



MDA-UAW Local 571
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
July 6, 2026

July 9, 2026

President William E. Louis called the meeting to order. President Louis asked to keep in our thoughts, recently deceased members, retirees, family members and our Veterans past and present.

President William E. Louis asked for a motion to accept the June 1, 2026 General Membership Meeting Minutes as circulated and posted. Motion made (David Belanger), seconded (Anthony Giordano) and passed to accept.

Treasurers Report:

Treasurer Robert Faraci read the Treasurers Report. A motion was made (Gregory Maynard), seconded (James Newman) and passed to accept the report.

Correspondance

From the UAW International, the Local Union Process for Standing Committees & Employee Assistance Programs (EAP) Institute, October 4-9, 2026, The Walter and May Reuther UAW Family Education Center, Onaway, MI.

From the Connecticut Alliance to End Sexual Violence Annual Breakfast, September 11, 2026, Pond House, West Hartford, CT.

From the UAW International, Revised 2026 UAW Health and Safety Conference, October 11-16, 2026, UAW Family Education Center, Onaway, MI.

Officer Reports:

1st Vice President Gregory Maynard reported filed grievance U-0007-26, the company allowing a MATL to perform another Bargaining Unit member's work. A member received a 1-day suspension for violation of rules and regulations, improper conduct.

2nd Vice President Craig Kelley reported no new Step 3 grievances filed. 2-members were discharged, 1 for violation of rules and regulations for improper conduct and 1 for unsatisfactory probation.

Recording Secretary Martha Fletcher reported no new Step 3 grievances filed.

Financial Secretary Dave Evans reported no new Step 3 grievances filed.

Treasurer Robert Faraci reported no new Step 3 grievances filed.

Standing Committee Reports:

Election Committee Treasurer Robert Faraci for Chair Anne Wurzbacher reports the Election Committee Reported that the election for 2nd Vice President is underway, concluding July 7 with the only in person polling location being the union hall between 0630-1615. Congratulations to Greg Maynard for running unopposed for 1st VP, therefore, requiring no election. We recently held nominations for Councillor positions in both Bldg. 802 A Tower NL and Bldg. 221 in Groton. Zero nominations were received for either location. Councillors will be appointed at a future date.

As a reminder to all coucillors, please CC the election committee on your distribution emails MDAElectionCommittee@gmail.com so we can ensure full coverage of all areas. Please also ensure all Election notices are posted on all union boards in your respective locations.

Recreation Committee Recording Secretary Martha Fletcher for Chair Anne Wurzbacher reports the Recreation Committee reported that Lake Compounce ticket sales have finished at all sites and tickets are sold out. The event is July 11. Tickets are still available by contacting Kristen at the hall for the Christmas in July Baseball game at Dodd Stadium July 24th as well as the Solidarity Picnic at Washington Park August 15.

Event Flyers can be found: <https://region9a.uaw.org/local571/events>

Community Service Co-Chair James Newman reports:

Thursday June 25th, UNFI Food Show Food Collection: Volunteers , along with friends and family helped collect food after the UNFI Food Show at the Mohegan Sun, Earth Expo Center. 23,658 pounds of food were packed and sent back to the Gemma E Moran United Way Labor Food Center in 2 short hours. This is the equivalent of 19, 715 meals that will go out into the community of Southeastern CT to help with food insecurity. If you are interested in helping with the next collection, please let a member of our committee know so we can add you to the email list.

Christmas in July: Thank you to everyone donated a new unwrapped toy at the June meeting! If you did not get a chance to drop off a donation at the meeting, there will be a collection to benefit Tommy Toy held in all the EB CT locations from July 6th until July 24th. These toys will be distributed in December to help families in need have a little brighter holiday season. The truck will go to the various locations to “stuff the truck” on July 27th, before heading to drop off the toys with our United Way partners. If you are interested in helping, details can be found [here](#), or on the attached flyer.

EBECSA Campaign 2026: We continue to plan for the 2026 Campaign in October. If you're interested in joining our campaign team, please let us know ASAP. We are looking for volunteers in all CT locations, and we will do our best to use our volunteers in their normal work sites.

