TUSCALOOSA COUNTY PARK & RECREATION AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Iron & Ember, Jerry Pate Facility
Tuesday, June 2, 2026, 4:00 pm

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:	*Vice Chair* Gary Falls, Dr. Craig Fairburn, Dr. Tony Johnson, Hunter Taylor, and Steven Deal
PARA STAFF PRESENT:	*Chief Executive Officer* Brian Davis, Adrian Cleckler, Jay Logan, Jennifer LeGrone, Mark Harrison, Mike Crady, and Mike Shivetts

PROCEEDINGS
- Mr. Falls called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.
- May 2026 approval of minutes.
  **Motioned by Mr. Steven Deal, seconded by Mr. Hunter Taylor, the Board unanimously approved the May 2026 Minutes.*

VISITORS/GUESTS – N/A

REPORTS/DISCUSSIONS
Chief Executive Officer
Reported by Brian Davis
- Brian Davis reported that Tuscaloosa County approved funding for a new chiller and boiler at the Faucett Brothers Activity Center. He noted that the existing equipment has exceeded its expected lifespan and that the upgrades will help ensure the facility's continued operation. Brian also reported that the City of Tuscaloosa approved several capital improvement projects, including new HVAC improvements at the McAbee Activity Center, replacement playgrounds at Palmore Park, parking lot paving and restriping, and replacement of the aging field lighting system at Hughes Baseball Complex. He stated that staff continues to work with the City of Northport on capital equipment funding requests.
  Brian reported that the annual Memorial Day Program was moved indoors due to the weather, but remained well attended. The program featured a Purple Heart recipient and current commander of the Purple Heart Association as the keynote speaker. He also shared that PARA recently obtained a commemorative plaque recognizing the second USS Tuscaloosa troop ship and is evaluating a future dedication ceremony at Veterans Memorial Park. Brian concluded his report by reviewing the annual report with the Board, highlighting continued growth in attendance, participation, and self-generated revenue across multiple facilities and programs.

Financial Report
Reported by Mike Crady
- Mike Crady reported that April was a strong financial month for PARA, with a positive balance of $3,593,281.36, bringing the year-to-date balance to $3,695,564.28. Excluding proceeds from the sale of a building, PARA still realized a positive balance of approximately $86,000 for the month and $163,294.28 year-to-date. He noted that PARA has already paid its annual casualty and liability insurance premiums, totaling approximately $421,000, positioning the organization for several consecutive positive financial months through the summer.

Mike reported that revenues continue to increase across nearly every operational category while expenses have remained relatively stable. Spring athletics programs, including baseball, soccer, and softball, experienced double-digit revenue growth, and the ARPA Basketball Tournament generated nearly $90,000. The Tennis Center continues to perform exceptionally well, with revenues increasing 38% over the previous year, while Ol' Colony Golf Complex revenues increased more than 20%. Aquatics revenues are also ahead of last year due to increased participation in swimming lessons and lifeguard certification classes. Overall, PARA remains in a strong financial position with healthy cash balances and continued growth in self-generated revenue.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Facilities Committee

Reported by Hunter Taylor

- The Facilities Committee reviewed the proposed disc golf course located near Buddy Powell Pavilion and the Tuscaloosa Gauntlet area. Committee members reported that the course layout would provide a high-level competitive disc golf experience while utilizing existing natural terrain. Mr. Gary Falls discussed his concerns for Hole No. 8, which is located near an existing trail. The Committee discussed potential safety concerns involving trail users and recommended appropriate signage and safety measures.
  **On a motion by Mr. Hunter Taylor, seconded by Dr. Tony Johnson, the PARA Board unanimously approved the Disc Golf Course layout as presented.*

Aquatics Report

Reported by Mark Harrison

- Mark reported that all aquatic facilities are open and operational for the summer season. Staff completed seasonal training for lifeguards, cashiers, slide operators, and other aquatic personnel. Swimming lessons and the Swim to the Top program began during the meeting week. PARA currently employs approximately 90 lifeguards, including a significant number of younger first-year staff members. Board members discussed the continuing national lifeguard shortage and PARA's efforts to recruit and retain qualified staff.

OLD BUSINESS – N/A

NEW BUSINESS

- The 2025 Annual Report was distributed, highlighting continued growth in attendance, participation, and self-generated revenue across multiple facilities and programs.
- PARA received three bids for the Faucett Brothers Activity Center surveillance upgrade project. The project includes replacement and expansion of camera coverage, upgraded recording equipment, and installation.
  - Channell Communications submitted the low bid at $27,757.11.
  - J&J Telephone submitted a bid of $32,090.00.
  - Alatech Computer Solutions submitted a bid of $74,245.00.

  Channell Communications met the bid specifications and provided the lowest responsive bid. Their proposal includes 43 cameras and a 64-channel recording system with 48 TB of storage. PARA recommends awarding Bid 04-26 to Channell Communications in the amount of $27,757.11. Project funding for the Video Surveillance project has been provided by the Tuscaloosa County Commission.
  **On a motion by Dr. Tony Johnson, seconded by Mr. Hunter Taylor, the PARA Board unanimously approved the bid from Channell Communications for $27,757.11.*

QUESTIONS/DISCUSSIONS

- The Board discussed ongoing improvements at the Bowers Pool/Belk Activity Center project. Staff provided an update on construction activities, including the planned addition of a therapy pool, roof replacement, expanded locker room facilities, and parking improvements. Board members discussed the project's progress and the anticipated benefits to the community once it is completed.
- The Board discussed the electronic sign located at the Faucett Brothers Activity Center. Members noted that the sign has been inoperable for an extended period and requested that staff investigate the issue and provide an update regarding repairs or replacement options at a future meeting.
- The Board also discussed continued growth in youth flag football participation, particularly girls' flag football, and the potential need for additional rectangular field space in the future. Discussion included opportunities for partnerships with local schools, field development options, and long-term planning to accommodate continued program growth.

ADJOURNMENT

At 4:58 p.m., on a motion by Dr. Tony Johnson, seconded by Mr. Hunter Taylor, the meeting adjourned.

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Gary Falls, *Board Vice-Chair* Brian Davis, *Chief Executive Officer*