



Technology & Entrepreneurship Advisory Board

Thursday, June 18, 2026, at 5:30 pm

Perry City Hall, 808 Carroll Street

Economic Development Conference Room

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Citizens with Input
4. Guests and Speakers
5. New Business
 - a. Approve May 21, 2026, Minutes
 - b. Approve May 2026 Financials
 - c. August 2026 Speaker Series Program Planning
 - d. SparkMacon Summer Youth Entrepreneurship Camp
6. Staff Items
 - a. Monthly Updates
7. Member Items
8. Adjourn

All meetings of the Technology & Entrepreneurship Advisory Board are open to the public.

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Technology & Entrepreneurship Advisory Board
Minutes –May 21, 2026

1. Call to Order: Chairman Richardson called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm.
2. Roll Call: Chairman Richardson; Directors Rhoades, Boman, Pearson, Ritchie, and Kennedy were present.

Director Rodriguez was absent.

Staff: Robert Smith, City Manager, and Joni Ary – Recording Clerk

3. Citizens with Input – None
4. Guests and Speakers – None
5. New Business

- a. Approve April 16, 2026, Minutes

Director Ritchie motioned to approve as presented; Director Rhoades seconded; all in favor, and the motion was unanimously approved.

- b. Approve April 2026 Financials

Director Rhoades motioned to approve as presented; Director Ritchie seconded; all in favor, and the motion was unanimously approved.

- c. 2026 Speaker Series Program Planning

Chairman Richardson stated that the consensus is to have the event in August, focused on agriculture, with a panel of speakers. Potentially reach out to Robert Dickey at Dickey Farms and to Georgia Grown to have them on the panel as speakers. At the next meeting, we will discuss potential dates and the event location.

Director Bowman suggested a Veterans Speaker Series in November, open not only to Veterans but also to their spouses. Director Bowman suggested reaching out to Ms. Laura Connair to be a speaker at the event. Director Rhoades suggested that Director Ritchie speak at the event about his company, Sigma Defense, a defense technology company.

Director Bowman asked whether the Perry Startup Week would still be held in February 2027. The Board all concurred to keep Perry Startup Week in February.

- d. SparkMacon Summer Youth Entrepreneurship Camp

Ms. Sierra Martin and Mr. Robert Grant spoke about having the Summer Youth Entrepreneurship camp in Perry and planning for the Summer Camp for the kids in either July or August.

Discussion items for the event:

- Limiting the lemonade stand camp/event to a maximum of 12 kids (Middle School)
- A possible location for the camp would be at the Leisure Services facilities
- Possible locations for the Lemonade Stand would be: City Hall lawn or the Event Center.
- Members discussed preparing and sending donation requests to local businesses for supplies and materials needed for the event.
- It was proposed that at the end of the event, the kids sell tickets for the lemonade stand as part of the final showcase. The participating kids would keep the profits earned from their individual lemonade stands.
- Possible sponsorship opportunities for providing lunches for the children during the week-long camp.
- Reaching out to the Chamber of Commerce to coordinate opportunities for the children to learn from local business owners and community leaders. Reaching out to Premier Tropy about the possibility of donating trophies for the participating children.

6. Staff Items

a. Monthly Updates

Mr. Robert stated that, due to Ms. Wharton's new role as Interim Director of Community Development and Director of Economic Development, he appreciates the Board having him for tonight's meeting.

Mr. Robert stated that the City is currently adopting the Fiscal Year 27 budget and recommended keeping this Board's funding at last year's level.

Mr. Robert stated that an Ag Tech manufacturing company could potentially be coming to Perry.

7. Member Items.

Director Rhoades stated that the Gear Lab is now open at the Museum of Aviation. The Georgia Engineering, AI, and Robotics lab is designed to support students, communities, and workforce programs.

8. Adjourn: there being no further business to come before the Board, Director Rhoades motioned to adjourn the meeting, and Director Ritchie seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 6:41 pm.

