



NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL BUDGET HEARING MEETING

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

April 30, 2026
2:00 PM
TO
4:00 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. Sheldon, Mr. Smiley, Mr. Tackett, Mr. Toole and Ms. Williams-Jones.
Members absent was Mr. Street.

B. Approval of Minutes - April 23, 2026

-A motion was made by Mr. Cartier and seconded by Ms. Kilpatrick to approve the minutes from April 23, 2026 Budget Hearing meeting. All were in favor.

C. Executive Office

- Executive Office Budget Presentation

-Mr. Ken Dunn, Deputy Administrative Officer, presented the FY2027 Executive Office budget.
-Questions from Mr. Tackett.

D. Administration

- Administration Budget Presentations

- Aaron Goldstein, County Attorney, presented the FY27 Law Department Budget.
-Questions and comments from Council members, Mr. Caneco, Mr. Cartier, Mr. Hollins and Mr. Tackett.

-Stephanie Tickle, Office of Risk Management, presented the FY27 Risk Management Budget.
-Questions and comments from Council member, Mr. Tackett.

-Jon Yearly, Chief of Technology and Administrative Services, presented the FY27 Technology and Administrative Services Budget.

-Questions and comments from Council members, Mr. Toole, Mr. Tackett, Mr. Caneco, Mr. Hollins, Mr. Cartier, and Mr. Carter.

-Dusty Blakey, Chief Human Resource Officer, presented the FY27 Human Resources Budget.

-Questions and comments from Council members, Mr. Hollins, Mr. Caneco, Mr. Toole, Mr. Tackett, Ms. Williams-Johns, and Mr. Cartier.

-David Del Grande, Chief Finance Officer, presented the FY27 Office of Finance Budget.

- Questions and comments from Council members, Mr. Tackett, Mr. Cartier, Mr. Carter, Mr. Hollins, Mr. Caneco, and Mr. Smiley,

E. Public Comment

Public comment will be limited to two minutes.

F. Adjournment

-Motion was made by Mr. Cartier, seconded by Ms. Kilpatrick, to adjourn the Budget Hearing at 3:30pm. All in favor.

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