

**PEOTONE PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
JULY 16, 2026**

Location: Peotone Library Meeting Room

Call to Order: 6:29 p.m. by M. Horne, Library Board President

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

Roll Call: Taken by M. Horne:

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| ● S. Chisausky – Present | ● J. Oliver – Present |
| ● M.J. Carlson – Present | ● B. Patek – Present |
| ● S. Dascenzo – Present | ● B. Markus – Present |
| ● M. Horne – Present | |

Others attending: Director Sarah Ehlers and Bailey Hoines, Mud Turtle

Consent Agenda

- Approval of PPLD Regular Board Meeting Minutes from June 18, 2026 and Special Board Meeting from July 8, 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:**
 - Motion made by Trustee Dascenzo
 - Trustee Patek seconded the motion
 - Library Board President Horne took a Voice Vote:
 - All in favor: 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent, 0 abstain
 - Motion carried

Financial Reports and Approval of Bills Payable

- Trustee Dascenzo motioned to approve the payment of the June 2026 bills
- Trustee Chisausky seconded the motion
- Library Board President Horne took Roll Call Vote:

○ Trustee Chisausky – aye	○ Trustee Oliver – aye
○ Trustee Carlson – aye	○ Trustee Patek – aye
○ Trustee Dascenzo – aye	○ Trustee Markus – aye
○ Trustee Horne – aye	
- Ayes – 7, Nays – 0, Absent – 0, Abstain – 0
- Motion carried

Public Forum: N/A

Unfinished Business: N/A

New Business:

- Feasibility Study Review with Tiffany Nash from product+ architecture
 - Tiffany reviewed the feasibility study results and renovations plans for new building format
 - Highlighted that women's restroom is not current ADA compliant - though the unisex restroom is
 - They plan to reuse as much as possible (youth furniture, light fixtures, shelving, etc.)

- Possibly installing cord reels from the ceiling to make power more accessible in multiple locations
- Renovation is broken down into several different phases with the overall renovation costing \$6.16M; completely new building costing \$15.43M
- After Tiffany left, the Board discussed having Jamie Rachlin come in to discuss what financial options we have
 - Trustee Chisausky made a motion to have Jamie attend a special meeting on Thursday, August 6th, 2026 at 6:00 PM for a one-hour presentation to discuss financial options to fund the renovation at a cost of \$310 for the hour
 - Trustee Carlson 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
 - Trustee Patek – aye
 - Trustee Markus – aye
 - Ayes – 7, Nays – 0, Absent – 0, Abstain – 0
 - Motion carried
- Tentative Budget & Appropriation, set public hearing date and time for public review
 - The Board members discussed the upcoming meeting dates and times to determine the best time to set the public hearing
 - Trustee Chisausky made a motion to approve the tentative budget and appropriations and set a public hearing date and time for Thursday, September 17, 2026 at 6:00 PM for public review with our regularly scheduled meeting set to follow at 6:30 PM
 - Trustee Dascenzo seconded the motion
 - Library Board President Horne took a Voice Vote:
 - Trustee Chisausky – aye
 - Trustee Carlson – aye
 - Trustee Dascenzo – aye
 - Trustee Horne – aye
 - Trustee Oliver – aye
 - Trustee Patek – aye
 - Trustee Markus – aye
 - Ayes – 7, Nays – 0, Absent – 0, Abstain – 0
 - Motion carried
- Director's Review
 - The Board members discussed the upcoming meeting dates and times to determine the best time to conduct the Library Director's performance review
 - Trustee Dascenzo made a motion to conduct the Director's Review on August 20th during the regularly scheduled meeting
 - Trustee Patek seconded the motion
 - All in favor: 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent, 0 abstain
 - Motion carried
- Drainage Repair Proposal
 - The Board briefly discussed the drainage repair proposals, however Mud Turtle had to pull out due to the request for Prevailing Wage Rate
 - Sarah Ehlers reached out to another company for a proposal, so we are tabling any decisions until we receive further bid information
 - Bailey from Mud Turtle was in attendance and said there were ways to fix, or improve the drainage issue without spending \$25,000
 - Sandbags lining the building are a good option
 - Another good option is 100-foot drain tiles to relocate the downspouts further away from the building
 - This option would cost less than \$500

Director's Comments:

- S. Ehlers made a gentle reminder to not respond to emails with everyone listed, otherwise it is subject to OMA
- Standard's Review: Safety and Emergency Preparedness
- IPLAR will be available with the next board book

Trustee Comments:

- Trustee Oliver mentioned that Tristan Shaw put on a good program, the place was packed
- There was discussion of a couple other programs that had occurred
- Trustee Dascenzo mentioned that the recycling program was very informative, but attracts the audience that already recycles, would be nice if it attracted others
 - Also mentioned you can see where the special item (paint, electronics, etc.) recycling days are happening by visiting the Will County Land Use Department website

Adjournment:

- Trustee Dascenzo 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, 0 absent, 0 abstain
 - Motion carried
 - Meeting adjourned at 8:17 PM

Next Regular Board Meeting August 20, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

Becca Markus, Peotone Public Library District, Secretary of the Board of Trustees