

ANC 2A June 2026 Minutes
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 17, 2026; 7:00 p.m.
Meeting held via Zoom only

Prepared by: ANC 2A04 Commissioner Ed Comer

Approved on:

Attested by:

I. Call to Order

- a. **Roll Call and Introductions** - Chair Patel called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. Commissioners present were Rob Gifford (02), Trupti Patel (03), Ed Comer (04), John Dolan (06), Jim Malec (08), and Sean Youngstone (09).
- b. **Adoption of the Agenda** - Commissioner Dolan moved to combine the Administrative Matters section into one section at the beginning of the meeting. Commissioner Malec seconded. The Motion passed 4-1-1 with Chair Patel voting No and Commissioner Youngstone abstaining.

II. Administrative Matters

- a. Commissioner Comer moved to approve the Minutes of the May Meeting. Commissioner Malec seconded. The May meeting minutes were approved unanimously. (6-0-0).
- b. Commissioner Youngstone reported that Bank of America will no longer work with ANCs and that ANC2A needs to move to a new bank. He made a motion that the ANC leave Bank of America and move to a new bank. Commissioner Comer seconded. The Motion was approved unanimously. (6-0-0).
- c. Commissioner Youngstone moved that we agree to allow OANC access to the Automated Clearing House (ACH). Commissioner Dolan seconded. The Commission approved the motion unanimously. (6-0-0).
- d. **Resolution regarding the duties, conduct and procedural responsibilities of ANC 2A** - Moved by Commissioner Gifford and seconded by Commissioner Malec. Commissioner Gifford explained he had 4 resolutions. He expressed that as the newest member of the ANC he was displeased by how the meeting is run (for example, spending a half hour for a simple change to an agenda) and believes it important to articulate expectations of how the Chair should conduct business. He read the concluding portion of the resolution. There was no discussion. The Resolution passed 4-2-0 with Commissioners Gifford, Comer, Dolan and Malec voting yes and Commissioners Patel and Youngstone voting no.

- e. **Resolution requesting DC Council Action to address failures to convene special ANC meetings required by District law** - Commissioner Gifford moved and Commissioner Malec seconded. Commissioner Gifford explained that the District's ANC law required the Chair to call a Special Meeting after a majority of the ANC asked for such a meeting to vote on her continuation as Chair, but the law imposes no clear enforcement when a Chair ignores this obligation to call a Special Meeting. Commissioner Dolan asked Chair Patel why she did not call a Special Meeting as District law required. Chair Patel refused to respond. The Resolution passed 4-2-0 with Commissioners Gifford, Comer, Dolan and Malec voting yes and Commissioners. Patel and Youngstone voting no.

- f. **Resolution regarding the review of alleged violations of District law and applicable ethics requirements** - Commissioner Gifford moved this resolution and Commissioner Malec seconded. Commissioner Gifford explained that the resolution notes that the Chair has violated the oath of office for knowingly choosing to not comply with the law requiring her to call a Special Meeting. Chair Patel refused to answer questions about how she would respond if a fellow Commissioner broke the law. After Chair Patel tried to limit discussion, Commissioners Malec and Dolan offered a motion to overrule the Chair's time limits on speaking. The Motion was approved 4-2-0 with Commissioners Gifford, Comer, Dolan and Malec voting yes and Commissioners Patel and Youngstone voting no.

During subsequent discussion, Chair Patel refused to respond to questions regarding her inaction in calling the required Special Meeting. Several citizens in ANC2A spoke to support the Resolution. Barbara Kahlow said this Chair had often violated applicable laws and rules and that as early as 2025 she had hired an attorney to address this matter Luke Chadwick, former Commissioner representing 2A05, reported that he had filed complaints with BEGA about violations of the law which the Chair had made. Former Commissioner Chadwick also asked the Chair to explain her position and she refused to comment. The resolution passed 4-2-0 with Commissioners Gifford, Comer, Dolan and Malec voting yes and Commissioners Patel and Youngstone voting no.

