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## **DRAFT MINUTES**

of

**THE ARIZONA STATE PARKS BOARD**

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**April 16, 2026**

**Meeting location:** *Tubac Presidio Historic State Park, 1 Burruel St, Tubac, AZ 85646*

**Members present:** *John Sefton, Dale Larsen,*

**Members participating telephonically:** *Robyn Sahid, Teri Palmberg*

**Members absent:** *Sarah King*

**ASPT Staff Present:** *Bob Broscheid, Pamela Cason, Woody Gresko, Kevin Brock, Mark Weise, Brittany Hudson, Bonnie Sposato, Cora Winans, Tom Kmetz, George Graham, Athena Sparks, Lydia*

**Arizona AG Office:** *Wesley Gerard, Laurie Hachtel, Arizona State Parks Board attorney*

**YouTube live stream:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MGwTnQAGkCc>

### **A. CALL TO ORDER**

*Chairman Sefton of the Arizona State Parks Board called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.*

### **B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

*Vice Chair Dale Larsen led Board members in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.*

### **C. MEMBER ROLL CALL AND MISSION STATEMENT**

*Pamela Cason did the role call and all members were present except Sarah King but quorum was met.*

### **D. AGENDA ITEMS**

#### **1. Consideration of Action to Approve Minutes of the March 19, 2026, Board Meeting.**

*The Board approved the Board meeting minutes from March 19, 2026. Vice Chair Dale Larsen made a motion to approve the minutes as presented from March 19, 2026. Member Teri Palmer seconded the motion.*

#### **2. Legislative Update. (Presenter: Brittany Hudson, Legislative Liaison)**

*The Board was briefed on the current legislative bills before the 2026 Arizona State Legislature. This agenda item is for information only.*

#### **3. South Region Highlights. (Presenter: Athena Sparks, South Region Operations Manager)** This agenda item is for information only.

*Athena Sparks highlighted some of the south region's programs and*



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*introduced the new park manager for Tubac Presidio Lydia Mcbee Reed.*

#### **4. Tubac Presidio Historical State Park History and Future Management. (Presenter: Mary Dahl, and Tom Walsh)**

*Tom Walsh presented on the history of Tubac Presidio Historical State Park. Member Teri Palmberg made a motion to direct ASPT staff to work with Friends of the Tubac Presidio and Museum and Santa Cruz County to eventually transfer operations of Tubac Presidio Historical State Park back to ASPT. Member Robyn Sahid seconded the motion and the motion passed.*

#### **5. Reptiles on the Road Program. (Presenter: George Graham, Assistant Park Manager Catalina State Park)**

*George Graham presented the Reptiles on the Road program.*

### **E. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Board members may identify items or issues they wish to be considered for inclusion on a future agenda.

*There were no items.*

### **F. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT ON CURRENT EVENTS**

The Executive Director may present a summary of current events and /or recent experiences of interest to the outdoor recreation community and/or the status of any projects with which they may be involved. The Board will not discuss or take any action on any current event summary.

- **Partnership:** Launch of the "Windsor Beach Blonde" beer with Historic Brewing and College Street Brewing.
- **Charitable Campaign:** Reported over 160 attendees for the state employee charitable hiking events.
- **San Rafael Event:** Athena Sparks reported 600 attendees at the April 11 ranch house tours and bird walks.
- **Social Media:** Recap of the Social Media Retreat led by Michelle Thompson and the launch of the "Post Pigeon" partnership to connect classrooms to parks virtually.
- **Outdoors 250:** Over 2,000 individuals are now registered for the event series.
- **Accessibility:** Upcoming launch of "Terrain Hopper" all-terrain wheelchairs on May 1 (approx. \$300,000 in donated equipment).
- **National Representation:** Park Managers Shannon Benjamin and Curtis Leslie will represent Arizona at the National Mall in Washington D.C. for the July 4th America 250 celebration.

### **G. CURRENT EVENTS**



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*Member Teri Palmberg reported on the successful Easter Sunrise Service at the Yarnell Hill Fire Memorial Park.*

## H. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

The Chair will recognize those wishing to address the Board. It is probable that each presentation will be limited to one person per organization and the time allotted by the Chair. Action taken because of acknowledgement of comments and suggestions from the public will be limited to directing staff to study the matter, responding to any criticism, or scheduling the matter for further consideration and decision at a later date.

*Mr. Roy Ferrell inquired about cross-agency sharing of educational programs. Executive Director Broscheid responded that ASPT actively shares ideas and successes with the National Association of State Park Directors and Western State Park agencies.*

## I. FUTURE MEETING DATES

Arizona State Parks Board Tentative 2026 Meeting Schedule	
Date	Location
Thursday, June 18, 2026	Central Office
Thursday, September 17, 2026	Rockin River Ranch State Park
Thursday, December 17, 2026	Central Office

**J. ADJOURNMENT:** *The meeting adjourned at \_\_ 11:25 \_\_ PM.*