



NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL ADMINISTRATIVE-FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

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

June 9, 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 June 9, 2026 Administrative-Finance Committee meeting was called to order by Mr. Cartier at 05:25 PM.
Members present: Kevin Caneco, David Carter, John Cartier, Dee Durham, Valerie George, Penrose Hollins, Janet Kilpatrick, Timothy Sheldon, Jea Street (virtual), David Tackett, Brandon Toole, Monique Williams-Johns
Members absent: George Smiley

B. Approval of Minutes - May 26, 2026

- Ms. George made a motion, and Mr. Tackett seconded, to approve the minutes of the May 26, 2026 AD-Finance meeting. Vote to approve was unanimous.

C. Review/Discussion of Resolution(s)

R26-119: AUTHORIZING NEW CASTLE COUNTY TO SUBMIT CLAYMONT IN NEW CASTLE AS A DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT TO THE DELAWARE CABINET COMMITTEE ON STATE PLANNING ISSUES

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Cartier

- Mr. Cartier read the title of the resolution and gave the background of the resolution.
- Brett Saddler, Executive Director of the Claymont Renaissance Development Corporation (CRDC), explained the resolution.
- Members of council and Brett Saddler discussed the resolution.
- No public comment.

D. Review/Discussion of Ordinance(s)

°26-060: AMENDING THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 26 ("HUMAN RESOURCES") ARTICLE 3 ("OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS TRUST FUND") REGARDING COMPOSITION

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

- Mr. Cartier read the title of and explained the ordinance.
- No public comment.

°26-062: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE FUNDING FROM THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL FY2026 APPROVED OPERATING BUDGET TO THE SENIOR HOME REPAIR PROGRAM GRANT, WHICH IS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Tackett, Mr. Hollins

- Mr. Cartier read the title of the ordinance.
- Mr. Hollins yielded the floor to Mr. Tackett.
- Mr. Tackett explained the ordinance.
- Mr. Hollins, Mr. Cartier, and Ms. Williams-Johns commented.
- No public comment.

°26-063: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE FUNDING FROM THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL FY2026 APPROVED OPERATING BUDGET TO THE SUMMER RECREATION CAMPS GRANT, WHICH IS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Street

- Mr. Cartier read the title of the ordinance.
- Mr. Street indicated per title.
- Mr. Cartier commented.
- No public comment.

°26-064: AMEND THE GRANTS BUDGET: APPROPRIATE FUNDING FROM THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL FY2026 APPROVED OPERATING BUDGET TO THE 2023 NEW CASTLE COUNTY YOUTH EMPLOYMENT GRANT, WHICH IS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Hollins

- Mr. Cartier read the title of the ordinance.
- Mr. Hollins explained the ordinance.
- Mr. Cartier commented.
- No public comment.

°26-065: AMEND THE FY2026 APPROVED OPERATING BUDGET: REDUCE THE GRANTS AND FIXED CHARGES BUDGET LINE ITEM OF COUNTY COUNCIL TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY GRANTS

Prime Sponsor(s): Mr. Hollins, Mr. Street, Mr. Tackett

- Mr. Cartier read the title of the ordinance.
- Mr. Hollins yielded the floor to Mr. Street.
- Mr. Street explained the ordinance.
- Mr. Cartier commented.
- Mr. Street commented.
- No public comment.

E. New Castle County Grant Requests/Community Events

- 6/9/26 Grant Matrix

Grant Applicant	Sponsor	Amount Approved	Council Member First/Second	Vote
Special Olympics Delaware	Mr. Sheldon	\$5,484	Sheldon/Kilpatrick	12-Yes 1-Absent
Charity Crossing	Mr. Tackett*	Mr. Tackett- \$2,000 Mr. Caneco- \$500 TOTAL- \$2,500	Mr.Tackett/Mr.Toole	12-Yes 1-Absent
YMCA Delaware-Brandywine Branch	Mr. Cartier	\$3,461	Mr. Cartier/Ms. Kilpatrick	12-Yes 1-Absent

St. John's AM Church	Ms. George	\$2,800	Ms. George/Ms. Kilpatrick	12-Yes 1-Absent
Good Neighbors	Ms. George	Ms. George-\$26,986 (Clerks office adjusted to \$25,849 due to budget availability) Mr. Tackett \$9,527 TOTAL- \$36,513 (Clerks office adjusted TOTAL to \$35,376)	Ms. George/Mr. Tackett	12-Yes 1-Absent
StartUpAfrica	Mr. Tackett	Mr. Tackett-\$800 Ms. George-\$200 Ms. Williams-Johns-\$300 TOTAL- \$1,300	Mr. Tackett/Ms. Kilpatrick	12-Yes 1-Absent
Millcreek Fire Company	Mr. Toole	\$29,758	Mr. Toole/Ms. Kilpatrick	12-Yes 1-Absent
Friends of Brandywine Hundred Library	Ms. Durham	\$5,000	Ms. Durham/Ms. Kilpatrick	12-Yes 1-Absent
Mother African Union Church	Mr. Hollins	\$5,000	Mr. Hollins/Ms. Kilpatrick	12-Yes 1-Absent
NCC Hope Center	Mr. Street	\$10,000	Mr. Street/Ms. Kilpatrick	12-Yes 1-Absent
DE Interscholastic Cycling League	Ms. Durham	\$5,000	Ms. Durham/Ms. Kilpatrick	12-Yes 1-Absent
Brandywine Red Clay Alliance	Ms. Durham	Up to \$6,073	Ms. Durham/Ms. Kilpatrick	12-Yes 1-Absent
1st District Neighborhood Planning Council	Mr. Hollins	\$3,750	Mr. Hollins/Ms. Kilpatrick	12-Yes 1-Absent

*Mr. Tackett made a motion to suspend the rules and award more than was applied for. Mr. Toole seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

F. Expense and Revenue Round Table

- None
- No public comment.

G. Other

- None

H. Public Comment

- Ms. Stephanie Royal commented on citizens' interaction with legislators.

I. Council Member Comment

- Mr. Street commented on adhering to public comment time rules at the June 9, 2026 council meeting.

J. Adjournment

- Ms. Kilpatrick made a motion, and Mr. Caneco seconded, to adjourn the June 9, 2026 AD-Finance Committee meeting. Motion to adjourn was unanimous.
- Mr. Cartier adjourned the June 9, 2026 AD-Finance Committee meeting at 6:06 PM.

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