



CITY OF COOPER CITY

CITY COMMISSION SPECIAL RECOGNITION MEETING

Tuesday, May 12, 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.

RECOGNITIONS

1. Proclamation - 2026 National Safe Boating Week

A proclamation was presented to Flotilla Vice Commander Jake Parker declaring the week of May 16 - 22 as Safe Boating Week.

Flotilla Vice Commander Jake Parker thanked the Commission.

2. Proclamation - Mental Health Awareness Month

A proclamation was presented to Joan Osbourne, Board Member of the National Alliance of Mental Illness Broward County, declaring May Mental Health Awareness Month.

Ms. Osbourne spoke about the available resources and invited everyone to attend the NAMI Walk on October 10, 2026, at Nova Southeastern University.

3. Proclamations - Cody Magrone, Brody Murray, and Logan Royer

Proclamations were presented to Cody Magrone, Brody Murray, and Logan Royer in recognition of their assistance in a medical emergency.

Captain Andrea Tianga thanked Cody Magrone, Brody Murray, and Logan Royer for their compassion.

4. Recognition - Cooper City High School Girls Water Polo Team

The Cooper City High School Girls' Water Polo Team was recognized for its achievements this year.

Team Members: Simone Abelairas, Valentina Bermudez, Christina Buryk, Bernice Ding, Alissa Florio, Skylar Flowers, Alana Granit, Lulia Maris, Lielle Mizrahie, Aubrey Moen, Emma Olson, Nayeli Payenson, and Saree Young

5. Recognition - BCAA Athletic Trainer of the Year - Val Smith

Val Smith was recognized as the BCAA Athletic Trainer of the Year.

6. Recognition - Cooper City High School DECA Students

The Distributive Education Clubs of America and Career and Technical Education students were recognized for their achievements this year.

CTE Students: Kyra Bryant, Lilianna Mazzola, Isabelle Bravo, Sara Griffenkranz, Cristian Mendez Avi Diamond, Bela Cienchanowiecki, Mayleen Garcia, Drew Glantz, Summer Bayne.

DECA Students: Charlotte Perkins, Kyli Katz, Anh Dang, Shai-Li Fishman, Karen Huang, Aaron Stoller, Kalyn Van, Angie Liu, Aadi Patel, Jordan Jockers, Landon Neves, Lily Mazzola, Isis Guell-Hernandez

Felipe Moreno, Olivia Jerkersdottir, Jayden Valdes, Isabelle Bravo, Sophie Hirsch, Jordan Jockers Dante Dopico and Isabella Nesselroth.

7. Recognition - Cooper City High School Color Guard

The Cooper City High School Color Guard students were recognized for their achievements this season.

Color Guard 2026 Members: Adriana Cardona, Abby Weltman, Sophia Cardenas, Ashlie Guerin, Brianna Napoles, Natasha Benitez Febres, Valentina Sorci, Heidi Trudel, Isabella Rivera, Sofia Pulgar, Katelyn Feldstein, Bella Fernandez, Mya Faridani, Kailynn Espin, Vanessa Rodriguez, Alyssa Sinclair, Nicole Machado, Olivia Brandiao, Mia Cadenas, and Allison DeVito.

8. Recognition - Cooper City High School Lacrosse Team

The Cooper City High School Lacrosse team was recognized for its achievements this season.

Team Members: Brennan Hogan, Carter Lewellen, Deidric DeJoris, Mario Maderos, Erick Petersen, Elliot Madalena, Jake Wallace, Liam McKay, Adrian Pagan, Blaize Dennebaum, Victor Cruz, Dominic DeJoris, Logan Arruda, Colin Pham, Blake Royal, Hansel Veras, Ricardo Beck, Ben Spigelman, Brady Harrelson, Tyler Lavenka, Landon Masterson, Ryan Zarra, Bradley Pham, Joseph Stevens, Jake Darville, Luca Maiorana, Austin Murray, Evan Ho, Thales Araujo, Connor Reed, Cayden Reynolds, Dylan Sakuri, Julian Thompson, Myles Jones and Aidan Poitras.

9. Recognition - Teen Council

The 2026 Teen Council members were recognized for their dedication and service.

Teen Council Members: Anaya Almonte, Samuel Ambrand, Amara Bastain, Ashaad Bernier, Christiana Buryk, Christian Calhon, Seraphina Cramer, Amanda Dronsky, Skyler Edelsberg, Ashlie Guerin, Phillip Hoang, Jakob James, Jacob Mendelson, Milena Michalek, Briana Li, Egor Pankov, Ariela Rodriguez, Daniella Siefert, Benjamin Spigelman, Divyansh Tripathi, Jayden Valdes, Anthony Woddell, Brooke Zauder

10. Recognition - Cooper City High School Automotive Students

The Cooper City High School Automotive students were recognized for earning certifications.

Automotive Students: Nathan Thomas, Kyra Bryant, and James Argento Meesen.

