OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF A MEETING OF THE STRATEGY AD HOC COMMITTEE/BOARD OF THE WHOLE OF THE PLEASURE DRIVEWAY AND PARK DISTRICT OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS, AT 4:30 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 2026 HELD AT THE BONNIE NOBLE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1125 WEST LAKE AVENUE, PEORIA IL

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Trustees Joyce Harant, Reagan Leslie Hill, Alexander Sierra (v), Ron Silver, Mark Slover, Vice President Steve Montez, and President Robert Johnson
Note: (v) = Attended Virtually

TRUSTEES ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Executive Director Emily Cahill, Matt Freeman, Becky Fredrickson, Scott Loftus, Karrie Ross, Jennifer Swanson, Willie Howe, Chief Aaron Watkins, Attorneys Kevin Day and Justin Gunn, and Alicia Woodworth

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Johnson presided and called the meeting to order at 4:37 PM.

2. ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken.

3. MOTION TO PERMIT TRUSTEE TO ATTEND MEETING ELECTRONICALLY

Trustee Slover MOVED TO PERMIT Trustee Sierra attend the meeting electronically due to employment purposes. Motion seconded by Vice President Montez and carried unanimously on roll call vote. Trustee Sierra then arrived to the meeting in-person at 4:49 PM.

4. MINUTES

4.A. Approval of Minutes of May 27, 2026 Strategy Ad Hoc Committee Meeting

Trustee Harant MOVED TO APPROVE the minutes of the May 27, 2026 Strategy Ad Hoc Committee meeting. Motion seconded by Trustee Hill and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

5. POLICY/PROCESS UPDATES

5.A. Trustee Attorney Communications

Executive Director Cahill advised the Committee that the proposed Board Administrative Procedure regarding Trustee Communications with Legal Counsel had previously been reviewed extensively by the Board and had been approved by consensus for advancement to the full Board in March. Due to several intervening Board matters, the item had inadvertently not been presented for formal Board consideration. Cahill apologized for the oversight and noted that no substantive changes had been made since the March draft. She advised that the policy would be presented as a first reading at the June 24, 2026 Board meeting and subsequently considered for adoption.

Trustee Harant inquired about language shown in red text regarding reporting legal counsel responses back to the Board. Executive Director Cahill confirmed that the redlined language represented prior edits and would be removed from the final version presented for consideration. Committee members discussed the length of time spent developing the procedure and acknowledged that discussions had begun during the previous year and

continued through the first quarter of 2026. The Committee expressed support for moving the policy forward for Board consideration.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.A. Professional Services RFP Timelines

Executive Director Cahill and Superintendent of Finance Ross presented information regarding the timeline for Requests for Qualifications (RFQs) for professional services previously approved by the Board. Executive Director Cahill reviewed the 2024 schedule that contemplated RFQs for marketing services, audit services, and legal counsel. She explained that proposed state legislation regarding governmental audit requirements could significantly alter the scope of future audit engagements, making it potentially premature to issue an RFQ for audit services at this time. She further noted that legal counsel rates have remained unchanged since 2017 and that a future legal services procurement could have a material impact on the District's 2027 budget. Staff therefore requested consideration of moving the legal services RFQ ahead of the audit services RFQ.

Committee discussion focused on the distinction between RFQs and RFPs, industry best practices for reviewing professional service providers, and appropriate contract durations. Ross advised that proposed state legislation may establish required audit review intervals and could affect future audit contract structures. Trustees discussed the value of continuity in professional services relationships while also recognizing the importance of periodic review and competitive procurement. Staff clarified that the timeline approved in 2024 was intended to address services that had not been reviewed for many years and was not intended to create a recurring cycle of frequent procurements.