Holly

Technology and Entrepreneurship Advisory Board (TEAB) MAY 2026

100-13.4221

Cost Center 75242

Contact

Holly Wharton

<u>Revenue</u>		<u>Month</u>	<u>FY26 YTD</u>	<u>Cumulative</u>
100-37.1205	Income	0.00	4,996.20	17,788.46
			0.00	0.00
			0.00	0.00
			0.00	0.00
<u>Revenue Total</u>		<u>0.00</u>	<u>4,996.20</u>	<u>17,788.46</u>
<u>Expense</u>				
75242.52.1300		0.00	0.00	407.80
75242.53.1100		0.00	1,280.29	3,132.16
75242.52.3930		0.00	3,425.26	6,594.04
75242.52.3400		0.00	25.00	25.00
75242.52.3300		0.00	156.34	156.34
<u>Expense Total</u>		<u>0.00</u>	<u>4,886.89</u>	<u>10,315.34</u>
Balance		<u>0.00</u>	<u>109.31</u>	<u>7,473.12</u>
Less Previous Balance:				7,473.12
Reserve Adjustment				0.00

75242- Reserve/Donation
75102-Monthly Appropriations Allowance

75242-Used for programs

Budget Report

For Fiscal: 2025-2026 Period Ending: 05/31/2026

		Original Total Budget	Current Total Budget	Period Activity	Fiscal Activity	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Percent Remaining
100-00000.349100	SALES OF BURIAL LOTS	0.00	0.00	2,800.00	15,400.00	15,400.00	0.00 %
100-00000.349219	EMPLOYER CONTRIB-HEALTH	4,177,000.00	4,177,000.00	346,982.00	4,116,802.00	-60,198.00	1.44 %
100-00000.349220	EMPLOYEE CONTRIB-HEALTH	517,000.00	517,000.00	38,203.50	472,665.50	-44,334.50	8.58 %
100-00000.349300	RETURNED CHECK FEE	3,200.00	3,200.00	175.00	2,800.00	-400.00	12.50 %
100-00000.349903	MISC SERVICES & CHARGES	0.00	0.00	4,805.91	4,996.11	4,996.11	0.00 %
100-00000.349904	CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECKS	54,000.00	54,000.00	2,921.00	33,880.16	-20,119.84	37.26 %
100-00000.349910	CURB CUT/DRIVEWAY PIPE	0.00	0.00	0.00	138.00	138.00	0.00 %
CostCenter: 00000 - NON-DEPARTMENTAL Total:		7,927,700.00	7,927,700.00	653,048.39	7,438,260.29	-489,439.71	6.17%
RevCategory: 34 - Charges for Services Total:		7,927,700.00	7,927,700.00	653,048.39	7,438,260.29	-489,439.71	6.17%
RevCategory: 35 - Fines and Forfeitures							
CostCenter: 00000 - NON-DEPARTMENTAL							
100-00000.351170	COURT AND PARKING FINES	497,500.00	497,500.00	77,909.72	496,367.92	-1,132.08	0.23 %
100-00000.351171	COUNTY JAIL SURCHARGE	41,300.00	41,300.00	0.00	29,776.02	-11,523.98	27.90 %
CostCenter: 00000 - NON-DEPARTMENTAL Total:		538,800.00	538,800.00	77,909.72	526,143.94	-12,656.06	2.35%
RevCategory: 35 - Fines and Forfeitures Total:		538,800.00	538,800.00	77,909.72	526,143.94	-12,656.06	2.35%
RevCategory: 36 - Investment Income							
CostCenter: 00000 - NON-DEPARTMENTAL							
100-00000.361000	INTEREST	150,000.00	150,000.00	2,705.00	143,893.93	-6,106.07	4.07 %
CostCenter: 00000 - NON-DEPARTMENTAL Total:		150,000.00	150,000.00	2,705.00	143,893.93	-6,106.07	4.07%
RevCategory: 36 - Investment Income Total:		150,000.00	150,000.00	2,705.00	143,893.93	-6,106.07	4.07%
RevCategory: 37 - Contributions and Donations							
CostCenter: 00000 - NON-DEPARTMENTAL							
100-00000.371001	RECREATION DEPT DONATIONS	1,300.00	1,300.00	1,830.00	10,172.09	8,872.09	782.47 %