11. Student Government Swearing-In Ceremony

Cooper City Elementary School - Teresita Miranda

President: Kaylee Church

Vice President: Emily Couto

Treasurer: Addison Briggs

Secretary: Priya Cherian

Griffin Elementary School - Principal Mari Menedez

Dylan Schiller-President

Payton Moule-Vice President

Kiersten De Ferrari-Carusio-Secretary

Gabriela Gutierrez-Treasurer

Franklin Academy Charter School - Principal Alexandra Fox

Ivanna Harnarrine - President Year 3/8th Grade

Peyton Wright - Vice President Year 2/7th Grade

Isabella Sarraff-Gonzalez – Secretary Year 2/7th Grade

Renaissance Charter School - Principal Angela LeCompte

Matthew Grajales - 6th Grade Vice President

Emmaluna Taveras - 6th Grade President

Isaiah Merisier - 7th Grade President

Nolan Hart - Historian

Christopher Damis - Treasurer

Afayaa London - Secretary

Aranza Tua - Vice President

Zayden Bulley - President

Embassy Creek Elementary School - Principal John D. Fossas

Zoey Eisinger - President

Kinsley Devlin - Vice President

Grayson Langer - Treasurer

Pioneer Middle School - Principal Robert Pappas

Sawyer Greenberg - President

Reece Hedgecock - Vice-President

Abby Cabrera - Secretary

Taylor Briggs - Treasurer

Raiden Thompson - Historian

Emma Garcia - 7th Grade Representative

Mia Landrian-Torres - 6th Grade Representative

Cooper City High School - Principal Sean Curran

Freshman Class Officers:

Lina Gozlan - Class President

Lainey Madalena - Class Vice President

Ellie Frastai - Class Treasurer

Sophia Chavez - Class Secretary

Sophomore Class Officers:

Benjamin Spiegelman - Class President

Elliot Madalena - Class Vice President

Phillip Hoang - Class Treasurer

Grace Dominguez - Class Corresponding Secretary

Ava LaRosa - Class Recording Secretary

Coby Stoller - Class Historian

Junior Class Officers:

Drew Harvey - Class President

Carson Balzen - Class Vice President

Miranda Paan - Class Treasurer

Sophia Serrano - Class Corresponding Secretary

Angelina King - Class Recording Secretary

Abbigayle Pingol - Class Historian

Senior Class Officers:

Leopoldo Gonzalez - Class President

Filipe Moreno - Class Vice President

Ashley Feuer - Class Treasurer

Katie Brent - Class Corresponding Secretary

Sophia Acosta - Class Recording Secretary

Alexis Li - Class Historian

Broward County School Update - Adam Cervera

School Board Member Adam Cervera thanked BSO personnel for keeping students safe. Cooper City Elementary School was recognized by the District as a top performer, with 82% of our students scoring at level 3 or above on the ELA FAST test and 85% of level 1 students increasing by one or more levels on the FAST test this year. In addition, the school received the Kind School designation. Cooper City High School Counselor Michelle Bellamy received the Broward County Public Schools High School Counselor of the Year award. The Embassy Creek Elementary School Debate Team earned first- and second-place medals at district speech and debate tournaments, and Natalie Bruck was named Broward County Public Schools Speech and Debate Elementary Coach of the Year. Griffin Elementary School student Indiana Pichardo, a 5th grader, was nominated for the Kid of Character Award. The Pioneer Middle School Debate Team made history, with 61 students participating and 25 bringing home medals. Pioneer Middle School also participated in the Solo and Ensemble Music Performance

Assessment, with a record 200 students. The school also earned a top ranking for the second consecutive year. Mr. Cervera thanked all Broward County staff who serve the county's children.

Commissioner Mallozzi asked about the constant threats the schools receive. Mr. Cervera said the district has a 100% zero-tolerance policy on school threats. There is an uptick in these threats during testing season; safety and security are of the utmost importance. Commissioner Mallozzi asked whether these individuals could be prosecuted. Mr. Cervera said the School Board works closely with law enforcement.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM.

The minutes of the Special Recognition meeting held on May 12, 2026, were approved during the regular Commission meeting held on May 26, 2026.

Mayor James Curran

Tedra Allen, City Clerk

ADA NOTICE

This meeting is open to the public. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, all persons who are disabled and who need special accommodations to participate in this meeting because of that disability should contact the Office of the City Clerk, 954-434-4300 ext. 220, not later than two days prior to such proceeding. One or more members of the City of Cooper City Advisory Boards may be in attendance and may participate at the meeting. Anyone wishing to appeal any decision made by the Cooper City Commission with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing will need a record of the proceedings and, for such purpose, may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. Agenda items may be viewed online at www.coopercity.gov or at the Office of the City Clerk, City of Cooper City, 9090 SW 50 Place, Cooper City, Florida, 33328, 954-434-4300.

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.
