

**MINUTES  
LGBTQIA+ COMMISSION  
SPECIAL MEETING MARCH 2, 2026**

Present: Chair, Brianna Bloom Skowera, Commissioners Angela Crow, Derek Cartagena, Beth Shapiro, Katherine Marrotte, Tamara Anika Dane, Lisa Loomis-Davern.

Members of the Public: Haley Stafford.

1. **Call to Order By Chairperson.** Chair Skowera called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.
2. **Public Session on Agenda Items.** None.
3. **New Business.**

**A. Approval of Grand Marshal Nominations.**

**MOTION:** Angela Crow made a motion to recommend approval of the nominations of John Pepe and Jennifer Billingsley as Grand Marshals for PrideFEST 2026, and should either selected grand marshal be unable to serve, that the LGBTQIA+ Commission will offer the grand marshal position to the next highest vote getters. Motion was seconded by Katherine Marrotte. Motion was approved unanimously.

- B. 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).** Commissioner Loomis-Davern would like to amend the event to be a Transgender Day of Visibility 5k fundraiser, where transgender led organizations can attend and table, and people will be able to donate to Middletown Pride and other organizations of their choosing. Commissioner Dane stated that Wesleyan is very excited for this event and other organizations in the community.

**MOTION:** Lisa Loomis-Davern made a motion to approve a Transgender Day of Visibility 5k fundraising event where transgender led organizations are able to attend and table, allowing attendees an opportunity to donate to those organizations and Middletown Pride. Motion was seconded by Anika Dane. Motion was approved unanimously.

4. **Adjournment.**

**MOTION:** Lisa Loomis-Davern made a motion to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Katherine Marrotte. Motion was approved unanimously and the meeting adjourned.