Trustees discussed the administrative burden associated with conducting multiple professional service procurements in the same year and generally agreed that delaying the audit services procurement by one year would allow staff to focus on legal services while monitoring potential legislative changes. Karrie Ross explained that the District's current audit engagement with CliftonLarsonAllen concludes with completion of the FY2025 audit and that an extension would be necessary to accommodate a revised schedule. Staff indicated that a legal services RFQ could be developed and presented to the Committee while audit services would be revisited next year. She further advised that she would gather information regarding audit service providers and pricing utilized by comparable governmental entities and would bring recommendations regarding a one-year audit extension to the Finance Committee. Consensus was reached authorizing staff to update the professional services timeline, proceed with development of a legal services RFQ, and explore a one-year extension of the current audit services agreement.

6.B. Owens Center Recognition Naming Rights Review

Executive Director Cahill presented a draft recognition and naming opportunities schedule related to the Owens Center Redevelopment Project. She explained that while staff did not believe a traditional capital campaign was practical given the size and scope of the project, there were opportunities to engage private donors, user groups, corporations, and community supporters interested in contributing to the project. The proposed naming opportunities were developed in accordance with the District's Naming Rights and Honorific Naming Policy and would provide various levels of donor recognition. Cahill noted

that, upon receiving Committee consensus, the proposal would be forwarded to the Board for formal consideration.

Trustees discussed the duration of naming rights agreements and the various recognition levels available under the proposal. Cahill explained that major naming rights opportunities would include defined terms and would return to the Board for approval if secured. Additional discussion addressed donor recognition displays and the possibility of individual, corporate, or group sponsorships. Trustee Montez asked whether recognition opportunities had been considered for former professional hockey player Matt Savoy. Cahill explained that Rink One was not included among the naming opportunities because it is already designated as the Matt Savoy Rink. Committee members expressed support for advancing the naming opportunities schedule to the Board for consideration.

7. PENDING BUSINESS

None at this time.

8. CITIZEN REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

None at this time.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

9.A. Approval to Convene into Closed Session Pursuant to 2(c)11 Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent

President Johnson provided an update regarding recent efforts to strengthen collaboration with community partners concerning public safety issues within District parks. He reported that he and Executive Director Cahill had met with Mayor Rita Ali, City staff, and law enforcement representatives to discuss violence prevention and community safety initiatives. He further advised that he had met with the new Peoria Public Schools Superintendent, Dr. Sharon Desmoulin-Kherat's successor, Dr. Ball, and had encouraged the development of a strong working relationship between District and school leadership. President Johnson emphasized the importance of collaboration among governmental agencies to address community concerns.

President Johnson also raised concerns regarding vaping, smoking, and marijuana use within District parks and facilities, including reports of vape devices being brought into aquatic facilities. Staff advised that updated signage prohibiting smoking and related activities had been prepared and was in the process of being installed throughout District properties. Chief Watkins outlined enforcement options available to Park Police, including citations and potential bans from facilities for violations of District ordinances. Trustees discussed enforcement expectations, the applicability of smoking restrictions throughout District property, and the importance of maintaining safe recreational environments.

Additional discussion addressed broader community violence concerns, preventative approaches to youth intervention, police visibility within parks, and recruitment of additional female officers and security personnel. Trustees acknowledged the importance of balancing enforcement efforts with prevention and community engagement strategies.

At 5:37 PM, Trustee Silver MOVED TO CONVENE Closed Session Under Illinois Open Meetings Act Section 2(c)11 Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent. Motion seconded by Trustee Hill and carried unanimously on roll call vote.

At 6:27 PM Trustee Harant MOVED TO RECESS the Closed Session meeting. Motion seconded by Trustee Silver and carried unanimously on roll call vote.

At 8:24 PM Trustee Sierra MOVED TO RECONVENE the Closed Session meeting Under Illinois Open Meetings Act Section 2(c)11 Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent. Motion seconded by Trustee Hill and carried unanimously on roll call vote.

At 9:27 PM President Johnson reconvened the Strategy Ad Hoc Committee Meeting.

10. ACTION STEPS REVIEW

None noted at this time.

11. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:28 PM, Trustee Sierra MOVED TO ADJOURN. Motion seconded by Trustee Hill and carried unanimously on voice vote.

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Submitted by Alicia Woodworth
Executive Assistant and Board Secretary