

America 250 | CT Commission  
Governance Subcommittee Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, January 18, 2023

Attendees:

Arienne Orozco (designated by Secretary of State, the Hon. Stephanie Thomas), Chair  
Steven Hernández, Co-Secretary  
Jason Mancini  
Sheldyn Oliver, Co-Secretary

The meeting began at 10:55 a.m.

Arienne O. will act as Chair for the Governance Subcommittee.  
Steven H. will act as the Governance Subcommittee's representative for the Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Access (IDEA) Subcommittee.

**Recruitment**

AM250 | CT Advisory Council

The Office of the Secretary of the State is currently working to put together a registration portal for people who would like to become more involved with civic life/engagement. When ready, this portal can be accessed via the website for the Office of the Secretary of the State.

The Office of the state also has an internship program.

The above items may be able to act as resources that feed into building out the Advisory Council.

The Advisory Council will support the mission of the Commission by advising on subcommittees and identifying potential philanthropic supporters. Members will ideally consist of representatives from each town in Connecticut (169 towns), plus an additional 100 names of those who have experience in subcommittee work areas and/or fundraising and philanthropy. During recruitment, it will be important to look for people who can provide access to others across the state who can support the work of the commission.

Regarding funding, it will be important to look to the philanthropy sector (think local) as well as the business sector.

Arienne O. will research philanthropists/funders to history-related museums, &c.

Governance Subcommittee

All Governance Subcommittee members will brainstorm names to add to the list of potential Governance Subcommittee members.

The Governance Subcommittee will consist of approximately 6 to 12 members.

### Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Access (IDEA) + Youth Council Subcommittees

When building out these subcommittees, it will be important to include representation from the following:

- Young people who served as Youth Governor from [Connecticut's Kid Governor" program](#)
- Graduates of the [Parent Leadership Training Institute](#) program
- [Civics First](#)
- [Civics Ambassadors Program](#), an initiative through [Everyday Democracy](#)

The Advisory Council and *all* AM250 | CT Subcommittees are open to both AM250 | CT Commission members and non-commission members.

The application process for interested parties was discussed.

### **Bylaws**

Steven H. will research already existing bylaws that are within the framework of the work taking place on this commission. Places to begin researching include the commissions set up by Rhode Island, New York and Massachusetts.

### **Meeting Frequency**

The Governance Subcommittee agreed to bi-weekly in-person meetings. Specific dates TBD.

### **To-dos**

- Reach out to individuals and organizations regarding potential IDEA/Youth Council membership
- Draft membership announcement for Governance Subcommittee

The meeting ended at 11:35 a.m.