

APPROVED AS AMENDED: FEBRUARY 19, 2026
WEST WINDSOR TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
INAUGURATION/REORGANIZATION MEETING
January 15, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

Township Clerk Sheehan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Ms. Sheehan led the salute to the flag.

STATEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE

Published in The Times and the Princeton Packet on December 26, 2025, posted on the Township website and at the Municipal Building.

ATTENDEES: President: Gawas; Council: Charles, Geevers, Weiss; Mayor: Marathe; Business Administrator: Schmid; Assistant to the Business Administrator: Giblin; Township Attorney Representative: Herbert; Township Clerk: Sheehan; Deputy Township Clerk: Godin

INAUGURATION MEETING

ANNOUNCEMENT OF ELECTION RESULTS

Ms. Sheehan read the results of the November 4, 2025 Municipal Election.

Dr. Hemant Marathe was certified as Mayor elected with 5,382 votes.

Ms. Linda Geevers was certified as Council Member elected with 5,359 votes.

Mr. Joseph "Joe" Charles was certified as Council Member elected with 5,132 votes.

OATH OF OFFICE – HEMANT MARATHE

Ms. Sheehan asked Dr. Marathe to come forward to be sworn in. Ms. Sheehan administered the Oath of Office. Mr. Marathe was joined by his Mother, Wife, Daughter, Son-in-Law and Granddaughter. Ms. Sheehan presented an official original of the Certification of Election to Mayor Marathe.

OATH OF OFFICE – LINDA GEEVERS

Ms. Sheehan asked Ms. Geevers to come forward to be sworn in. Ms. Sheehan administered the Oath of Office. Ms. Geevers was joined by her Husband and two Daughters. Ms. Sheehan presented an official original of the Certification of Election to Ms. Geevers.

OATH OF OFFICE – JOSEPH “JOE” CHARLES

Ms. Sheehan asked Mr. Charles to come forward to be sworn in. Ms. Sheehan administered the Oath of Office. Mr. Charles was joined by his Wife, Daughter and Son. Ms. Sheehan presented an official original of the Certification of Election to Mr. Charles.

COMMENTS BY NEWLY ELECTED AND RE-ELECTED OFFICIALS

Councilmember Geevers stated that it was her honor to serve her sixth term as a member of the Township Council. She said she is humbled by the continued support shown in her reelection. She congratulated Mayor Marathe on his third-term reelection and congratulated and welcomed Councilmember Joe Charles to the Council. She expressed her appreciation to Councilmembers Gawas and Mandel for their support over the past six years. She noted that she looks forward to working with Councilmember Weiss again on issues of mutual importance.

She also looks forward to working with department heads and staff members, and she thanked everyone for their dedication to the community. She thanked both Volunteer Fire Companies and the Fire Police. She encouraged all residents to volunteer within the township. She also thanked members of the various boards and commissions, as well as the many non-profits in town, for their service and leadership.

She spoke about the important discussions and events anticipated in the coming year. Finally, she thanked her husband and daughters for their support.

Councilmember Charles introduced himself and spoke about his history in West Windsor. He thanked everyone for their support during the election and gave a special thank-you to his in-laws for joining him tonight. He congratulated the Mayor and Councilmember Geevers on their reelections and shared that he looks forward to working with the entire Council and administration.

He reflected on what makes West Windsor such a great place to live and noted that he has a list of goals he hopes to accomplish during his term. He is eager to hit the ground running. He emphasized that he is here to serve all West Windsor residents and welcomes input from the community. He also stated that he will remain accessible through email, social media, and his open office hours.

Mayor Marathe began by thanking the residents for reelecting him for a third term. He expressed appreciation to his running mates for conducting a positive, issue-focused campaign and extended his gratitude to the many volunteers who helped secure their victory. He also thanked the administration and township employees for making his work both enjoyable and meaningful. Finally, he acknowledged his family, especially his wife, for supporting him in doing a job he loves.

He reflected on his first eight years as mayor and spoke about the challenges that lie ahead in the coming term. He shared his hope of addressing these challenges effectively in partnership with the Council and concluded by once again thanking everyone for their continued trust and support.

Councilmember Weiss congratulated his reelected colleagues and wished Councilmember Charles success in his first year. He is hoping for a productive year ahead and he offered his

thoughts on what good government is and should be; respect, collaboration and a shared commitment to our community. Lastly, he thanked the residents for trust in all of council.

