

# Arlington County Civic Federation

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## MEETING

- Arlington County Civic Federation, General Membership Meeting, 3/14/2023 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
- Hybrid meeting held in-person at the VHC Hazel Auditorium and virtually via Zoom, called via email invitation.

## ATTENDANCE

- In-Person: Member delegates checked in and were provided voting cards
- Zoom: Member delegates registered in-advance, and were recorded via Zoom

## CALL TO ORDER (John Ford)

- Called to order at 7:00 p.m. with quorum met with 1/10th of member delegates (required 26, had 80+)
- Moment of silence in honor of our Country, Pledge of Allegiance

## ARLINGTON CRIME PANEL (Mike McMnamin)

- Mike led a panel on crime in Arlington.
- Panelists were given 10-15 minutes to present. A Q&A session followed the presentations.
  - Andy Penn, Arlington County Police Chief Charles “Andy” Penn
    - [Presentation Link](#)
  - Parisa Dehghani-Tati, Commonwealth’s Attorney for Arlington County and the City of Falls Church
    - Presentation: Not posted per request
  - Deborah Warren, Deputy Director of the Department of Human Services and the Executive Director of the Arlington Community Services Board
    - [Presentation Link](#)

## BRIEFING: REVISED PUBLIC CONFIDENCE RESOLUTION AND REVISED AMENDMENT – COMMONALITIES, DIFFERENCES AND WHY (Stefanie Pryor, Bryan Coleman)

- Stefanie Pryor, representing the Public’s Confidence Resolution, provided a 12-minute briefing on the revised resolution
  - [Presentation Link](#)
- Bryan Coleman, representing the NAACP, provided a 12-minute briefing on the NAACP proposed amendment to the resolution (in the form of a replacement)
  - [Presentation Link](#)

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## **PUBLIC'S CONFIDENCE IN ARLINGTON COUNTY GOVERNANCE (JOHN FORD)**

- Adam Henderson (Parliamentarian) provided an overview of the go-forward approach that would be requested for the Public's Confidence resolution and amendment, offering an option to allow for a vote between the original resolution by past presidents and the amendment proposed by the NAACP. Adam explained that this option would require a suspension of the rules, as described below:
  - A motion to suspend the rules allows the meeting to suspend regular order (procedures) for a specific purpose, usually to allow discussion and movement on a topic which would be cumbersome or overly time-consuming if taken up under regular order.
  - A motion to suspend the rules
    - may not interrupt another speaker,
    - must specify the specific purpose of the suspension,
    - must specify the circumstances of return to regular order,
    - must be seconded,
    - is debatable,
    - cannot be amended, but can be withdrawn and restated
    - requires a 2/3rds majority vote.
- Public Confidence - motion to suspend the rules in four parts – requires 2/3 vote to pass
  1. To withdraw the current Public Confidence Resolution and the current Amendment in Nature of a Substitute currently on the floor and replace them with the revised Public Confidence Resolution and the revised Amendment in Nature of a Substitute as provided by their respective sponsors; and
  2. Open a limited period for discussion for both the revised Public Confidence Resolution and the revised Amendment in Nature of a Substitute; and
  3. Following discussion, introduce a new motion on the floor for members to vote for one of the following options:
    - Adopt the Public Confidence Resolution (as revised)
    - Adopt the Amendment in Nature of a Substitute (as revised)
    - Abstain; and
  4. During the period of suspension of the rules, amendments to either the revised Public Confidence Resolution or the revised Amendment in Nature of a Substitute will NOT be permitted

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- Adam described the consequences of moving forward if the rules are not suspended, indicating that discussion would resume from where the February 21<sup>st</sup> General Membership meeting ended.
- John opened up a discussion session regarding the proposal to suspend the rules. Several member delegates provided input.
- The **question was called regarding a motion to suspend the rules for a specific purpose (the ability to vote on the original resolution and the amendment at the same time)**, the motion was moved, and seconded. A vote was called on the motion. The validated results are below.

