



TUSCALOOSA COUNTY PARK & RECREATION AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Iron & Ember, Jerry Pate Facility

Tuesday, March 3, 2026, 4:00 pm

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: *Chair* Elizabeth Winter, Gary Falls, Danny Higdon, Dr. Craig Fairburn, Dr. Tony Johnson, and Steven Deal

PARA STAFF PRESENT: *Chief Executive Officer* Brian Davis, Adrian Cleckler, Amy Rainey, Barry Spitzer, Christo Sullivan, Jay Logan, Jennifer LeGrone, Mark Harrison, Mike Crady, Mike Shivetts, and Taylor Lopez

PROCEEDINGS

- Mrs. Winter called the meeting to order.
- February 2026 approval of minutes.
**Motioned by Dr. Craig Fairburn, seconded by Dr. Tony Johnson, the Board unanimously approved the February 2026 Minutes.*

VISITORS/GUESTS – N/A

- Jimmy Duncan, Duncan Coker Associates, Inc.

REPORTS/DISCUSSIONS

Chief Executive Officer

Reported by Brian Davis

- Brian Davis informed the Board of Directors of several upcoming PARA events. The 3rd Annual Health Fair will be held at the Buddy Powell Pavilion on Saturday, March 21, 2026. The 3rd Annual Easter EGGstravaganza is scheduled for Saturday, April 4, 2026, at Sokol North. Additionally, the Tuscaloosa Gauntlet will take place on April 17–18, 2026. This year's event has been expanded to two days, with packet pickup and the Kids Race scheduled for Friday, April 17, and the team and individual competition heats scheduled for Saturday, April 18. Brian also informed the Board that Heather Shipley has resigned from her position as PARA's Marketing and Public Relations Manager.

Financial Report

Reported by Mike Crady

- The CFO reported a negative operating balance of -\$390,139.39 for January and a negative cash flow of -\$258,219.75, largely due to the absence of the monthly appropriation from the City of Tuscaloosa and the quarterly appropriation from the City of Northport, as both agreements were pending approval. Cash balances as of January 31, 2026, included \$3,210,074.55 in Unrestricted Cash, \$128,540.92 in the Restricted Beer Tax Fund, and \$910,871.67 in the Restricted Veterans Park Fund. The CFO also noted that PARA-sourced revenues increased by approximately \$84,000 compared to January 2025, while operating expenses were \$73,000 lower than the previous year. It was noted that the financial outlook is expected to improve once city appropriations are received.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Facilities Committee

On behalf of the Chair of the Facilities Committee, Brian Davis reported that the City of Tuscaloosa has requested a Temporary Construction Easement for the Greensboro Streetscape Project, as PARA's Administrative Building extends beneath the public city sidewalk. The project is estimated to take approximately 120 days, with construction expected to begin in late April.

**On a motion by Dr. Tony Johnson, seconded by Mr. Steven Deal, the PARA Board of Directors unanimously approved the Temporary Construction Easement for the Greensboro Avenue Streetscape project.*

- Finance Committee

The Finance Committee reported that, following the receipt and execution of the Fiscal Year 2026 funding agreements, the committee met to review PARA's budget. Dr. Craig Fairburn and Mike Crady presented the Board with a zero-balanced budget.

**On a motion by Dr. Craig Fairburn, seconded by Mr. Gary Falls, the PARA Board unanimously approved the Fiscal Year 2026 budget as presented.*

OLD BUSINESS – N/A

NEW BUSINESS

- FY26-27 City of Tuscaloosa West Alabama Recycling Partnership Agreement

The Board reviewed the FY26–27 Cooperative Agreement for the West Alabama Recycling Partnership between the City of Tuscaloosa, Tuscaloosa County, PARA, Shelton State Community College, and The University of Alabama. Under the agreement, PARA will continue maintaining recycling programs and recycling containers at its facilities as part of the regional recycling partnership.

**On a motion by Dr. Craig Fairburn, seconded by Dr. Tony Johnson, the PARA Board of Directors unanimously approved the Cooperative Agreement with the City of Tuscaloosa, Tuscaloosa County, Shelton State Community College, and The University of Alabama for fiscal year 2026-2027.*

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- At 4:29 p.m., Chair Mrs. Elizabeth Winter requested that the Board move into Executive Session to discuss property and legal matters. It was stated that the session would last approximately forty-five minutes and that they would return for a vote.

**At 4:30 p.m., Mrs. Elizabeth Winter adjourned the meeting into Executive Session. Mrs. Winters conducted a roll call, and all members present voted in favor.*

**At 5:12 p.m., Mrs. Winters returned the meeting to Regular Session.*

**On a motion by Dr. Tony Johnson, seconded by Mr. Danny Higdon, the PARA Board unanimously agreed for the PARA Board Chair, Mrs. Elizabeth Winter, to enter into an agreement with the Tuscaloosa County Commission for the sale of the PARA Downtown Administrative Building and the Bama Theatre at the appraised market value.*



ADJOURNMENT

**At 5:14 p.m., a motion to end the Regular Session was made by Mr. Gary Falls and seconded by Dr. Craig Fairburn.*

Elizabeth Winter, *Board Chair*

Brian Davis, *Chief Executive Officer*