



Delaware Population Consortium Meeting

Where: Room 133 Haslet Armory, 122 Martin Luther King Blvd.
Dover DE 19901

When: April 24th 2025; 10am

Virtual Option:

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Meeting ID: 265 619 941 487

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Agenda:

1. Call-To-Order and Introductions
2. Review and approval of meeting minutes from 1/16/2024
3. New Business
 - Current DPC products and distribution methods
 - Member responsibilities
 - 2025 “spotlight” topics discussion
4. Old Business
5. Open Comment
6. Future 2025 Meeting Dates
7. Adjournment

Next Meeting: May 22nd



Delaware Population Consortium Meeting
Hybrid Format Meeting In-Person and via Teams
January 16, 2025

The meeting was held on Thursday January 16, 2025; in Haslet Armory Room 307 and virtually using Teams.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Dan Blevins at 2:00 PM.

The following persons were present:

Officers:

Daniel Blevins, Chair, WILMAPCO
Michael Petit de Mange, Vice-Chair, Dover/Kent MPO
Owen Robatino, Secretary, New Castle County Government

Voting Members:

Samantha Bulkilvish, OSPC
Colton Phillips, DelDOT
Rachel Alfano, DSHA
Jamie Fenske, Kent County Government
Matthew Rogers, New Castle County Government
Michael Lowrey, Sussex County Government
Phillip Birk, City of Wilmington
Renee Bensley, City of Newark
Dawn Melson-Williams, City of Dover
Bill West, Sussex County Association of Towns

Others in Attendance:

Josh Thomas, OSPC
Rose Zappacosta, OSPC
Arthur Jenkins, DOL
Jennifer Miles, DSHS
Abdulrasheed Dawodu, City of Wilmington
Bill Fasano, City of Wilmington
Elliott Larkin, City of Wilmington
Ed Ratledge, UD CADSR
Stacie Cochran-McNeal, US Census Bureau

MEETING MINUTES

Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes from 12/5/2024: 1st Matt, 2nd Jamie Fenske. Approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Annual Projections Report

Dan reminded the group that since the December meeting, a revised version of the annual projections was sent out. He made a motion to discuss the projections, Matt Rogers approved the motion, and Colton Phillips seconded it. Renee said thank you for the projection updates, which help address Newark's concerns about using the numbers, though concerns remain about the underlying data from the 2020 Census. Michael Petit de Mange concurred and said thank you for the projection adjustments and table corrections. Dawn Melson-Williams said thank you that the numbers now match, so they can be used efficiently by Dover. Phillip Birk expressed continued concern by Wilmington about the future projection numbers, and has seen a trend of continued multifamily and single-family construction well into the future, and wants DPC to consider this trend. Elliott Larkin pointed to other trends outside development that affect population, and said Wilmington wants to appeal the current numbers and go through the appeals process. Dan said that process is spelled out in the bylaws, and he can provide a copy. Dan then called for a vote on the projections, and the group voted to adopt them.

OTHER BUSINESS & FUTURE MEETING DATES

Dawn mentioned the website may need further update, to state the current year. Owen Robatino said that update may have already been made, and Dan said the website would be checked. Dan also said he would ask the various agencies to update their contact information for DPC, and would propose for the State calendar future DPC monthly meetings from May to October, on the fourth Thursday of each month. Dan also offered to speak with new agency contacts about how DPC works with the Census on demographic data.

OPEN COMMENT

Samantha Bulkilvish said she had just forwarded a calendar invite to the State Data Center affiliates network, for the first affiliates meeting on January 29. It will be an information session on the 2030 Census.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:14 PM.

ATTEST: _____

Daniel Blevins
Chair
Delaware Population Consortium