



# Peotone Public Library District

*Serving Peotone, Green Garden, Wilton Center, and parts of Monee and Will Townships.*

## PEOTONE PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES APRIL 16, 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 – Absent, S. Dascenzo – Present, M. Horne – Present, J. Oliver – Present, B. Patek – Present, B. Markus  
Others attending: Director Sarah Ehlers, Debra Vowell

### Consent Agenda

- Approval of PPLD Regular Board Meeting Minutes from March 19, 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 Oliver and Seconded by Trustee Dascenzo. All in favor: 6 ayes, 1 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 March 19 – April 16, 2026 . Trustee Chisausky seconded the motion. Library Board President Horne took Roll Call Vote: Trustee Chisausky – aye-, Trustee Carlson – absent -, Trustee Dascenzo – aye -, Trustee Horne – aye- , Trustee Oliver – aye and Trustee Patek – aye-Trustee Markus . Ayes- 6, Nays- 0, Abstain- 0, Absent – 1. Motion carried.
- Trustee Dascenzo motioned to file the financial report for audit. Trustee Chisausky seconded the motion. **Roll Call** taken by M. Horne: S. Chisausky -Aye, M.J. Carlson- Absent , S. Dascenzo- Aye, M. Horne- Aye,-J. Oliver- aye, B. Patek- Aye ,B. Markus. 6 Ayes, 1 Absent, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain. Motion Carried.

**Public Forum:** N/A

### Unfinished Business:

- Rebecca Markus was sworn in as the new trustee filling our vacancy
- Oath of office was administered by board secretary B. Patek and repeated by Rebecca Markus
- Document for Oath of office was signed by Rebecca Markus and board secretary B. Patek and given to library director, Sarah Ehlers.

### New Business:

- Plumbing issues of the library were discussed
  - Jean’s Septic, Inc bid estimate to repair the plumbing line has expired.
  - Allied Water submitted a new proposed amount of \$9,870.00 to repair the line that is bellied.

- The board agreed to have Sarah Ehlers begin working with John Shales at their meeting on April 22 to assess the overall project to repair the plumbing line issues and perhaps obtain guidance as to what the next best steps for the project might be.
- The board discussed the need to make sure the bids provided by different companies includes the cost of complying with laws requiring prevailing wage and certified payroll
- Budget FY 26\_27
  - Discussion on ways to cut the budget and expenses
  - Sarah Ehlers will consult with small library forums on how they handle regulations and compliance and lawyer fees..
  - One suggestion was to stop Hoopla. (\$18,000.00) Since this is a popular service, an idea to advertise to donate to the library to keep Hoopla was given.
  - Suggestion to trim the amount we spend on collections
  - Different options for maintaining the library website as a way to cut costs was discussed
- Insect Control Policy
  - Trustee Oliver moved to approve the updated insect policy. Trustee Horne seconded it
  - All in favor: 6 ayes, 1 absent , 0 Nays, 0 abstain. Motion carried
- Credit Card Policy
  - Trustee Oliver moved to approve the updated credit card policy with the amendment to stipulate who to give the card to when the director leaves
  - Trustee Markus seconded the motion
  - All in favor: 6 ayes, 1 absent, 0 nays, 0 abstain. Motion carried

**Director's Comments:** (1) Sarah Ehlers brought to the board's attention the sheets she generated with the Illinois Public Library Standards\_Governance and Administration: Action Plan. These sheets were explained and discussed. (2) Anyone on the board who has not yet filled out and submitted the Economic Interest form was encouraged to do so before the deadline.

**Trustee Comments:** J. Oliver shared that she delivered the card and gift to Sandra Gall and it was well received and very much appreciated.

**Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn the regular board meeting was made by Trustee Dascenzo and seconded by Trustee Oliver at 8:32 pm. All in Favor: 6 ayes, 1 absent, 0 nays, 0 abstain- motion carried. **Adjournment:** 8:32 p.m.

**Next Regular Board Meeting May 21, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.**

Bonnie Patek, Secretary of the Board of Trustees  
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