



NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL

BUDGET HEARING MEETING

Co-Chair George Smiley, Seventh District
Co-Chair John Cartier, Eighth District

May 15, 2025
2:00 PM

VIRTUAL ZOOM WEBINAR MEETING &
LOUIS L. REDDING CITY/COUNTY BUILDING
1ST FLOOR COUNCIL CHAMBERS
800 N. FRENCH STREET, WILMINGTON, DE 19801**

MINUTES

A. Call To Order/Roll Call

-The meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Smiley at 2:00 pm. Members present were Mr. Caneco, Mr. Carter, Mr. Cartier, Ms. Durham, Ms. George, Mr. Hollins, Ms. Kilpatrick, Mr. Street (virtual), Mr. Smiley, Mr. Tackett (virtual), Mr. Toole, and Ms. Williams-Johns.
Members absent: Mr. Sheldon

Mr. Smiley made an announcement that we are sharing time with the City of Wilmington and the Budget Hearings have to finish by 4:30.

B. Approval of Minutes - 05--8-2025

-Motion was made by Mr. Cartier and seconded by Ms. Kilpatrick to approve the minutes from the May 8, 2025, Budget Hearing meeting. All were in favor.

C. Clerk of the Peace

Clerk of the Peace - Lisa Darrah (or designee)

-Orlando Rodriquez, Chief Deputy, presented the FY26 Clerk of the Peace Office Budget.
-Questions and comments from Ms. Williams-Jones.

D. Executive Office - Ken Dunn, Deputy CAO

County Executive's FY2026 Budget Presentation

-Ken Dunn, Deputy Chief of Staff, presented the FY26 Executive Office Budget.
-Questions and comments from Mr. Cartier, Mr. Carter, Mr. Hollins, Mr. Caneco, and Mr. Street

E. Administration

County Law - Aaron Goldstein

-Adam Goldstein, County Attorney, presented the FY26 Office of Law Budget.
-Questions and comments from Mr. Hollins, Mr. Carter, Mr. Cartier, Mr. Caneco, Mr. Street, Ms. Kilpatrick, and Mr. Hollins.

Risk Management - Stephanie Tickle

- Stephanie Tickle, presented the FY26 Risk Management Budget.
- Questions and comments from Mr. Street.

Human Resources - Dusty Blakey, Chief of Human Resources

- Dusty Blakey, Chief Human Resources, presented the FY26 Office of Human Resources.
- Questions and comments from Mr. Street and Mr. Cartier.

Administrative Services/Technology - David Del Grande, Chief of IT/Admin. Services

- David Del Grande, Chief of IT/Administrative Services, presented the FY26 budget for the office of Administrative Services and Technology.
- Questions and comments from Mr. Hollins, Mr. Carter, Mr. Cartier, and Mr. Tackett.

Finance - Jill Floore, Chief Financial Officer

- Jill Floore, Chief Financial Officer, thanked Vicky Ford and Johanna Finnigan for their work on preparing all the Budget Presentations. Ms. Floore presented the FY26 Office of Finance Budget.
- Questions and comments from Mr. Cartier.

F. Public Comment

- None

G. Adjournment

- Motion was made by Mr. Carter, seconded by Ms. George , to adjourn the Budget Hearing meeting at 3:24 pm. All in favor.

-Respectfully submitted by Christine Roberts, Legislative Assistant, to Mr. Smiley. This meeting was recorded and is available online.