

CITY OF FORT PIERCE
POLICE COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES

Regular Meeting - Thursday, September 18, 2025 - 4:30 p.m.

Fort Pierce City Hall, 2nd Floor Conference Room, 100 N US Highway 1, Fort Pierce, FL

Present: Melvin Jones, Sr.; Bob Burdge; (unexpired term of J. Edwards) Quincy Barr

Absent: Betty Bradwell

Staff Present: Acting Chief of Police, Robert Ridle
Acting Deputy Chief, Caleb Gillette
Deputy Chief of Police, Kenny Norris
Deputy City Clerk, Lisa Gittens

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

4. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Any person who wishes to comment on any subject on this Agenda may be heard at this time. Please sign the sign-up sheet in order to speak. Please limit your comments to no more than three (3) minutes, as this section of the Agenda is limited to thirty minutes. The Police Community Advisory Board will not be able to take any official action under “Comments from the Public” section.

None

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Approval of the Minutes from August 14th, 2025 Police Community Advisory Committee Meeting

Motion was made by Melvin Jones, Sr., seconded by (unexpired term of J. Edwards) Quincy Barr

AYE: Bob Burdge, Melvin Jones, Sr., (unexpired term of J. Edwards)
Quincy Barr

Passed

6. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Selection of members to fill the roles of Chair & Vice Chair.

This item was deferred since there were no volunteers.

7. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Department Update

Acting Chief of Police Robert Ridle stated that the city was still going through the selection process for the next Chief of Police.

- b. Upcoming Events

Acting Chief of Police Robert Ridle stated that the Halloween Trunk or Treat event was upcoming, and it would be held either on Halloween or the Thursday before. They are working to ensure safety and that there are personnel to staff both events.

8. STAFF COMMENTS

Acting Deputy Chief Caleb Gillette spoke briefly about Florida's open carry of firearms. They were provided legal guidance and stated that in law enforcement, a law-abiding citizen can openly carry a firearm. Open carry is prohibited in places such as government buildings, hospitals, schools. On private property, the owner has the choice to allow people to openly carry firearms onto their property.

The police department has been working closely with their legal department and other law enforcement agencies to all be on the same page as far as enforcement. He also stated that staff have been trained accordingly.

9. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

No comments from the committee.

Acting Chief of Police Robert Ridle reminded everyone about the survey for the new Chief of Police that is available online. He stated that this is the opportunity for the public to say what are some of the qualities that they're looking for in the new Chief of Police.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Deputy Chief of Police, Kenny Norris closed the meeting with prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:54 PM