



BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Thursday, April 09, 2026 at 6:00 PM

Palmer Lake Town Hall – 28 Valley Crescent, Palmer Lake, Colorado

MINUTES

Call to Order/ Roll Call

Meeting Called to order at 6:00pm

Present: Atis Jurka, Michael Beeson, Roger Moseley, Dennis Stern, John Marble, Beth Harris

Invocation – Tony Beltran

Pledge of Allegiance

Introductions/Presentations

1. Administer Oath of Office, Police Officer. Dena Currin
2. Proclamation for Child Abuse Awareness Month - (El Paso County Department of Human Services)

Representing El Paso County Department of Human Services

Consent Agenda - *Items under the consent agenda may be acted upon by one motion. If, in the judgment of a board member, a consent agenda item requires discussion, the item can be placed on the regular agenda for discussion and/or action.*

3. Minutes from the Special Meeting March 25, 2026, Regular Meeting March 26, 2026 & April 2, 2026.
4. Checks over \$15,000 Your Part-Time Controller, LLC (\$15,911.25)
5. Financials - February 2026

Motion to approve Consent Agenda. (Marble, Harris) "Aye" Vote. Motion passed unanimously.

Staff/Department Reports

6. Interim Town Administrator / Police Chief - Provided an update on the approved budgeted project at the baseball field, noting that the field fencing is scheduled to begin next week with support from the Lewis-Palmer baseball team, while broader field rehabilitation efforts remain ongoing. The Board also discussed prioritizing a 30-acre conservation easement on the

Sepp property formally know as Lakeview Heights and noted that an update on the Buc-ee's decoupling agreement is on going with special council and a future update will be provided.

7. Town Clerk/Administration/Treasurer

Town Clerk Erica Romero confirmed the 2025 audit is on track for a May 1st deadline and reported progress in securing new planning services with guidance from DOLA. Code Compliance updates pertaining to Elephant Rock and the conditional use permit pertaining to Hayco. The Town Clerk discussed efforts to schedule standing work sessions moving forward, and the Board reached agreement to utilize 4:00 PM as the standard work session time.

These sessions will be used to address priority topics such as administrator recruitment and Board conduct. The Clerk also reminded the Board of the previously outlined agenda request procedure and reiterated the summary provided at the prior meeting, offering additional clarification on the process going forward.

The Clerk requested Board support for her recommendation, noting that now that Town Attorney support is in place, time should be dedicated to reviewing Board roles and responsibilities as well as establishing clearer agenda and meeting policies and procedures. The Clerk emphasized the need for a more formalized agenda-setting process but felt this could be encompassed with a holistic approach in scheduling.

Public Comment

Tim Nolan – Commented on the decades of neglect at the neighboring trailer park, describing it as a homeless encampment plagued by methamphetamine use, lack of utilities, and criminal activity. While thanking the Town for recent code enforcement, he urged for aggressive urban renewal to address the severe health and safety risks facing the community.

8. Attorney

Town Attorney Kent Whitmer introduced himself and gave a brief overview of procedure going forward.

9. Water

Water Supervisor Chaz Roubidoux recommended for Palmer Lake to opt out of Colorado House Bill 24-1362 regarding graywater systems. Explaining that this move avoids significant unfunded mandates, such as new permitting and inspection frameworks, while ensuring regulatory consistency with Palmer Lake Sanitation, which has already opted out.

10. Public Works including Roads & Park Maintenance

Interim Town Administrator Smith answered a question about the rock removal in the Glenn. Indicating that any remediation efforts that would be needed could be taken.

11. Fire

The Palmer Lake Fire Department will host an Open House on Saturday, May 2, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. The event will feature Firewise presentations held in the Town Hall building, where firefighters will provide information on wildfire mitigation and property safety throughout the day.

Business Items

Motion to direct the town attorney to review and provide written legal opinion of both items with statutory references and temporarily dismiss agenda item number 14. (Jurka) No Second.

12. Discussion and Possible Approval of the Appointment(s) of a Citizen Member to the Planning Commission Board – Resolution No. XX-2026

The Board interviewed Shana Ball and Ms. Ball responded to any questions that the Board posed.

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Public Comment

Kurt Erhardt – Urged the Board to appoint applicants to the Planning Commission to restore a quorum and finalize the new land use code. They noted that without clear zoning definitions, it is impossible to attract commercial buyers who would provide vital revenue to the town.

Charlie Ihlenfeld – Urged the Board to appoint all three recommended candidates to the Planning Commission, including Kent, whose expertise was highlighted despite his absence. The speaker also thanked all applicants and encouraged those not selected to volunteer for alternate positions or other town boards in need of assistance.

