



# **NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL ADMINISTRATIVE-FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**

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

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**August 26, 2025  
4:00 PM**

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

## **AGENDA**

**A. Call To Order/Roll Call**

**B. Approval of Minutes - July 22, 2025**

**C. Review/Discussion of Resolution(s)**

R25-124: CONGRATULATING THE OFFICE OF FINANCE FOR EARNING THE CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT FOR EXCELLENCE IN FINANCIAL REPORTING FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY'S ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR FORTY-FOUR CONSECUTIVE YEARS

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Smiley, Mr. Cartier

R25-126: TO AMEND NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL RULE NO. 1 ("IN GENERAL") RELATING TO MOTIONS TO SUSPEND RULES

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Hollins

R25-127: TO AMEND NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL PROCEDURAL RULE NO. 4 REGARDING CERTAIN MEETINGS

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Tackett, Ms. Kilpatrick

R25-128: APPROVAL OF GRANT FUNDING ALLOCATION FOR AETNA HOSE, HOOK & LADDER FIRE COMPANY

Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. George, Mr. Sheldon, Mr. Tackett, Ms. Kilpatrick

Co-sponsor(s): Mr. Toole, Mr. Caneco, Mr. Smiley, Mr. Cartier

R25-129: APPROVAL OF GRANT FUNDING ALLOCATION FOR BELVEDERE FIRE COMPANY

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Toole

Co-sponsor(s): Mr. Caneco, Mr. Smiley, Mr. Cartier

R25-130: APPROVAL OF GRANT FUNDING ALLOCATION FOR BRANDYWINE HUNDRED FIRE COMPANY

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Cartier, Mr. Hollins

Co-sponsor(s): Mr. Toole, Mr. Caneco, Mr. Smiley

R25-131: APPROVAL OF GRANT FUNDING ALLOCATION FOR CHRISTIANA FIRE COMPANY

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Toole, Mr. Smiley, Mr. Tackett, Ms. George, Mr. Caneco  
Co-sponsor(s): Mr. Cartier

R25-132: APPROVAL OF GRANT FUNDING ALLOCATION FOR CLAYMONT FIRE COMPANY

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Cartier, Ms. Durham  
Co-sponsor(s): Mr. Toole, Mr. Caneco, Mr. Smiley

R25-133: APPROVAL OF GRANT FUNDING ALLOCATION FOR CRANSTON HEIGHTS FIRE COMPANY

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Toole, Mr. Sheldon, Ms. Durham, Ms. Kilpatrick  
Co-sponsor(s): Mr. Caneco, Mr. Smiley, Mr. Cartier

R25-134: APPROVAL OF GRANT FUNDING ALLOCATION FOR DELAWARE CITY FIRE COMPANY

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Caneco  
Co-sponsor(s): Mr. Toole, Mr. Smiley, Mr. Cartier

R25-135: APPROVAL OF GRANT FUNDING ALLOCATION FOR ELSMERE FIRE COMPANY

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Toole, Ms. Durham  
Co-sponsor(s): Mr. Caneco, Mr. Smiley, Mr. Cartier

R25-136: APPROVAL OF GRANT FUNDING ALLOCATION FOR FIVE POINTS FIRE COMPANY

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Toole, Mr. Street  
Co-sponsor(s): Mr. Caneco, Mr. Smiley, Mr. Cartier

R25-137: APPROVAL OF GRANT FUNDING ALLOCATION FOR GOOD WILL FIRE COMPANY

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Caneco, Mr. Smiley, Mr. Street  
Co-sponsor(s): Mr. Toole, Mr. Cartier

R25-138: APPROVAL OF GRANT FUNDING ALLOCATION FOR HOCKESSIN FIRE COMPANY

Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Kilpatrick, Ms. Durham  
Co-sponsor(s): Mr. Toole, Mr. Caneco, Mr. Smiley, Mr. Cartier

R25-139: APPROVAL OF GRANT FUNDING ALLOCATION FOR HOLLOWAY TERRACE FIRE COMPANY

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Street  
Co-sponsor(s): Mr. Toole, Mr. Caneco, Mr. Smiley, Mr. Cartier

R25-140: APPROVAL OF GRANT FUNDING ALLOCATION FOR MILL CREEK FIRE COMPANY

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Toole, Mr. Sheldon, Ms. Kilpatrick  
Co-sponsor(s): Mr. Caneco, Mr. Smiley, Mr. Cartier

