

# AMERICA 250

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America 250 | CT Commission  
Governance Subcommittee Meeting  
Wednesday, March 11, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom  
Minutes

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### Attendees

#### Subcommittee

Arienne Orozco, Chair  
Deborah Schander  
Michael Werner  
Jason Mancini  
Denise Merrill

#### CTH Staff

Rachel Gonzalez

The meeting started at 10:01 a.m.

1. Minutes Approval
  - a. [January 15, 2026](#)
  - b. [February 11, 2026](#)

A. Orozco and J. Mancini were present at the January meeting and participated in the vote to approve those minutes. J. Mancini, D. Schander, and M. Werner were present at the February meeting and participated in the vote to approve those minutes.

Vote to approve January minutes: Yes - 2; No - 0; Abstain - 2  
Vote to approve February minutes: Yes -3; No -0; Abstain - 1

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 for any of the 15 applications under review. The subcommittee agreed to vote on all 15 as a single slate.

Vote to approve all applications under consideration: Yes - 4; No - 0; Abstain - 0

\*D. Merrill joined the meeting at 10:04, just after voting concluded.

The 15 new affiliates bring the total number to 212.

3. Other Business as Needed

No other business.

The meeting ended at 10:05 a.m.

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 8, 2026, 10:00-10:30 AM**