



## MEMORANDUM

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**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**

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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



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

**LGBTQIA+ COMMISSION**

**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).

**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 Marrotte).
- 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.
- III. LGBTQIA+ Peer Support Grant Program at St. Vincent DePaul.

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- 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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