Council President Gawas congratulated the Mayor and Councilmember Geevers and welcomed Councilmember Charles. She looks forward to working with everyone and thanked everyone for attending and watching on-line.

Councilmember Mandel congratulated the Mayor and Councilmembers Geevers and Charles on taking the oath to serve West Windsor Township. She spoke about her history with the Mayor and Councilmember Geevers and Councilmember Charles. She thanked everyone for supporting her as Council President this past year. She is looking forward to the challenges this year and noted some important topics for 2026.

Ms. Sheehan recognized the former Councilmembers in the audience and called for a short 10-minute recess to enjoy light refreshments and pictures in the lobby.

REORGANIZATION AND BUSINESS SESSION

CALL TO ORDER: Ms. Sheehan called the meeting to order at 7:36 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Charles, Gawas, Geevers, Mandel, Weiss

STATEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE

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SALUTE TO THE FLAG

This was previously accomplished at the Inauguration meeting

NOMINATION OF COUNCIL OFFICERS FOR 2026

Ms. Sheehan called for nominations for Council president.

Councilmember Mandel nominated Councilmember Gawas. Councilmember Geevers seconded the nomination

Ms. Sheehan asked for any further nominations:

None

Motion to close nominations: Geevers

Second: Mandel

RCV: Aye Charles
Aye Gawas
Aye Geevers
Aye Mandel
Aye Weiss

Ms. Sheehan called for a vote to confirm the election of Gawas as Council President.

RCV: Aye Charles
Aye Gawas
Aye Geevers
Aye Mandel
Aye Weiss

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE TO COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Council President Gawas, with her Husband and two children by her side, was sworn in by Ms. Sheehan.

Ms. Sheehan turned the meeting over to Council President Gawas. The gavel was transferred to Council President Gawas

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT

President Gawas called for nominations for Council Vice President

Councilmember Geevers nominated Councilmember Mandel as Council Vice President.

Councilmember Charles seconded the nomination.

President Gawas asked for any further nominations.

None

Motion to closed nominations: Geevers

Second: Charles

RCV: Aye Charles
Aye Geevers
Aye Mandel
Aye Weiss
Aye Gawas

President Gawas called for a vote to confirm the election of Councilmember Mandel as Council Vice President.

RCV: Aye Charles

Aye Geevers
Aye Mandel
Aye Weiss
Aye Gawas

ADMINISTRATION AND OATH OF OFFICE TO COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT

Council Vice President Mandel was sworn in by Ms. Sheehan.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE MEMBER

President Gawas called for nominations for Affordable Housing Committee Member.

Councilmember Geevers nominated Councilmember Weiss to serve as Affordable Housing Committee Member.

Councilmember Charles seconded the nomination.

President Gawas asked for further nominations:

None

Motion to close nominations: Mandel

Second: Geevers

RCV: Aye Charles
Aye Geevers
Aye Mandel
Aye Weiss
Aye Gawas

President Gawas called for a vote to confirm the election of Councilmember Weiss as Affordable Housing Committee Member:

RCV: Aye Charles
Aye Geevers
Aye Mandel
Aye Weiss
Aye Gawas

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE MEMBER

Councilmember Weiss was sworn in by Ms. Sheehan

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF PLANNING BOARD CLASS III MEMBER

President Gawas called for nominations for Planning Board Class III Member.

Councilmember Mandel nominated Councilmember Geevers to serve as Planning Board Class III Member.

Councilmember Weiss seconded the nomination.

President Gawas asked for any further nominations.

None

Motion to closed nominations: Weiss

Second: Charles

RCV: Aye Charles

Aye Geevers

Aye Mandel

Aye Weiss

Aye Gawas

President Gawas called for a vote to confirm the election of Councilmember Geevers as Planning Board Class III Member.

RCV: Aye Charles

Aye Geevers

Aye Mandel

Aye Weiss

Aye Gawas

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE TO PLANNING BOARD CLASS III MEMBER

Councilmember Geevers was sworn in by Ms. Sheehan.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE

President Gawas called for nominations for Emergency Management Council Representative.

Councilmember Charles nominated Councilmember Mandel to serve as Emergency Management Council Representative.

Councilmember Geevers seconded the nomination.

