

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE PLEASURE DRIVEWAY AND PARK DISTRICT OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS, HELD AT 6:30 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2026 HELD AT THE BONNIE W. NOBLE CENTER FOR PARK DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, 1125 WEST LAKE AVENUE, PEORIA, IL

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Trustees Joyce Harant, Reagan Leslie Hill, Alexander Sierra, Vice President Steve Montez, and President Robert Johnson

TRUSTEES ABSENT: Trustees Ron Silver and Mark Slover

STAFF PRESENT: Executive Director Emily Cahill, Brianna Cobb, Nick Conrad, Matt Freeman, Becky Fredrickson, Scott Loftus, Shalesse Pie, Karrie Ross, Jennifer Swanson, Willie Howe, Kadar Heffner, Tammy Johnson, Mary Harden, Chanel Hargrave-Murry, Attorneys Kevin Day and Justin Gunn, Miles Howley, and Alicia Woodworth

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Johnson presided and called the meeting to order at 6:41 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken.

3. CALL FOR MOTION TO PERMIT TRUSTEE TO ATTEND MEETING ELECTRONICALLY

No requests were received to attend electronically.

4. MOMENT OF SILENCE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A moment of silence was observed, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

5. MINUTES

5.A. Approval of Minutes of the January 21, 2026 Regular Board Meeting

Trustee Sierra MOVED TO APPROVE the Minutes of the January 21, 2026 Regular Board Meeting. Motion seconded by Trustee Hill and carried unanimously on roll call vote.

6. CITIZEN REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

None at this time.

7. STAFF REPORTS

7.A. Executive Director

Executive Director Emily Cahill highlighted the following:

- Winter and Spring Events postcard available at trustee seats.
- Appreciation extended to Human Resources for hosting the first of three Job Fairs (held February 4), with more than 120 attendees.
- Upcoming job fairs scheduled for March 14 (RiverPlex) and April 7.
- Announcement that the Golf Learning Center will officially open to the public without reservations on February 18, initially five days per week, expanding to seven.
- Noted early community interest, including inquiries about hosting golf outings at the facility.
- Acknowledged Valentine's Day treats placed at trustee seats.

7.B. Superintendent of Planning, Design & Construction

Becky Fredrickson referenced the Monthly Report and noted:

- Completion of 2025 projects.
- 2026 project list beginning anew.
- Confirmation that Park District projects were submitted in alignment with the City of Peoria procurement "Buying Plan."
- Q2 and Q3 projects were submitted in coordination with city planning efforts.

Discussion occurred regarding coordination with the Mayor's procurement initiative and centralized contract planning.

7.C. Chief of Police

Matt Freeman presented the January Police Report.

Discussion included:

- An attempted abduction reported at Vicary Bottoms Park on January 29.
 - Incident reported to the County Sheriff's Office after the fact.
 - Park District Police were not initially notified.
 - Communication protocols with dispatch are being strengthened to ensure notification of future incidents occurring at Park District facilities.

Additional discussion addressed:

- Ongoing transition in police leadership.
- Contract with Lieutenant Stevie Hughes (City of Peoria) to approve reports requiring commissioned supervisory sign-off.
- Temporary designation of Sergeant Ronald Maslin as shift contact.
- Posting of Chief of Police position (approximately 64 applicants; ~30 met minimum qualifications).
- Possibility of engaging an outside firm for expanded search if needed.
- Importance of having leadership in place before peak season.

President Johnson expressed confidence in interim administrative leadership while emphasizing urgency in filling the position.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.A. Requests for Proposal: \$5,000,000 General Obligation Park bonds

Karrie Ross explained that 9.A and 9.B were related items. The Board previously authorized issuance of \$5 million in General Obligation Bonds. Bond proposals were received and reviewed in consultation with Chapman and Cutler (Bond Counsel). Staff recommended acceptance of the lowest proposal from Republic Bank.

Vice President Montez MOVED TO APPROVE the acceptance of the lowest proposal from Republic Bank. Motion seconded by Trustee Harant and carried unanimously on roll call vote.

