



Arlington County Civic Federation

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES, TUESDAY 9 DECEMBER 2025

MEETING: Arlington County Civic Federation, General Membership Meeting, 12/09/2025 7:00 – 9:00
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.
Zoom: Member delegates registered in advance, and were recorded via Zoom.

CALL TO ORDER: Federation President Nicholas Giacobbe noted the presence of a quorum and called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM. President Giacobbe led the meeting in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and then read the ACCF courtesy policy as a reminder of ACCF's meeting rules.

A motion was made to approve the November 2025 General Membership (GM) Meeting minutes, the motion was moved, and seconded. The November GM minutes were approved by acclamation. President Giacobbe congratulated the North Highlands CA for reactivating, noting that their new neighborhood plan was being reviewed by the County Board at their December meeting.

Arlington County Manager Mark Schwartz

Mr. Schwartz made some opening remarks and then took questions.

Pre-written Questions from President Giacobbe to Mr. Schwartz: *What's your take on the impacts of the Federal government changes? What's your take on the budget difficulty (normal budget & CIP)? How much room do we have left on bonding? How do you see land use planning changing with lower commercial revenue? Is the County going to try to get Routes 120 & 29 from VDOT? How will the County handle electronic permit parking in residential parking areas?*

Questions from the Floor to Mr. Schwartz: *Are we changing the Transportation Plan in the Comprehensive Plan? What would you change in Richmond? Lot Coverage? Can we require realistic & equitable parking ratios? What can be done to help developers to build affordable housing? Will you commit to updating the Ballston Sector Plan (it's 45 years old)? Will the Planning Commission post comments on the Web? Have Virginia bonds been downgraded? Where will proffers fit in the future? What is your take on governance change? What would be the strengths & weaknesses of two-year chairs? Why was car sharing eliminated? Why are there different height restrictions on Columbia Pike buildings vs. Langston Blvd buildings? Why do we hire outside lawyers instead of using the ones we have (14) on staff?*

Dave Schutz on Form of Government Advisory Panel

Mr. Schutz said opposition is building against this panel being formed.

Questions from the Floor to Mr. Schutz: *Why is there opposition to the idea of even talking about change? Why did two members of the board (Coffey & Cunningham) flip views on the panel? How would the Task Force interfere with the County Board?*

Duke Banks on Virginia 250 Celebration

Questions from the Floor: *How long will this go on?* (early June to about July 4th)

Old Business: None

New Business: None

The meeting adjourned at 9:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Allen Norton (Assistant Secretary of the ACCF)

Meeting Video At: <https://vimeo.com/1145663164>