REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 17, 2026

Location: Peotone Library Meeting Room

Call to Order: 6:31 p.m. by M. Horne, Library Board President

Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag: Moved to skip, no objections

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 August 20, 2026 with no additions or corrections made
- **Committee Reports:**
  - Trustee Chisausky presented on the Financials of the Library (see attached Treasurer's Report for specifics).
    - Discussion about moving all bank accounts to one bank, would like to discuss further next month.
    - Discussion about allowing the Friends of the Library to use the Library's Square credit card reader to accept payment for the sale of all books through the Friends of the Library.
    - Motion to approve the Friends of the Library to use the Library's Square card reader to accept payments for the sale of books.
      - Motion made by Trustee Carlson
      - Trustee Dascenzo 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
- **Director's Report:** See attached Director's Report.
- **Motion to Adopt the Consent Agenda:**
  - Motion made by Trustee Patek
  - Trustee Markus 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 Patek motioned to approve the payment of the August 2026 bills
- Trustee Dascenzo 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
- Discussion of HVAC thermostat quotes
    - Trustee Dascenzo made a motion to approve the $1,260 solution to the thermostat issue.
    - 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
- Discussion of the roofing estimates
    - Board asked additional information
        - Three estimates for roof replacement
        - Discussion of the bid process
        - Would like to know which is worse, the roof or the plumbing

Public Forum: N/A

Unfinished Business:

- Budget and Appropriation Ordinance (FY 26-27:01)
    - Trustee Dascenzo made a motion to approve the Budget and Appropriation Ordinance
    - Trustee Oliver 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
- Review of Drainage Quotes
    - Trustee Dascenzo made a motion to table any action related to the drainage quotes.
    - Trustee Oliver seconded the motion
    - Library Board President Horne took a Voice Vote:
    - All in favor: 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent, 0 abstain
    - Motion carried

New Business:

- Health Insurance Review
    - Trustee Dascenzo made a motion to approve the Library covering 85% of employees health insurance, leaving the employee responsible for 15%
    - 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
        - Trustee Patek – aye
        - Trustee Markus – aye
    - Ayes – 7, Nays – 0, Absent – 0, Abstain – 0
    - Motion carried
- Board Meeting and Closure Dates Ordinance (insert ordinance number)
    - Trustee Dascenzo made a motion to approve the Library closure dates with an amendment to remove July 2nd
    - 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

Director's Comments:
- Discussion of Library Director's review and signatures
- Standard Review of the month
- Discussion of Staff Development Day

Trustee Comments:
- Trustee Oliver mentioned that the July minutes are not posted yet
- There was discussion of the National Night Out, attendance was nice to see
- Discussion of joining the Peotone and Monee Chamber of Commerce
- Discussion of not attending the Trunk or Treat, but instead the Peotone Christmas in the Village

Adjournment:
- Trustee Patek 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 8:16 PM

Next Regular Board Meeting October 15, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.
Becca Markus, Peotone Public Library District, Secretary of the Board of Trustees