

CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR OCOEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Ocoee Commission Chambers
1 N. Bluford Avenue
Ocoee, Florida

March 27, 2025

MINUTES

6:15 PM

- **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Lewis called the CACOPD meeting to order at 6:26 PM, in the Commission Chambers of Ocoee City Hall, located at 1 N. Bluford Avenue.

Chair Lewis led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a Moment of Silence. **Recording Clerk Maldonado** called the roll and declared a quorum present.

Present: Chair Lewis, Members Brown, Garay, Meeks, Mellen, and Lomneck (*arrived after the call to order*)

Absent: Member Garone

Also Present: Commissioner Kennedy, Sergeant Coleman, and Recording Clerk Maldonado

- **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Minutes of the CACOPD Meetings held on January 23, 2025

Motion: Approve the January 23, 2025, meeting minutes; Motion made by Member Brown, seconded by Member Garay; Motion carried unanimously.

- **OLD BUSINESS**

Chair Lewis referenced an earlier discussion about sending letters of appreciation to two former board members for their service to CACOPD. He stated that he would provide his draft to Recording Clerk Maldonado and asked her to circulate it to the rest of the Board for feedback.

- **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Financial Reports and Budget Discussion

Sergeant Coleman informed the Board that there is a remaining balance of \$1,300 for the FY 24-25 budget. Previous purchases included \$1,200 in gift cards for awards: \$100 each for the Officer and Civilian of the Quarter, and \$200 each for the Officer and Civilian of the Year.

Sergeant Coleman advised that there was a request for a \$500 check for the COPS Foundation, which she has received, and she inquired how the Board would like to present the check. She further noted that the Board had also requested a \$500 check for the Explorers Program, but the City Manager and Commissioner funded all expenses, allowing the return of the \$500 to

CACOPD, bringing their available balance to \$1,300. Discussion ensued regarding the remaining funds.

The Board requested Lt. Iannuzzi attend the next meeting to present the check for the COPS Foundation.

2. Quarterly Award Nominee Selection

The Board reviewed the nominees for Officer and Civilian of the Quarter. The floor was opened for discussion and to conduct a vote.

Motion: Move for Nominee #2 to be selected as Officer of the Quarter; Moved by Member Meeks, seconded by Member Mellen; Motion carried unanimously.

Motion: Move for Nominee #2 to be selected as Civilian of the Quarter; Moved by Member Garay, seconded by Vice-Chair Meeks; Motion carried unanimously.

• DEPARTMENT UPDATES

1. Sergeant Coleman provided details on upcoming events for the Community Affairs Division:

- Citizens Public Safety Academy
- DEA Drug Take Back
- Torch Run for Special Olympics
- Family Fun Day
- Community Picnic on May 3, 2025, at Central Park
- National Night Out
- Police Teen Academy
- Casting with a Cop

The Board requested to receive a quarterly crime statistics report.

The Board formally requested that City Officials take into consideration the scheduling of events to avoid conflicts with religious holidays and other significant occasions, thus facilitating the participation of all members.

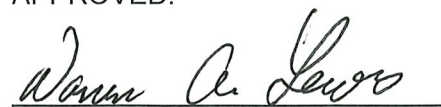
• PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

• ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:06 PM

ATTEST:


Recording Clerk

APPROVED:


Chair