



Arlington County Civic Federation

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES, TUESDAY 05 SEPTEMBER 2023

MEETING

- Arlington County Civic Federation, General Membership Meeting, 9/5/2023 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

JUNE MINUTES (John Ford)

- [A motion was made to approve the June minutes, the motion was moved, and seconded. A vote was called on the motion and approved by acclamation.](#)

CANDIDATES FORUM (John Ford)

Candidates for the Virginia House and Senate participated in the forum. Key topics/questions during the forum included:

- Key candidate legislation focus areas
- Legislation to give Arlington parity with other jurisdictions
- Legislation to increase Arlington authority zoning code to address stormwater impacts
- Office vacancy
- Tree canopy
- Staffing crisis
- Mental health
- Law environment
- Affordable housing

Three state-focused discussions were held:

- 1) Virginia House of Delegates, 3rd District
 - Alfonso Lopez [D, inc]
 - Mike Webb [I]



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- 2) Virginia Senate, 39th District
 - Adam Ebbin [D, inc]
 - Sophia Moshasha [R]

- 3) Virginia Senate, 40th District
 - Barbara Favola [D, inc]
 - David Henshaw [R]

Candidates for the Arlington County Board participated in the forum. Key topics/questions during the forum included:

- Future vision for Arlington in 2040, and views on the challenges and strategies we should use
- Revenue sources and balanced budget
- Climate impact to Arlington
- ACPD and DHS staffing
- Governance and Election Reform

The Arlington County Board candidates who participated in the forum were:

- Audrey Clement [I]
- Maureen Coffey [D]
- Susan Cunningham [D]
- Juan Carlos Fierro [R]

NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH REMARKS (Tania Bougebrayel Cohn, Arlington Department of Public Safety Communications and Emergency Management)

- Tania provided a briefing on emergency preparedness

CONSIDERATION AND VOTE ON NEW MEMBER APPLICATION: AFRICAN AMERICAN LEADERSHIP COUNCIL OF ARLINGTON (AALCA) (Sarah Summerville)

- Sarah reviewed the AALCA organization history and goals
- The original resolution on AALCA membership was presented
- [A motion was moved and seconded to approve AALCA membership, discussion was opened, and a vote was called and approved by acclamation.](#)

ACTIONS

- None

ADJOURNMENT – 9:00 p.m.

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



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

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