100-00000.371005	SPECIAL EVENTS SPONSORSHIPS	0.00	0.00	725.45	7,460.80	7,460.80	0.00 %
100-00000.371007	NEW PERRY ANIMAL SHELTER BLD	0.00	0.00	30.00	474.00	474.00	0.00 %
100-00000.371017	J E WORRALL MEM DONATIONS	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00 %
100-00000.371024	MAIN STREET ADVISORY DONATIO	32,900.00	32,900.00	615.00	53,634.19	20,734.19	163.02 %
100-00000.371032	PERRY PRESENTS MUSIC FESTIVAL	0.00	0.00	0.00	900.00	900.00	0.00 %
100-00000.371037	INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL DONAT	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,026.22	7,026.22	0.00 %
100-00000.371039	FARMERS MKT INCOME	2,500.00	2,500.00	450.00	6,815.00	4,315.00	272.60 %
100-00000.371202	INDEPENDENCE DAY SPONSORSHIP	8,500.00	8,500.00	0.00	24,544.60	16,044.60	288.76 %
100-00000.371205	TECH & ENTREPRENUER BOARD	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,996.20	4,996.20	0.00 %
CostCenter: 00000 - NON-DEPARTMENTAL Total:		45,200.00	45,200.00	3,650.45	121,023.10	75,823.10	167.75%
RevCategory: 37 - Contributions and Donations Total:		45,200.00	45,200.00	3,650.45	121,023.10	75,823.10	167.75%
RevCategory: 38 - Miscellaneous							
CostCenter: 00000 - NON-DEPARTMENTAL							
100-00000.381000	PERRY EVENTS CENTER RENTAL	73,400.00	73,400.00	3,015.00	17,877.00	-55,523.00	75.64 %
100-00000.381001	CELL ANTENNA RENTAL FEE	40,000.00	40,000.00	0.00	40,946.64	946.64	102.37 %
100-00000.381011	HERITAGE OAKS RENTALS	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,438.00	1,438.00	0.00 %
100-00000.383000	REIMBURSE FOR DAMAGE PROP	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,824.63	2,824.63	0.00 %
100-00000.383002	RESTITUTION PAYMENT	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.30	200.30	0.00 %
100-00000.389000	OTHER REVENUES	0.00	0.00	1,015.00	11,826.13	11,826.13	0.00 %
100-00000.389001	PD COPIES/REPORTS	0.00	0.00	66.50	2,239.75	2,239.75	0.00 %
100-00000.389004	TRAINING REIMBURSEMENT	0.00	0.00	0.00	246.14	246.14	0.00 %
100-00000.389010	P-CARD REBATE	4,000.00	4,000.00	2,198.56	8,589.60	4,589.60	214.74 %
100-00000.389012	WEX TAX/BILL ADJUSTMENT	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,395.40	1,395.40	0.00 %
100-00000.389013	MGAG PERFORMANCE ADJUST	210,900.00	210,900.00	0.00	236,298.00	25,398.00	112.04 %
100-00000.389022	SR CTR UTILITIES REVENUE	5,100.00	5,100.00	525.19	5,638.38	538.38	110.56 %
100-00000.389026	TAX SALE EXCESS FUNDS	0.00	0.00	0.00	-212.66	-212.66	0.00 %
100-00000.389028	SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD	29,300.00	29,300.00	2,685.51	27,095.30	-2,204.70	7.52 %
100-00000.389030	PACVB - OPERATING REIMB	430,000.00	430,000.00	93,054.42	425,654.34	-4,345.66	1.01 %
CostCenter: 00000 - NON-DEPARTMENTAL Total:		792,700.00	792,700.00	102,560.18	782,056.95	-10,643.05	1.34%
RevCategory: 38 - Miscellaneous Total:		792,700.00	792,700.00	102,560.18	782,056.95	-10,643.05	1.34%

