



City of Pensacola

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

MINUTES

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

January 20, 2026

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: Renee Borden, Kristin Brown, Daniel Brask, Shirley Lewis-Brown, Suzanne Lewis, Kirwan Price

Members Absent: Micheal Blankenship, Justine Roper Williams

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. 25-1621 PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES DATED NOVEMBER 18, 2025

A motion was made by Board Member Lewis and seconded by Board Member Lewis-Brown.

The motion by the following vote:

Yes: 6 Renee Borden, Kristin Brown, Shirley Lewis-Brown, Suzanne Lewis, Kirwan Price, Daniel Brask

No: 0 None.

CITY COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS

2. 25-1622 ALEXANDER STODDART STATUE

Board Member Lewis-Brown mentioned the new director of the Parks and Recreation department had been chosen, and Chairperson Borden gave recognition to Tonya Byrd.

Vice-chair Brown inquired if Director Byrd had any new initiatives or priorities that were different from what was already in progress. Director Byrd responded

accordingly.

Director Byrd stated the Alexander Stoddart Statue presentation will be moved to the next month's board meeting.

3. 26-98 AMERICA'S FIRST SETTLEMENT TRAIL

Ross Pristera and Michael Carro approached the board to give a presentation on the America's First Settlement Foundation project.

Board Member Lewis inquired about the minimum donation per brick. Carro responded later by stating the proposed pricing starts at \$150.00. A 8x8 brick is \$300.00 and a 12x12 brick is \$500.00.

Chairperson Borden inquired if there was a reason why this is an independent foundation project and separate from the UWF historic group. Pristera responded accordingly.

Chairperson Borden also inquired if there was a website for the America's First Settlement Foundation. Pristera and Carro responded accordingly.

A discussion ensued.

Vice-chair Brown inquired about the preservation of the brick project after the three-year term. Director Byrd responded accordingly.

A discussion ensued.

Chairperson Borden expressed her reservations about the project and the lease agreement. Carro responded accordingly.

A discussion ensued.

The Parks and Recreation Board approved the America's First Settlement Foundation project lease agreement to be forwarded to city council.

OPEN FORUM

Stanton Cadow, a member of the public, approached the board to discuss concerns about the Pensacola Senior Games.

A discussion ensued.

Board Member Brask inquired if there was a registration fee for the senior games and the pricing. Director Byrd responded accordingly.

Board Member Brask also inquired if the Pensacola Senior Games qualified as a way to move up to state level games. Director Byrd responded accordingly.

A discussion ensued.

Board Member Brown inquired if Parks & Recreation is partnered with Pensacola Sports. Director Byrd responded by stating there is no current partnership.

Another member of the public, Alexis Bridges, approached the board to discuss adding an inclusive playground.

A discussion ensued.

Board Member Brask mentioned the previous efforts to create an environment to include everyone in specific parks and inquired if Bridges believes that would work or if one general all-inclusive park is the way to go. Bridges responded accordingly.

Board Member Lewis suggested working with Le'Fleur park, where Bridges visited out of state, to receive information on the vendors for the all-inclusive equipment.

Board Member Brask inquired about the funding for the all-inclusive park. Director Byrd responded accordingly.

Board Member Lewis-Brown inquired if there are state ADA funds the department would have access to. Director Byrd responded accordingly.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

None.

STAFF REPORTS

None.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

4. 26-101 DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Byrd gave a brief overview and opened the floor for any questions.

Vice-chair Brown inquired about the 2026 Parks Partnership project. Director Byrd responded accordingly.

Chairperson Borden inquired about the Council on Aging partnership. Director Byrd

responded accordingly.

A discussion ensued.

Board Member Lewis volunteered to meet with the director or anyone on the staff to inquire about how to move from outputs to outcome. Director Byrd responded accordingly.

A discussion ensued.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

5. 26-99 DIRECTION '25

Vice-chair Brown inquired about the Blake Doyle project. Director Byrd responded accordingly.

A discussion ensued.

Vice-chair Brown also inquired about the community maritime playground. Director Byrd responded accordingly.

Vice-chair Brown inquired about the additional dog waste stations for Sanders Beach Corrine Jones and Bruce Beach. Director Byrd responded accordingly.

OPEN FORUM

None.

CALL FOR AGENDA ITEMS

The Stoddart Statue presentation will be presented during the February board meeting.

A discussion ensued.

ADJOURNMENT

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