



MEMORANDUM

TO: ASHLEY FLYNN-NATALE
CITY AND TOWN CLERK

FROM: CHRISTOPHER FORTE, ASSISTANT GENERAL COUNSEL

DATE: JANUARY 14, 2026

RE: NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE LGBTQIA+ COMMISSION

THE LGBTQIA+ COMMISSION WILL HOLD A REGULAR MEETING ON **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2026 AT 7 P.M.** THE MEETING WILL BE A CONDUCTED AS A HYBRID MEETING, HELD ONLINE VIA WEBEX, AND IN-PERSON IN ROOM 208, CITY HALL, 245 DeKOVEN DRIVE, MIDDLETOWN, CT



*** THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING IS WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE ***

LGBTQIA+ COMMISSION

AGENDA FOR REGULAR MEETING
TO BE HELD IN-PERSON AND VIA WEBEX
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2026 AT 7 p.m.

FOR PUBLIC ATTENDANCE IF ATTENDING IN PERSON

City of Middletown City Hall
Room 208, Second Floor
245 deKoven Drive
Middletown, CT 06457

FOR VIRTUAL PUBLIC ATTENDANCE

<https://middletownct.webex.com/middletownct/j.php?MTID=m4f578a457478af1ab749d54e212a8f26>

OR

Webex.com
Join a Meeting
Event Number: 2335 638 4141
Password: Middletown

OR

Dial: 408-418-9388
Access Code: 2335 638 4141

- 1. Call to Order By Chairperson.**
- 2. Approval of the Minutes for the December 17, 2025 Regular Meeting of the LGBTQIA+ Commission.**
- 3. Public Session on Agenda Items.**
- 4. New Business.**

A. Submitted Applications for Proposed Events.

- I. Crush the Comments, January 29, 2026, from 6 – 9 pm, at the Russell Library, cost \$0 (Commissioner Skowera).**

If you require special accommodations for any meeting, please call the ADA Coordinator at (860) 638-4540, (voice) or (860) 638-4812 (TDD/TTY), or the Town Clerk's Office at (860) 638-4910 at least ten (10) days prior to the scheduled meeting.

B. Yearly Events.

- I. Pride Month (June).
- II. Non-Binary People's Day.
- III. LGBTQ+ History Month (October).
- IV. National Coming Out Day (October).
- V. Transgender Day of Remembrance (November).
- VI. Transgender Day of Visibility (March).
- VII. Community Dinner.

5. Old Business.

A. Middletown PrideFEST 2026

- I. PrideFEST 2026 Roles and Responsibilities (Commissioner Skowera).

B. Middletown Pride Community Events Program

(Total approved spending for FY 2025-2026: \$18,555.)

- I. Gayme Night monthly, from 6-9 pm at Back Again Board Games, cost including gratuity is \$880 for 30-39 people, \$1,100 for 40-46 people (Commissioners Haddad and Marrotte).
- II. Recap of First Day Queer Hike, January 1, 2026 from 1 – 2:30 pm, at Wadsworth Falls State Park, 721 Wadsworth Street, Middletown, CT, cost \$0 (Commissioner Loomis-Davern).

C. Middletown Pride Grant Program (Commissioner Skowera).

- I. Q+ Grant Program.
- II. Peer Pride Grant Program.
- III. LGBTQIA+ Peer Support Grant Program at St. Vincent DePaul.

D. Middletown Pride Scholarship Program Update (Commissioner Shapiro).

E. Taking Pride on Main Street Initiative Update (Commissioner Skowera).

F. USA Pride and Interpride Memberships Update (Commissioner Timmons).

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G. Policy Review: Personnel Policy Updates (Commissioner Skowera).

6. Adjournment.

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