9.B. Consideration and action on an ordinance providing for the issue of \$5,000,000 A G E N D A 1.21.26 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.pdf 2026-1 Monthly Report.pdf Police Report January 2026.pdf Approval 2026 GO Bond Proposal Staff Recommendation 2-11-2026.pdf 1 General Obligation Park Bonds, Series 2026, of the Pleasure Driveway and Park District of Peoria, Peoria County, Illinois, for the purpose of providing for the payment of land for parks, for the building,

maintaining, improving and protecting of the same and the existing land and facilities of said Park District and for the payment of the expenses thereto, for the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest on said bonds and for the sale of said bonds to the purchase thereof.

Trustee Sierra MOVED TO APPROVE the ordinance providing for issuance of the \$5,000,000 General Obligation Park Bonds, Series 2026. Seconded by Vice President Montez. Motion carried unanimously on roll call vote.

9.C. Approval of Union Council Labor Agreement

Trustee Harant MOVED TO APPROVE the Union Council Labor Agreement. Seconded by Trustee Sierra. Motion carried unanimously on roll call vote.

9.D. Post-Travel Reports for Trustees to Attend the 2026 IAPD/IPRA Conference in Chicago, IL January 29-31, 2026
Three post-travel reports were presented for approval.

Trustee Sierra MOVED TO APPROVE the Post Travel Reports of Trustees Hill, Harant, and Vice President Montez. Seconded by Trustee Harant. Motion carried unanimously on roll call vote.

9.E. Conduct Ordinance Reorganization

Executive Director confirmed this was the second read.

Trustee Sierra MOVED TO APPROVE the Conduct Ordinance Reorganization. Seconded by Trustee Harant. Motion carried unanimously on roll call vote.

9.F. Policy Changes Based on Union Contracts

Item 9.F was pulled from the agenda for future consideration.

10. CALENDAR OF CONSENT ITEMS

10.A. Bid – Markwoodlands Shelter

10.B. Bid – Golf Learning Center Exterior Lights

10.C. Bid – Peoria PlayHouse Water Table Exhibit Floor Replacement

10.D. Bid – Grandview Drive Inlet Replacement

Trustee Sierra MOVED TO APPROVE Calendar of Consent Items 10.A., 10.C., and 10.D. Motion seconded by Vice President Montez and carried unanimously on roll call vote.

In regards to item 10.B., Vice President Montez clarified that the bid was within previously approved funding allocations and not an additional cost.

Vice President Montez MOVED TO APPROVE Calendar of Consent Item 10.B. Motion seconded by Trustee Sierra and carried unanimously on roll call vote.

11. PENDING BUSINESS

None.

12. COMMUNICATIONS

12.A. CWTC Thank You

A thank you note from the Community Workshop and Training Center was received.

13. ACTION STEPS REVIEW

President Johnson requested review of succession planning and business continuity measures across departments, including executive leadership and IT operations.

Executive Director Cahill stated a Business Continuity Plan is reviewed and updated annually and will be shared with the Board.

Note: Prior to adjournment, Executive Director Cahill emailed to Trustees the Business Continuity Plan for 2026.

In order to reconvene tonight’s Strategy Ad Hoc Committee meeting, at 7:12 PM Trustee Sierra MOVED TO RECESS tonight’s Regular Board meeting, to be reconvened after the adjournment of tonight’s Strategy Ad Hoc Committee meeting. Motion seconded by Vice President Montez and carried unanimously on roll call vote.

At 8:02 PM Trustee Sierra MOVED TO RECONVENE the Regular Board meeting. Motion seconded by Vice President Montez and carried unanimously on roll call vote.

14. OTHER BUSINESS

14.A. Approval to Convene into Closed Session Pursuant to Section 2(c)(1) The Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance, or Dismissal or Specific Employees of the Public Body.

At 8:10 PM, Trustee Sierra moved to Convene into Closed Session Pursuant to Section 2(c)(1) The Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance, or Dismissal or Specific Employees of the Public Body. Motion seconded by Trustee Montez and carried unanimously on roll call vote.

At 8:51 PM President Johnson reconvened the Regular Board meeting.

15. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:53 PM Trustee Sierra MOVED TO ADJOURN. Motion seconded by Trustee Hill and carried unanimously on voice vote.

Full discussion can be viewed at the following link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=il88s5rgfmk>

Submitted by Alicia Woodworth
Executive Assistant and Board Secretary