



Peotone Public Library District

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PEOTONE PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MAY 21, 2026

Location: Peotone Library Meeting Room

Call to Order: 630 p.m. by M. Horne, Library Board President.

Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag: Recited.

Roll Call: Taken by M. Horne: S. Chisausky – Present, M.J. Carlson – Present, S. Dascenzo – Present, M. Horne – Present, J. Oliver – Present, B. Patek – Present, B. Markus- Present
Others attending: Director Sarah Ehlers

Consent Agenda

- Approval of PPLD Regular Board Meeting Minutes from April 16, 2026 with no additions or corrections made.
- Committee Reports: N/A
- Director's Report: See attached Director's Report.
- **Motion to adopt** the Consent Agenda was made by Trustee Dascenzo and Seconded by Trustee Oliver. All in favor: 7 ayes, 0 absent, 0 Nays, 0 abstain. Motion carried.

Financial Reports and Approval of bills payable

- Trustee Dascenzo motioned to approve the payment of the bills from April 16 – May 21, 2026 Trustee Chisausky seconded the motion. Library Board President Horne took Roll Call Vote: Trustee Chisausky – aye-, Trustee Carlson – aye-, Trustee Dascenzo – aye -, Trustee Horne – aye- , Trustee Oliver – aye and Trustee Patek – aye- Trustee Markus – aye; Ayes-7 Nays- 0, Abstain- 0, Absent – 0. Motion carried.

Public Forum: N/A

Unfinished Business:

- Director S. Ehlers gave a power point presentation on the Budget Proposal for FY26_27
- Discussion took place concerning the Budget Proposal.
- Trustee Oliver moved to table approval of the working budget until next month's meeting. Trustee Markus seconded the motion.
- Voice vote was taken: All in favor: 7 Ayes and 0 Nays. Motion carried

New Business:

- Trustee Oliver moved to go into **closed session meeting** to discuss personnel salaries at 7:21 p.m. Trustee Markus seconded the motion. Library Board President Horne took **Roll Call** Vote: Trustee Chisausky – aye-, Trustee Carlson – aye-, Trustee Dascenzo – aye -, Trustee Horne – aye- Trustee Oliver – aye and Trustee Patek – aye- Trustee Markus – aye; Ayes-7 Nays- 0, Abstain- 0, Absent – 0. Motion carried.
- Regular Board of Trustee meeting resumed at 826 p.m.



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- Trustee Dascenzo moved to approve the Resolution for PPLD to adjust library staff salaries. Trustee Oliver seconded the motion. **Roll Call Vote** taken by Library board president M. Horne: Trustee Chisausky – aye-, Trustee Carlson – aye-, Trustee Dascenzo – aye -, Trustee Horne – aye- , Trustee Oliver – aye and Trustee Patek – aye- Trustee Markus – aye; Ayes-7 Nays- 0, Abstain- 0, Absent – 0. Motion carried
- Trustee Oliver moved to approve the Travel Reimbursement Ordinance. Trustee Dascenzo seconded the motion. **Roll Call Vote** taken by Library board president M. Horne: Trustee Chisausky – aye-, Trustee Carlson – aye-, Trustee Dascenzo – aye -, Trustee Horne – aye- , Trustee Oliver – aye and Trustee Patek – aye- Trustee Markus – aye; Ayes-7 Nays- 0, Abstain- 0, Absent – 0. Motion carried. Ordinance document signed by board president and secretary, and given to library director S. Ehlers
- Secretary Audit Committee and Meeting time and Date
 - Sarah Dascenzo and Becca Markus will be on the committee to audit the library board minutes
 - S. Ehlers said the report is due to IPLAR by September 1, 2026, but she would like it to be submitted before this date.
 - The date and time of the meeting to audit is still to be determined
 - Trustee Oliver moved to approve the Secretary Audit committee; Trustee Carlson seconded the motion. Voice Vote taken by M. Horne: All in favor: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays Motion carried

Director's Comments: (1) S. Ehlers asked for board to please read the Advocacy and Community Engagement Standards review. (2) She also reminded us that The Illinois Public Library Annual Review is coming up (IPLAR)

Trustee Comments: J. Oliver asked if there was still ongoing problems with Semi trucks using the road in front of the library. Discussion about this took place.

Adjournment: Trustee Oliver moved to adjourn the regular board meeting. Trustee Chisausky seconded the motion. Voice vote taken by M. Horne: All in favor: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:43 P.M.

Next Regular Board Meeting June 18, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

Bonnie Patek, Secretary of the Board of Trustees
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