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MDA-UAW Local 571
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
August 3, 2026

August 6, 2026

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

President William E. Louis asked for a motion to accept the July 6, 2026 Executive Board Meeting Minutes as circulated and posted. Motion made (Anthony Giordano), seconded (David Belanger) and passed to accept.

Treasurers Report:

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

Correspondance

From community partners United Way of South Eastern CT and the SECT AFL-CIO the 25th Anniversary Golf Tournament to benefit the Gemma E. Moran United Way/Labor Food Center, August 31, 2026 at the Norwich Golf Course.

From the UAW, the Official Call to the UAW General Dynamics Council Meeting, October 12 through October 16, 2026, Hyatt Regency Clearwater Beach, Clearwater, FL.

Officer Reports:

1st Vice President Gregory Maynard reported no new Step 3 grievances filed. A member has been suspended pending investigation for violation of rules and regulations, mischarging.

2nd Vice President Jeffrey Carver reported no new Step 3 grievances filed.

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:

Community Service Co-Chair James Newman reports:
Christmas in July: Tommy Toy Christmas in July collection was 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 went to the various locations to "stuff the truck" on July 27th, before heading to drop off the toys with our United Way partners. Thank you to everyone who helped make the first year of this event a success.

United Way campaign celebration: The United Way will be holding its annual celebration breakfast on August 19th, at Mohegan Sun. Members of the community services committee, campaign volunteers and union officers will be attending.

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 at 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.

Absentee Committee Chair Wayne Carbone reported that the following Executive Board Members were absent from the Executive Board meeting held July 6, 2026, at the MDA-UAW Local 571 Union Office, 394 Toll Gate Road, Groton CT 06340.

Ron Arner (3/0), and Mark Ciliano (6/0).

(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 unexcused.

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 committee will be having a Coffee and Crafts Day at the Union Hall, Saturday, September 26th, 8:00am. We will be providing the fleece to make fleece tied blankets to be donated to area shelters for women and children in need. Come join us in conversation and fellowship. You may also bring your own craft to work on. A flyer is attached to these Meeting Minutes.

Civil and Human Rights Committee Recording Secretary Martha Fletcher for Co-Chair Fania Rukundo reports the Civil and Human Rights Committee is very excited to report vigorous efforts to make our first event a reality. The first step is a book drive to be held at the solidarity picnic. We are asking for new or gently used school-aged books (K-12). Our dedicated members still have a few details to iron out such as book selection to be read aloud to the children and families as well as obtaining those books. We thank our MDA members for the approval of funds that will allow us to do just that. A flyer for the event is attached to these minutes.

Recreation Committee Recording Secretary Martha Fletcher for Chair Anne Wurzbaucher reports that the Lake Compounce Family Day event and the Christmas in July Baseball Game at Dodd Stadium went really well and all members had a great time at both! The Solidarity Picnic is at Washington Park August 15. We will have food trucks again as well as some new games and information tables.

Election Committee Recording Secretary Martha Fletcher For Chair Anne Wurzbaucher that the election for 2nd Vice President concluded July 7 with the only in person polling location being the Union Hall between 0630-1615. Congratulations to Jeff Carver who narrowly won (by one vote) over Craig Kelley. The final total was 329 votes cast. 1 blank, 9 void, 159 Craig and 160 Jeff. Mail in balloting was a great success with only a few ballots arriving late. Going forward, please remember to mail your vote early to ensure its timely arrival.

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.

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.

An email went out to the E-Council on July 26th to approve $250.00 to purchase books to be read and distributed to the attendees at the upcoming Civil and Human Rights Committee Book Reading Event. Flyer is attached to these minutes.

New Business

A motion was made to send up to 6-members to the UAW GD Council Conference, October 12-16, 2026, Hyatt Regency Clearwater Beach, FL (David Belanger), seconded (James Newman) and passed to accept.

For the Good of the Union

We are looking for 2-members to be loaned employees to work at the United Way during their 3-month campaign season. This is a 40-hour work week paid by the company.

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

We will have members working at 2-sites this year on September 18th to help load and distribute household items to Veterans at the Rocky Hill Stand Down.

