



**America 250 | CT Commission  
Governance Subcommittee Meeting  
Monday, November 17, 2025 at 12:30 p.m. via Zoom  
Minutes**

**Watch Recording: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sqQ8P7FMJpg>**

**Attendees**

Subcommittee

Denise Merrill  
Jason Mancini  
Michael Werner

CTH Staff

Cyndi Tolosa  
Rachel Gonzalez

The meeting started at 12:34 PM.

1. Minutes Approval
  - a. [October 8, 2025](#)

Motion: Denise Merrill, Second: Jason Mancini, Vote: Yes - 3, No - 0, Abstain - 0

2. Affiliate Program Discussion & Approvals
  - a. Discussion on any flagged applications
    - i. [Application Review Form](#)
    - ii. [Application Cover Sheets](#)
    - iii. [Full Applications](#)
  - b. Vote on applications

There were no concerns on any of the applications; Arienne Orozco and Deborah Schander also reviewed and voted "yes" on the review form for all.

Motion to approve all 12 applications: Denise Merrill, Second: Michael Werner, Vote: Yes - 3, No - 0, Abstain - 0

This brings the total number of approved affiliates to 170.

3. Annual Report & Demographic Reporting

J. Mancini asked for an update on the local committee list. Rachel Gonzalez shared that Cyndi coordinated with Amrys and the Engagement subcommittee and found connections to most of the remaining municipalities; more pointed outreach will be going out to those towns in the next couple of weeks. D. Merrill will reach out to her contact in Stamford.

R. Gonzalez reminded subcommittee members to complete their demographic survey if they have not already done so.

4. Other Business as Needed

No other business.

The meeting ended at 12:40 PM.

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 10, 2025, 10:00-10:30 AM**