

PARKS, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD

FEBRUARY 12, 2026

The Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Board met in regular session in CH123 Virginia Conference Room, 401 E. Virginia Street, McKinney, Texas on Thursday, February 12, 2026 at 5:30 p.m.

Board Chair David Clarke called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. upon determining a quorum consisting of Board Chair David Clarke and the following Board Members were present: Mohammed Elhindi, Bruce Mead, Leslie Warren, James Jenkins,

Board Members Absent: Lauren Halsey, Brian Welack

These Staff and City Council Members were present: Parks & Recreation Assistant Director Erica Lyght, Parks & Recreation Assistant Director Robert Gaylor, Parks Planning & Development Manager Jenny Baker, Parks Planning Manager Jill Yount, Parks Construction Project Coordinator Dakota Cryer, Parks Planner II Justin Sterle, Parks Construction Project Coordinator Annette Diaz, Support Services Financial Analyst Kara Dickson, Visit McKinney Liaison Taryne Bolton, MCDC Liaison Chris Wilkes, Council Liaison Patrick Cloutier.

There were 0 members of the public present in the audience.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS (For Non-Public Hearing Items)

No Comments

CONSENT ITEMS

26-0102 Minutes of the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Advisory Board Meeting of December 11, 2025

Board members unanimously approved the motion by Board member Leslie Warren, seconded by Board member James Jenkins, to Approve and Refer 26-0102 Minutes of the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Advisory Board Meeting of December 11, 2025.

REPORTS

26-0103 Director's Report

Parks & Recreation Assistant Director Erica Lyght provided updates on the following events; MLK Parade, Daddy Daughter Dance, Hiring event, and the Trout Derby. Board

Member Osiola Henderson arrived at 5:34 p.m. Assistant Director Lyght also provided staff updates on success at the 2026 State TRAPS conference, as well as the Lone Star Legacy Award awarded for Finch Park.

DISCUSSION ITEMS - No Action Taken

26-0104 Discuss Capital Improvement Projects

Newly hired Parks Construction Project Coordinator Annette Diaz was introduced to the board by Parks Planning & Development Manager Jenny Baker. Jenny Baker also provided CIP updates on completed, under construction and future projects.

Board Member Todd Burton arrived at 5:52 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS Regarding Matters not on the Agenda

No Comments

BOARD AND MANAGER COMMENTS

Board member Bruce Mead provided McKinney Parks Foundation updates and McKinney Roots project updates, Board Member Leslie Warren commented on the litter at Towne Lake. Board Chair David Clarke suggested moving the Trout Derby a later date as well as considering event t-shirts.

MCDC Liaison Chris Wilkes provided a video showing MCDC history and contributions. Current grant award and grant cycle updates were also provided.

Councilman Patrick Cloutier provided information on which plot next to Finch Park and what the City is interested in buying a section as parkland, Council approved budget for the rehab of the Chestnut water tower which should be starting soon.

Visit McKinney Liaison Taryne Bolton updates included staff attending Destination Winter conference, website engagement and store front visits are trending up. A new campaign "If you know, you go" will be seen across advertising avenues soon.

ADJOURN

Board members unanimously approved the motion by Board member Osiola Henderson, seconded by Board member Bruce Mead, to Adjourn at 6:36 p.m.

An audio recording of this meeting is available through the City of McKinney meeting archive.

These minutes were approved by the PROS Board members on March 12, 2026 and referred to the City Council Regular Meeting of April 7, 2026, for City Council approval.

SIGNED:

DAVID CLARKE, Board Chair
LESLIE WARREN, Board Vice Chair

ATTEST:

KARA DICKSON, Meeting Clerk

City of McKinney, Texas