

PONTIAC PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 22nd, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

Pontiac Public Library Auditorium

Joan C. Price, Parliamentarian - Presiding

- 1. Welcome**
- 2. Call Meeting to Order:** Meeting Called to Order: 6:00 PM
- 3. Moment of Silence**
- 4. Roll Call:**
 - a. Present – Rosie Lance Richardson, Yvette Brinker Marion, Angela Allen, Caroll Turpin, Dorian Burkett, Carlton Jones
- 5. Approval of Agenda** – approved unanimously
- 6. Public Comments** –
 - a. Dr. Waterman – congratulated the new board and spoke about the history of the library and historical documents.
- 7. Special Presentation – Framework E**

Pierre Roberson and Peter Maniachi from Endeavor Pontiac presented a PowerPoint showing the future developments for downtown Pontiac.
- 8. Approval of December 2025 Board Meeting Minutes**

Allen moved to approve the December 2025 Board Meeting Minutes, seconded by Jones.

Discussion about the resolution presented at the meeting. The resolution will be added to the minutes.

 - a. Roll call – Rosie Lance Richardson - Yes, Yvette Brinker Marion - Yes, Angela Allen - Yes, Caroll Turpin - Yes, Dorian Burkett - Yes, Carlton Jones - Yes

– the motion passed.
- 9. Financial Report – Mr. Harden**

See handouts provided for the financial report.
- 10. Interim Director’s Report**

See Interim Director’s Report included in the board packet.
- 11. Action Items**
 - a. Election of Officers -

Turpin moved that the election of officers be conducted by voice vote, seconded by Allen.

Roll call – – Rosie Lance Richardson - No, Yvette Brinker Marion - Yes, Angela Allen - Yes, Caroll Turpin - Yes, Dorian Burkett - No, Carlton Jones - Yes

The motion passed.

After nominations from the floor, the slate of officers is as follows:

Chairperson: Angela Allen

Vice-Chairperson: Yvette Brinker Marion

Secretary: Dorian Burkett

Treasurer: Caroll Turpin, Carlton Jones

After voting for the office of treasurer only, (because the others were unopposed) Caroll Turpin was elected as treasurer.

- b.** Designation of standing committees – tabled
- c.** Designation of special committees – tabled
- d.** Approval of checks for signing

A motion was made by Vice Chair Brinker Marion to approve the checks for signing and seconded by Trustee Jones. There was a discussion about policies and procedures.

Roll Call – Trustee Richardson - Yes, Vice Chair Brinker Marion - Yes, Chairperson Allen - Yes, Treasurer Turpin - Yes, Secretary Burkett - Yes, Trustee Jones – Yes.
The motion passed.

- e.** Approval of funding to complete pavilion.

A motion was made by Trustee Richardson and seconded by Secretary Burkett to approve the budget to complete the pavilion.

After discussion regarding the amount needed and the need for historical data, a motion was made by Treasurer Turpin and seconded by Vice Chair Brinker Marion to postpone this item until the next meeting.

Roll Call - – Trustee Richardson - Yes, Vice Chair Brinker Marion - Yes, Chairperson Allen - Yes, Treasurer Turpin - Yes, Secretary Burkett - Yes, Trustee Jones – Yes.

The motion passed.

12. Unfinished Business

a. Bathroom renovation update –

- The bathroom renovation is 80% complete. They are waiting on partitions and final fixtures and estimate 2 weeks until completion.
- A motion was made by Trustee Jones and seconded by Vice Chair Brinker Marion to have Chairperson Allen write a letter advising the contractor that the contract has been breached. There was a discussion regarding what should be included in the letter and when it should be sent.
- Roll Call - – Trustee Richardson - Yes, Vice Chair Brinker Marion - Yes, Chairperson Allen - Yes, Treasurer Turpin - Yes, Secretary Burkett - Yes, Trustee Jones – Yes.
The motion passed.

Vice Chair Brinker Marion left

b. Procedure review for committees

c. Procedure review for professional development

13. New Business

a. Orientation and retreat for new board

b. DTE continuing partnership – DTE will be coming back on April 22nd with other partners for an Earth Day clean-up.

c. Select a date for Director candidate interviews

14. Board Comments

15. Adjournment

A motion was made by Trustee Richardson and seconded by Trustee Jones to adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call - – Trustee Richardson - Yes, Chairperson Allen - Yes, Treasurer Turpin - Yes, Secretary Burkett - Yes, Trustee Jones – Yes.

The motion passed.

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