



Arlington County Civic Federation

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES, TUESDAY 13 MAY 2025

MEETING

- Arlington County Civic Federation, General Membership Meeting, 5/13/2025 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 April General Membership (GM) [minutes](#), the motion was moved, and seconded. The April 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 the annual County Board and Virginia House of Delegates candidates' forum. We also hosted a panel of Arlington Public School (APS) students to discuss their perspectives and experiences in the APS system. Lastly, we reviewed a draft resolution from the Planning and Zoning Committee with recommendations on ways to improve Arlington County's planning and zoning processes. We included time for the audience to ask questions throughout, with membership involvement in the discussion a priority. Discussion topics included:

1. The **APS Student Panel** included 3 juniors and 1 senior representing Wakefield, Washington - Liberty, and Yorktown. Discussion topics included post-COVID learning & education challenges, college preparation, social media, and more.
2. The **County Board Candidates' Forum** included candidates Audrey Clement, Jeramy Olmack, Jim DeVita, and Takis Karatonis. Questions discussed include:
 - a. The County faces challenges from the federal and state government. What is the biggest threat to Arlington?
 - b. Do you support a citizen commission to review and solicit recommendations for possible modifications to Arlington's form of government?
 - c. What is your viewpoint on Missing Middle and Expanded Housing Options (EHO)?
 - i. Follow up question on the Melwood House project in Aurora Hills.
 - d. If Arlington's budget shrinks in the next few years, which parts of the budget would you consider reducing?

3. The **Virginia House of Delegates Candidates' Forum** included candidates Arjoon Srikanth and Patrick Hope. Candidate Sean Epstein was unable to attend. Questions discussed include:
 - a. Impacts of state and federal government workforce changes and budget cuts on Arlingtonians and Virginians.
 - b. How do you see Arlington's relationship with the State government?
 - c. How do you operate in a politically divided climate in Richmond?
 - d. What sort of recommendations do you have to improve the Dillon Rule in Va?
 - e. Do you recommend changes to Delegate compensation?
 - f. How do you approach the need to improve building codes to be more resilient?
 - g. What specific policies do you recommend to support Arlingtonians who are negatively impacted by federal workforce changes?
4. First Reading of **Planning & Zoning Resolution** - Jack Spillsbury shared highlights from the P&Z resolution. The draft resolution will be up for a vote in the June General Membership meeting. Jack fielded a half dozen questions from the audience. The P&Z committee requests feedback on this draft resolution is submitted via email: glup.sc.chair@civfed.org.

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 5/13/2025