

CITY OF PAHOKEE



MINUTES

City Commission Regular Meeting
Tuesday, April 14, 2026, at 6:00 PM

Pahokee Commission Chambers
360 East Main Street
Pahokee, Florida 33476

CITY COMMISSION:

Mayor Keith W. Babb, Jr.
Vice Mayor Sanquetta Cowan-Williams
Commissioner Isabelle J. McDonald
Commissioner Everett D. McPherson, Sr.
Commissioner James H. Scott

CHARTER OFFICERS:

Tammy Bussey, Interim City Manager
Nylene Clarke, City Clerk
Burnadette Norris-Weeks, P.A., City Attorney

AGENDA

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Babb called the meeting to order 6:07 PM.

B. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner McPherson led the Invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mayor Keith W. Babb, Jr.

Vice Mayor Sanquetta Cowan-Williams

Commissioner Isabelle J. McDonald

Commissioner Everett D. McPherson, Sr.

Commissioner James H. Scott

Tammy Bussey, Interim City Manager

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D. ADDITIONS OF EMERGENCY BASIS FROM CITY MANAGER, DELETIONS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS

Motion made by Commissioner McDonald to accept the additions (Resolution 2026-12 and Resolution 2026-13) to the agenda. Duly seconded by Vice Mayor Cowan-Williams and passed unanimously.

Voting Yea: Mayor Babb, Vice Mayor Cowan-Williams, Commissioner McDonald, Commissioner McPherson, Commissioner Scott

E. PRESENTATIONS / PROCLAMATIONS / PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS / PUBLIC COMMENTS *(agenda items only)*

1. INTERVIEWS – CITY MANAGER POSITION

NOTE: THE CITY OF PAHOKEE HAS RECEIVED APPLICATIONS FROM THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS (ALPHABETIZED BY LAST NAME). THE CITY COMMISSION WILL DETERMINE THE ORDER OF INTERVIEWS.

BRENDA BRYANT

RAMSAY BULKELEY

TAMMY BUSSEY

KIM JOHNSON

The following candidates were interviewed: Brenda Bryant, Tammy Bussey, and Kim Johnson.

Ramsay Bulkeley was not present.

Following the interviews, the Commission deliberated.

F. CONSENT AGENDA

G. OLD BUSINESS *(discussion of existing activities or previously held events, if any)*

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND/OR ORDINANCES

I. RESOLUTION(S)

1. RESOLUTION 2026-11 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, APPOINTING _____ AS THE PERMANENT CITY MANAGER; PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR APPOINTMENT; PROVIDING FOR COMPENSATION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The title of the resolution was read into the record by the City Attorney and was explained by the City Clerk.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Cowan-Williams to accept Resolution 2026-11, appointing Brenda Bryant as Permanent City Manager. Duly, Seconded by Commissioner McPherson and passed unanimously.

Voting Yea: Mayor Babb, Vice Mayor Cowan-Williams, Commissioner McDonald, Commissioner McPherson, Commissioner Scott

2. RESOLUTION 2026-12 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE SIGNATORIES FOR VARIOUS BANK ACCOUNTS OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE AT PNC BANK, N.A; RECOGNIZING TAMARA DOWDELL, FINANCE DIRECTOR, AS AN ADDITIONAL SIGNATORY; AUTHORIZING CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS TO COMPORT WITH THIS RESOLUTION AND WITH PNC BANKING REQUIREMENTS; PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The title of the resolution was read into the record by the City Attorney and was explained by the City Clerk.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Cowan-Williams to accept Resolution 2026-12. Duly seconded by Commissioner McPherson and passed (4–0), with 1 abstention.

