



City of Margate

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Meeting Minutes Regular City Commission Meeting

Mayor Antonio V. Arserio
Vice Mayor Anthony N. Caggiano
Commissioners:
Tommy Ruzzano, Arlene R. Schwartz, Joanne Simone

City Manager Cale Curtis
City Attorney Weiss Serota Helfman Cole & Bierman
City Clerk Jennifer M. Johnson

Wednesday, December 10, 2025

6:00 PM

Commission Chambers and Zoom.us

Webinar ID: 867 9830 8352

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CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

- Present:** 3 - Commissioner Tommy Ruzzano, Vice Mayor Anthony N. Caggiano and Mayor Antonio V. Arserio
- Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Arlene R. Schwartz and Commissioner Joanne Simone

Mayor, Antonio V. Arserio, explained that Commissioners Schwartz and Simone were excused from this evening's City Commission meeting.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1) PRESENTATION(S)

- A.** [ID 2025-340](#) SWEARING-IN FOR MAYOR ANTONIO V. ARSERIO
MAYOR ARSERIO spoke on this Item.
- B.** [ID 2025-341](#) SWEARING-IN FOR VICE MAYOR ANTHONY N. CAGGIANO
VICE MAYOR, ANTHONY N. CAGGIANO, spoke on this Item.

CITY MANAGER, CALE CURTIS, advised at 6:13pm that Commissioner Schwartz was available online.

COMMISSIONER, ARLENE R. SCHWARTZ, introduced herself to the City Commission meeting.
- C.** [ID 2025-339](#) RECOGNIZING THE CITY OF MARGATE YOUTH SOFTBALL 8U TEAM,

MARGATE SHARKS

A representative read a statement on this Item.

STUDENTS AND TEACHERS OF THE MONTH

D. [ID 2025-336](#) ABUNDANT LIFE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY: SAMUEL COLLANTES (STUDENT), CARYNNA JOSEPH (TEACHER), (Ms. Latoya Dean, Principal)

ASCEND ACADEMY CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL: SALA JULES (STUDENT), CECILIA HAMMETT (TEACHER), (Dr. Kathrine Pierandozzi, Principal and/or Ms. Neisha Billy, Assistant Principal)

ATLANTIC WEST ELEMENTARY: ANTHONY OLOCO (STUDENT), JOHN DUDLEY (TEACHER), (Ms. Shereen R. Reynolds, Principal and/or Ms. Corrine Mendez, Assistant Principal)

BROWARD MATH AND SCIENCE SCHOOLS: KEVIN EMMANUEL (STUDENT), MAUREEN DIPIANTA (TEACHER), (Mr. Hasan Kose, Principal and/or Ms. Katy Twist, Assistant Principal)

LIBERTY ELEMENTARY: MAXIMILIANO BESA (STUDENT), NATASHA PURDUM (TEACHER), (Ms. Vicki Flournoy, Principal and/or Ms. Donna Styles, Assistant Principal)

MARGATE ELEMENTARY: STACEY BEASLEY III (STUDENT), JACQUELINE SMALL (TEACHER), (Mr. Thomas J. Schroeder, Principal and/or Ms. Donna Rucker, Assistant Principal)

MARGATE MIDDLE: MICHAEL ROBINSON (STUDENT), CHRISTINE COLEMAN (TEACHER), (Ms. Sabine Phillips, Principal and/or Ms. Krystal Coke, Assistant Principal)

PHYL'S ACADEMY PREPARATORY SCHOOL: MALACHI IRVING (STUDENT), ROSE COLAHAR (TEACHER), (Ms. Afua Baptiste, Principal and/or Ms. Jalaja Cooke, Elementary School Director)

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION FOR YEARS OF SERVICE

E. [ID 2025-252](#) MICHAEL PALMA, CHIEF OF POLICE - POLICE DEPARTMENT - 30 YEARS

GIOVANNI R. BATISTA-NEGRON, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS - PUBLIC WORKS - 5 YEARS

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER (SRO), ANTONIO CARECCIA, spoke on this Item.

CHIEF OF POLICE, MICHAEL PALMA, spoke on this Item and was very thankful.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR, GIOVANNI BATISTA, spoke on this Item and thanked the City and Margate culture.

Meeting went into Recess.

Meeting Reconvened.

2) PUBLIC DISCUSSION

There was no Public Discussion.

3) COMMISSION COMMENTS

There was no Commission Comments.

4) CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

There was no City Manager's Report.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:04pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Transcribed by Salene E. Edwards



Jennifer M. Johnson, City Clerk

Date: 1/22/2026

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