



Arlington County Civic Federation

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES, TUESDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2024

MEETING

- Arlington County Civic Federation, General Membership Meeting, 2/13/2024 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).

MINUTES APPROVAL (John Ford)

- A motion was made to approve the December and January GM minutes, the motion was moved, and seconded. The December and January General Membership minutes were approved by acclamation.

DISCUSSION WITH ARLINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT AND SCHOOL BOARD (Todd Truitt)

CivFed was joined by Arlington County Superintendent, Dr. Francisco Duran and the School Board Members: Cristina Diaz-Torres (Chair), David Priddy (Vice Chair), Miranda Turner, and Bethany Zecher Sutton. Pre-prepared and audience questions were asked and addressed by the Superintendent and the Board. Q&A topics included:

- Chronic absenteeism
- School boundaries & related policy
- Open space vs school needs
- Demographic updates and impacts to school planning
- Budget planning (example 89% of the school budget is for salaries)
- Use of statistics to drive decisions
- Collaboration with the County on services (example I-Ride)
- School bus capacity
- School crossing guards (hired through the Police Department)
- Safety on Glen Carlyn road
- Where is education going in the next 10-15 years, how do we keep our competitiveness?



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- Student dual enrollment
- Approach to following school trends
- Redevelopment of the Arlington Career Center
- Issues with rollout of employee healthcare
- Merge of school and county HR
- Equity across the various ethnic groups
- Policies to prevent cyber bullying
- Class size
- Use of empty office space for school / classroom use
- Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system modernization

VOTE ON AWARDS COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS (John Ford)

- A motion was made to approve a recommended slate of candidates for the CivFed Awards Committee. The slate recommended was:
 - Nick Giacobbe (Member, CivFed Executive Board, Business Secretary, Aurora Highlands CA,)
 - Jean Henceroth (President, Leeway-Overlee CA)
 - Nicole Merlene Toulouse (Past CivFed Vice-President and Executive Board Chair)
 - Kathleen Trainor (President, Highland Park-Overlee Knolls CA)
 - John Ford (President, ACCF, President Tara-Leeway Heights CA)

Discussion was opened, and a vote was taken. The Awards Committee was approved by acclamation.

OTHER BUSINESS

- None

ADJOURNMENT – 8:48 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 2/18/2024