

HUMAN RELATIONS DIVERSITY
BOARD

1 N. Bluford Avenue
Ocoee, Florida

June 6, 2024

MINUTES

6:15 PM

• **CALL TO ORDER**

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

Member Beck led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of personal reflection. **Recording Clerk Torres** proceeded with the roll call, and confirmed the presence of a quorum.

Present: Vice-Chair Maxwell, Members Cummings, Mellen, Cease, Beck, and Singh

Absent: Chair Moyer

Also Present: Mayor Johnson, Support Services Director Gaines, and Recording Clerk Torres

Speakers: Kavita Sawh

Speaker Series – Inclusive Communication

Ms. Kavita Sawh highlighted the significance of respectful and understanding communication practices. She delved into various communication barriers and proposed strategies to foster inclusivity. These included being mindful of cultural sensitivities, ensuring accessibility for people with disabilities, and choosing appropriate vocabulary for diverse audiences. Ms. Sawh also addressed the importance of pronoun usage, advocating for increased comfort and proficiency in this aspect. She explained inclusive language which honors individuals regardless of their background or identity, affirming their dignity and humanity.

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

ATTESTED:


Recording Clerk

APPROVED:


Chairperson