Please contact Peter Crizer, (860) 433-2706, Kim Deschamps, (860) 433-7552 JoAnna McClenathan, via Teams or (860) 867-4587, or Jim Newman (860) 433-2558 if you have any questions or would like to sign up for any volunteer opportunities or notifications.

Insurance Benefits Anthony Giordano reports:

EB & MDA Insurance Committee monthly meeting:

The June 24th meeting was cancelled and will be revisited on July 29th.

Annual EB Health Fair:

The annual Health fairs took place June 9 thru June 16 at the following locations Groton Shipyard, New London Cafeteria, Kings Highway, Tech center, Building 605 Cafeteria & Eagle Park. The event was well received by all.

EB Pharmacy:

The EB Pharmacy is a full-service Walgreens pharmacy that provides more than prescriptions. For your convenience they have expanded hours, onsite delivery locations to make it easier, available to employees and dependents, cost less than retail pharmacy, 90-day refills in one visit, discount over the counter products, Dimensions Diabetes Program and Free Generics available for many maintenance medications.

Transferring a Prescription is simple: Just call the pharmacy, provide prescription number, pharmacy name and phone. The EB pharmacy will take it from there. ***You can reach the EB pharmacy at 1-888-578-3457. <https://www.ebfamilywellnesscenter.com/>***

The EB Benefits Home page

Can be found by visiting Human Resources link located under Popular Resources. From this point you can see and visit Benefits for Health Benefits, Family Protection, Savings and Retirement, Leave Management, Enrollment, Dependent Verification and GD Service Center.

For Questions or Concerns feel free to contact the EB Benefits Committee:

If you have insurance questions or concerns, feel free to contact any one on the benefits committee Tony Giordano 860-867-2458, (NL); Mark Ciliano at 860-303-2952(Retired), Jim Newman at 433-2558 (Groton), and/or Chairman Ed Nevins at 867-2563 (Kings Highway).

Absentee Committee Chair Wayne Carbone reports that the following Executive Board or Executive Council Members were absent from the General Membership/Executive Board meeting held June 1, 2026, at the Mystic Marriott Hotel, 625 North Road, Groton CT 06340.

Anthony "Tony" Giordano (1/0), Patrick Fitzgerald (2/0), Ceco Lowe (4/0), Dayna Spencer (4/0), and Sarah Tetreault (3/0).

(X/X) – Indicates number of Meetings the Member has been absent/ Indicates number of Meetings the Member has been late.

When a member of the Executive Board/Executive Council is recorded as being absent in the meeting minutes, per the UAW Constitution, it does not reflect whether the absence is excused or un-excused.

Three lateness's more than 15 minutes each is considered as one un-excused absence. If you feel you were reported in error, please submit in writing to the Absentee Committee the reason you feel the error was made.

The Absentee Committee would like to stress the importance of regular monthly meeting attendance for all E-Board members, E-Council members and Committee Chairs.

If you are unable to attend a meeting, please contact, in advance, any one of the Absentee Committee members: Wayne Carbone (Chair): WCARBONE@GDEB.COM Work: (860) 867-2691 / Cell: (860) 857-6426, Anthony (Tony) Giordano Jr.: AGIORDAN@GDEB.COM (860) 867-2458, Eric Straub ESTRAUB@GDEB.COM Work: (860) 867-2284 / Cell: (860) 501-2230. The Officer of the Absentee Committee is Martha Fletcher RECORDSEC571@GMAIL.COM, (860) 448-0552 / Cell: (860) 608-1301.

Women's Committee Co-Chair Pamela Gonski reports the UAW Region 9A Women's Committee met on May 14th at the MDA Hall prior to our Locals meeting. Topics that we touch on:

- The UAW is highlighting women representing their locals at the Constitutional Convention. 2 regional women will represent region 9A.
- There are a few region 9A women that are throwing their hats into the political ring and running for Senate or Congressional seats in the upcoming elections.
- Making Strides for Breast Cancer will be held October 18, 2026. There is a region 9A team "Region 9A Solidarity in Pink" if anyone would like to donate online.
- Our region 9A brothers and sisters in Puerto Rico are fighting to stop the government from "freezing the minimum wage" which will affect the union's bargaining power to bargain fair contracts.
- Region 2322, region 9A childcare workers were on strike for better wages. They received tremendous support from the parents of the children they care for.
- Heather from local 2121, Foxwoods, was chosen to be the region 9A rep at the Women's Convention in Houston Texas this year. She will replace our rep Cathy Ryner this year.

Women's Committee Co-Chair Pamela Gonski for Co-Chair JoAnna McClenathan reports the women's committee met on June 11th at the MDA hall after the meeting of the Region 9A committee meeting. It was decided that we would send 6 members to the women's conference in Houston in August.

The women's committee will be holding a "coffee and crafting" event on September 19th at Washington Park, with a rain date of September 26th. We will be making blankets to donate to Safe Futures. All MDA members are welcome to join us to help our community and socialize at this "sewing circle" style event. Fleece for the blankets will be provided, or feel free to bring your crochet or knitting supplies if that is your preferred crafting! Please bring a snack or drink to share. If you plan to join us, please RSVP with a member of the committee by September 12th so we can have a head count.

Plans are still in the works for a day of caring event in partnership with United Way, as well as other community and educational events.

Our Next meeting will be July 16th, if you are interested in joining the women's committee or receiving information on upcoming events, please reach out to Pam Gonski or JoAnna McClenathan to have your name added to our email list.

Citizen and Legislative Committee 2nd Vice President Craig Kelley reports this month, most of the members of the Citizenship & Legislation Committee were named as delegates to attend & participate in the Connecticut AFL-CIO's 16th Biennial Political Convention, held June 25th and 26th at The Omni hotel in New Haven. While in attendance, we were given opportunities to interview any candidates currently running for state office who have elected to seek AFL-CIO endorsement; including both candidates in the upcoming Democratic gubernatorial primary; Ned Lamont and Josh Elliott, as well as Lt. Governor Susan Bysiewicz, Attorney General William Tong, Secretary of State Stephanie Thomas, State Treasurer Eric Russell, & State Comptroller Sean Scanlon. We then participated in the endorsement votes, the results of which can be found at <https://ctaficio.org/2026-endorsements>. As a reminder, any endorsements made by the CT AFL-CIO are separate and distinct from those made, or not made, by the UAW. This convention offered excellent opportunities for learning with moderated panels on CT's response to the fluctuations of the modern economy, as well as the intersection of civil & economic justice through collective worker power, and also through a variety of skill building workshops. It is our honor to be part of such a strong network of labor leaders from unions across the state, and to be given a chance to not only speak with our government's leadership, but to challenge them directly to sustain or increase their commitments to labor and the working class.

Civil and Human Rights Committee 2nd Vice President Craig Kelley for Chair Fania Rukundo reports the Civil and Human Rights Committee has made a revival. Members held the first meeting last week with a focus on our goals as a committee. We endeavor to be a resource for our union brothers and sisters, retirees, their families and friends and a vat of knowledge in the areas of civil and human rights. Thus, we strive to learn and fortify ourselves with the tools to do just that. For the future, committee meetings will be held every 3rd Tuesday of the month. We hit the ground running. We are currently in the process of organizing our first event in support of back-to-school season. It is in the planning stages but us members and officer are very excited for what we hope to be an engaging contribution to

our union brothers and sisters as well as the community and will roll out updates when they are available.

Delegate for the UAW Constitutional Convention 1st Vice President Gregory Maynard
reports:

Last month, Local 571 sent four of our elected delegates to Detroit to represent our members at the 39th UAW Constitutional Convention. Alongside roughly 1,000 other delegates from across the country, our elected representatives stood up to ensure that our local's voice was heard. Today, we want to provide a transparent report on exactly how we voted and why.

The most heavily debated issue on the convention floor was the implementation of a strike fund threshold increase to \$1.3B. While a strong strike fund is absolutely needed to maintain leverage against employers, the amendment that was recommended by the constitutional committee was different than what we had been given ahead of time. A motion was made by Greg Maynard to table the amendment to give us a chance to poll the membership on the changes. While the motion had support from other locals, the total delegation ultimately voted the motion down.

