



America 250 | CT Commission Meeting
Wednesday, January 21, 2026 at 10:00 AM
Hearing Room 1A
Legislative Office Building, Hartford, CT
Agenda w/ Votes

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

Attendees

Commissioners

Denise Merrill (Chair) (In Person)
Jason Mancini (Vice Chair) (In Person)
Amrys Williams (In Person)
Andy Horowitz (In Person)
Arienne Orozco (In Person)
Margaret Khan (In Person)
Steve Armstrong (In Person)
Catherine Labadia (In Person)
Michael Werner (In Person)
Sally Whipple (Virtual)
Jonathan Slifka (Virtual)
Merle McGee (Virtual)
Tom Scanlon (Virtual)

Staff

Cyndi Tolosa (In Person)
Rachel Gonzalez (In Person)
Megan Baker (In Person)
Scott Wands (In Person)

Guest Speaker

Jeff Devereux

The meeting started at 10:09 a.m.

5 min.	Welcome	D. Merrill
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- Approval of Minutes from [October 15, 2025 Meeting](#)

Motion: Amrys Williams

Second: Margaret Khan

Discussion: None

Vote: Yes (12), No (-), Abstain (1)

15 min. National/Regional Update

- America250 Initiatives
 - [America Gives](#)
 - [America's Field Trip](#)
 - [Our American Story](#)
 - Time Capsule
- America250 Sublicensing
 - [America's Potluck](#)
 - [My America](#)

	○ Spirit of America ● Northeast Regional Group	R. Gonzalez
10 min.	July 4, 2026: Hartford Bonanza and City of Hartford	J. Devereux, T. Duggan
45 min.	Review of Annual Report ● 2025 Progress ● 2026 Plans	C. Tolosa
30 min.	Subcommittee Updates ● Governance ○ Affiliate Update (Spread the Word) ● Community & Organizational Engagement ○ Town Committees Update ○ Community Calendar Update ○ Regional Affiliate Gatherings ● Education ○ Upcoming Webinar	A. Orozco A. Williams S. Armstrong
15 min.	Public Comment	

The meeting ended at 11:12 a.m.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 15, 2026
Location TBD (Central CT area)