

HUMAN RELATIONS DIVERSITY BOARD

1 N. Bluford Avenue
Ocoee, Florida

March 5, 2026,

MINUTES

6:15 PM

- **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by **Chair Beck** at 6:15 PM 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** proceeded with the roll call and confirmed the presence of a quorum.

Present: Chair Beck, Vice-Chair Maxwell, Member Singh, Member Henderson and Member Smith

Absent: Member Mellen

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

First line of Mission Statement was read by **Chair Beck** "The general mission of the Human Relations Diversity Board ("HRDB") is to promote understanding, respect, goodwill, and equality among all citizens and businesses of the City of Ocoee."

- **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Approval of Minutes for the HRDB meeting held December 4, 2025.

Motion: Move to Approve Minutes from December 4, 2025, Meeting; Moved by Vice-Chair Maxwell, seconded by Member Smith, Motion carried unanimously.

- **OLD BUSINESS**

1. "Discover Ocoee" video submissions

Chair Beck reported that a total of eight submissions have been received for the project. She noted that if any Board members record a submission, they may send it to her for inclusion.

Chair Beck stated that, although not listed under Old Business, she wanted to inform the Board that the University of Central Florida has tentatively agreed to present the first speaker session topic in April, which will focus on neurodivergence. She added that a second speaker session topic is planned for the summer and a third for the fall. **Member Smith** inquired about how the Board plans to encourage resident attendance. **Chair Beck** responded that the City would share information via social media and issue a press release. She also noted that she will assist with outreach through local news sources and by contacting area schools via email.

Member Smith inquired about the anticipated completion date of the video. **Chair Beck** stated that the video is expected to be finalized in May and will be presented at that meeting for Board review and approval of the final version.

- **NEW BUSINESS**

Discussion: Certificates of Appreciation for "Discover Ocoee" Video Contributors

Chair Beck stated that she will design the certificates of appreciation. She noted that she will prepare drafts and present them at the May meeting for review.

- **DEPARTMENT UPDATES**

Parks and Leisure Services Assistant Director Gaines stated that the city held a successful MLK Parade.

Spring into Conservation – March 7th

St. Patrick's Day Block Party – March 13th

- **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Shanti Persaud, owner of radio station WOKB, stated that she is hosting several events on her property located in unincorporated Orange County and will share information with the Board regarding future events. She also expressed interest in joining the Board. **Ms. Persaud** noted that she owns a property across the street that is within City limits. **Parks and Leisure Services Assistant Director Gaines** stated that there is currently an opening for District 3, while Ms. Persaud resides in District 2.

Vice-Chair Maxwell stated that the turnout for the MLK event was exceptional; however, he expressed concern regarding the noise levels in the West Oaks Mall food court.

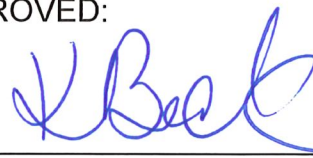
Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 6:41 PM.

ATTESTED:



Recording Clerk

APPROVED:



Chairperson