

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.

Mayor Keith W. Babb, Jr.

ATTEST: Nylene Clarke, CMC, City Clerk