Voting Yea: Mayor Babb, Vice Mayor Cowan-Williams, Commissioner McPherson, Commissioner Scott

Voting Abstaining: Commissioner McDonald

(Clerk’s Note: See attached Form 8B – Memorandum of Voting Conflict)

3. RESOLUTION 2026-13 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE, FLORIDA, APPOINTING A VICE- MAYOR PURSUANT TO ARTICLE II, SECTION 2.04 (B) OF THE CITY OF PAHOKEE’S CHARTER; PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The title of the resolution was read into the record by the City Attorney and was explained by the City Clerk.

Motion made by Commissioner McPherson to appoint Commissioner McDonald as Vice Mayor (via Resolution 2026-13). Duly seconded by Commissioner Scott and passed unanimously.

Voting Yea: Mayor Babb, Vice Mayor Cowan-Williams, Commissioner McDonald, Commissioner McPherson, Commissioner Scott

J. NEW BUSINESS *(presentation by city manager of activity or upcoming event, if any)*

K. REPORT OF THE MAYOR

L. REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER

M. REPORT OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

N. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS OF COMMISSIONERS, IF ANY

Motion made by Commissioner McPherson to add to a future agenda, having a town hall related to the displaced residents. Duly seconded by Vice Mayor McDonald and passed unanimously.

Voting Yea: Mayor Babb, Vice Mayor McDonald, Commissioner Cowan-Williams, Commissioner McPherson, Commissioner Scott

O. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS (*items not on the agenda*)

P. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER (*community events, feel good announcements, if any*)

Q. ADJOURN

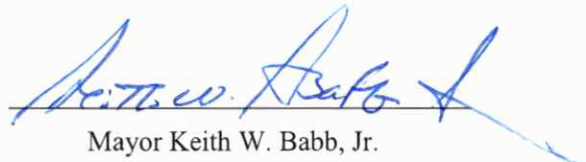
Motion made by Commissioner Cowan-Williams. Duly seconded by Vice Mayor McDonald and passed unanimously.

Voting Yea: Mayor Babb, Vice Mayor McDonald, Commissioner Cowan-Williams, Commissioner McPherson, Commissioner Scott

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Babb adjourned the meeting at 9:00 PM.



ATTEST: Nylene Clarke, CMC, City Clerk


Mayor Keith W. Babb, Jr.

FORM 8B MEMORANDUM OF VOTING CONFLICT FOR COUNTY, MUNICIPAL, AND OTHER LOCAL PUBLIC OFFICERS

LAST NAME—FIRST NAME—MIDDLE NAME <i>McDonald, Isabelle J.</i>	NAME OF BOARD, COUNCIL, COMMISSION, AUTHORITY, OR COMMITTEE <i>Palm Beach City Commission</i>
CITY <i>Palm Beach, FL 33476</i>	COUNTY <i>Palm Beach</i>
DATE ON WHICH VOTE OCCURRED <i>4/14/2026</i>	THE BOARD, COUNCIL, COMMISSION, AUTHORITY OR COMMITTEE ON WHICH I SERVE IS A UNIT OF: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CITY <input type="checkbox"/> COUNTY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER LOCAL AGENCY
	NAME OF POLITICAL SUBDIVISION: MY POSITION IS: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ELECTIVE <input type="checkbox"/> APPOINTIVE

WHO MUST FILE FORM 8B

This form is for use by any person serving at the county, city, or other local level of government on an appointed or elected board, council, commission, authority, or committee. It applies to members of advisory and non-advisory bodies who are presented with a voting conflict of interest under Section 112.3143, Florida Statutes.

Your responsibilities under the law when faced with voting on a measure in which you have a conflict of interest will vary greatly depending on whether you hold an elective or appointive position. For this reason, please pay close attention to the instructions on this form before completing and filing the form.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 112.3143, FLORIDA STATUTES

A person holding elective or appointive county, municipal, or other local public office **MUST ABSTAIN** from voting on a measure which would inure to his or her special private gain or loss. Each elected or appointed local officer also **MUST ABSTAIN** from knowingly voting on a measure which would inure to the special gain or loss of a principal (other than a government agency) by whom he or she is retained (including the parent, subsidiary, or sibling organization of a principal by which he or she is retained); to the special private gain or loss of a relative; or to the special private gain or loss of a business associate. Commissioners of community redevelopment agencies (CRAs) under Sec. 163.356 or 163.357, F.S., and officers of independent special tax districts elected on a one-acre, one-vote basis are not prohibited from voting in that capacity.

