



NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL ADMINISTRATIVE-FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

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

February 10, 2026
5:00 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 Administrative-Finance Committee meeting was called to order by Mr. Cartier at 5:00 PM.

Members present: Kevin Caneco, David Carter, John Cartier, Dee Durham, Valerie George, Penrose Hollins, Janet Kilpatrick, Timothy Sheldon (virtual), George Smiley, Jea Street (virtual), David Tackett (virtual), Brandon Toole, Monique Williams-Johns

Members absent: None

B. Approval of Minutes - January 27, 2026

- Mr. Smiley made a motion, and Ms. Kilpatrick seconded, to approve the minutes of the January 27, 2026 AD-Finance meeting. Vote to approve was unanimous.

C. Review/Discussion of Resolution(s)

R26-024: URGING THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION TO REJECT DELMARVA POWER'S CURRENT RATE INCREASE REQUEST AND TO REQUIRE RESUBMISSION UNDER THE CURRENT STANDARD

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

Co-sponsor(s): Mr. Carter, Mr. Toole

- Mr. Cartier read the title of the resolution.
- Ms. Durham explained and commented.
- Mr. Hollins announced that he would recuse himself from the resolution since his daughter works for Delmarva Power.
- Ms. Williams-Johns invited Mr. Marcus Beal, Region President and Vice President Government and External Affairs for Delmarva Power, to the meeting and invited him to speak on the resolutions. Mr. Beal also responded to Council Members' questions.
- Comments and questions were made by Mr. Hollins and Ms. Durham.
- Mr. Carter queried Counsel to Council regarding discussion procedures after a Council Member had recused himself. Mike Migliore, Counsel to Council, responded to his question.
- Members of council continued with questions and discussion with Mr. Beal. Additional Council Member comments were made by Mr. Cartier, Mr. Street, Mr. Caneco, and Ms. Durham.
- No public comment.

**R26-026: TO AMEND NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL PROCEDURAL RULE NO. 4
REGARDING PROCEDURE FOR COMMENCEMENT OF THE COUNCIL MEETING**

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Smiley

- Mr. Cartier read the title of the resolution.
- Mr. Smiley commented.
- Members of council discussed the resolution.
- No public comment.

D. Review/Discussion of Ordinance(s)

- None

E. New Castle County Grant Requests/Community Events

- None

F. Expense and Revenue Round Table

- Mr. Smiley announced that he emailed the final Budget Hearing Calendar to council and staff.

G. Other

--Telecommuting agreement--District 6 Legislative Assistant

- Mr. Carter made a motion to approve the telecommuting agreement for his Legislative Assistant, Kaitlin Christof. He noted that she would work from home on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday and her hours would be from 8AM-4PM. The motion was seconded by Mr. Smiley and was unanimously approved by Council.

H. Public Comment

- No public comment.

I. Council Member Comment

- None

J. Adjournment

- Mr. Smiley made a motion to adjourn the February 10, 2026 AD-Finance meeting and Mr. Carter seconded. The vote to adjourn was unanimous.
- Mr. Cartier adjourned the meeting at 5:56 PM.

- Respectfully submitted by Michele Gildea, legislative assistant to Councilman John Cartier. This meeting was recorded and is available online.