As a result, your Local 571 delegation voted NO on the amendment to increase the threshold. We firmly believe that on major financial issues of this scale, our members must come first and we could not represent the voice of our members accurately with the information we had. Despite our no votes, the measure ultimately passed the broader convention floor, maintaining dues at 2.5 hours per month to support the international strike fund and boosting weekly strike pay to \$550.

Other Major Convention Outcomes

- **Organizing Blitz:** The union approved a \$100 million investment in new organizing to bring more workers into the UAW, building broader sector leverage.
- **New Standing Committees:** The UAW Constitution was amended to officially establish Health & Safety, as well as the Local Union Communication Association (LUCA), as permanent standing committees.
- **Protecting Retirees:** The definition of retiree status was constitutionally expanded, protecting the voting rights and enfranchisement of our retired members in future UAW elections.
- **Veterans & Civil Rights:** The UAW Veterans Department is now officially enshrined in the Constitution. Dedicated funding was also locked in for the Women's and Civil and Human Rights Departments.
- **Foreign Divestment:** Mirroring the UAW's historic 1978 divestment from South African apartheid bonds, the convention passed a resolution to divest union investments from Israeli bonds.

While we disagree with holding the vote on the strike fund without a referendum of the members, the convention has set an aggressive trajectory. With major contracts expiring nationwide leading up to 2028, the broader union is gearing up for major fights.

As we navigate these changes, our commitment to transparency, local autonomy, and the democratic voice of our members remains our top priority.

Old Business

If you are interested in purchasing apparel, outside of the two free items, the Union covers 50% of the cost. We have a new logo, many styles and colors. There is a new catalog with new apparel and logos. Your 2-free items are still available for members who have not received them. If interested, please contact Kristen at the Union Office, 860-448-0552. Orders are slowly coming in and we will contact you and make arrangements to get your order to you.

New Business

A motion was made to provide shirts for each member of the Women's Committee to proudly display their commitment to fight for justice for women's rights (Matha Fletcher), seconded (Pamela Gonski) and passed to accept.

A motion was made to send up to 2-members to the Connecticut Alliance to End Sexual Violence Breakfast, Sept. 11 in West Hartford, CT (Martha Fletcher), seconded (Joseph Marmaud) and passed to accept.

A motion was made to donate \$3,000.00 to the Connecticut Humane Society in Waterford, CT (Dave Evans), seconded (Craig Kelley) and passed to accept.

Next week the UAW Region 9A Auditor will be auditing are finances at our Union Hall.

For the Good of the Union

Our Education Committee is looking to hold a New Hire Meet and Greet at the Mystic Marriott very soon in the near future. Councillor should be asking the new hires in their areas if they are interested in attending and send those names to the Union Hall.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP TO MDA-UAW LOCAL 571

BADGE	NAME	DEPT.	BADGE	NAME	DEPT.
148500	RANDY DICKINSON	447	178633	GARY CHEN	447
169021	FRANK MURRAY	477	178646	BENJAMIN CONTI	447
179391	JILLIAN EDEN	452	178634	OLIVIA HAINES	447
178545	RAWLE CARRYL	452	178639	JOSEPH SCHULTZ	447
179096	ROY HEBERT	447	178248	SARAH GRIMES	469
177951	QUANG NGO	456	176850	RICHKOSALL TAING	469
177956	XAVION WHITE	453	178384	KARLEY ELDRIDGE	452

