

Council Committee Meeting Minutes
Upper Darby Township
100 Garrett Road
Upper Darby, PA 19082
February 4, 2026 7:00 pm

****The video of this meeting can be viewed in its entirety on youtube.com/upperdarby.org****

President Minick opened the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence.

Roll Call:

Present: Michelle Billups (MB), Marion Minick (MM), Noah Fields (NF), John McMahon (JM), Melissa DiNofia-Bozzone (MDB), Syama Disa (SD), Danyelle Blackwell (Dblackwell), Myron McNeely (Mmcneely), David Bantoe (DB), Kyle McIntyre (KM), and Brian O'Neill (BO).

Also present: The Honorable Mayor Ed Brown, Chief Administrative Officer Crandall O. Jones, Solicitors Clarke and Gallagher, Chief Municipal Clerk Kate Doggett, and UDT police officers.

President Minick announced that an Executive Session was held before the Committee Meeting, and two matters of potential litigation were discussed.

Rules for Meeting Decorum

“Upper Darby residents have the opportunity to speak for three (3) minutes. Residents are prohibited from making threats, using profanity, or acting in a manner that would impede or prevent the conduct of the business of the meeting. Any person who attends the meeting and makes remarks, disrupts, or otherwise impedes the orderly conduct of the meeting after receiving a verbal warning may be required to leave the meeting at the discretion of the Council President.”

Public Forum should not exceed thirty (30) minutes. If a resident chooses to ask questions, they are voluntarily giving up their time for a response. This means that the 3-minute timer will continue to run no matter who is speaking. The timer will be clearly displayed on the screen.

Motion by NF, seconded by KM

Motion to Extend Public Forum

All in favor

Motion passes

Public Forum

Lee Jordan, 90 Pilgrim Lane, asked about enforcement when vehicles are not removed from snow emergency routes and expressed opposition to Resolution No. 4-26.

Becky Duggan stated that she opposes Resolution No. 4-26 regarding Public Hearings. She thanked the Police and Public Works departments for their work during the snowstorm.

Mark Litrenta discussed Resolution No. 3-26 and emphasized the importance of respecting the law.

Olivia Taylor discussed the township's snow removal, slumlords' failure to maintain their properties, and inquired about grant money for the police.

John DeMasi asked the solicitor about his communication with the Office of Open Records regarding his Right-to-Know requests. He asked CAO Jones about refunds from the Kilkenny Law Firm.

Susan Ruffenach stated she opposes ICE.

Joanne Nammavong thanked CAO Jones for his communication regarding the snow emergency routes and discussed the email she sent to President Minick and Mayor Brown.

James Kennedy of West Chester Pike discussed his support for Resolution No. 3-26 and stated he believed it should be an Ordinance. He commented on the snow removal at the police station.

Connie Komm discussed a political party, its policies, and practices.

Judy Duggan commented about limitations on speech and about the enforcement of snow emergency routes.

Colleen Kennedy of 8723 West Chester Pike spoke in support of Resolution No. 3-26 and the immigrant community.

Lindsay Poulos, 3429 Clark Street, spoke in support of Resolution No. 3-26, and believes it should be an Ordinance.

Bob Yantorno inquired about the \$160,000 grant for police officer retention.

Steve Komm discussed a political party, its policies, and practices.

Stephanie Nottingham ceded her time to Steve Komm, who discussed a political party, its policies, and practices.

Bonnie Hallam of 4719 Woodland spoke in support of Resolution No. 3-26 and asked for clarification on the differences between a resolution and an ordinance.

Jenn Hallam of 4719 Woodland spoke in support of the immigrant community and supports Resolution No. 3-26.

Dolores Lombardi of 29 S. Kirklyn Avenue supports Resolution No. 3-26 and believes it should be put forth as an Ordinance with more provisions.

Alana Haber, Rachel Drive, spoke on the importance of adequately funding the library, particularly employee wages, citing high staff turnover and its negative impact. She stated she supports Resolution No. 3-26.

Elaine Weaver gave her time to Charlie Alexander, who aired grievances about a councilmember and discussed his recent Right to Know requests. He opined that Upper Darby Township is not safe and talked about the homeless population in the township.

Justine Mays discussed snow removal, salting, and trash pick-up on her street. She supports Resolution No. 3-26.