- g. **Resolution Regarding Establishment of additional oversight procedures for ANC2A communications and governmental representation** - Commissioner Gifford moved and Commissioner Dolan seconded. Commissioner Gifford read the text of the resolution, which addressed how Chair Patel's transmission of failed resolutions to District officials was contrary to established practice and could have confused and mislead members and the public about the ANC's actions. The resolution limited the ability of Chair Patel to communicate with District officials on ANC letterhead. Commissioner Malec elaborated why the posting and transmission of failed resolutions is a serious problem. The

- resolution passed 4-2-0 with Commissioners Gifford, Comer, Dolan and Malec voting yes and Commissioners Patel and Youngstone voting no.
- h. **Censure Resolution** - Commissioner Malec moved the resolution to demonstrate there are consequences when a Commissioner knowingly violates laws and rules. He indicated the resolution follows the advice given to Commissioner Patel by OAG in 2021 about how to censure a Commissioner. Commissioner Dolan seconded. Commissioner Malec also revealed that Chair Patel has at least twice in the past sought advice about how to remove or censure a prior Chair of the ANC. Commissioners Malec, Comer and Dolan each asked Chair Patel to resign as Chair. Commissioner Youngstone commented that a lot of the problems are caused by both Chair Patel's leadership and Com Malec's resistance to Chair Patel. Commissioner Malec responded this is not an issue of 2 personalities who cannot get along. Rather, he asserted that 2 meetings ago Chair Patel broke Robert's rules by refusing to recognize his Points of Order, and in the next meeting lied about that. John George, President of the Foggy Bottom Association, said that the public has been frustrated for years by how ANC2A operates and believe the Motion is a 'Step in the right direction.' Sarah Shapiro from Columbia Plaza said it is time for Chair Patel to resign. The Censure resolution passed 4-1-1 with Commissioners Gifford, Comer, Dolan and Malec voting yes, Commissioner Patel voting no and Commissioner Youngstone abstaining.

III. Community Forum

- a. No one from MPD appeared to provide a report
- b. Hannah Ames from Councilmember Pinto's office reported there would be budget votes on the 23rd and 30th, additional funding was likely, and discussed 250th birthday celebrations.
- c. Jamika Williams from the Mayor's office reported that swimming pools are open, Juneteenth parking enforcement and trash collection are suspended, and mentioned the Pride parade. She reported on the community walk following the traffic related death on L Street and indicated that Ddot is preparing a safety report that MPD would have more presence at Washington Circle. Commissioner Dolan explained about 25 people attended the walk-through of the area and appreciated being able to ask questions and connect with the government representatives. He thanked Ms. Williams for the meeting. There were questions about missed trash pick-ups.
- d. Aston report. Commissioner Dolan reported that the quarterly CAT meeting focused on a few issues. There was no public comment. The building has a rat problem which is being addressed (and is common to the neighborhood). Reporting changes have made it more difficult to track the length of stay of residents. Commissioner Malec expressed concern that Dr. Fleischer has not participated in 2 meetings and that the Chair's appointee to the CAT, Keaton DiCapo, has not reported at an ANC meeting.
- e. DC Water Rock Creek Main Interceptor Project.

Susaye Douglas reported that the 100 year-old sewer running along Rock Creek (3000 ft of brick and concrete pipe, carries about 100 million gallons a day) has major structural issues. A project to repair this sewer will begin Mid-July and will take about a year. Work will take place on Saturdays and some Sundays There will staging areas at PA Ave, and 27th St, behind Francis Field/dog park, and at 27 and I Streets. The work will begin Mid-July for a year. Commissioner Comer asked the team to reach out to him with more information and to be sure to coordinate with Ddot work taking place along the same segment of 27th Street and the Potomac River Tunnel Project taking place nearby.

IV. Matters Before the Zoning Commission – 2100 M Street

Commissioner Dolan moved to approve the construction of the building and Commissioner Gifford seconded. David Atibile counsel for applicant reported they will come before the Zoning Commission for voluntary design review of the building on July 27 and asked for the ANC's support. The Commission unanimously the Motion to support the application (6-0-0).

**V. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 pm.
The Next meeting Wednesday, July 15, 2026.**