

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A

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ANC 2A April 2026 Minutes

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Wednesday, April 15, 2026; 7:00 p.m.

Meeting held via Zoom only

Prepared by: ANC 2A04 Commissioner Ed Comer

Approved on: Wednesday, May 20, 2026

Attested by: ANC 2A03 Chairperson Trupti Patel

I. Call to Order

1. **Roll Call & Introductions.** The meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm. Commissioners Gifford, (02), Patel (03), Comer (04), Dolan (06), Malec (08) and Youngstone (09) introduced themselves and described their districts.
2. **Adoption of the Agenda.** Commissioner Comer made a motion to amend the draft Agenda to discuss whether to establish a Special Meeting to address issues related to the proposed conversion of the office building at 2600 Virginia Avenue which would be considered by the Zoning Commission on April 30. Chair Patel claimed that the Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) prevent such a motion. Commissioner Malec repeatedly raised a Point of Order and Chair Patel repeatedly stated she would not recognize him. An extended discussion took place as to the accuracy of the Chair’s position. Commissioner Comer moved to vote on whether the Standard Operating Procedures prevent an amendment to the draft agenda. Commissioner Dolan seconded. Another extended debate took place with Commissioners asking Chair Patel to quote the language which supported her interpretation of the SOP. Chair Patel never quoted any such language and instead repeatedly stated “the agenda is frozen.” Commissioners Youngstone and Comer again asked Chair Patel to show where the SOP prevents amendments to the agenda. She never responded, but specifically approved noting the details of this discussion in the minutes. The vote on Commissioner Comer’s motion determined 4-2-0 that the SOP does not prevent amending the agenda, with Chair Patel and Commissioner Malec voting no. Commissioner Comer made a motion to amend the agenda to discuss whether to have a special meeting on Tuesday April 28 at 6 pm by Zoom to discuss the application of 2600 Virginia Avenue before the Zoning Commission. Commissioner Patel made a motion to remove a resolution regarding DHS performance oversight. Commissioner Comer’s Motion for the Special meeting discussion passed 5-1-0 with Commissioner Patel voting no. Commissioner Patel’s Motion to remove the DHS Resolution passed 5-1-0 with Commissioner Malec voting no. Commissioner Malec offered and Commissioner Gifford seconded a Motion to adopt the amended agenda.

II. Election of Officers

1. Election of the ANC’s Vice Chairperson. Commissioner Comer offered and Commissioner Malec seconded a nomination of Commissioner Dolan as Vice Chair. Chair Patel nominated and Commissioner Youngstone seconded Commissioner Youngstone for this position. There was a discussion about how to conduct the vote.

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Following, in a discussion of qualifications, Commissioner Comer expressed that Commissioner Youngstone’s role of Treasurer is very important and he has learned it well. He pointed out that it would be complicated and difficult to have to elect and train a new Treasurer. Commissioner Youngstone said he would step down as Treasurer if he were elected Vice-Chair. Chair Patel stated that Commissioner Dolan had expressed interest in being Treasurer at one point: Commissioner Dolan stated that did not recall expressing such an interest. Commissioner Youngstone withdrew from a candidacy for Vice-Chair. Commissioner Dolan was elected Vice-Chair by a 4-1-1 vote with Commissioner Patel voting no and Commissioner Youngstone abstaining.

III. Administrative Matters

1. **Approval of the ANC’s March 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes.** Commissioner Comer moved and Commissioner Malec seconded approving the minutes. The draft minutes were approved 5-0-1 with Commissioner Gifford abstaining because he was not at the prior meeting.
2. **ANC Authorization to OANC as Supplier Registration and Renewal Agent.** Chair Patel reported that OANC would be taking over an administrative task from the ANC if authorized, which would provide continuity for allotment payments. Commissioner Gifford moved to approve this authorization. Commissioner Malec seconded. The Motion was approved unanimously.
3. **Quarterly Financial Report Q1 2026 and Transactions.**
4. **Quarterly Financial Report Q2 2026 and Transactions.** Commissioner Youngstone explained that the ANC Q1 and Q2 primary expenses were for our Executive Director and a device that would help move to hybrid meetings in the future which had been recommended by OANC and reimbursed in a later quarter. He covered other expenses as well. Commissioner Youngstone moved and Chair Patel seconded approval of the Reports. The Reports were approved unanimously.

