



City of Pensacola

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

MINUTES

City of Pensacola
222 W. Main Street
Pensacola, FL
32502

October 21, 2025

10:00 AM

Hagler-Mason, 2nd Floor

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Borden called the board meeting to order at 10:00 am.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Michael Blankenship, Renee Borden, Kristin Brown, Daniel Brask, Kirwan Price

Members Absent: Bradley Boes, Justine Williams Roper, Shirley Lewis-Brown, Suzanne Lewis

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. 25-1393 PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MINUTES DATED SEPTEMBER 16, 2025

A motion was made by Board Member Blankenship and seconded by Board Member Price.

The motion by the following vote:

Yes: 5 Michael Blankenship, Renee Borden, Kristin Brown, Daniel Brask, Kirwan Price

No: 0 None.

CITY COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS

None.

OPEN FORUM

Sherri Myers, a member of the public, approached the board to discuss an inclusive playground that meets the special needs of children with different types of disabilities and recommended the location to be at Tippin Park.

A discussion ensued.

Chairperson Borden agreed to follow up with Myers on the matter.

Board Member Brask inquired if the initial intent of the new Tippin Park was designed to be 100% ADA accessible or just ADA accessible. Interim Director Shanaghan responded accordingly.

A discussion ensued.

Board Member Brask inquired if the city has any parks that are specifically designed just for special needs children. Interim Director Shanaghan responded by stating no, we do not.

Assistant Director Byrd approached the board to state that Hitzman-Optimist Park is an accessible and inclusive playground.

Bill Kimball, Parks and Rec Division Manager, approached the board to state the Hitzman-Optimist Park meets the national standard across the board to meet the needs of children with different disabilities.

Board Member Price inquired if Myers was looking for exclusivity in the park. Myers responded accordingly.

2. 25-1391 PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

None.

STAFF REPORTS

3. 25-1389 TONYA BYRD AND BILL KIMBALL - DIRECTION '25

Tonya Byrd, Parks and Recreation Assistant Director, and Bill Kimball, Parks Division Manager, brought before the board a presentation providing an overview of updates for Direction '25.

Chairperson Borden inquired about the additional parking at Woodland Heights Resource Center. Assistant Director Byrd responded accordingly.

Chairperson Borden inquired about Brian Park. Interim Director Shanaghan responded accordingly.

Chairperson Borden inquired about Maritime Park equipment. Assistant Director Byrd and Kimball responded accordingly.

Board Member Brask inquired about if the material used at Maritime Park is traditionally used for open sun areas or areas that are covered. Kimball responded accordingly.

Vice-Chair Brown inquired about the unfunded list. Assistant Director Byrd responded accordingly.

Chairperson Borden inquired if Hollis T. Williams Park would be incorporated into the Parks and Recreation Department. Assistant Director Byrd and Interim Director Shanaghan responded accordingly.

Board Member Brask inquired if the presentation covered the entirety of Direction '25. Assistant Director Byrd responded by stating that was correct.

Board Member Brask inquired if Corrine Jones basketball was included on the list of improvements. Assistant Director Byrd responded accordingly.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

4. 25-1388 DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Chairperson Borden inquired about if the upcoming permitted events are featured on the city's website. Interim Director Shanaghan responded accordingly.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairperson Borden mentioned the youth sports presentation guidelines that she put together to discuss with the board at the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

5. 25-1387 DIRECTION '25

None.

6. 25-1390 REVIEW PENSACOLA YOUTH SOCCER AGREEMENT

Interim Director Shanaghan explained the differences between the current and previous leases, then opened the floor for any questions.

Chairperson Borden inquired why the referees were now removed from the contract. Interim Director Shanaghan and Hadden responded accordingly.

Chairperson Borden also inquired about the financials according to the new language of the contract. Hadden responded accordingly.

Chairperson Borden inquired about the signs and logos for sponsorships. Assistant

City Attorney Grace Parola responded accordingly.

A discussion ensued.

Board Member Brask inquired about the annual date for the organization to return to the board. Assistant City Attorney Grace Parola and Interim Director Shanaghan responded accordingly.

A discussion ensued.

A motion was made by the Parks and Recreation Board to forward the lease agreement to City Council.

7. 25-1392 REVIEW FROM MAY 20, 2025 - P&R BOARD RULES, PROCEDURES AND EXPECTATIONS FROM THE COUNCIL

Chairperson Borden read the statement of responsibilities of the Parks and Recreation Board.

Chairperson Borden announced there is an open seat on the board.

OPEN FORUM

LaWanna Hamilton approached the board to discuss if other youth organizations have the opportunity to come to the board to discuss their lease if they have any concerns with something that is issued within the lease. Chairperson Borden responded accordingly.

Hamilton inquired if there were consequences or protocols in place for organizations who do not meet the standards of their lease. Chairperson Borden responded accordingly.

A discussion ensued.

Hamilton also mentioned the parking issues the East Pensacola Student Athlete Organization is experiencing.

A discussion ensued.

CALL FOR AGENDA ITEMS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

WHEREUPON the meeting was adjourned at 11:35 A.M.
