

**MELROSE PLACE CRIME PREVENTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**Tuesday, January 13, 2026, 6:00 p.m.
EBRPL - Eden Park Branch Library
5131 Greenwell Springs Rd. Baton Rouge, LA 70806**

MINUTES

1. Call to Order
 - a. Meeting convened at 6:01 p.m.
2. Roll Call/ Confirmation of Quorum
 - a. Commissioners Present: Amy Pirtle Danageozian, Robert Johnson, Heidi Guercio, Alex Keys, Gerald Dean Scott, and David West
 - b. Commissioners Absent: None
 - c. Members of the Public Present: Charles Johns and Heather Devitt.
3. Adoption and Approval of Minutes from October 14, 2025 Meeting
 - a. Minutes adopted and approved with no corrections or additions.
4. Managing Officer Report
 - a. Managing Officer Jordon Lear not present to make report.
5. Open Forum
 - a. Commissioner Robert Johnson noted an uptick in speeding throughout the neighborhood.
 - b. No comment from the public.
6. Unfinished Business
 - a. Status of 2025 grant expenditure awarded by Southern University
 - i. \$559.51 remains to go towards reimbursements of fall events: the October 4, 2025 BBQ front lawn event and the November 1, 2025 “Day of the Dead” celebration
 - ii. The Board will send a letter to Southern University recounting how the grant expenditure was spent.
 - b. Discussion of commissioner appointment process
 - i. Effective following the October 14, 2025 meeting, Commissioner Joseph Powell resigned from his position.
 - ii. The open seat is for an appointment by the state senator of the area encompassing the District. No appointment has been made.
7. New Business
 - a. Treasurer’s report on 4th Quarter of 2025
 - i. Commissioner Heidi Guercio gave the Quarter 4 treasurer’s report.
 1. Quarter 4 reconciled payouts from 10/1/2025 through 12/31/2025 are \$12,290.44. The estimated remaining expenses for 2025 for Quarter 4 is \$4,995.62. The register at the end of 2025 was \$59,231.09.
 - ii. Commissioner Heidi Guercio also noted that in Quarter 4 the District has paid \$888.00 for Directors and Officers Insurance, \$319.00 towards the East Baton Rouge Assessor’s Office to place the District on the parish tax

- rolls, and \$462.75 for the annual letter to the District's residents noting the District's meeting schedule and services.
- b. 2026 Groundskeeping Maintenance Contract
 - i. The Board will discuss entering into and accepting bids for a routine groundskeeping maintenance contract for the Melrose entrances at the April 14, 2026 meeting.
 - c. Schedule of meetings for 2026
 - i. The Board is scheduled to meet on January 13, April 14, July 14, and October 22 of 2026.
 - d. Election of 2026 MPCPD Board of Commissioners officers
 - i. President
 - 1. Commissioner David West nominated Amy Pirtle Danageozian for President.
 - 2. Commissioner Heidi Guercio seconded.
 - 3. The Board voted unanimously in favor.
 - ii. Vice President
 - 1. Commissioner Heidi Guercio nominated Robert Johnson for Vice President.
 - 2. Commissioner David West seconded.
 - 3. The Board voted unanimously in favor.
 - iii. Secretary
 - 1. No commissioner was nominated. The election for this position will be tabled for the next Board meeting.
 - iv. Treasurer
 - 1. Commissioner David West nominated Heidi Guercio for Treasurer.
 - 2. Commissioner Alex Keys seconded.
 - 3. The Board voted unanimously in favor.
 - 8. Open Forum and Announcements
 - a. Commissioner Amy Pirtle Danageozian moved to remove this second open forum agenda item from future meetings due to redundancy.
 - i. The Board voted in favor of removing this second open forum agenda item, with Commissioner Gerald Dean Scott abstaining from the vote.
 - b. Announcements:
 - i. On January 17, 2026, a community clean-up of the North Foster and Florida Service Road area was scheduled.
 - ii. On January 22, 2026, a Melrose Civic Association meeting was scheduled for 6 p.m. at the Eden Park Branch Library.
 - 9. Adjournment
 - a. Meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

President

Date