

CITY OF FORT PIERCE
POLICE COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES

Regular Meeting - Thursday, December 11, 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.; Betty Bradwell; Bob Burdge; Quincy Barr

Staff Present: Acting Deputy Chief Caleb Gillette
Deputy City Clerk Lisa Gittens

Attendees: Pastor Pinkey

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 P.M.

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.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Melvin Jones, Sr., seconded by Quincy Barr to approve the Minutes of the December 11th, 2025 meeting.

AYE: Betty Bradwell, Bob Burdge, Melvin Jones, Sr., Quincy Barr
Passed

- a. Approval of the Minutes from November 13th, 2025 Police Community Advisory Committee Meeting.

6. OLD BUSINESS

Acting Deputy Chief Gillette stated that **Shop with a Cop** was held last week at Walmart, and it was a great success. Pictures are available on Facebook.

7. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Department Update

Acting Deputy Chief, Gillette gave an update on the department:

He mentioned that Deputy Chief Norris officially retired on November 27th, 2025.

The department had their on-site accreditation in November, and is being recommended for re-accreditation in February. He stated that it's a good sign that they're maintaining the best practices set by the Commission from the Florida Accreditation.

David Smith was confirmed as the new Chief of Police and is expected to start on February 1st, 2026.

- b. Upcoming Events

The annual motorcycle toy run is scheduled for Sunday 14th at 11:00 AM, and they will be out on US 1 starting at the Farmers Market. Other police departments are expected to help.

8. STAFF COMMENTS

9. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

Bob Burdge asked whether there might be a new board member. Acting Deputy Chief Gillette responded that a new member would likely be seated after the commission elections. The City Charter requires two commission meetings after the election before a new member can be appointed.

Acting Deputy Chief Gillette announced that the department will have 13 cadets, which is higher than usual due to a recent recruiting push and as a

DOJ-designated training site, new recruits can use the GI Bill during their first year of probation, receiving additional money per month in federal benefits.

Bob Burdge also asked whether board members are required to complete any training. Acting Deputy Chief Gillette stated that board members are not required to do any training but are encouraged to attend the Citizens' Police Academy. The Citizens' Police Academy was not offered this year, but there are hopes to offer it next year.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 P.M.