Budget Report

For Fiscal: 2025-2026 Period Ending: 05/31/2026

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<u>100-75238.521312</u>	ARTIST FEES	0.00	0.00	5,150.00	6,450.00	-6,450.00	0.00 %
<u>100-75238.522300</u>	RENTALS	0.00	0.00	8,060.99	8,060.99	-8,060.99	0.00 %
<u>100-75238.523850</u>	CONTRACT LABOR	0.00	0.00	2,275.00	5,145.00	-5,145.00	0.00 %
CostCenter: 75238 - SUMMER BREEZE BLOCK PARTY Total:		0.00	0.00	16,485.99	20,655.99	-20,655.99	0.00%
CostCenter: 75239 - PERRY BITES & BEATS FESTIVAL							
<u>100-75239.521312</u>	ARTIST FEES	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,250.00	-4,250.00	0.00 %
<u>100-75239.523300</u>	ADVERTISING	0.00	0.00	500.00	500.00	-500.00	0.00 %
<u>100-75239.523850</u>	CONTRACT LABOR	0.00	0.00	1,100.00	8,600.00	-8,600.00	0.00 %
CostCenter: 75239 - PERRY BITES & BEATS FESTIVAL Total:		0.00	0.00	1,600.00	13,350.00	-13,350.00	0.00%
CostCenter: 75241 - ROBINS REGIONAL COC							
<u>100-75241.523600</u>	DUES & FEES	2,200.00	2,200.00	1,880.00	5,700.00	-3,500.00	-159.09 %
CostCenter: 75241 - ROBINS REGIONAL COC Total:		2,200.00	2,200.00	1,880.00	5,700.00	-3,500.00	-159.09%
CostCenter: 75242 - RESTRICTED - TECH & ENTREPRENEURSHIP ADV BRD							
<u>100-75242.523300</u>	ADVERTISING	0.00	0.00	0.00	156.34	-156.34	0.00 %
<u>100-75242.523400</u>	PRINTING & BINDING	0.00	0.00	0.00	25.00	-25.00	0.00 %
<u>100-75242.523930</u>	MEETINGS	1,200.00	1,200.00	0.00	3,425.26	-2,225.26	-185.44 %
<u>100-75242.531100</u>	OPERATING SUPPLIES	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,280.29	-1,280.29	0.00 %
CostCenter: 75242 - RESTRICTED - TECH & ENTREPRENEURSHIP AD		1,200.00	1,200.00	0.00	4,886.89	-3,686.89	-307.24%
CostCenter: 75243 - PERRY'S BOURBON STREET BASH							
<u>100-75243.521301</u>	STAGE/LIGHT/AUDIO	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,200.00	-3,200.00	0.00 %
<u>100-75243.521312</u>	ARTIST FEES	4,500.00	4,500.00	0.00	2,930.00	1,570.00	34.89 %
<u>100-75243.522300</u>	RENTALS	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,030.00	-3,030.00	0.00 %
<u>100-75243.523850</u>	CONTRACT LABOR	6,500.00	6,500.00	0.00	19,190.44	-12,690.44	-195.24 %
<u>100-75243.531100</u>	OPERATING SUPPLIES	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,544.03	-3,544.03	0.00 %
CostCenter: 75243 - PERRY'S BOURBON STREET BASH Total:		11,000.00	11,000.00	0.00	31,894.47	-20,894.47	-189.95%
CostCenter: 75410 - PACVBA BOARD							
<u>100-75410.521300</u>	TECHNICAL SERVICES	7,000.00	7,000.00	18.00	18.00	6,982.00	99.74 %
<u>100-75410.523110</u>	LIABILITY INSURANCE	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00	2,840.00	-840.00	-42.00 %