IV. Community Forum

1. **Report from Chairman Mendelson.** Chairman Mendelson described the budget process and explained that there is a need to make widespread cuts. He discussed the upcoming curfew legislation. He also explained that the District’s income tax is currently decoupled from recent Federal tax changes. He indicated that if more funds become available to budget, much would go for housing. He explained that funds allocated for housing vouchers have not been spent fully as a reason why housing vouchers were not funded in the budget. A few residents discussed problem-specific concerns.
2. **Report from the Mayor’s Office.** Timika Williams reported that since the Council only received the ANC next month. She reported in Emancipation Day, the vote on the youth curfew and the Spring Clean-up.
3. **Report from the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD).** Lt. Taylor reported on year-to-date crime statistics, with most city-wide crimes down except for assault with a dangerous weapon (ADW) while arrests are up. In the 2nd District homicides, ADW, robberies and motor vehicle thefts are up this year, but ANC2A crimes are generally down. Commissioner Malek initiated a discussion of what happens when a minor violates curfew.

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4. **Report from the Office of Ward 2 Councilmember Brooke Pinto.** Hannah Ames mentioned it would be a very difficult budget year with votes on budget items before and after the June election. She reviewed upcoming legislation.
5. **Presentation from Boston Properties in regard to 2100 M St.** David Avitabile and Matthew Bonifant announced that Boston Properties planned to file an application for voluntary design review before the Zoning Commission in the next couple of weeks. They plan to demolish the existing building and build a new one. They scheduled a Community meeting on April 22 to provide more details and expect a hearing date sometime in July. They are also working with ANC2B which is located across the street from 2100 M.
6. **Report from the DC Board of Elections.** No report was provided.
7. **Commissioner Updates.** Commissioner Patel described the resolutions she is introducing. Commissioner Comer explained the public outreach and status of the Resolution regarding the 2600 Virginia Avenue proposal to the Zoning Commission which had been deleted from the final draft agenda. His discussion focused on parking issues and encouraged the owner to enter into an MOU with the ANC to mitigate potential concerns. Commissioner Dolan spoke at 2100 M Street and biking issues, particularly along M Street. Commissioner Malec discussed sidewalk hazards and the problems with 311 not responding to requests.
8. **Announcements and Public Comments.** Brian Friedman, owner of 2100 Virginia Avenue, indicated that he would work to prepare an MOU with the ANC which articulates a parking solution and a reduction in rates, and other matters the community wants. He also asked the ANC to support the building's application before the Zoning Commission.

V. Matters Before the Mayor's Special Events Task Group

1. **The Marine Corps Marathon on Sunday, October 25, 2026.** Commissioner Comer praised the Marathon and noted it will have the same course as in the past. The only change will be a few varied starting times. Commissioner Comer moved and Commissioner Malec seconded to support the Marathon. Commissioner Comer requested that its sponsors provide the ANC information about the Marathon a month before it will take place.

VI. Matters Before Zoning Commission (ZC)

1. This matter had been removed from the agenda. The ANC voted to hold a Special Meeting on April 28, 2026 to discuss it.

VII. Matters Before the DC Council

1. **Consideration of a Resolution regarding the Rising Cost of Utilities and the Need for Stronger Oversight and Consumer Protections.** Chair Patel noted that several bills were introduced in the Council about the high cost of utilities, which has been a concern expressed by many ANC2A residents. Commissioner Gifford asked to strike 2 Whereas clauses relating to proposed legislation and Chair Patel agreed. At Commissioner Dolan's request, Commissioner Gifford moved to strike and Commissioner Malec seconded. The amendment was approved 5-0-1 with Commissioner Comer abstaining. Chair Patel

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moved the amended resolution and Commissioner Gifford seconded. Commissioner Comer spoke about the complexity of setting rates, most of which are outside of the District’s control. The Resolution was approved 4-2-0 with Commissioner Comer and Malec voting no.

2. **Consideration of a Resolution regarding the Office of Attorney General Budget Performance Oversight 2026.** Chair Patel moved the resolution and Commissioner Youngstone seconded. The Motion failed 2-4-0 with Chair Patel and Commissioner Youngstone voting yes.

3. **Consideration of a Resolution regarding the Office of Tenant Advocate Performance Oversight.** Chair Patel said this office informs tenants of their rights and can represent indigent renters. Its workload is increasing. Commissioner Dolan raised a Point of Order and asked why not Move the motion first and get a second before discussion commences. Chair Patel moved the resolution and Commissioner Youngstone seconded. The resolution was defeated 2-4-0 with Chair Patel and Commissioner Youngstone voting Yes.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:22pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Secretary