



**America 250 | CT Commission Meeting**  
**Wednesday, October 15, 2025 at 10:00 AM**  
**Community Room**  
**Phoebe Griffin Noyes Library, Old Lyme, CT**  
**Agenda with Votes**

**Recording:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aa5orUS8QsU>

## Attendees

## Commissioners

Denise Merrill (Chair) (In Person)  
 Jason Mancini (Vice Chair) (In Person)  
 Amrys Williams (In Person)  
 Andy Horowitz (Virtual)  
 Arienne Orozco (In Person)  
 Deborah Schander (In Person)  
 Tom Scanlon (Virtual)  
 Margaret Khan (In Person)  
 Steve Armstrong (In Person)  
 Liz Shapiro (In Person)  
 Sally Whipple (In Person)  
 Catherine Labadia (Virtual)  
 Jonathan Slifka (Virtual)  
 Merle McGee (Virtual)  
 Rob Kret (Virtual)  
 Melvette Hill (Virtual)  
 Anthony Champalimaud (Virtual)  
 Nicholas Angeli (Virtual)

## Staff

Cyndi Tolosa (In Person)  
Rachel Gonzalez (In Person)  
Michael Werner (In Person)  
Scott Wands (In Person)

Consultant

Emma Wiley (Virtual)

### Members of the Public

Katie Huffman (In Person)

The meeting started at 10:03 a.m.

5 min.	Welcome	D. Merrill
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- Approval of Minutes from [July 16, 2025 Meeting](#)

Motion: Deborah Schander

Second: Steve Armstrong

Discussion: None

Vote: Yes (15), No (-), Abstain (1) [2 commissioners joined the meeting after this vote]

10 min.      National/Regional Update

- Update on National Convening
- Northeast Regional Group

J. Mancini, R. Gonzalez  
C. Tolosa

