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## STATE PARKS & TRAILS

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### DRAFT MINUTES

of  
THE ARIZONA STATE COMMITTEE ON TRAILS  
of  
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FEBRUARY 26, 2026

**Meeting Location:** *Arizona State Parks Central Office located at 1110 W Washington, Suite 100, Phoenix, AZ 85007. Charles Eatherly Conference Room*

**Members Present (Virtual):** *Keri Konold, Shannon Adams, Hezekiah Allen, Ryanne Crary, Michael Harris, Paul King, Zach MacDonald, Cynthia Nemeth, Bev Showalter, Jim Terlep*

**Members Present (In-Person):** *Linda Slay*

**Members Absent:**

**Staff Present:** *Nina Lindsey, Alec Wilcox, Jeff Schmidt, Juan Colorado-Alvarez*

#### A. CALL TO ORDER

*Keri Konold, ASCOT Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.*

#### B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

*Keri Konold led the Committee in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.*

#### C. MEMBER ROLL CALL

*Alec Wilcox conducted a member roll call. Keri Konold read the ASCOT Mission Statement.*

#### D. AGENDA ITEMS

##### 1. Consideration of Action to Approve Minutes of the December 2, 2025 ASCOT Meeting.

*Shannon Adams moved to approve the minutes of the December 2, 2025 ASCOT meeting. Bev Showalter seconded the motion. Keri Konold approved. Shannon Adams approved. Hezekiah Allen approved. Ryanne Crary approved. Michael Harris approved. Paul King approved. Zach MacDonald approved. Cynthia Nemeth approved. Bev Showalter approved. Linda Slay approved. Jim Terlep approved. The motion passed.*

##### 2. ASCOT Will Consider and May Take Action on A Recommendation to the Arizona State Parks Board to Approve, Modify, Or Deny Funding for The Submitted 2027 Recreational Trails Program Non-Motorized Grant Application(s).

*Keri Konold moved to approve Funding for The Submitted 2027 Recreational Trails Program Non-Motorized Grant Application(s) as follows: City of Flagstaff Parks Rec and Open Space, McMillan Mesa Trail Rehabilitation in the amount of \$145,000.00; National Forest Foundation, Pusch Ridge Wilderness Project - Pima and Finger Rock Reroutes in the amount of \$125,000.00; City of Willcox, Community Connector Trail in the amount of \$150,000.00; Sierra Vista Veterans Memorial Improvement Foundation, Veterans Memorial Trail Project in the amount of \$149,997.90 and the City of Prescott, Glassford Dells Regional Park Trail in the amount of \$70,000.00. Shannon Adams seconded the motion. Keri Konold approved. Shannon Adams approved. Hezekiah Allen approved. Ryanne Crary approved. Michael Harris approved. Paul King approved. Zach MacDonald approved. Cynthia Nemeth approved. Bev Showalter approved. Linda Slay approved. Jim Terlep approved. The*

*motion passed.*

*Hezekiah Allen moved to approve Funding for The Submitted 2027 Recreational Trails Program Non-Motorized Grant Application(s) as follows: Town of Florence, Poston Butte Maintenance and Revitalization in the amount of \$16,462.00. Linda Slay seconded the motion.*

*Keri Konold approved. Shannon Adams approved. Hezekiah Allen approved. Ryanne Crary approved. Michael Harris approved. Paul King abstained. Zach MacDonald approved. Cynthia Nemeth approved. Bev Showalter approved. Linda Slay approved. Jim Terlep approved. The motion passed.*

**3. ASCOT Will Consider and May Take Action on A Recommendation to the Arizona State Parks Board to Approve, Modify, Or Deny Funding for The Submitted 2027 Recreational Trails Program Safety and Environmental Education (SEE) Grant Application(s).**

*Bev Showalter moved to approve Funding for The Submitted 2027 Recreational Trails Program Safety and Environmental Education Grant Application(s) as follows: Desert Botanical Garden, Deaf-Inclusive Ranger Training and Program Development in the amount of \$9,922.00; McDowell Sonoran Conservancy, Environmental and Safety Education in the McDowell Sonoran Preserve in the amount of \$10,000.00 and the City of Apache Junction, Educational Signage for Responsible Recreation in the amount of \$10,000.00. Jim Terlep seconded the motion. Keri Konold approved. Shannon Adams approved. Kevin Adams approved. Hezekiah Allen approved. Zach MacDonald approved. Ryanne Crary approved. Michael Harris approved. Paul King approved. Cynthia Nemeth approved. Bev Showalter approved. Linda Slay approved. Jim Terlep approved. The motion passed.*

**E. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

*Committee members discussed future agenda items.*

**F. CURRENT EVENTS**

*Committee members presented a summary of current events of interest to the outdoor recreation community:*

- Member King - commented on the passion for current Committee members whose passion and consistency in attending these ASCOT meetings is appreciated.*
- Member Nemeth: mentioned the conceptional alignments associated with the Sun Corridor Trail*
- Member Terlep: Mentioned the engagement of the Trails Plan with the State Land Department since an easement lease at Catalina State Park is coming up in about 13 years. Wanting to gauge where this is at and being proactive on this matter since a resolution could take years before it is reached.*
- Jeff Schmidt: Suggestion to include Park Staff from Catalina State Park to attend a future meeting to give an update on the process and what other steps are needed for this process.*
- Member Showalter: made additional comments on the importance of being proactive in this process otherwise there might be a chance that legal access may be cut off entirely.*

**G. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

*No members of the public requested to speak.*

**H. FUTURE MEETING DATES**

*Committee members and staff discussed future meeting dates, and proposed off site meeting locations. The next meetings are tentatively scheduled for May 27, 2026.*

**I. ADJOURNMENT**

*The meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.*