

NOVA Parks Board Meeting
Thursday, May 21, 2026
NOVA Parks HQ
5400 Ox Rd
Fairfax Station, VA 22039
6:45 p.m.



ATTENDANCE

Board Members:

In Attendance:

Sean Kumar, Chairman
Paul Baldino, Vice Chairman
James Bonfils
Mark Chandler
Michael Nardolilli
Scott Price
Douglas Stewart
Eric Woodall
Dave Gustafson
Patricia Harrison arrived at 6:49
Stella Koch arrived at 6:54

Absent:

Paul Ferguson

Staff:

Justin Wilson, Executive Director
Blythe Russian, Director of Operations
Lauren Weaver, Director of Finance
Kelly Gilfillen, Director of Marketing and Communications
Kevin Casalenuovo, Park Operations Superintendent
Dustin Betthausen, Park Operations Superintendent
Danielle Endler, HR Administrator
Mike DePue, Planning Administrator
John Bell, Senior Planner
Patrick Wells, Budget Administrator
Anh Phan, Community Engagement Manager
Leslie Preble, Planning and Development Administrative Assistant
Adam Melton, IT Administrator

City of Alexandria

Sean Kumar
Scott Price

Arlington County

Paul Ferguson
Michael A. Nardolilli

Fairfax County

Patricia Harrison
Stella Koch

City of Fairfax

Mark Chandler
Douglas Stewart

City of Falls Church

Paul Baldino
David Gustafson

Loudoun County

James Bonfils
Eric Woodall

OPEN SESSION

CALL TO ORDER

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:46

Introductions

No introductions

Amendments to the Agenda

No amendments to the agenda

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Nardolilli made a motion to approve the March 19, 2026, Board meeting minutes

Mr. Bonfils seconded the motion

10 voted to approve; Mr. Gustafson abstained from the vote as he did not attend the March 19 meeting

Mr. Bonfils made a motion that the Nova Parks Board convene in closed session pursuant to 2.2-3711 (A)1, 3&6 of the Code of Virginia to discuss the acquisition of real property for a public purpose, the investment of public funds and the performance of the Executive Director.

Mr. Nardolilli seconded the motion

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

Moved into closed session at 6:48

CLOSED SESSION (as allowed by § 2.2-3711)

Real estate matter, in accordance with Code of Virginia, Section 2.2-3711-(A)(3)

Financial investment matter, in accordance with Code of Virginia, Section 2.2-3711 (A)(6)

Personnel matters, in accordance with Code of Virginia, Section 2.2-3711 (A)(1)

Mr. Nardolilli made a motion to move out of closed session: Mr. Bonfils seconded the motion.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

The Chairman read the following certification:

I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempted from the open meeting requirements prescribed by the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such matters identified in the motion to convene closed session were heard, discussed or considered by this Board during closed session

This certification was **unanimously approved** by roll call vote

OPEN SESSION

Open session reconvened at 8:02

ACTIONS FROM CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Bonfils made a motion that the Executive Director be authorized to sign the new fund agreement on behalf of NOVA Parks, as determined by the Board during Closed Session. Mr. Stewart seconded the motion

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

The Student Bus Protest that Challenged Jim Crow

The Board watched The Student Bus Protest that Challenged Jim Crow, a short documentary produced by NOVA Parks' Director of Marketing & Communications based on the research of NOVA Parks Historian Paul McCray and Howard University Historian Sonja Woods.

Treasurer's Report/Status of Funds

James Bonfils

Mr. Bonfils reviewed the status of funds and stated that everything is in order

Memorial Day Weekend

Mr. Wells discussed the weather forecast for Memorial Day weekend, which marks the opening weekend for the pools and waterparks. He addressed concerns about potential revenue loss, explaining that even in good weather, the May numbers aren't always strong due to the number of pool operating days in the month. This year there is one additional weekend, which will help if the weather is favorable.

Admin Items

- Bull Run Paving Award
- FY27 Executive Director Goals
- Employment Policy Manual

Mr. Bonfils made a motion to approve the admin items

Mr. Nardolilli seconded the motion

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

Adoption of Fiscal Year 2027 Budget & Restricted License Fee Fund

Patrick Wells

Mr. Wells reviewed the FY 2027 operating budget he presented in March and noted that there have been no changes since that time.

Additionally, he reviewed the FY 2027 budgets for the Carlyle House Friends Fun and Restricted License fee Fund.

Mr. Nardolilli made a motion to adopt the FY2027 Operating Budget in the amount of \$43,304,887, with an Enterprise Fund of \$37,193,454 and General Fund of \$6,109,433

Mr. Chandler seconded the motion

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

Mr. Nardolilli moved that the Board adopt the FY2027 Restricted License Fee Fund in the amount of \$1,488,141 and the Carlyle House Friends Budget in the amount of \$21,500

Mr. Chandler seconded the motion

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W&OD Trail Hours of Operation

Kevin Casalenuovo

Mr. Casalenuovo stated that W&OD Trail hours vary by location and should be made consistent. There was a brief discussion by the Board regarding enforcement and Mr. Chandler expressed concerns about liability.

Mr. Nardolilli made a motion to approve hours of operation expansion for the W&OD Trail (the Trail) to 5 AM to 9 PM effective June 1, 2026

Mr. Baldino seconded the motion

10 voted in favor, Mr. Chandler voted against out of concern for liability

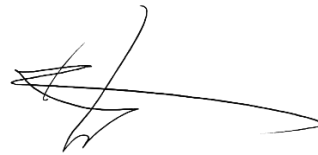
Ms. Koch made a motion to adjourn the meeting: Mr. Bonfils seconded the motion

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ADJOURNMENT

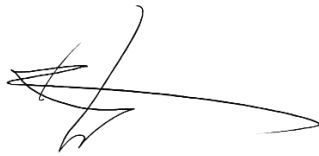
The meeting adjourned at 8:55

Respectfully submitted

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Justin M. Wilson, Secretary

Approved by the NOVA Parks Authority Board
On July 16, 2026

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Justin M. Wilson, Secretary

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Sean Kumar, Chairman