



NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

Chair: Dee Durham, Second District

April 21, 2026
3:30 PM

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

MINUTES

A. Meeting Call to Order

Ms. Durham called the meeting to order at 3:30PM.
Present: Smiley, Cartier, Kilpatrick, Carter, George, Johns, Durham, Hollins
Online: Caneco, Toole, Tackett
Not present: Street
Sheldon joined at 3:35

B. Approval of Minutes from March 17, 2026

Mr. Smiley motioned to approve the March 17, 2026 minutes.
Seconded by Cartier.
Motioned passed.

C. Boards & Commissions Interview

CONSENTING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF HERB INDEN AS CHAIR OF THE NCC BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Prime Sponsor: Mr. Hollins

Ms. Durham introduced the nominee.
Mr. Hollins spoke to some of Mr. Inden's qualifications and experience.
Mr. Inden told of some of his accomplishments and some of experience with the county land use department and his work at the state and local level
He continued that he was a liaison to NCC and its incorporated municipalities.
He also worked with Wilmington's planning department but is now retired but still pays attention to land use matters.
He expressed that he is excited to serve in this new role.
Mr. Carter thanked Mr. Inden for his service and spoke highly of his qualifications
Mr. Cartier also thanked Mr. Inden and explained that the Board of Adjustment is challenging.
He noted that he is thrilled with the depth of Inden's knowledge.
Ms. Durham noted that it is hard to find someone of his qualifications.

APPOINTING CHRISTOPHER DIMARCO TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY AUDIT COMMITTEE

Prime Sponsor: Mr. Cartier

Ms. Durham introduced Mr. DiMarco's appointment.
Mr. Cartier spoke about the large amount of work that the assessment review board deals with.
While it's a tough assignment at a critical time, Mr. Cartier said further that we need experienced people and Mr.

DiMarco fits this bill.

Ms. George noted that she has worked with him and found him to be knowledgeable and fair.

CONSENTING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF SHAUN MICHAEL KELLY TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY ETHICS COMMISSION

Prime Sponsor: Ms. Durham

Ms. Durham introduced Shaun Kelly's nomination.

Ms. Durham welcomed him and thanked him for his willingness to serve.

Mr. Kelly detailed some of his background and experience at Notre Dame Law.

He mentioned that he had clerked for the DE Supreme Court and later worked in corporate litigation and fraud enforcement.

He said that it would be an honor to serve on the ethics commission.

Ms. Durham thanked him for his experience and qualifications and for his willingness to serve.

CONSENTING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF MONICA GONZALEZ-GILLESPIE TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY HUMAN RESOURCES ADVISORY BOARD

Prime Sponsor: Ms. Durham

Ms. Durham introduced Ms. Gillespie's nomination and noted her impressive resume and that she would serve this board well.

Ms. Gillespie spoke to her experience and tenure in the state government and that she would be honored to serve in this role.

Ms. Durham thanked her again for her willingness to serve.

CONSENTING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF RAINA HARPER ALLEN TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY DIVERSITY COMMISSION

Prime Sponsor: Mr. Hollins

Ms. Durham introduced the nominee.

Mr. Hollins agreed with Ms. Durham about the County Admin's excellent choice of board nominees.

Mr. Hollins noted further that he didn't think the commission was active at the current time.

Mr. Hollins laid out some of the nominee's qualifications and provided a bit of history of diversity issues and welcomed her to the board.

Ms. Allen said it was an honor to be nominated for this seat and is pleased to address inclusion and equity vis a vis NCC.

It is an important thing in order for progress to occur.

Ms. Durham thanked her for her willingness to serve.

D. Boards & Commissions Re-appointments

E. Other

Mr. Smiley motioned to suspend the rule requiring new appointees to appear before council to speak.

Seconded by Mr. Carter.

Motion passed.

F. Public Comment

A Mr. Robert Hicks called in from the Ethics Commission and expressed his gratitude for the excellent nomination and looks forward to the candidates' service.

A Mr. William Simpson spoke about a club he was part of: The Wilmington Hawks.

G. Adjournment

Mr. Smiley motioned to adjourn the meeting at 3:50.

Seconded by Ms. Kilpatrick.

Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 2:50.