



MEETING

- Arlington County Civic Federation, General Membership Meeting, 5/11/2023 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
- Hybrid meeting held in-person at the VHC Hazel Auditorium and virtually via Zoom, called via email invitation, web notification, and Facebook post.

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)
- Moment of silence in honor of our Country, Pledge of Allegiance

APRIL MINUTES (John Ford)

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

Motion: April Minutes				
	yes	no	abstain	Total
Zoom	12	0	0	12
In-Room	11	0	0	11
TOTAL	23	0	0	23
100.0%				Pass

ANNUAL VISIT BY ARLINGTON COUNTY SCHOOLS SUPERINTENDENT DR. DURAN, WITH Q & A (Todd Truitt)

- CivFed was pleased to have our APS Superintendent, Dr. Duran, attend our membership meeting. Todd Truitt (CivFed Schools Committee Chair), led a discussion with Dr. Duran based upon questions compiled from member input prior to the meeting:
 - Outsourcing decisions making
 - Pre-CIP report
 - Standards based grading
 - Grading for equity

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- Middle School academics – intensified
- Approach for handling drugs discovered in schools
- Difference between security resource officers and school safety coordinators
- Graduation rate
- Bullying

CANDIDATES FORUM FOR ARLINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF (John Ford)

- A panel was held for 30 minutes. Each candidate gave a 2-minute opening which was then followed by prepared questions by John Ford and then questions from the delegates. Each candidate provided a 2-minute closing. Candidates included:
 - James Herring
 - Jose Quiroz
 - Wanda Younger
- Questions to the panelists included the following topics:
 - What is the first thing you would change when you take office?
 - Impact of removal of SROs from schools
 - Availability of mental health services for the staff
 - Plans to make sure the public is well informed
 - Role in addressing opioid usage

CANDIDATES FORUM FOR COMMONWEALTH'S ATTORNEY (John Ford)

- A panel was held for 30 minutes. Each candidate gave a 2-minute opening which was then followed by prepared questions by John Ford and then questions from the delegates. Each candidate provided a 2-minute closing. Candidates included:
 - Parisa Dehghani-Tafti
 - Josh Katcher
- Questions to the panelists included the following topics:
 - Brady violations
 - Correlation between rise in crime and prosecution rates
 - Deferring prosecution
 - Ideological differences between candidates
 - Deferrals from Arlington Police department
 - How would a citizen experience their life differently if they <candidate> were in office?



ACTIONS

- None

ADJOURNMENT – 9:00 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 5/20/2023