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MDA-UAW Local 571
Executive Council Meeting Minutes
October 5, 2026

October 6, 2026

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

President William E. Louis asked for a motion to accept the September 14, 2026, General Membership Meeting Minutes as circulated and posted. Motion made (Edward Nevins), seconded (George Earley).

Treasurers Report:
Treasurer Robert Faraci read the Treasurers Report. A motion was made (Christin Rezendes), seconded (Austin Perkett) and passed to accept the report.

Officer Reports:
1st Vice President Gregory Maynard reported no new Step 3 grievances filed.

2nd Vice President Jeffrey Carver reported filed U-0017-26, member denied shift preference and shift start time. Step 1 and Step 2 had no resolution and we are waiting to meet with HR for Step 3. A member given a probation extension through Feb 4th, 2027, due to time being out on FMLA. A member was taken off of being red lined on 7/5/2026. Member did not progress, reached out to HR and member will be progressed and back pay to the day he was removed from the Red Line on July 5th.

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:

Recreation Committee Christin Rezendes for Chair Anne Wurzbacher reported the Recreation Committee reported that upcoming events include the MDA Camping and Pig Roast at Natures Campsites 10/9-11 (camping is not required to participate in any of the activities. Pig Roast is 10/10), Great Wolf Lodge 10/23-24 which reservations were reopened due to overwhelming response (you must RSVP and pay by Friday 10/9), and the

MDA Dinner Dance 12/5. Please see flyers circulated by your councillors for the pig roast and Great Wolf Lodge and contact the union hall with any questions or to make reservations.

Election Committee Christin Rezendes for Chair Anne Wurzbacher reported the Election Committee Reported that nominations for one Councillor position in New London Building 800 C Tower were open 09/23/26 at 6:00am and closed 09/30/2026 at 4:00pm ,and two nominations, Dan Parker and Ted Fields, were received. An Election will be held 10/15/2026 from 11:00am-12:30pm in the New London cafeteria.

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.

Insurance-Benefits Committee Chair Edward Nevins reported:

Open Enrollment 2027:

The Annual enrollment period will be **November 18 to December 4, 2026.** During this time, you will be asked to make benefits selections for 2027. Enrollment packages will be mailed to your home regarding medical, dental, vision, life insurance, voluntary benefits, etc. Make sure mailing addresses are current.

Meeting Schedule:

Day	Date	Time	Room
Wed	11/4/26	6:45am	Terrace A
Thurs	11/5/26	6:45am	MS Teams
Fri	11/6/26	7:00am	88 Tech Center
Tues	11/10/26	2:30pm	Terrace A
Tues	11/17/26	5:30pm	MDA Union Hall

EB Benefits and MDA Monthly Meeting:
On Tuesday, 9/29/26, the MDA & EB benefits met to discuss items of concern. We had 2 special guests from EB, Jon Lidestri (Director) and Emily Wotton (Manager of Benefits & Wellness). Following introductions, we moved on to items of concern to our Union. 1) **401k rescission letter** having prior notification; 2) **Sedgwick claims** members receiving conflicting information between text messages, e-mails and letters; 3) **999 account** after 30 days and having Logon's turned off and the fact it takes 3-10 days to get it turned back on; 4) **MetLife** during 999 process will reach out to members looking for payment because they are separate billing from EB, you may be faced with immediate payment; 5) **Retirement pension calculations** in the past some members have been faced with receiving a letter stating the pension calculation was incorrect causing members to pay money back. 6) **Benefit reps.** having enough to answer phones, getting back to employees.

Fidelity Retirement Information Dinner:

On October 20th, at the Mystic Marriott, Fidelity will be holding an Informational session on retirement. Details to follow, so save the date if you're interested and watch for communications.

Skin Cancer Screenings:
This is an opportunity to have concerning or changing spots evaluated by qualified providers. The event will be held on October 23rd, from 3:00pm-7:00pm at the EB Family Wellness Center, 32 Chicago Ave, second floor. If you currently are concerned and do not have a dermatologist we recommend, if you see dermatologist regularly, please continue with provider. Schedule appointment by calling 860-972-3078 or 860-895-7706.

