



CITY OF COOPER CITY

CITY COMMISSION SPECIAL RECOGNITION MEETING

Tuesday, March 10, 2026, at 5:30 PM

City Hall Auditorium | 9090 SW 50th Place

MINUTES

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Curran opened the meeting at 5:30 PM and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Pet Adoption - **Commissioner Mallozzi**

Commissioner Mallozzi announced that Scout (ID 712610), a 7-year -old dog, is available for adoption. Interested parties can contact the Humane Society of Broward County at www.humanebroward.com or call 954-989-3977, extension 6.

ROLL CALL

Present were Commissioners Smith, Mallozzi, Katzman, Shrouder, and Mayor Curran.

RECOGNITIONS

1. **Proclamation - Madeleine Damas Rivera - Mayor Curran**

A Proclamation was presented to Madeleine Damas Rivera on her retirement from the United States Marshals Service.

2. **Proclamation - Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month - Commissioner Katzman**

A Proclamation was presented to Gabriel Gajdek and Louis Deslouches, the son and husband of Kasia Orzechowska an advocate from Fight Colorectal Cancer, declaring March Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month.

3. **Proclamation - National Athletic Training Month - Mayor Curran**

A Proclamation was presented to Valarie Smith, local athletic trainer, declaring March National Athletic Training Month.

4. **Recognition - Cooper City High School Silver Knight Honorees - Commissioner Katzman**

The following honorees were recognized for their outstanding community service.

Grace Lerner - Athletics

Isabella Nesselroth - Business

Aidan Don - General Scholarship

Isabella Hernandez - Journalism

Karen Huang - Mathematics

Neha Joseph - Music and Dance

Alisha Abraham - Science

Lilah Osborn - Social Science

Shazia Haque - Speech

Tu-Uyen Van - Vocational

Sophia Acosta - World Languages

5. Recognition - Cooper City High School Outstanding Senior Leaders - Mayor Curran

The following Cooper City High School Outstanding Senior Leaders were recognized for outstanding leadership, integrity, and service.

Grace Lerner
Alisha Abraham
Aidan Don
Isabella Hernandez

6. Recognition - Cooper City High School Career and Technical Education Students of the Year - Mayor Curran

The following Cooper City High School Career and Technical Education students were recognized for their outstanding work.

Lilah Osborn
Leonidas Adames
Julia Pichelman

7. Recognition - Cooper City High School Scholar Athletes 2025-2026 - Commissioner Smith

The following Cooper City High School Scholar Athletes for 2025/2026 were honored for their commitment to both academics and athletics.

Chase Brightup
Jaeden Cavanagh
Giancarlo Da Silva
Gianna Fraino
Alexis Guadarrama
Grace Lerner
Alissa Florio

8. Recognition - Cooper City High School Brian Piccolo Award Winner - Commissioner Shrouder

Chase Brightup was recognized as the recipient of the Cooper City High School Brian Piccolo Award for his athletic excellence and sportsmanship.

9. Recognition - Cooper City High School Cheerleading - Commissioner Mallozzi

The following Cooper City High School Cheerleading team members were recognized for finishing third at the State Championship.

Katie Christine Brent
Kaya Christiansen
Grace Olivia Dominguez
Ashley Marie (Ashley) Feuer
Alejandra Garcia
Natalee Stephanie Giraldo
Sofia Mangas Caceres
Liliana Mazzola
Victoria Barbara McFarland

Justine Therese (Justine) Monroe

Julia B Neidorf

Riley Brooke Rodriguez

Skylar Alexa Schwam

Danielle (Dani) Siefert

Kaylin Rose Zaffino

10. Recognition - Pioneer Middle School Speech and Debate Students and Coach - Commissioner Mallozzi

The following Pioneer Middle School Speech and Debate Students, including Coach Jame Ostrick, were recognized for winning 40 medals and five county championship debates.

Mia Ciechanowiecki

Nicolas Dufays,

Sawyer Greenberg

Betty Karp

Eli Kotlicky

Kaylee Su

Noa Swift

Lucas Tamsberg

Layla Taylor

Melania Taylor

11. Recognition - Pioneer Middle School Girls' Flag Football - Commissioner Mallozzi

The following Pioneer Middle School Girls' Flag Football students and coaches were recognized for their dedication to excellence and sportsmanship.

Coaches:

Lori Mortensen

Chad Haller

Jessica Acosta

Jonathan Rapp

Students:

Jocelyn Acosta

Hannah Rosner

Abby Cabrera

Lexi Edelman

Kendall Kornfeld

Vavara Rodzik

Melania Taylor

Gianna Amaya

Belle Brewer

Brynn Haller

Olivia Lewis

Alexandra Marrero

Makenzie Mortensen

Cooper Palmieri

Phoenix Reid

Mila Gonzalez
Ella Schellenberg
Maya Vanguri

12. Recognition - Teacher and Staff of the Year

Alana Allen, a 30-year resident of Cooper City and winner of Teacher of the Year at Pasadena Lakes Elementary School, and finalist for the Caliver Awards and was recognized for her achievements.

Cooper City Elementary School presented by Principal Teresita Miranda:
Suzanne Bushing - Teacher of the Year
Jonathan Rios – School Related Employee of the Year

Griffin Elementary School:
Martin Anorga - Teacher of the Year
Maria Gomez - School Related Employee of the Year

Franklin Academy Charter presented by Principal Alexandra Fox:
Nicole Frobel – Teacher of the Year
Eugenia Shears – School Related Employee of the Year

Embassy Creek Elementary School presented by Principal John D. Fossas:
Cynthia Schissler – Teacher of the Year
Natalie Bentolila-Buck – School Related Employee of the Year

Renaissance Charter School at Cooper City presented by Assistant Principal Jessica Scott:
Jennifer Pratt – Teacher of the Year
Yadeira Nunez – School Related Employee of the Year

Pioneer Middle School presented by Principal Robert Pappas:
Meaghan Sano – Teacher of the Year
Dorian Ruocco -School Related Employee of the Year

Cooper City High School presented by Principal Sean Curran:
Ima Barr – Teacher of the Year
Charles Bell – School Related Employee of the Year
Deborah Covard - Career and Technical Education Teacher of the Year

Resilient Broward Grant Agreement Award - **Broward County**

The City was presented with the Resilient Grant Agreement Award by County Commissioner Steve Geller.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:39.

The minutes of the Special Recognition meeting held on March 10, 2026, were approved during the regular Commission meeting held on March 24, 2026.

Mayor James Curran

Tedra Allen, City Clerk

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DECORUM

Members of the Commission, staff members, citizens, and others are required to use civil and appropriate language when addressing the Commission or anyone present at the meeting and must refrain from using profanity, cursing, or exhibiting aggressive or threatening behavior. All comments should generally be directed to the presiding officer and not to individual members of the Commission, staff, or the audience. No personal verbal attacks toward any individual by either the Commission, staff, citizens, or others shall be allowed during any meeting of the Commission.

Any persons making impertinent or slanderous remarks or personal attacks or who becomes boisterous while addressing the Commission or who otherwise violates the decorum rules set forth herein shall be barred from further audience before the Commission by the Mayor, or by request of any member of the Commission unless permission to continue or again address the Commission be granted by a majority vote of the Commission members present.