For purposes of this law, a "relative" includes only the officer's father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife, brother, sister, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, and daughter-in-law. A "business associate" means any person or entity engaged in or carrying on a business enterprise with the officer as a partner, joint venturer, coowner of property, or corporate shareholder (where the shares of the corporation are not listed on any national or regional stock exchange).

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ELECTED OFFICERS:

In addition to abstaining from voting in the situations described above, you must disclose the conflict:

PRIOR TO THE VOTE BEING TAKEN by publicly stating to the assembly the nature of your interest in the measure on which you are abstaining from voting; *and*

WITHIN 15 DAYS AFTER THE VOTE OCCURS by completing and filing this form with the person responsible for recording the minutes of the meeting, who should incorporate the form in the minutes.

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APPOINTED OFFICERS:

Although you must abstain from voting in the situations described above, you are not prohibited by Section 112.3143 from otherwise participating in these matters. However, you must disclose the nature of the conflict before making any attempt to influence the decision, whether orally or in writing and whether made by you or at your direction.

IF YOU INTEND TO MAKE ANY ATTEMPT TO INFLUENCE THE DECISION PRIOR TO THE MEETING AT WHICH THE VOTE WILL BE TAKEN:

- You must complete and file this form (before making any attempt to influence the decision) with the person responsible for recording the minutes of the meeting, who will incorporate the form in the minutes. (Continued on page 2)

APPOINTED OFFICERS (continued)

- A copy of the form must be provided immediately to the other members of the agency.
- The form must be read publicly at the next meeting after the form is filed.

IF YOU MAKE NO ATTEMPT TO INFLUENCE THE DECISION EXCEPT BY DISCUSSION AT THE MEETING:

- You must disclose orally the nature of your conflict in the measure before participating.
- You must complete the form and file it within 15 days after the vote occurs with the person responsible for recording the minutes of the meeting, who must incorporate the form in the minutes. A copy of the form must be provided immediately to the other members of the agency, and the form must be read publicly at the next meeting after the form is filed.

DISCLOSURE OF LOCAL OFFICER'S INTEREST

I, Isabelle J McDonald, hereby disclose that on 14 April, 20 26:

(a) A measure came or will come before my agency which (check one or more)

- inured to my special private gain or loss;
- inured to the special gain or loss of my business associate, _____;
- inured to the special gain or loss of my relative, Tamara S. Dondell _____;
- inured to the special gain or loss of _____, by whom I am retained; or
- inured to the special gain or loss of _____, which is the parent subsidiary, or sibling organization or subsidiary of a principal which has retained me.

(b) The measure before my agency and the nature of my conflicting interest in the measure is as follows:

Tamara S. Dondell is my daughter. Therefore, I was obligated to inure from the vote pertaining to her being granted access and/or added to the city's bank account.

If disclosure of specific information would violate confidentiality or privilege pursuant to law or rules governing attorneys, a public officer, who is also an attorney, may comply with the disclosure requirements of this section by disclosing the nature of the interest in such a way as to provide the public with notice of the conflict.

04/28/2026
Date Filed

Isabelle J McDonald
Signature

NOTICE: UNDER PROVISIONS OF FLORIDA STATUTES §112.317, A FAILURE TO MAKE ANY REQUIRED DISCLOSURE CONSTITUTES GROUNDS FOR AND MAY BE PUNISHED BY ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING: IMPEACHMENT, REMOVAL OR SUSPENSION FROM OFFICE OR EMPLOYMENT, DEMOTION, REDUCTION IN SALARY, REPRIMAND, OR A CIVIL PENALTY NOT TO EXCEED \$10,000.