

HUMAN RELATIONS DIVERSITY BOARD

1 N. Bluford Avenue
Ocoee, Florida

May 1, 2025

MINUTES

6:15 PM

- **CALL TO ORDER**

The workshop was called to order by **Chair Beck** at 6:15 p.m. in the Commission Chambers of City Hall located at 1 N. Bluford Avenue, Ocoee.

Chair Beck led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of personal reflection. **Recording Clerk Torres** confirmed the presence of a quorum.

Present: Chair Beck, Vice-Chair Maxwell, Member Cummings, Member Mellen, Member Cease

Absent: Member Singh

Also Present: Mayor Johnson, Parks and Leisure Services Assistant Director Gaines, and Recording Clerk Torres

Speakers: Kavita Sawh and Katherine Virella

Speaker Series – Enhancing Accessibility to Build Community

The session focused on everyday disability-related scenarios in both professional and social contexts. Participants explored the root causes of accessibility barriers and discussed strategies for addressing them. Emphasis was placed on inclusive customer service, communication, and environmental design. The workshop featured real-world examples, interactive discussions, and practical tools applicable to course design, event planning, and community engagement. Key takeaways included inclusive strategies tailored to various disability experiences and actionable insights for educators, event organizers, and community leaders.

Adjournment: meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

ATTESTED:

APPROVED:



Recording Clerk



Chairperson