



NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

Co-Chair: Brandon Toole, First District
Co-Chair: Kevin Caneco, Twelfth District

May 12, 2026
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. Meeting Call to Order

The Public Safety Committee meeting was called to order at 04:00 PM by Mr. Toole.

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 14, 2026

-A motion was made by Mr. Smiley seconded by Ms. George, to approve the minutes from the April 14, 2026 Public Safety Committee meeting. The minutes were approved by voice vote.

C. Review/Discussion of Resolution(s)

None

D. Review/Discussion of Ordinance(s)

°26-056: (STATUS: TO BE CONSIDERED 5/26/2026) AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE FEDERAL FUNDING FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PIPELINE AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SAFETY ADMINISTRATION (PHMSA) THROUGH THE DELAWARE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (DEMA) TO THE HAZARDOUS MATERIALS EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Toole, Mr. Caneco

Mr. Caneco introduced the ordinance. Mr. Cartier and Mr. Caneco participated in a discussion.

E. Presentations

Status of the Police Athletic League - County oversight and plans for the future

Chief of New Castle County Police, James Leonard III, gave an update on the PAL. Mr. Smiley, Ms. Kilpatrick, Mr. Cartier, Mr. Tackett and Mr. Carter participated in a discussion with Chief Leonard.

Current status of Project Seed presentation by Director Elmer Settings and Chief James Leonard III

Chief James Leonard III introduced the presentation, and he was joined by Director Elmer Settings, who was participating virtually. Members of Council that participated in the discussion were Mr. Smiley, Mr. Caneco, Mr.

Tackett, Mr. Hollins, Mr. Cartier, Ms. Kilpatrick and Council President Williams-Johns.

The following people participated in public comment: Mekhi Gilbert, Rasheen Hollingsworth, LaToya Irving, Penny Rogers, Charles Barilo, Seth Kenner, Matt Kelly, Gerald Tatum, Muhammad Salaam, Justice Gregory, Ahmad Rutlind, Joy Rutlind, Leslie Small, Reggie Barns, Tommy Johnson, Rashid Mustafa, Adriana Ochoa, Ebony Zuudia, Dr. Eliza Carter, George Corbin.

Speed cameras update

Tabled until next Public Safety Meeting.

F. Other

None

G. Public Comment

None

H. Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Smiley to adjourn the meeting at 5:37 pm and was seconded by Mr. Caneco.