Attention Woman age 40 and over:
Hartford Healthcare will be offering 3D digital mobile mammography screenings. Appointments are available to female employees and UnitedHealthcare covered spouses age 40 and older. These important screenings can help detect breast cancer in the early stages.
Thursday, November 24th
8:15 am to 1:45 pm
EB Kings Highway, located behind Bldg. 810

Tuesday, December 8th
8:15 am to 1:45 pm
EB New London Visitor Center Parking Lot

Wednesday, December 9th
9:00 am to 2:00 pm
EB Groton – Along the side of Bldg. 221, closest to the visitor lot

To schedule an appointment: Please email EB Wellness at EBWellness@gdeb.com. Appointments are required, no walk-ins.

Committee Members:

If you have insurance questions or concerns, feel free to reach out to any member of the committee:

- Tony Giordano 860-867-2458, NL, Tower C, 3rd Floor
- Jim Newman 433-2558, Groton, Shipyard, Bldg. 130
- Mark Ciliano, 860-303-2952, Retired member
- Chairman Ed Nevins 867-2563, Kings Highway

Absentee Committee Chair Wayne Carbone reported that the following Executive Board or Executive Council Members were absent from the Executive Board/Executive Council meeting held September 14, 2026, at the Mystic Marriott Hotel, 625 North Road, Groton CT 06340.

Mark Ciliano (7/0), Anthony Giordano (2/0), Michael Alice (9/0), Peter Anastas (2/0), Christopher Hemme (3/0), Craig Kelley (2/0), Lauren Senofonte (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, according to 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.

Civil and Human Rights Committee Co-Chair Fania Rukundo reported the committee will be hosting a documentary style movie night in recognition of Hispanic Heritage month on Friday, October 16. The movie is Delores, telling the story of Huerta Delores, a union activist, civil rights activist and cofounder of The National Farm Workers Association. The event is to be held at the union hall. Pizza, snacks and beverages will be provided. We ask that anyone interested RSVP to the union hall as spots are limited to 30 people. Movie is at 5:30pm and doors open 5:00pm.

Community Service Committee Chair James Newman reported:
EBECSA Campaign 2026: (Celebrating 75 Years of Community Service)

- We have started our EBECSA (United Way) presentations and are off to a great start. This is our 75th anniversary and we are giving away our special 75th anniversary challenge coin to those who attend and turn in the donation form. You will receive the invitation from the ebecsa@gdeb.com for your scheduled session and we have a session finder on the EBECSA website if you need to find an alternate time or location to attend. Please encourage your coworkers to attend with their group.

DOC Events:

- Saturday, October 17th: Every year with our campaign we have our annual Day of Caring at the local Stop & Shops. On Saturday, October 17th we will be at the Stop & Shop locations in Groton, Waterford, Colchester and Montville from 9 to 1. Feel free

to volunteer with us or stop by and donate food. Friends and family are welcome. You can sign up at the sessions or by emailing us at ebecsa@gdeb.com.

- Sunday, October 25th: We have a meal packing event available at St. Marks Episcopal Church, Mystic, from 7 to 11. We will be packing 10,000 meals of Apple, Cinnamon Oatmeal to be distributed by the Gemma E. Moran United/Way Labor Food Center.

- EB Volunteers: We will be recognizing 75 EB employees and retirees who have volunteered in the past with our EBECSA programs or volunteering in the communities. Nominations will be accepted until October 30th. Please send nominations to ebecsa@gdeb.com

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.

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.

October 8th is the Gemma Gala for the United Way of South Eastern CT at the Mashantucket Pequot Museum.

The UAW General Dynamics Local Unions Council Meeting is October 12th through the 15th in Clearwater, Florida. We are sending 6 members the meeting.

For the Good of the Union

We are planning on having a Meet and Greet for our newly hired members. Councillors are asked to give us names of interested new members in your area who would like to attend. This would take place November 16, 2026, at the Mystic Marriott for a full day and all attendees will be paid lost wages for that day by the union.

Saturday, September 3rd we hosted a meet and greet at the Union Hall for UAW Local 2075 members from Lima, Ohio, General Dynamics Tank Division. They are helping out in the Shipyard.

Application for Membership to the MDA-UAW Local 571:

BADGE	NAME	DEPT.	BADGE	NAME	DEPT.
171889	SETH FRATES	453	134499	KATHLEEN STRICKLAND	459

180184	HEATHER COLLINS	442	180015	STEPHEN ORZECHOWSKI	403
180274	DYLAN FELICIANO	469	179093	NATHAN JOSEPH	453
173504	JACK HENDERSON *	448	178787	NICHOLAS RENDON	453
132042	LORILYNN KALLEN	447	177533	ISAAC MCINTOSH	453
180210	JUSTIN O'DELL	472	178839	ALEX GRAVELIN	469
180284	JEFFREY THACKER	459	156118	AMANDA TOPPING	403
178650	JESSALYN KRENICKI	342	180307	MORGAN EICHELBERG	469
179935	SAMANTHA DEVOE	436	180317	NICOLE DUPRE	403
180034	ABBIE VALLES	436	180226	MARIAH MAIN	403
179980	BRITTNEY BRITT	447	180297	ALDIS ARADOTTIR	469
176841	MADDOX BERANIS	459	180299	CHRISTOPHER BOWMAN	459
178802	SETH HART	459	178824	ELISHA SHERMAN	459
150759	ELIS CASTILLO	456	179268	OWEN DANKE	456
178927	NICHOLAS AVERY	459	169593	BRYTON KELLY	456
163379	ANNA HAMMAR	452	180314	ANTHONY ARIZAGA	456
178899	DOMINICK ALDRICH	469	180301	COURTNEY GRILLO	456
176456	JACEY BATZ	469	176852	ISAIAH RIVARD	459
178812	LAVONTE MORRELL	469	180209	JORDY PLISIC	472
179185	JESSICA LIANO	469	178819	RICHARD PRICE	453
177348	BENJAMIN TUAN	452	178378	ALEXIS WILLIAMS	452
159631	LUCY DRISCOLL	459	180277	JARED GRAY IV	453

*Reinstated

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

A motion was made to adjourn (Michael Alice), seconded (Karen Hensley) and passed to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Fletcher

Recording Secretary Martha Fletcher

Visit our WEBSITE on the GDEB Intranet Homepage or at region9a.uaw.org/local571
Please "like us" on our Facebook site: "MDA UAW Local 571".
Also, check for updates of news, pictures of events, etc.

Electric Boat Employees' Community Services Association

Food Collection at Local Stop & Shops

Children are welcome, but must be accompanied
by their parent/guardian at all times.
Volunteer & Community Service Certificates available

Saturday, October 17th
From 9:00am to 1pm

Set up time is 8am

Waterford, Montville, Groton & Colchester

Volunteers needed to help pack up food after the show to be sent back to the Gemma E Moran United Way Labor Food Center

For Questions or RSVP Contact

Peter Crizer 3-2706
Sarah Buehler 3-7818
Adam Jarry - NQC, Groton
Rebecca Reutlinger 860-464-3318
JoAnna McClenathan via Teams
Tom Erick 3-5012
Jim Newman 3-2558
Maggie Marley 860-464-3325
Carmen Beato - 260 Blocks
Sascia Hayden 3-9995

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Electric Boat Employees' Community Services Association

St. Mark's Meal Packing Event

Children are welcome, but must be accompanied by their parent/guardian at all times.

Sunday, October 25th
From 7:00am to 11am

St. Mark's Episcopal Church
14 Pearl Street, Mystic

We will be packing 10,000 meals of Apple and Cinnamon Oatmeal, which will be ready for distribution by our Gemma E. Moran United Way/Labor Food Center.

Certificates are available for volunteer hours

Please RSVP to Maggie Marley at 860-464-3325
or maggie.marley@uwsect.org

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