

**Minutes**  
**Special Town Board Meeting**  
**Town of Paonia, Colorado**  
**August 01, 2024**

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

Mayor Smith calls the meeting to order at 6:00PM

**Roll Call**

PRESENT

Mayor Paige Smith  
Mayor Pro-Tem John Valentine  
Trustee Rick Stelter  
Trustee Kathy Swartz  
Trustee Bill Brunner  
Trustee Walter Czech  
Trustee Lucy Hunter

**Approval of Agenda**

Trustee Czech makes a motion, seconded by Trustee Valentine, to approve the agenda.

Voting Aye: Mayor Pro-Tem Valentine, Trustee Stelter, Trustee Swartz, Trustee Czech, Trustee Hunter

Voting Nay: Trustee Brunner

**Actions & Presentations**

Consideration of Notice for Removal of Trustee William Brunner from the Board of Trustees pursuant to C.R.S. § 31-4-307

Mayor Smith reads an opening statement, explains the process and reads the written charges into the record.

Trustee Brunner summarizes a handout he provided to the Board, Staff and the Public at the meeting.

Multiple Points of Order from Trustees are ruled on by the Mayor and Trustee Brunner yields the floor.

**Public Comment**

John Nietzsche, outside of town: Comments on Elections and the People's choice

Dave Knutson in-town: Comments on public meetings

Shirin Patterson in town: Comments on elections, FCPA

Pete McCarthy, in town: Comments on Planning Commission

Thad, in town: Comments on Elections

Suzanne Watson: Comments on Planning Commission

Marlene Nierenberger, out of town: Comments on due process



Mary Bachran, in town: Comments on trustee conduct.

Jeanette Brunner: comments on Zoom

Brief break to fix owls

Charles Stewart, in town: comments on Town Administrators, conduct, and holding hearing.

Christina Patterson: comments on truth and personalities.

Amy Zibert, in town: comments on democracy

Diana Schevene, in town: comments on differences and communication.

Tina Walker, in town: comments on facts and Town Administrators,

Linda McCone, in town: comments on hiring processes, Board behavior.

Fredrick Zimmer in town: comments on hiring process

Board Discussion: importance of voting, staff, proper hearing

Trustee Hunter makes a motion, seconded by Trustee Stelter to take a five-minute recess.

Aye: Mayor Pro-Tem Valentine, Trustee Stelter, Trustee Czech, Trustee Swartz, Trustee Hunter

Meeting resumes at 6:55 pm

Discussion includes: judicial hearing, charges, fiscal responsibility, code of conduct, contentiousness in the Board, necessity of hearing.

Trustee Swartz makes a motion, seconded by Trustee Stelter to have public hearing on August 13, 2024 based on the written charges dated August 1, 2024.

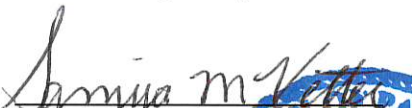
Voting Aye: Mayor Pro-Tem Valentine, Trustee Stelter, Trustee Czech, Trustee Swartz, Trustee Hunter

Voting Nay: Trustee Brunner

Trustee Brunner exits the meeting at 7:03 pm.

**Adjournment**

The meeting is adjourned at 7:07 PM

  
Samira M Vetter, Town Clerk



  
Paige Smith, Mayor