $54,000 above the prior year and $122,000 above budget.

Year-to-Date
• Net ordinary income was approximately $325,000 above budget.

• Cash levels remained strong.

• Receivables were higher and payables lower than expected.

5. Days of ’47 Event Update
Larry Mullenax reported that the Days of ’47 settlement process was approximately 90 percent complete, with final expenses still being reconciled. Attendance appeared slightly higher than the previous year and the event was considered successful.

6. Fairpark Financial Position and Event Programming
Board members discussed the Fairpark's improved financial position and the growth from approximately 13 events annually to approximately 120–140 events annually.

7. Days of ’47 Lease Update
The Board received an update regarding negotiations and the revised lease agreement with Days of ’47.

8. Closed Session
The Board entered closed session pursuant to Utah Code § 52-4-205(1)(d) to discuss a proposed development.

9. Return to Open Session and Committee Reports
The Board reconvened in open session at approximately 10:20 a.m. following the closed session.

Upcoming Board Meetings

• September 10, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.

• September 16, 2026, at 3:00 p.m.

• September 20, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.

Education Committee:
Steve Lund reported that educational initiatives would be deferred until winter.

Fair Committee:
Lillian Bayles reported that preparations for the 2026 Utah State Fair were progressing well.

Rodeo Committee:
The Board received updates regarding rodeo operations, sponsorships, hospitality sales, and community-recognition programs.

Livestock Committee:
Jim Webb reported that livestock preparations were progressing successfully. Staff reported approximately 1,500 livestock entries and implementation of online bidding enhancements.

11. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned.