

Arlington County Civic Federation

MEETING

- Arlington County Civic Federation, General Membership Meeting, 2022-11-15 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 blue voting cards
- Zoom: Member delegates registered in-advance, and were recorded via the Zoom record

CALL TO ORDER (John Ford)

- Called to order at 7 p.m. with quorum met with 1/10th of member delegates (required 23 had 40+)
- John welcomed the TiGER panel
- John led the Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence

TiGER PANEL (Allan Gajadhar)

- A Panel discussion and Q&A was held for the Task Force in Governance and Election Reform (TiGER) resolution. The discussion panel, led by Allan Gajadhar (TiGER chair and former ACCF President), examined Arlington's governing bodies and electoral system.
- The panelists were: Michael Beer, Whytni Kernodle, Dave Schutz, and Allan Gajadhar
- The discussion included:
 1. Expand the size of the County Board and the School Board (from 5 to 7 members)
 2. Maintain At-Large seats for the election of County and School Board members
 3. Increase the terms from one-year to a minimum of two years, with the ability to extend the term for up to another two years if Board members concur
 4. Increase the salaries of County Board and School Board members; to \$95K and \$27K, respectively
 5. Mov to a multi-seat (also known as proportional) ranked choice voting system
 6. Stagger elections for both boards every two years
- A Q&A session was held with members.
 - A request was made to strike resolution step 4 a. (County Board salary increase) since the Board has already taken this issue up. Agreement was reached to note this in the resolution.
- Links:
 - Presentation and Draft Resolution Link: [Task Force in Governance and Election Reform \(TiGER\) - Arlington County Civic Federation \(civfed.org\)](#)
 - Video Recording: <https://vimeo.com/773167045>
- A vote on the TiGER resolution was held. **VOTE: Approved**

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- Yes: 16 in room + 37 on zoom = 53
- No: = 2 in room + 16 on zoom = 18
- Abstain: = 6

RESOLUTION TO RESTORE THE PUBLIC'S CONFIDENCE IN ARLINGTON COUNTY GOVERNANCE (Stef Pryor)

- Stef briefed members on the proposed resolution and a Q&A session followed.
- John Ford thanked Stef and those who asked questions and asked that any further questions or input be forwarded to president@civfed.org.
- **Links:**
 - Video Recording: <https://vimeo.com/773167045> (go to approximately 1:20)
 - Presentation: <https://www.civfed.org/newContent/2022-11/2022-11-15%20CivFed%20Presentation%20Restore%20Public%20Confidence%20in%20Arlington%20County%20Governance.pdf>

APPROVE OCTOBER MINUTES (John Ford)

- October 2022 Membership meeting minutes were voted on for approval **VOTE: Approved**
 - Yes: 11 in room + 34 on zoom = 45
 - No: 0
 - Abstain: 6

NEW BUSINESS (John Ford)

- John Ford provided a reminder on the new Funding Resource Development committee which is charged with finding new/alternative funding sources for CivFed. John (president@civfed.org) requested volunteers.

ACTIONS

- Review the Public's Confidence draft resolution and provide input to John at president@civfed.org.

ADJOURN – 9:00 p.m.

Submitted by: David R. Smith, Secretary 11/15/2022