

City of Doral Police and Traffic Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 15, 2025
6:00 p.m.
Doral Government Center
1st Floor Multipurpose Room
8401 NW 53rd Terrace
Doral, FL 33166

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 6:00pm.

2. Roll Call of Board Members

Andre (Andy) Abbate, Chair	Present
David Yglesias, Vice Chair	Present
Monika Barkhausen, Secretary	Present
Luis Valdez, Board Member	Absent/Excused
Peter Espinosa, Alternate Member	Present

Staff present:

Leonel Ochoa, Police Department
Samika Gibson, Police Department
Rita Carbonell, Public Works Department

Public present:

Nerissa James, Resident

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Public Comments

Dr. James was interested in what happens when a police canine retires. Major Ochoa stated the dogs continue to live with their handler. She then asked if the handler receives any compensation for veterinary care and food after the dog retires. The Major stated that is all part of the Collective Bargaining Agreement. He noted that handlers do receive a 5% raise to help offset the cost of caring for their dog.

5. Discussion Items

a. Board Members Introductions

b. Selection of Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary

Peter Espinosa nominated Andy Abbate as Chair, the nomination was seconded by David Yglesias and the motion was approved by the Board.

Andy Abbate nominated David Yglesias as Vice Chair, Peter Espinosa seconded the nomination and the motion was approved by the Board.

Monica Barkhausen was nominated by Andy Abbate and seconded by David Yglesias and the motion was approved by the Board.

c. Schedule of Board Meetings for 2025-2026

After discussion it was agreed to hold meeting on a bi-monthly basis with the next meeting to take place in December. Major Ochoa suggested all future meetings be held at Doral Police Headquarters.

d. Open Discussion

The Board requested that it be invited to attend all police department events such as swearing in new officers, Coffee with A Cop, street openings, and related events.

Suggestions were made for community outreach events on such topics as gun safety, concealed and open carry, rules regarding micromobility devices such as electric scooters, bikes, etc.

As the December agenda would lean heavily on the Police Department, it was agreed that the February meeting would feature the Public Works Department providing updates on road expansion and openings, addressing flooding issues and traffic congestion, road side parking issues, etc.

6. Recap from Department Liaison


Major Ochoa stated at the next meeting the Police Department would like to present its vision, initiatives, review its internal organization and provide statistics that would help the Board provide residents with meaningful information. The Board requested that any reports and handouts be sent prior to the meeting.

7. Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 17, 2025 at 4:30 p.m.

8. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

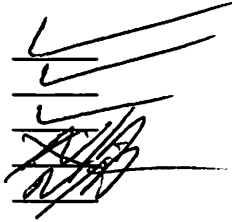
Respectfully submitted,




Andre (Andy) Abbate, Chair

Motion to approve the minutes of October 15, 2025, Police and Traffic Committee Meeting
made by Board Member DAVID YGLESIAS and seconded by Board Member
Monika Barkhausen

Andre (Andy) Abbate, Chair
David Yglesias, Vice Chair
Monika Barkhausen, Secretary
Luis Valdez, Member
Peter Espinosa, Alternate Member



APPROVED and ADOPTED this 21st day of January 2026.



Andre (Andy) Abbate, Chair