



CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR OCOEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Ocoee City Hall
1 N. Bluford Avenue
Ocoee, Florida

March 27, 2025

AGENDA

6:15 PM

• CALL TO ORDER

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence
Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

• APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Minutes from January 23, 2025

• OLD BUSINESS

• NEW BUSINESS

1. Financial Reports and Budget Discussion
2. Quarterly Award Nominee Selection

• DEPARTMENT UPDATES

1. Citizens Public Safety Academy, DEA Take Back, Torch Run for Special Olympics, and Community Picnic

• PUBLIC COMMENTS

• ADJOURNMENT

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More than one Commissioner may participate or hear discussions regarding a matter which will come before the Commission for action.



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Ocoee Commission Chambers
1 N. Bluford Avenue
Ocoee, Florida

January 23, 2025

MINUTES

6:15 PM

- **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Lewis called the CACOPD meeting to order at 6:23 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 Beck, Officer Gonzalez, and Recording Clerk Maldonado

- **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Minutes of the CACOPD Meetings held on May 23, 2024, and July 25, 2024

Motion: Approve the May 23, 2024, meeting minutes; Motion made by Member Mellen, seconded by Member Garay; Motion carried unanimously.

Motion: Approve the July 25, 2024, meeting minutes; Motion made by Member Garay, seconded by Member Brown; Motion carried unanimously.

- **OLD BUSINESS – None**

- **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Board Officer Appointments – Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

The floor was opened for discussion and to conduct a vote.

Motion: Re-elect Chair Lewis for Chair position; Motion made by Member Mellen, seconded by Member Lomneck; Motion carried unanimously.

Motion: Elect Member Mellen to the Vice-Chair position; Motion made by Member Brown, seconded by Chair Lewis; Motion carried unanimously.

2. Introduction of Our New CACOPD Liaison Sergeant and Officer Coordinator

Sergeant Beck introduced to the CACOPD the new Community Affairs liaisons, Sergeant Coleman and Officer Gonzalez.

3. Financial Reports and Budget Discussion

Sergeant Beck provided an update on the \$3,000.00 allocated for the FY 24-25 budget. The board discussed maintaining the increased award amounts of \$100.00 for both the Officer of the Quarter and the Civilian of the Quarter awards, and \$200.00 for both the Officer of the Year and the Civilian of the Year awards, which total \$1,200.00 in gift cards, leaving a remaining balance of \$1,800.00.

Motion: Maintain the \$100.00-dollar gift card awards for Officer of the Quarter and Civilian of the Quarter, and maintain the \$200.00-dollar gift card awards for Officer of the Year and Civilian of the Year; Motion made by Member Meeks, seconded by Member Mellen. Motion carried unanimously.

The board discussed the Police Explorers program, which currently has a total of ten (10) new cadet members, with new coordinator **Officer Gonzalez**.

Motion: Donate \$500.00 to the Police Explorers program and \$500 to the COPS program; Motion made by Member Lomneck, seconded by Member Brown. Motion carried 4-2, opposed by Members Mellen and Meeks.

Members Mellen and Meeks explained their opposition to donating to the COPS Program and requested there be a separate vote for it. Discussion ensued.

Motion: Donate \$500.00 to the Police Explorers program; Motion made by Member Mellen, seconded by Member Meeks. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion: Donate \$500.00 to the COPS program; Motion made by Member Meeks, seconded by Member Garay. Motion carried 5-1, opposed by Member Mellen.

• DEPARTMENT UPDATES

1. Ocoee Police Department Awards and Recognition

Sergeant Beck provided details on upcoming events for the Community Affairs Division:

- Ocoee Police Department Awards and Recognition Reception for 2024
- Citizens Public Safety Academy
- Community Picnic in May
- National Night Out
- Police Teen Academy
- Casting with a Cop

• PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

- **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:01 PM

ATTEST:

Recording Clerk

APPROVED:

Chair