Michelle Billups spoke on behalf of resident Joe Grimley, who expressed disappointment at the communication during the recent snowstorm.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by DB, seconded by MB

Motion to Approve the January 21, 2026, Council Meeting Minutes.

All in favor

Motion passes

The Honorable Mayor Ed Brown

Mayor Brown discussed snow removal and trash and recycling collection efforts during the recent snowstorm and requested an update from Director of Public Works Joe Martin. Director Martin presented a PowerPoint outlining the Department's snow response efforts. Superintendent Bernhardt also provided a report on the police response regarding the snow emergency routes. MB asked for clarification on the practice of saving parking spots using chairs.

Mayor Brown announced that the township will continue to work with Breaking Bread and provide shelter until 2/10. He discussed ICE's activity in the township and reiterated the township's position on it, and informed the public that ICE no longer communicates with the township. He affirmed that the resident's safety is his top priority and that an immigration resources page has been added to the UDT website.

President of Council

No report.

Resolution 3-26: Official Policy on the Enforcement of Non-Criminal Federal Immigration Laws

President Minick introduced Resolution 3-26 for Council review, with action scheduled for the February 18, 2026, Council Meeting.

Motion by Dblackwell, seconded by DB

Motion to Introduce Resolution No. 3-26 and place on the next meeting agenda for a vote.

All in favor

Motion passes

Resolution 4-26: Establishing a Policy for Public Comment

President Minick introduced Resolution 4-26 for Council review, with action scheduled for the February 18, 2026, Council Meeting.

Motion by NF, seconded by DB

Motion to Introduce Resolution No. 4-26 and place on the next meeting agenda for a vote.

All in favor

Motion passes

Ordinance No. 2026-03: Amending Chapter 7 - Administrative Code, at Section 5 – Meetings

Motion by NF, seconded by Mmcneely

Motion to approve the introduction and advertisement of Ordinance No. 2026-03 with a public hearing and action scheduled for February 18, 2026

All in favor

Motion passes

Resolution No. 5-26: to Authorize a Strike Off of 2023 Township Property Taxes on the Property of 107 Long Lane, Upper Darby, Pa 19082

President Minick introduced Resolution 5-26 for Council review, with action scheduled for the February 18, 2026, Council Meeting.

CAO Jones explained the resolution and stated the amount to be stricken is \$4,001.98.

Motion by MB, seconded by BO

Motion to Introduce Resolution No. 5-26 and place on the next meeting agenda for a vote.

All in favor

Motion passes

Resolution 6-26: Resolution Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement Between the Upper Darby Police Department and the East Lansdowne Police Department for Installation and Use of Public Safety Cameras

President Minick introduced Resolution 6-26 for Council review, with action scheduled for the February 18, 2026, Council Meeting.

Motion by Dblackwell, seconded by MB

Motion to Introduce Resolution No. 6-26 and place on the next meeting agenda for a vote.

All in favor

Motion passes

Solicitor

No report.

Old Business

NF read a prepared statement reflecting on his first month serving as Vice President and Council At-Large.

Dblackwell expressed appreciation for the support she receives and will continue to serve Upper Darby Township.

DB addressed his recent press statement, thanked colleagues for their support, and reiterated that public safety is paramount.

MB announced that the winners of the Black History Month Poetry contest will be announced at the February 18th Council meeting and thanked everyone for their participation.

Mmcneely thanked his colleagues for their support during his time of bereavement and announced that he will host a food giveaway in the 5-6 and will provide details at the next meeting. KM thanked Council and administration for delivering policy so quickly, specifically Resolution No. 3-26, the official policy on the enforcement of non-criminal federal immigration laws. He encouraged residents to know their rights and stay safe.

New Business

MM announced that Council is scheduled to have an Executive Session on 2/9/26 to discuss a personnel matter, the Finance Director candidate.

Motion by MB, seconded by DB

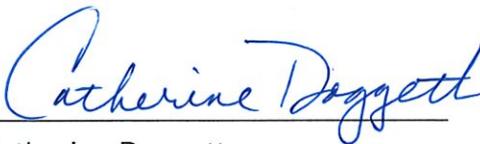
Motion to Adjourn

All in favor

Motion passes

The meeting adjourned at 8:42 PM

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Catherine Doggett". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Catherine Doggett
Chief Municipal Clerk