CostCenter: 75410 - PACVBA BOARD Total:		9,000.00	9,000.00	18.00	2,858.00	6,142.00	68.24%
CostCenter: 75420 - ADMINISTRATION							
<u>100-75420.511100</u>	REGULAR EMPLOYEES	125,000.00	125,000.00	13,977.48	106,000.01	18,999.99	15.20 %
<u>100-75420.512100</u>	LIFE INSURANCE	0.00	0.00	43.20	472.20	-472.20	0.00 %
<u>100-75420.512130</u>	EMPLOYEE DENTAL INSURANCE	0.00	0.00	75.41	678.69	-678.69	0.00 %
<u>100-75420.512140</u>	VISION INSURANCE	0.00	0.00	12.21	97.68	-97.68	0.00 %
<u>100-75420.512200</u>	FICA	0.00	0.00	1,049.07	8,180.10	-8,180.10	0.00 %
<u>100-75420.512401</u>	RETIREMENT CONTRIBUT- ICMA	0.00	0.00	698.88	5,299.84	-5,299.84	0.00 %
<u>100-75420.512700</u>	WORKERS COMPENSATION	0.00	0.00	0.00	119.21	-119.21	0.00 %
<u>100-75420.512906</u>	AUTO ALLOWANCE	0.00	0.00	400.00	4,200.00	-4,200.00	0.00 %
<u>100-75420.521200</u>	PROFESSIONAL SERVICE	0.00	0.00	300.00	3,682.10	-3,682.10	0.00 %
<u>100-75420.521201</u>	AUDITOR COSTS	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,500.00	-5,500.00	0.00 %
<u>100-75420.521300</u>	TECHNICAL SERVICE	0.00	0.00	19.99	18,921.31	-18,921.31	0.00 %
<u>100-75420.521304</u>	WEBSITE MAINTENANCE	15,000.00	15,000.00	0.00	66,673.60	-51,673.60	-344.49 %
<u>100-75420.521310</u>	INFORMATION RESOURCES	0.00	0.00	148.87	693.50	-693.50	0.00 %
<u>100-75420.521900</u>	MISCELLANEOUS	7,000.00	7,000.00	101.71	731.64	6,268.36	89.55 %
<u>100-75420.522300</u>	RENTAL	2,000.00	2,000.00	175.48	2,094.19	-94.19	-4.71 %
<u>100-75420.523210</u>	POSTAGE & FREIGHT	500.00	500.00	37.95	693.04	-193.04	-38.61 %
<u>100-75420.523222</u>	TELEPHONE WIRELESS	2,000.00	2,000.00	69.74	697.58	1,302.42	65.12 %
<u>100-75420.523500</u>	TRAVEL	10,000.00	10,000.00	2,493.59	7,878.84	2,121.16	21.21 %
<u>100-75420.523600</u>	DUES & FEES	5,000.00	5,000.00	242.99	6,374.82	-1,374.82	-27.50 %
<u>100-75420.523702</u>	VOLUNTARY TRAINING	10,000.00	10,000.00	1,895.00	14,938.66	-4,938.66	-49.39 %
<u>100-75420.523930</u>	MEETINGS	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,045.00	8,517.23	-6,517.23	-325.86 %
<u>100-75420.531100</u>	OPERATING SUPPLIES	6,000.00	6,000.00	389.06	1,202.32	4,797.68	79.96 %
<u>100-75420.531105</u>	HOSPITALITY EXPENSE	5,000.00	5,000.00	441.74	5,052.85	-52.85	-1.06 %
<u>100-75420.531110</u>	UNIFORMS & CLOTHING	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00	320.39	1,179.61	78.64 %
<u>100-75420.531600</u>	INVENTORY EQUIPMENT	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	100.00 %
CostCenter: 75420 - ADMINISTRATION Total:		193,000.00	193,000.00	24,617.37	269,019.80	-76,019.80	-39.39%