The MDA Camping Outing at Nature's Campsites in Voluntown, CT is the Columbus Day Weekend. Sites are still available and 3-new cabins are also available this year. Contact the Union Hall to sign up.

The Veterans Equine Therapeutic (VETS) Annual Golf Classic, September 28th. As the Event's Title Sponsor, we have 12-free golf spots of which 4 of those spots are dedicated to Veteran's. We will be pulling names of winners who have not won in the past who have signed up for the tournament. Please contact the Union Hall for more info and to register.

The Citizenship and Legislation Committee is asking the Company permission to hold Voter Registration at sites within the plant as was done in the past, a few years ago. We hope to work with the other Unions and Company on this mission. Things are being discussed with the Company now and will follow up with our progress.

Cohort 10 of the Design Apprenticeship will be starting in January of 2027. Info sessions have begun.

Thank you to all our members who have who donated toys during the Christmas in July Toy Drive for the United Ways Tommy Toys distribution in December. The toys were delivered to the Outer Light Brewery Event.

We had the UAW Audit at the Union Hall last week and all went well.

Application for Membership to the MDA-UAW Local 571:

BADGE	NAME	DEPT.	BADGE	NAME	DEPT.
108858	CELESTE CHAMPEAU	452	229321	BROOKE REYNOLDS	447
178390	MELANIE TUSTIN	452	177215	KALEL WARREN	452
178381	IAN REDER	452	178172	GRACE WOOD	452
178365	LUPITA VARELA	452	178383	ERIC HERNANDEZ	452
177190	KAILEI COPLEY	459	178640	LAURA GOODE	447
178104	BEN PODESZWA	456	178638	WHITNEY POPE	447
176384	BRANDON GHATTAS	456	179215	THOMAS RAY	469
177229	ASHLEIGH ZANARDI	456	178637	AMBROSIA LAVALLEE	447
177239	ANGEELINA POLO	456	178559	ELIJAH PARKER	456
178817	ERIC BEIT	456	178836	GABRIEL BENJAMIN	459
178264	TAIMUR CHAUDHRY	456	177188	ANNA ZITO	453
178015	CHRISTOPHER CONWAY	456	152719	TIFFANY SCHROEDER *	452
177468	BARBARA DUNN	469	160266	MARIACAMILA MOLINA *	456
178008	ANGELA HILL	456	177773	ALLYSSA CARUSONE	456
178122	MAXIMILIAN HILLYER	456	178653	OLIVER GERONIMO	447
178016	DANIEL KERWIN	456	178293	ADAM JACKSON	456
177171	CALIBE LOPEZ	459	178367	NORMAND MANNING	453
179198	McKAYLA MADDEN	452	178386	PATRICK PAYNE	452
177169	ISABELLA MELARA	469	238884	BERENITH ORTIZ	701
178803	DENNIS OUELLETTE	459	178389	SYBIL HALL	452
178304	ALEXA RUIZ	469	177143	ELLIOTT VENTURO	453

* Reinstated

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

A motion was made to adjourn (Joseph Marmaud), seconded (Mark Ciliano) and passed to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Fletcher

Recording Secretary Martha Fletcher

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Also, check for updates of news, pictures of events, etc.

Please Join the

MDA-UAW Local 571

Women's Committee

Coffee & Craft

EVENT

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2026

8:00 AM

MDA Union Hall



Enjoy coffee, conversation, and fellowship while creating fleece tie blankets.

No sewing required— just a willingness to help others!

OUR MISSION

The Women's Committee is making **Fleece Tie Blankets** to donate to individuals and families who have left violent situations and are seeking shelter, safety, and assistance.

Your time and compassion can help provide warmth and comfort during a difficult time.

Everyone is Welcome!

A simple act of kindness can wrap someone in hope.



Civil & Human Rights Committee

Book Drive

Aug 15th

At the MDA Solidarity Picnic

Accepting new & gently used books appropriate for K-12, for distribution to kids & families in our neighborhoods.



&

Reading Night

Aug 19th, 4 -6 PM

At the MDA Union Hall



An evening for the family! Kids read-aloud civil rights stories, free take-home books, and share discussion with your Civil & Human Rights members.

Please RSVP to Fania Rukundo or any member of the Civil & Human Rights Committee