<b>Motion: Suspend the Rules</b>				
	yes	no	abstain	Total
<b>In Room</b>	37	0	0	37
<b>Zoom</b>	70	3	0	73
<b>TOTAL</b>	107	3	0	110
97.3%				Pass

- Given that the motion to suspend the rules was passed by more than a 2/3rds vote, as required by the CivFed bylaws, this allowed for the motion (below) to vote on the two resolution options:
  - Original Sponsors (4 past CivFed presidents) – [Resolution Link](#)
  - NAACP – [Amendment Link](#)
- John offered a period of discussion regarding the resolution and amendment that would be voted on. Several members provided input.
- The question was called regarding **a motion to vote for the preferred option either a) the revised original resolution (sponsored by the past CivFed presidents) or the revised amendment in the nature of a substitute (sponsored by NAACP)** the motion was moved, and seconded. A vote was called on the motion. The validated results are below. The Public’s Confidence resolution sponsors resolution was selected by 70% of the member delegates.

<b>Motion: Public Confidence Resolution</b>				
	original	amend	abstain	Total
<b>In Room</b>	25	9	6	40
<b>Zoom</b>	50	23	2	75
<b>TOTAL</b>	75	32	8	115
70.1%				Pass



**FEBRUARY MINUTES (John Ford)**

- **A motion was made to vote to approve the February minutes**, the motion was moved, and seconded. A vote was called on the motion. The validated results are below.

Motion: February Minutes				
	yes	no	abstain	Total
<b>In Room</b>	33	0	1	34
<b>Zoom</b>	50		11	61
<b>TOTAL</b>	83	0	12	95
100.0%				Pass

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE (John Ford)**

- John introduced the current list of nominees for the Nominating Committee and additional candidates were requested from the floor, at which point Anne Bodine was nominated. This resulted in the following candidate list.
  - Adam Henderson (Chair, Pike Presidents’ Group; ACCF Bylaws Committee Chair)
  - David Smith (ACCF Secretary, Bluemont CA Treasurer)
  - Jim Todd (ACCF Treasurer, Cherrydale CA President)
  - Kathleen Trainor (Highland Park-Overlee Knolls CA President)
  - Ron Haddox (ACCF Vice-President)
  - Anne Bodine (ACCF Housing Committee Co-Chair, Delegate from Arlington Tree Action Group)
- **A motion was made to vote on the nominating committee**, the motion was moved, and seconded. A vote was called on the motion. The validated results are below.

Motion: Nominating Committee				
	yes	no	abstain	Total
<b>In Room</b>	27	0	4	31
<b>Zoom</b>	50	1	5	56
<b>TOTAL</b>	77	1	9	87
98.7%				Pass

**AWARDS COMMITTEE (John Ford)**



- John introduced the current list of nominees for the Awards Committee and additional candidates were requested from the floor. No additional candidates were nominated. This was the list of candidates:
  - Dave Schutz (ACCF Parks & Recreation Committee Chair)
  - Diane Kelly (Waycroft-Woodlawn CA former president)
  - John Ford (ACCF President, Tara-Leeway Heights CA President)
  - Lois Koontz (past chair, ACCF Executive Board)
  - Todd Truitt (ACCF Schools Committee Chair)
- **A motion was made to vote on the awards committee**, the motion was moved, and seconded. A vote was called on the motion. The validated results are below.

Motion: Awards Committee				
	yes	no	abstain	Total
<b>In Room</b>	29	0	2	31
<b>Zoom</b>	52	0	6	58
<b>TOTAL</b>	81	0	8	89
100.0%				Pass

**NEW/OLD BUSINESS (John Ford)**

- No new or old business

**ACTIONS**

- None

**ADJOURNMENT – 9:30 p.m.**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting and approved by acclamation.

Meeting Video Link: [Arlington Cty Civic Fed \[ACCF\] \(vimeo.com\)](#)

Submitted by: David R. Smith, Secretary 3/25/2023