



NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL ADMINISTRATIVE-FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

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

March 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 at 5:01 PM by Mr. Cartier.
Members present: Kevin Caneco, David Carter, John Cartier, Dee Durham, Valerie George, Penrose Hollins, Janet Kilpatrick, Timothy Sheldon, George Smiley, Jea Street (virtual), David Tackett, Brandon Toole, Monique Williams-Johns
Members absent: None

B. Approval of Minutes - February 24, 2026

- Mr Smiley made a motion and Mr. Carter seconded, to approve the minutes of the February 24, 2026 Ad-Finance Committee meeting. Motion to approve was unanimous.

C. Review/Discussion of Resolution(s)

- None

D. Review/Discussion of Ordinance(s)

°26-020: TO REVISE NEW CASTLE COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 6 ("BUILDING CODE") REGARDING ARTICLE 3 ("ADMINISTRATION") AND SCHEDULE OF PERMIT AND REVIEW FEES, AND NEW CASTLE COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 16 ("FIRE PREVENTION, PROTECTION AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE VOLUNTEER FIRE SERVICE ASSISTANCE FUND") ARTICLE 4 ("VOLUNTEER FIRE SERVICE ASSISTANCE FUND")

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

Co-sponsor(s): Mr. Toole

- Mr. Cartier read the title of the ordinance.
- Mr. Tackett stated that he would be tabling the ordinance.

°26-021: AMENDING THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 14 ("FINANCE AND TAXATION"), ARTICLE 6 ("EXEMPTION FROM REAL PROPERTY TAXATION") TO EXTEND REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR SURVIVING SPOUSES ELIGIBLE FOR LINE OF DUTY DEATH BENEFITS OR DEATH GRATUITY BENEFITS

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

- Mr. Cartier read the title of the ordinance and explained.
- NCC Deputy Chief Administrative Officer Kenny Dunn further explained the ordinance.
- Mr. Cartier recognized Mr. Street as present.

- Members of Council and NCC Deputy Chief Administrative Officer Kenny Dunn discussed the ordinance.
- No public comment.

E. New Castle County Grant Requests/Community Events

- 3/10/26 Grant Matrix

Grant Applicant	Sponsor	Amount Approved	Council Member First/Second	Vote
Safe United Neighborhoods (S.U.N.)	Mr. Hollins	\$2,000	Mr. Hollins/Ms. George	12- YES 1- NOT VOTING
Robscott Manor Civic Association	Ms. George	\$1,025	Ms. George/Mr. Toole	12- YES 1- NOT VOTING
Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH)	Mr. Caneco	\$2,500	Mr. Caneco/Ms. Kilpatrick	12- YES 1- NOT VOTING
atTack Addiction	Mr. Caneco	\$2,639.82	Mr. Caneco/Mr. Toole	12- YES 1- NOT VOTING
Corbit-Calloway Memorial Library	Mr. Caneco	\$2,500	Mr. Caneco/Ms. Kilpatrick	12- YES 1- NOT VOTING
Warriors Helping Warriors	Mr. Caneco/Mr. Carter	Mr. Caneco- \$1,250 Mr. Carter- \$1, 250 TOTAL- \$2,500	Mr. Caneco/Mr. Carter	12- YES 1- NOT VOTING
Lums Pond State Park	Mr. Carter	\$2,500	Mr. Carter/Ms. Kilpatrick	12- YES 1- NOT VOTING
Girl Scouts of the Chesapeake Bay*	Mr. Carter	\$1,000	Mr. Carter/Ms. Kilpatrick	12- YES 1- NOT VOTING
Jesters Artspace	Ms. Durham	\$2,500	Ms. Durham/Ms. Kilpatrick	12- YES 1- NOT VOTING
Bellevue Farms/ Bellevue Community Center	Mr. Cartier	\$2,400	Mr. Cartier/Ms. Kilpatrick	12- YES 1- NOT VOTING

* This grant is pending a witness signature.

F. Expense and Revenue Round Table

- None

G. Other

- None

H. Public Comment

- None

I. Council Member Comment

- None

J. Adjournment

- Mr. Smiley made a motion and Ms. Kilpatrick seconded, to adjourn the March 10, 2026 Ad-Finance Meeting. Motion to approve was unanimous.
- Mr. Cartier adjourned the meeting at 5:15 PM.

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