R25-141: APPROVAL OF GRANT FUNDING ALLOCATION FOR MINQUADALE FIRE COMPANY

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Street,  
Co-sponsor(s): Mr. Toole, Mr. Caneco, Mr. Smiley, Mr. Cartier

R25-142: APPROVAL OF GRANT FUNDING ALLOCATION FOR MINQUAS FIRE COMPANY

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Toole, Mr. Street  
Co-sponsor(s): Mr. Caneco, Mr. Smiley, Mr. Cartier

R25-143: APPROVAL OF GRANT FUNDING ALLOCATION FOR ODESSA FIRE COMPANY

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Caneco, Mr. Carter

Co-sponsor(s): Mr. Toole, Mr. Smiley, Mr. Cartier

R25-144: APPROVAL OF GRANT FUNDING ALLOCATION FOR PORT PENN FIRE COMPANY

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Carter

Co-sponsor(s): Mr. Toole, Mr. Caneco, Mr. Smiley, Mr. Cartier

R25-145: APPROVAL OF GRANT FUNDING ALLOCATION FOR TALLEYVILLE FIRE COMPANY

Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Durham, Mr. Cartier

Co-sponsor(s): Mr. Toole, Mr. Caneco, Mr. Smiley

R25-146: APPROVAL OF GRANT FUNDING ALLOCATION FOR VOLUNTEER HOSE FIRE COMPANY

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Carter, Ms. George

Co-sponsor(s): Mr. Toole, Mr. Caneco, Mr. Smiley, Mr. Cartier

R25-147: APPROVAL OF GRANT FUNDING ALLOCATION FOR WILMINGTON MANOR FIRE COMPANY

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Smiley, Mr. Street

Co-sponsor(s): Mr. Toole, Mr. Caneco, Mr. Cartier

R25-148: TO AMEND NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL PROCEDURAL RULE NO. 15 ("CONTINGENCY FUND") RELATING TO CONTINGENCY ALLOCATIONS

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Smiley

Co-sponsor(s): Mr. Hollins

R25-149: TO AMEND NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL PROCEDURAL RULE 4 REGARDING INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Smiley

R25-150: PROVIDING FOR A REVIEW OF THE RECENT REASSESSMENT OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Tackett, Mr. Toole, Ms. Durham

R25-151: SUPPORTING FALUN GONG AND ITS PURSUIT OF EXERCISING FREEDOM OF RELIGION

Prime Sponsor(s): Ms. Kilpatrick, Ms. Williams-Johns

R25-152: CONSENTING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF DAVID DEL GRANDE TO THE POSITION OF CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Hollins, Mr. Smiley, Mr. Cartier

**D. Review/Discussion of Ordinance(s)**

°25-097: TO AMEND NEW CASTLE COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 2 ("ADMINISTRATION"), SECTION 2.05.507 ("HUMAN RESOURCES ADVISORY BOARD") REGARDING BOARD COMPOSITION

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Toole

Co-sponsor(s): Ms. Durham

°25-098: AMENDING CHAPTER 26 ("HUMAN RESOURCES"), SECTION 26.01.009 ("UNIFORM PAY PLANS") REGARDING PROCEDURE

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Caneco, Mr. Smiley

°25-099: TO AMEND NEW CASTLE COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 14 ("FINANCE AND TAXATION"), ARTICLE 5 ("ABATEMENT OF PROPERTY TAXES AND PENALTY") TO PROVIDE

THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER AUTHORITY TO ABATE PENALTIES FOR ELIGIBLE RESIDENTIAL TAXPAYERS PARTICIPATING IN AN INSTALLMENT PAYMENT PLAN CAUSED BY INCREASED PROPERTY TAX LIABILITY FOLLOWING A COUNTY-WIDE REASSESSMENT OF REAL PROPERTY

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Smiley

°25-102: AMEND THE FY2025 APPROVED OPERATING BUDGET: APPROPRIATE STATE OF DELAWARE FUNDING RECEIVED FOR THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY POLICE EMPLOYEE'S RETIREMENT SYSTEM TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEE BENEFITS BUDGETARY LINE ITEM

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Smiley, Mr. Cartier, Mr. Toole, Mr. Caneco

**E. New Castle County Grant Requests/Community Events**

**-8/26/25 Grant Matrix**

**F. Expense and Revenue Round Table**

**G. Other**

-Travel Request - Councilman Carter

**H. Public Comment**

**I. Adjournment**

**AGENDA POSTED: Tuesday, August 19, 2025**

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