Leslie Fenton – Urged the Board for consideration of their application to the Planning Commission, highlighting their nonprofit leadership experience and commitment to Palmer Lake. She shared the community's sense of urgency regarding land use and requested an interview to contribute to the town's planning and unity.

Trina Shook – Cited ethical concerns regarding two Planning Commission applicants. For the record, they stated that one applicant had previously been recalled for failing to follow the town's master plan, while a second applicant is married to an individual who resigned to avoid a potential recall.

Motion to approve resolution 19-2026 to appoint Shana Ball to a two year term. (Stern, Marble) Roll Call Vote.

Accept: Stern

Deny: Jurka, Beeson, Beltran, Harris, Moseley, Marble

Motion Failed

Motion to approve 21-2026 to Accept the Appointment of Kent Hutson to the Planning Commission. (Stern, Beeson) Roll Call Vote.

Accept: Jurka, Beeson, Beltran, Harris, Moseley, Marble, Stern

Motion Passes

Motion to approve resolution 20-2026 to Appoint Susan Miner to the Planning Commission.
(Stern, Marble) Roll Call Vote.

Accept: Stern, Beeson, Marble

Deny: Jurka, Moseley, Beltran, Harris

Motion Fails

13. Resolution 22-2026 to Authorize Signature to CDOT Annual Roadway Certification

Motion to approve Resolution 22-2026. (Harris, Beltran) "Aye" Vote. Motion passed unanimously.

14. Discussion/Update and Possible Board Direction Regarding Investigation into Allegations Made Against Town Trustee

Interim Town Administrator Smith laid out the charges against Trustee Moseley and advised the Board of potential options they had.

Motion to air this out in a hearing fully. (Harris) Withdrawn.

Motion to take this matter to a hearing. (Harris, Beltran) Roll Call Vote.

Accept: Beeson, Moseley, Stern, Beltran, Marble, Harris

Deny: Jurka

Motion Passed

Public Comment -

Trina Shook – Voiced concerns regarding what she characterized as aggressive and litigious behavior by the previous Town Attorney, specifically highlighting interactions she felt were meant to intimidate the Board. Additionally, she detailed a personal dispute involving the removal of her sponsored pickleball sign; she asserted that although she personally funded and designed the sign, her requests for its return have been denied, leading her to suspend any further town sponsorships until administrative concerns are addressed.

Susan Miner – Highlighted that the issues at Elephant Rock trailer park are in part driven by mental illness and hoarding. She urged the town to seek assistance from mental health agencies and exercise compassion, noting that property cleanups will only be temporary unless the underlying health needs of these neighbors are addressed.

Katherine Keeley – Suggested a protocol for communication with the Town Attorney to ensure transparency and objectivity. She proposed that the Board receive copies of both original inquiries and signed legal responses, rather than having information filtered through unelected officials or staff.

Kurt Ehrhardt – Expressed strong support for the current town staff and administrator, while urging the Board to move past the divisions caused by the Buc-ee's annexation. Citing a history of lawsuits and personal friction, he challenged the Trustees to address internal behavior that they believe is damaging the town and requested that a specific, unnamed board member resign to allow the community to move forward.

Bill Bass – Spoke on his former tenure as Mayor expressing support for town staff while detailing a history of accusatory and abusive behavior by Mr. Moseley, noting that his persistent, unfounded claims and excessive records requests have severely drained town resources. He raised ethical concerns regarding potential coordination between these disruptive efforts and a sitting board member, urging the Trustees to uphold their fiduciary duty to the entire community. He concluded by challenging the Board to prioritize the town’s long-term interests over the demands of a few persistent voices.

Shana Ball - Urged the Board to review their CIRSA manuals to understand the limitations of official immunity. She warned that Trustees could face personal liability for supporting improper actions and encouraged the Board to make better choices for the community's protection.

David Parks – Voiced support for the current Board, arguing that town divisions existed long before their tenure and that the Trustees are now working to resolve those long-standing issues through transparency. While acknowledging some members' blunt styles, he suggested they are asking the right questions and called for a more respectful, less contentious atmosphere to help the community move forward.

Board Reports

Mayor Stern reported on attending the PPACG (Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments) meeting. Stating that is why there was a late addition for Child Abuse Awareness Month.

Trustee Beltran thanked all applicants to the Planning Commission for applying.

Next Meeting and Future Items

Next Special Board of Trustees Regular meeting will take place on April 23rd at 4:45PM.

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Adjourn

Motion to adjourn (Beltran, Beeson) “Aye” Vote. Motion passed unanimously.