



NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL ADMINISTRATIVE-FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

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

May 12, 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 05:45 PM.

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

Members absent: Jea Street

B. Approval of Minutes - April 28, 2026

- Mr. Smiley made a motion, and Ms. Kilpatrick seconded to approve the minutes of the April 28, 2026 AD-Finance meeting and the May 7, 2026 Budget Hearing. Vote to approve was unanimous.

C. Review/Discussion of Resolution(s)

R26-105: APPROVAL OF REFEREES FOR PROPERTY REASSESSMENT APPEALS

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Smiley

- Mr. Cartier read the title of the resolution.
- Mr. Smiley explained the resolution.
- No public comment.

R26-106: TO AMEND NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL PROCEDURAL RULE 4 REGARDING TITLES OF LEGISLATION

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Smiley

- Mr. Cartier read the title of the resolution.
- Mr. Smiley explained the resolution.
- Mr. Cartier recognized Ms. Williams-John as being present.
- No public comment.

D. Review/Discussion of Ordinance(s)

- None

E. New Castle County Grant Requests/Community Events

- 5/12/26 Grant Matrix

Grant Applicant	Sponsor	Amount Approved	Council Member First/Second	Vote
Greater Hockessin Area Development Association (GHADA) – 4th of July Committee	Ms. Kilpatrick	\$5,000	Ms. Kilpatrick/Mr. Toole	11-Yes 1-Absent 1-Not Voting
Claymont Renaissance Development Corporation	Mr. Cartier	\$10,000	Mr. Cartier/Seconded	11-Yes 1-Absent 1-Not Voting
Delaware Juneteenth (DEJA)	*Ms. Williams-Johns	Ms. Williams-Johns -\$2,000 Mr. Hollins-\$2,000 Mr. Tackett-\$500 TOTAL: \$4,500	Ms. Williams-Johns/Mr. Toole	11-Yes 1-Absent 1-Not Voting
Phoenix Family Resources	Ms. Williams-Johns	\$2,000	Ms. Williams-Johns/Mr. Toole	11-Yes 1-Absent 1-Not Voting
Delaware CBTU Chapter	Ms. Williams-Johns	Ms. Williams-Johns- \$1,000 Mr. Tackett- \$500 Mr. Hollins-\$500 TOTAL: \$2,000	Ms. Williams-Johns/Mr. Toole	11-Yes 1-Absent 1-Not Voting
MC917 Foundation, Inc. (The Monday Club)	Ms. Williams-Johns	Ms. Williams-Johns- \$2,500 Mr. Hollins- \$1,000 Mr. Tackett - \$500 TOTAL: \$4,000	Ms. Williams-Johns/Mr. Toole	11-Yes 1-Absent 1-Not Voting

* Ms. Williams-Johns made a motion and it was seconded, to raise the cap on this grant to exceed amount requested.

F. Expense and Revenue Round Table

- None

G. Other

Presentation by Mr. Brad Dunn: Good Neighbors Annual Report for New Castle County Projects.

- Annual Report presentation by Mr. Brad Dunn, Advancement Director of Good Neighbors.
- Mr. Cartier commented.

- Ms. George commented.
- Mr. Cartier asked Mr. Dunn a question and Mr. Dunn responded.

H. Public Comment

- Mr. Toole asked a question about grant deadlines.
- Ms. Durham commented.
- Mr. Cartier commented.
- Nellie Hill, Clerk of Council, provided additional information on grant funding deadlines.

I. Council Member Comment

- Mr. Carter made a comment about Wilmington Library funding.
- Mr. Hollins made a comment about Wilmington Library funding.

J. Adjournment

- Mr. Smiley made a motion, and Ms. Kilpatrick seconded, to adjourn the May 12, 2026 AD-Finance meeting. Vote to adjourn was unanimous.
- Mr. Cartier adjourned the May 12, 2026 AD-Finance meeting at 6:11 PM.

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



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Good Neighbors Home Repair

- Started in 1992 in Chester County, PA
- We provide critical repairs at no cost for low-income homeowners
 - Furnaces, water heaters, wheelchair ramps, roofs, etc.
- Expanded into New Castle County in 2016
- Since then, we have repaired **949** homes



Homes Repaired by District in 2025

District	# of Homes	Total Cost
1	22	\$105,560
2	3	\$8,385
3	1	\$3,871
5	13	\$41,490
7	31	\$122,240
8	4	\$2,378
9	13	\$45,956
10	34	\$183,829
11	15	\$46,683
12	21	\$87,375
Total	157	\$647,767



Current Waiting List – District 1

1		Maple Avenue, Wilmington, DE 19804	\$2,000		Female
1		Milmar Rd, Wilmington, DE 19804	\$3,000		Female
1		East Ave, New Castle, DE 19720	\$8,000	White	Female
1		Louisa Avenue, Wilmington, DE 19808	\$6,000	White	Female
1		Dennis Rd, Wilmington, DE 19808	\$4,000	Black	Male
1		West Newport Pike, Wilmington, DE 19804	\$6,000		Female
1		7th Avenue, Wilmington, DE 19808	\$3,500		Female
1		Maple Avenue, Wilmington, DE 19804	\$500	Black	Female
1		Ritchie Dr, Bear, DE 19701	\$7,000	Asian	Male
1		Appleby Trailer Park, New Castle, DE 19720	\$6,000	White	Female
1		Ethel Circle, Wilmington, DE 19804	\$5,000		Female
1		Cunard Street, Wilmington, DE 19804	\$500		Female
1		Cunard Street, Wilmington, DE 19804	\$4,000		Female



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Current Waiting List

		Number of		
District		Families		Cost
1		13		\$55,500
5		4		\$15,000
6		1		\$10,000
7		6		\$32,500
8		1		\$2,000
9		3		\$15,000
10		5		\$9,500
11		2		\$6,000
12		2		\$2,500
Total		37		\$148,000



Plans for 2026

Our goal is to repair 150 homes in New Castle Co
Repaired 76 so far

Raise \$1.2M to accomplish this:
ChristianaCare, Longwood
Federal Home Loan Bank
New Castle Co CDBG and NCCo Council

For every \$5k from the Council, another family has a warm,
safe, dry, healthy home

