



MEMORANDUM

TO: ASHLEY FLYNN-NATALE
CITY AND TOWN CLERK

FROM: CHRISTOPHER FORTE, ASSISTANT GENERAL COUNSEL

DATE: FEBRUARY 12, 2026

RE: NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE LGBTQIA+ COMMISSION

THE LGBTQIA+ COMMISSION WILL HOLD A REGULAR MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 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



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LGBTQIA+ COMMISSION

AMENDED AGENDA FOR REGULAR MEETING
TO BE HELD IN-PERSON AND VIA WEBEX
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 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=mc15dcd84266292f1b4a9179de0a4ba16>

OR

Webex.com
Join a Meeting
Event Number: 2337 018 5538
Password: Middletown

OR

Dial: 408-418-9388
Access Code: 2337 018 5538

- 1. Call to Order By Chairperson.**
- 2. Approval of the Minutes for the January 21, 2025 Regular Meeting of the LGBTQIA+ Commission.**
- 3. Public Session on Agenda Items.**
- 4. New Business.**
 - A. Approval of Grand Marshal Nominations.**
 - B. Senior Center Collaborations (Commissioner Cartagena)**

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.

C. Submitted Applications for Proposed Events.

- I. Application to be a Vendor for West Hartford Pride, June 27, 2026 (Commissioner Skowera).
- II. Trans Lifeline 5k Fundraiser, March 29, 2026 from 9 am to 12 pm, at Wesleyan University Indoor Track, cost \$80 for ASL interpreters. (Commissioner Loomis-Davern).

D. 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 Marotte).
- II. Recap of Crush the Comments, January 29, 2026, from 6 – 9 pm, at the Russell Library, cost \$0 (Commissioner Skowera).

C. Middletown Pride Grant Program (Commissioner Skowera).

- I. Q+ Grant Program.
- II. Peer Pride Grant Program.

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

6. Adjournment.

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