



# Arlington County Civic Federation

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES, TUESDAY 08 APRIL 2025

## MEETING

- Arlington County Civic Federation, General Membership Meeting, 4/8/2025 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 a voting ballot.
- 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 25).

## MINUTES APPROVAL (John Ford)

- A motion was made to approve the March General Membership (GM) [minutes](#), the motion was moved, and seconded. The March GM minutes were approved by acclamation.

## PROGRAM:

ACCF was honored to welcome Arlington County government and civic leadership to discuss a range of topics including public safety and an Environmental Affairs Committee emergency resolution on the W&OD Trail. We included time for the audience to ask questions throughout, with membership involvement in the discussion a priority. Discussion topics and questions included:

1. **Public Safety Panel** - Participants included Parisa Dehghani-Tafti (Arlington County Commonwealth’s Attorney), Charles “Andy” Penn (Arlington County Police Chief), Jose Quiroz (Arlington County Sheriff), and Carol Layer (Arlington Department of Human Services).
  - a. You can find each of their presentations here:
    - i. [Arlington County Commonwealth’s Attorney Office](#)
    - ii. [Arlington County Police Department](#)
    - iii. [Arlington County Sheriff Department](#)
    - iv. [Arlington County Department of Human Services](#)
  - b. Questions from the audience included:
    - i. Are there things Arlington County can be doing to better collaborate?
    - ii. Was the Cherry Blossom Parade Pentagon Mall incident isolated?
      1. Many participants were juveniles. How do you handle processing these situations?
      2. What if the perpetrator is not a resident of Virginia?
    - iii. Do Metro entrances have higher crime? Is crime up overall this year?
    - iv. During opioid incidents in 2024, what % were kids compared to adults?
    - v. Is Arlington seeing an uptick in gambling addiction?
    - vi. Do you do an analysis of trending crimes?

- vii. For juvenile crimes, do you involve the family in rehabilitation?
  - viii. How does Arlington approach persons with high recidivism?
  - ix. How can community organizations like ACCF be most helpful to improve safety and community engagement?
2. **Emergency W&OD Trail Resolution** - John Ford, ACCF President, shared an overview of the Environmental Affairs Committee proposed emergency resolution titled, **A Resolution on Dominion Energy Tree-cutting Along Rights-of-way in W&OD Park**. This resolution required two votes - The first vote was held to determine if ACCF should consider the resolution under emergency rules. The second vote was a vote on the emergency resolution.
- a. A motion was made for ACCF to consider the resolution, which was circulated in the April 2025 newsletter, shared with member organizations, and updated based on ACCF Committee feedback, under emergency rules. The motion was moved, and seconded. The vote to consider the resolution under emergency rules was approved by acclamation (27 Yea, 5 Nay, 3 Abstentions).
  - b. A motion was made to approve the Environmental Affairs Committee resolution on W&OD Trail, which was circulated in the April 2025 newsletter, shared with member organizations, and updated based on ACCF Committee feedback, under emergency rules. The motion was moved, and seconded. The vote to consider adopting the resolution under emergency rules was approved by acclamation (20 Yea, 1 Nay, 2 Abstentions). The approved resolution can be found [here](#).

**ADJOURNMENT** – 9:00 p.m.

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

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

Submitted by: Matt Gloudeman, ACCF Secretary 4/28/2025