



OUTREACH & ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, March 19, 2026

Committee Members in Attendance via Electronic Device: Eva Bermudez Zimmerman, Easha Canada, Adrienne Cochrane, Sheila Hummel, Molly Weston Williamson

Committee Members Absent: Justin Zartman

CT Paid Leave Staff in Attendance via Electronic Device: Nancy Barrow, Erin Choquette, Amber Forrest, Madeline Granato, Stephanie Oliveras, Virginia Rzesutock, Nicole Sanclemente, Jessica Vargas

1. Welcome & Call to Order-

Committee Chair Eva Bermudez Zimmerman called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. Clerical Assistant Stephanie Oliveras took attendance by roll call and confirmed the existence of a quorum. Ms. Bermudez Zimmerman acknowledged members of the public.

2. Review & Approval of January 15, 2026, Meeting Minutes-

Ms. Bermudez Zimmerman asked the Committee to review the January 15, 2026, meeting minutes and asked for a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Molly Weston Williamson motioned, and Sheila Hummel seconded that motion. All in favor. None opposed. None abstained. The motion carried.

3. Outreach & Engagement Updates-

Chief Experience Officer Jessica Vargas provided the Outreach & Engagement updates through a slide presentation which included updates on:

- Community Education Coordinators Digital Campaign
- Virtual Presentations
- In-Person Events
- Employer Outreach Efforts
- Bureau Of Aging Collaboration
- Focus on Caregiving with CT Public

Engagement and Podcast Director Nancy Barrow provided an update on the CT Paid Leave Podcasts, highlighting that the podcast will release its 100th episode in a few days.

4. Government Relations Update-

Government & Community Relations Manager Madeline Granato provided the government relations update which included:

- 2026 Legislative Session
- Healthcare Outreach

5. Old Business- None

6. New Business-

Board Member Adrienne Cochrane reminded everyone of the YWCA Luncheon on April 16th.

7. Adjournment-

Ms. Bermudez Zimmerman asked the Committee for a motion to adjourn. Adrienne Cochrane motioned, and Ms. Weston Williams seconded that motion. All were in favor. None opposed. None abstained. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:32 a.m.

Meeting Recording Link at <https://youtu.be/xKBwy0CPhQ>

Agenda Attachments:

- Item 3- Outreach & Engagement Updates/Podcast Update
- Item 4- Government Relations Update