

Association of Tennessee Valley Governments (ATVG)

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: April 23, 2026

Meeting Location: Paris Landing State Park, Buchanan, TN

Prepared For: Presentation and Approval at the Executive Board Meeting
July 30, 2026, Brasstown Valley Resort, Young Harris, GA

Call to Order

President Tommy Barnes called the Board of Directors meeting to order and welcomed members. The Executive Director explained that the October meeting included both the Executive Board meeting and the Annual Meeting, requiring separate approval processes for their respective minutes.

Approval of Previous Minutes

ATVG Secretary Tim Radford presented a summary of the previous Board of Directors minutes. Highlights included approval of the June minutes, recognition of former Secretary Ron Fults for his years of service, a report that the Association's finances remained strong, approval of a \$40,000 transfer to investments, confirmation of 2026 meeting locations, approval of the new officer slate, and announcement of Executive Director Mike Arms' future retirement plans. A motion to approve the previous Board meeting minutes was made by Steve Carr, seconded by Becky Ruppe, and approved unanimously.

Financial Report

ATVG Treasurer Brent Greer presented the financial report. The Association remained in a strong financial position with healthy cash reserves and a fund balance of approximately \$192,000. It was reported that the Association expected to close the fiscal year with approximately \$150,000 in reserves, representing roughly one and one-half years of operating expenses. A motion to approve the financial report was made by Bill Newman, seconded by Scott Lindsey, and approved unanimously.

Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Mike Arms provided updates on TVA activities, recent participation in TVA Board listening sessions, and planning for future ATVG meetings. The Board confirmed upcoming 2026 meetings at Brasstown Valley Resort and Gatlinburg and discussed preliminary plans for 2027 meetings in Guntersville, Alabama, Oxford, Mississippi, and other potential locations.

TVA Update

Mr. Arms provided an overview of significant leadership changes within the Tennessee Valley Authority, including Board vacancies, CEO transitions, organizational restructuring, and anticipated priorities involving nuclear generation, natural gas generation, and future energy policy. Members discussed the importance of maintaining strong relationships with

TVA leadership and remaining engaged on issues affecting local governments throughout the Tennessee Valley.

Future Programs and Membership

The Board discussed future educational programs, including TVA Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT), nuclear development updates, and strategies for engaging newly elected county officials and expanding participation throughout the seven-state region.

Announcements

Members reviewed conference logistics, networking opportunities, and scheduled social activities associated with the Paris Landing meeting. Appreciation was expressed to Henry County Mayor Randy Geiger, other county officials and local hosts for their hospitality. It was announced the group would be traveling later in the evening to the World's Biggest Fish Fry Festival in Paris to enjoy a fried catfish dinner at the Henry County Fairgrounds.

Adjournment

Following closing remarks from President Tommy Barnes and a prayer offered by the Lincoln County Mayor, Bill Newman, a motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and approved. The meeting adjourned with members reconvening for lunch and the afternoon regular membership program.

Secretary's Certification

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Radford, Secretary
Association of Tennessee Valley Governments

Approved by the Executive Board on July 30, 2026.