177947	JORDAN LOPEZ	469	178385	NATHANAEL HICKING	452
177957	ZACHARY PAYETTE	701	177774	ANJULI PICKETT	701
177942	FREDRICK HODGSON	459	178370	JAMES PRICHARD JR.	453
177939	COLE PASSCO	448	178387	PATRICK SHIRES	452
177954	SAVANNA HEALY	459	177943	GIANNA CARON	452
177952	RYAN SEIF	701	177955	SUMEDH PENDYALA	456
177941	FINBAR HARLOW	459	177937	ANTHONY GARCIA	448
177940	DHREY PATEL	456	177944	JACK LEE	469
177950	MALIK GERMAIN	469	177953	SAMUEL KRZYWICKI	456
177948	JUSTICE PATTERSON	453	177938	BRAY GELENEY	469
177936	AIDEN BULL	459	178801	NADAILIA McLEARY	459
177946	JESSICA FENG	447	176787	EMMA BROWN	459
177945	JANIELIS CRUZ-NAVAEZ	452	178632	ENRICO SPOSATA	447
178996	CONNOR FITZGERALD	447	166535	ERIC YORK	342
176599	TRACY SAMUEL	462	116037	TERESA PERACCA *	416
177174	HALEY JOHNSON	452	154585	SAMUEL SILVA	447
177170	MARIA ALARCON	469	168785	NATHAN STEWART	447
165199	JESSE FOX	447	163644	DONIEL RODRIGUEZ	451
176503	BRANDON SANTIAGO	469	176365	HOWARD DUNN	456
177180	PAIGE WARNOCK	469	178261	ROBERT DICKENS	469
176356	AUTUMN BROWN	452	178294	COLLIN GOOD	469
177546	STEPHANIE RANGEL	460	176397	BENJAMIN JORDAN	456
223092	CHELSEA CRADER	459	178256	JAMES CULBERTSON	456
176375	JONATHON BOUCHEY	456	178244	PAOLO McCARTY	456
176368	ARIANA BRADLEY	456	177784	MARIE PELLETIER	442
177196	DONOVAN WILLIAMS	453	176592	MICHAEL KWOK	459
176359	ALICIA EDWARDS	456	177210	BRANDON PHAM	459
177220	NOLAN ECCLESTON	453	177195	DEMITRI HUDAK	469
176388	COREY NEVINS	456	176868	JOANN BROWN	489
169083	MAUREEN MACY	410	177191	JASON CILIANO	453
176367	DOUGLAS BERNIS	453	176354	SPENCER CLARKE	469
176377	NICOLE GRABNER	435	177165	RYAN GERMALY	459
161190	PHILLIP McGHAN	469	177185	ROBERY HENRIQUEZ	456
176393	CLAIRE FALLON	459	177177	JESSICA HESTER	452
177214	JENNIFER GUILBE	459	178127	ZACHARY JACOINSKI	456
176364	HAYDEN AMARANTES	453	145486	DIANE McCOY *	403
157971	GUERDY DICETTE	451	178326	STEVEN MICHEL	459
170181	BRIANA NIEVES	447	174735	ELIJAH ORBE	459
176854	DAVID FARLEY	452	177187	KADEN PEARSON	469
178779	VERONICA SCHULTZ	469	178641	STEFAN SARACOVAN	447
177485	PORTIA FRANK	442	177194	ALISON SPOSATO	452
177313	KARI WOODS	425	177181	KATHARINE VINCENT	469
176874	INGRID BARTHELEMY	480	177246	NICOLAS VLAUN	459

155993	DERILIAN BOCACHICA *	459	177232	HEATHER VOLHARDT	456
165621	JOSHUA POLLARD	453	176363	MELISSA YAWORSKI	459
156077	ATHENA DELIA	452	156314	DEMARC LEACH *	447
178169	CHRIS SCHLIMGEN	453			

***Reinstated**

A motion was made to accept the application for membership for new and reinstatements (Joseph Marmaud), seconded (James Newman) and passed to accept.

A motion was made to adjourn (James Newman), seconded (Anthony Giordano) and passed to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Fletcher

Recording Secretary Martha Fletcher

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Please "like us" on our Facebook site: "MDA UAW Local 571".
Also, check for updates of news, pictures of events, etc.*

CHRISTMAS IN JULY



Toy Collection

IBEW Gate Collection

July 7th, 14th & 21st

Groton Toy collection:

Main Gate

South Gate (Bldg 88)

Columbia Gate (Bldg 605)

North Gate (Siberia)

1st Shift:

5:00 - 7:00 am

2nd Shift:

2:00 - 4:00 pm