President Gawas asked for any further nominations.

None

Motion to close nominations: Charles

Second: Geevers

RCV: Aye Charles

Aye Geevers

Aye Mandel
Aye Weiss
Aye Gawas

President Gawas called for a vote to confirm the election of Councilmember Mandel as Emergency Management Council Representative.

RCV: Aye Charles
Aye Geevers
Aye Mandel
Aye Weiss
Aye Gawas

ADMINISTRATION AND OATH OF OFFICE TO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE

Councilmember Mandel was sworn in by Ms. Sheehan.

LIAISONS FOR BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

NOMINATION OF BOARD OF RECREATION COMMISSIONERS LIAISON

President Gawas called for nominations for Board of Recreation Commissioners Liaison.

Councilmember Weiss nominated Councilmember Charles to serve as Board of Recreation Commissioners Liaison.

Councilmember Geevers seconded the nomination.

President Gawas asked for any further nominations.

None

Motion to close nominations: Mandel

Second: Weiss

RCV: Aye Charles
Aye Geevers
Aye Mandel
Aye Weiss
Aye Gawas

President Gawas called for a vote to confirm the election of Councilmember Charles as Board of Recreation Commissioners Liaison.

RCV: Aye Charles
Aye Geevers
Aye Mandel
Aye Weiss

Aye Gawas

NOMINATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION LIAISON

President Gawas called for nominations for Environmental Commission Liaison.

Councilmember Charles nominated Councilmember Mandel to serve as Environmental Commission Liaison.

Councilmember Geevers seconded the nomination.

President Gawas asked for any further nominations.

None

Motion to close nominations: Weiss

Second: Charles

RCV: Aye Charles

Aye Geevers

Aye Mandel

Aye Weiss

Aye Gawas

President Gawas called for a vote to confirm the election of Councilmember Mandel as Environmental Commission Liaison.

RCV: Aye Charles

Aye Geevers

Aye Mandel

Aye Weiss

Aye Gawas

NOMINATION OF HUMAN RELATIONS COUNCIL LIAISON

President Gawas called for nominations for Human Relations Council Liaison.

Councilmember Charles nominated Councilmember Gawas to serve as Human Relations Council Liaison.

Councilmember Mandel seconded the nomination.

President Gawas asked for any further nominations.

None

Motion to close nominations: Weiss

Second: Geevers

RCV: Aye Charles

Aye Geevers
Aye Mandel
Aye Weiss
Aye Gawas

President Gawas called for a vote to confirm the election of Herself as Human Relations Council Liaison.

RCV: Aye Charles
Aye Geevers
Aye Mandel
Aye Weiss
Aye Gawas

NOMINATION OF PARKING AUTHORITY LIAISON

President Gawas called for nominations for Parking Authority Liaison.

Councilmember Weiss nominated Councilmember Charles to serve as Parking Authority Liaison.

Councilmember Mandel seconded the nomination.

President Gawas asked for any further nominations.

None

Motion to close nominations: Mandel

Second: Geevers
RCV: Aye Charles
Aye Geevers
Aye Mandel
Aye Weiss
Aye Gawas

President Gawas called for a vote to confirm the election of Councilmember Charles as Parking Authority Liaison.

RCV: Aye Charles
Aye Geevers
Aye Mandel
Aye Weiss
Aye Gawas

NOMINATION OF SHADE TREE COMMISSION LIAISON

President Gawas called for nominations for Shade Tree Commission Liaison.

Councilmember Weiss nominated Councilmember Geevers to serve as Shade Tree Commission Liaison.

Councilmember Mandel seconded the nomination.

President Gawas asked for any further nominations.

None

Motion to closed nominations: Charles

Second: Weiss

RCV: Aye Charles

Aye Geevers

Aye Mandel

Aye Weiss

Aye Gawas

President Gawas called for a vote to confirm the election of Councilmember Geevers as Shade Tree Commission Liaison.

RCV: Aye Charles

Aye Geevers

Aye Mandel

Aye Weiss

Aye Gawas

NOMINATION OF SCHOOL BOARD LIAISON

President Gawas called for nominations for School Board Liaison.

Councilmember Mandel nominated Councilmember Weiss to serve as School Board Liaison.

Councilmember Geevers seconded the nomination.

President Gawas asked for any further nominations.

