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America 250 | CT Commission Meeting
Wednesday, July 15, 2026 at 10:00 AM
Legislative Office Building, Hearing Room 1E
Hartford
Agenda with Votes

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

Attendees

Commissioners

Denise Merrill (Chair) (In Person)
Jason Mancini (Vice Chair) (In Person)
Ilene Frank (In Person)
Sally Whipple (In Person)
Andy Horowitz (In Person)
Amrys Williams (In Person)
Margaret Khan (In Person)
Cathy Labadia (In Person)
Steve Armstrong (In Person)
Megan Baker (In Person)

Tom Scanlon (In Person)

Staff

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

Members of the Public

The meeting started at 10:03 a.m.

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| 5 min. | Welcome | D. Merrill |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Approval of Minutes from April 15, 2026 meeting | |
| | Motion: Steve Armstrong | |
| | Second: Deborah Schander | |
| | Discussion: None | |
| | Vote: Yes (12), No (-), Abstain (-) | |
| 20 min. | Commissioner Updates | |
| 10 min. | National/Regional Update | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Federal InitiativesNationwide Initiatives | C. Tolosa
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| 45 min. | Work Plan Updates | C. Tolosa |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Sponsorships and 2026 PlansCT Visit CT250 Landing Page250th Events - July 4 and Beyond | |

- Action steps for commission members

30 min.

Subcommittee Updates

- Governance R. Gonzalez
 - o [Affiliate](#) Update - Final number - 260 affiliates
- Community & Organizational Engagement A. Williams
 - o [Town Committees](#) Update - 159 total municipalities
 - o Recommitment ceremony & signing
- Education S. Armstrong
 - o Local History [Certificate](#) Program - 182 students

15 min.

Public Comment

The meeting ended at 11:03 a.m.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 21, 2026
Location TBD