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 4:00 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2026 HELD AT THE BONNIE NOBLE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1125 WEST LAKE AVENUE, PEORIA IL

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Trustees Joyce Harant, Reagan Leslie Hill, Alexander Sierra, Ron Silver, Mark Slover, and President Robert Johnson

TRUSTEES ABSENT: Vice President Steve Montez

STAFF PRESENT: Executive Director Emily Cahill, Nick Conrad, Matt Freeman, Becky Fredrickson, Karrie Ross, Jennifer Swanson, Mike Friberg, Attorney Kevin Day, and Alicia Woodworth

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Johnson presided and called the meeting to order at 4:07 PM.

2. ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken.

3. MOTION TO PERMIT TRUSTEE TO ATTEND MEETING ELECTRONICALLY

No request was received to attend meeting electronically.

4. MINUTES

4.A. Approval of Minutes of August 26, 2026 Strategy Ad Hoc Committee Meeting

Trustee Harant MOVED TO APPROVE the minutes of the August 26, 2026 Strategy Ad Hoc Committee meeting. Motion seconded by Trustee Silver and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

5.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; and, Section 2(c)(5) The purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired.

At 4:08 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; and, Section 2(c)(5) The purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired. Motion seconded by Trustee Slover and carried unanimously on roll call vote.

At 5:39 PM President Johnson reconvened the Strategy Ad Hoc Committee meeting.

6. POLICY/PROCESS UPDATES

6.A. Governance Guide Review

Executive Director Cahill reviewed the Governance Guide/Open Meetings Act material previously provided to the Board and asked whether Trustees had additional questions. She

advised that she was working with Attorney Day on additional guidance and would distribute a Robert's Rules of Order guide. Discussion focused on how the Open Meetings Act affects communication among Trustees and the proposed committee structure, particularly committees with two Trustees. Trustees expressed concern that portions of the draft guide using the word "avoid" could be read more restrictively than the Act requires and discussed whether "use caution" or similar language would better convey the fact-specific nature of the requirements. Attorney Day noted that the Open Meetings Act requirements depend on the composition and quorum of the Board or committee. Following discussion, the Committee agreed to pause further consideration of the Governance Guide and the proposed committee restructuring until the committee structure can be reviewed further. The related item was to be removed from the September 9 Regular Board meeting agenda. Executive Director Cahill will distribute the Robert's Rules of Order guidance, and additional information regarding committee structure and practices of comparable public bodies will be gathered for future discussion.

6.B. PlayHouse Naming Opportunity

Executive Director Cahill explained that fundraising for improvements to the Peoria PlayHouse Children's Museum began before adoption of the District's current donor recognition/naming policy. Because construction and signage development are now underway, staff brought the naming opportunities forward so the current policy could be applied to gifts that predated the policy. The proposed recognition included gifts from the Gilmore Foundation, the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity associated with a legislator-directed grant, the Bielfeldt Foundation/David Murray, and the Tognetti Family Foundation. Trustees discussed whether a legislator should be individually named in recognition of a grant funded with public dollars and distinguished that situation from private philanthropic gifts. Consensus was to remove the individual legislator's name and identify the State of Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity instead. Staff indicated the item would be pulled from the September 9 Regular Board meeting agenda and returned on September 23 with the revision.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.A. RiverPlex and Aquatics Discussion

Staff presented a 2026 review and 2027 outlook for Aquatics. Gwynn Family Aquatic Center expenses remained relatively consistent, while attendance and revenue benefited from Summer of Fun access and increased swim lesson participation. Of 6,488 tracked Gwynn admissions in 2026, 6,223 were through the Summer of Fun Pass. Proctor Pool recorded 2,648 admissions, including 2,145 Proctor Center Summer Camp visits, 395 Summer of Fun admissions, and 108 paid admissions. Staff reported that lifeguard staffing increased from 40 in 2025 to 60 in 2026 through expanded recruitment, certification classes, mentoring of younger guards, and retention efforts. Swim lesson participation through August 2026 totaled 1,307 participants, compared with 1,350 for all of 2025.

For 2027, staff proposed eliminating Sunday open swim at Proctor Pool because only 26 visits were recorded over five operating Sundays, while maintaining Monday-Friday access. Proposed fee adjustments included increases to group and private swim lessons, group admissions, and Preschool Splash, along with expanded private-lesson opportunities. Staff also recommended continuing the $30 RiverPlex Family Swim Pass. Trustees discussed coordination with Limestone Township, outreach to homeschool families and additional schools, the capacity and utilization of Proctor and Gwynn, and strategies to sustain Summer of Fun access after current grant funding. Staff will provide Summer of Fun participation data at the October DEIA Committee

meeting and continue exploring community/fundraising support for the program. Due to time constraints, the RiverPlex portion of the presentation was not completed and will be brought back at a future meeting. No final approval was requested on the 2027 Aquatics proposals at this meeting.

7.B. Attorney RFQ

Executive Director Cahill reviewed the draft Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for legal services and advised that the goal was to distribute the RFQ to local firms by the end of the following week. Trustees were asked to review the document and provide any questions or proposed revisions no later than Wednesday, September 16, so that staff could incorporate changes prior to distribution.

Discussion included the scope of legal services identified in the RFQ, including labor and employment services. Executive Director Cahill explained that the District's current labor counsel is nearing retirement and that inclusion of labor and employment experience would allow responding firms to identify their capacity to provide those services in addition to general counsel services, if appropriate. Trustees also discussed whether the RFQ should address diversity, whether additional information regarding the District's union representation should be included, and whether portions of the document could be streamlined to eliminate repetitive language.

Trustees were requested to submit any additional comments or revisions to staff by September 16.

8. PENDING BUSINESS

None at this time.

9. CITIZEN REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

None at this time.

10. ACTION STEPS REVIEW

1. Executive Director Cahill will distribute Robert's Rules of Order guidance and continue work on committee structure/Open Meetings Act guidance; the Governance Guide and committee restructuring items will be deferred for further discussion.
2. Staff will revise the PlayHouse naming opportunity to remove the individual legislator's name and return the item on September 23.
3. Trustees will submit Attorney RFQ edits by September 16.

11. ADJOURNMENT

At 6:29 PM, Trustee Harant MOVED TO ADJOURN. Motion seconded by Trustee Silver and carried unanimously on roll call vote.

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Respectfully Submitted by Alicia Woodworth
Executive Assistant and Board Secretary