

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE PLEASURE DRIVEWAY AND PARK DISTRICT OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS, HELD AT 12:00 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 1, 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 (in at 12:25 PM), Ron Silver, Mark Slover, Vice President Steve Montez, and President Robert Johnson

TRUSTEES ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Executive Director Emily Cahill, Attorney Kevin Day, and Alicia Woodworth

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Johnson presided and called the meeting to order at 12:12 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken.

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

No request was received to attend meeting electronically.

4. NEW BUSINESS

None at this time.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

6.A. Approval of Motion to Convene into 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

At 12:14 PM Trustee Silver MOVED TO CONVENE into closed session pursuant to Section 2(c)(11) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act for litigation, when an action against, affecting, or on behalf of the Park District has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the Board finds that such action is probable or imminent. Furthermore, in order to avoid legal and ethical issues regarding a potential conflict of interest, Trustee Hill should be excluded because she has a business interest connected with the issues to be discussed. The other Trustees, President Johnson, Vice President Montez, Trustee Harant, Trustee Sierra, Trustee Slover, and Trustee Silver should be included, as should Executive Director Cahill, Board Secretary Woodworth, and Attorney Day. Also, any Board approval of any proposed submission coming from this closed session is to be approved by a simple majority of the Trustees in attendance. Motion seconded by Trustee Slover.

Trustee Harant asked as to the legality of the motion to exclude a Trustee from closed session. Attorney Day stated that the first portion of the motion, he advised and the Attorney General would validate, that the Board determines who attends a closed session and who does not. The second portion however, (Also, any Board approval ...), Attorney Day stated he has great concern about any formal action being taken by the Board in closed session, or anything tantamount to that.

Trustee Silver then amended his motion and MOVED TO CONVENE into closed session pursuant to Section 2(c)(11) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act for litigation, when an action against, affecting, or on behalf of the Park District has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the Board finds that such action is probable or imminent. Furthermore, in order to avoid legal

and ethical issues regarding a potential conflict of interest, Trustee Hill should be excluded because she has a business interest connected with the issues to be discussed. The other Trustees, President Johnson, Vice President Montez, Trustee Harant, Trustee Sierra, Trustee Slover, and Trustee Silver should be included, as should Executive Director Cahill, Board Secretary Woodworth, and Attorney Day.

Trustee Hill asked Attorney Day on what legal basis would she be able to cite that a Trustee be excluded from closed session, as there is no policy dictating it. Attorney Day stated that the Open Meetings Act is silent as to who can and cannot attend a closed session. That fact has been interpreted by the Attorney General through the Public Access Council Office. The Public Access Council provides guidance that the Board as a whole has the power to invite or not invite either elected officials or members of the public into closed session. Trustee Hill stated that she does object and that she will not be leaving.

Attorney Day stated that legally, the Board has the power to vote on this public motion. He encourages everyone to choose their words carefully and respect attorney/client privilege in closed session discussions. Legally, in order to move this discussion forward, he recommends everyone to exercise caution at this particular juncture in excluding an elected official who has information that is germane and has participated in every conversation to this point. He understands the Board's right to make this motion, there may come a time where there would be clear conflict of interest issues that may or may not warrant exclusion.

Motion failed with the following vote (due to lack of a majority of a quorum): Trustee Harant – Nay; Trustee Hill – Nay; Trustee Silver – Aye; Trustee Slover – Aye; Vice President Montez – Aye; President Johnson – Nay. Results: 3 – Aye; 3 – Nay.

Note: Trustee Sierra arrived at 12:25 PM and, having not been present during consideration and discussion of this motion, did not vote.

At 12:22 PM Trustee Harant MOVED TO CONVENE into 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 by those present on roll call vote.

Note: Trustee Sierra arrived at 12:25 PM and, having not been present during consideration and discussion of this motion, did not vote.

At 1:48 PM President Johnson reconvened the Special Board meeting.

7. ADJOURNMENT

At 1:49 PM Trustee Sierra MOVED TO ADJOURN. Motion seconded by Vice President Montez and carried unanimously on voice vote.

Submitted by Alicia Woodworth
Executive Assistant and Board Secretary