America 250 | CT Commission Meeting
Wednesday, October 21, 2026 at 10:00 AM
Legislative Office Building, Hearing Room 1E, Hartford
Agenda with Votes

Recording: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mzbiPkIt1VQ

Attendees

Commissioners
Denise Merril (Chair) (In Person)
Jason Mancini (Vice Chair) (In Person)
Tom Scanlon (In Person)
Ilene Frank (In Person)
Megan Baker (In Person)
Arienne Orozco (In Person)
Catherine Labadia (In Person)
Margaret Khan (In Person)
Andy Horowitz (Virtual)
Deborah Schander (Virtual)
Maisa Tisdale (Virtual)
Sally Whipple (Virtual)
Merle McGee (Virtual)
Melvette Hill (Virtual)

Staff
Cyndi Tolosa (In Person)
Rachel Gonzalez (In Person)

The meeting started at 10:04 a.m.

5 min.	Welcome ● Approval of Minutes from July 15, 2026 meeting	D. Merrill

Motion: Tom Scanlon
Second: Catherine Labadia
Discussion: None
Vote: Yes (12), No (-), Abstain (-) [M. McGee & M. Hill joined the meeting after the vote]

10 min.	National/Regional Update	
	● Federal Initiatives	C. Tolosa
	● Northeast Region - Gen. Tryon	C. Tolosa
25 min.	Work Plan Updates	C. Tolosa
	● Summer Events & Sponsorships Recap	

- Funding Update

25 min. Commission Sunset - Plans & Timeframe
- Evaluation

15 min. Subcommittee Updates
- Governance — A.Orozco
  - Annual & Final Reporting
- Community & Organizational Engagement — A. Williams
  - 250 in a Box
- Education — S. Armstrong

10 min. Public Comment

The meeting ended at 10:58 a.m.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 20, 2027
Location TBD