None

Motion to close nominations: Weiss

Second: Geevers

RCV: Aye Charles

Aye Geevers

Aye Mandel
Aye Weiss
Aye Gawas

President Gawas called for a vote to confirm the election of Councilmember Weiss as School Board Liaison.

RCV: Aye Charles
Aye Geevers
Aye Mandel
Aye Weiss
Aye Gawas

President Gawas asked for Councilmember comments.

None

Approval of Resolutions:

RESOLUTIONS

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| 2026-R001 | Regular Meetings for Calendar Year 2026 |
| 2026-R002 | Legal Newspapers for Calendar Year 2026 |
| 2026-R003 | Establishing Procedural Guidelines for the Council of West Windsor Township |
| 2026-R004 | Municipal Holidays for Calendar Year 2026 |
| 2026-R005 | Cash Management Plan Authorization for West Windsor Township |
| 2026-R006 | Establishing the Rate of Interest Charged on Delinquent Taxes and 6% Year End Penalty |
| 2026-R007 | Authorizing the Cancellation of any Property Tax Refund or Delinquency less than \$10.00 |
| 2026-R008 | Authorizing Temporary Municipal Budget Appropriations for 2026 |
| 2026-R009 | Appointing Janis DiNatale as Affirmative Action Public Agency Compliance Officer through December 2026 |
| 2026-R010 | Authorizing Lorraine Jones, Tax Assessor, the Authority (in conjunction with Special Tax Counsel/Township Attorney) to Set, Adjust, Defend and Prosecute Matters on Behalf of the Township Involving Tax Assessment, Property Tax Exemptions as Per Chapter 4; Section 31 E of the Code of the Township of West Windsor |

- 2026-R011 Authorizing the Reappointment of Charles Appelget as a Member of the Agricultural Advisory Committee with a Term to Expire on January 14, 2029
- 2026-R012 Authorizing the Appointment of Alison Miller as a Member of the Affordable Housing Committee with a Term to Expire on January 14, 2029
- 2026-R013 Authorizing the Appointment of Paul Song to Fill the Unexpired Term as Member of the Affordable Housing Committee with a Term to Expire on January 14, 2028
- 2026-R014 Authorizing the Reappointment of Ephraim Buhks as a Member of the Human Relations Council with a Term to Expire on January 14, 2028
- 2026-R015 Authorizing the Reappointment of Jyotima Prasad as a Member of the Human Relations Council with a Term to Expire on January 14, 2028
- 2026-R016 Authorizing the Reappointment of Larry Katz as a Member of the Parking Authority with a Term to Expire on January 14, 2031
- 2026-R017 Authorizing the Reappointment of Farryl Lovett Mixson as a Member of the Shade Tree Commission with a Term to Expire on January 14, 2031
- 2026-R018 Authorizing the Reappointment of Eugene Fridkin as a Member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment with a Term to Expire on January 14, 2030
- 2026-R019 Authorizing the Reappointment of G. Chris Lemmond as an Alternate I on the Zoning Board of Adjustment with a Term to Expire on January 14, 2028

Motion to approve resolutions 2026-R001 through 2026-R019: Mandel

Second: Weiss

RCV: Aye Charles
Aye Geever
Aye Mandel
Aye Weiss
Aye Gawas

PUBLIC COMMENT

Niyati Agrawal, 21205 Warbler Way, congratulated the Mayor, Councilmember Geevers and Charles on behalf of HSS a non-profit organization committed to character building, community service and promoting physical and mental well-being.

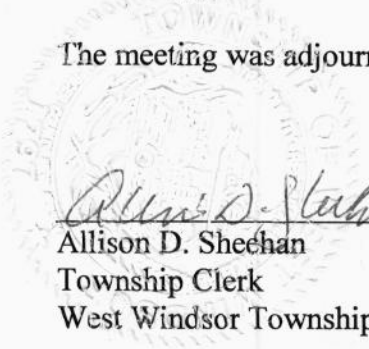
ADJOURNMENT

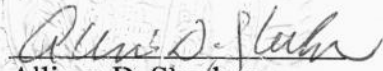
Motion to adjourn: Weiss

Second: Geevers

VV: All approved

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.





Allison D. Sheehan
Township Clerk
West Windsor Township



Sonia Gawas
Council President
West Windsor Township