



Arlington County Civic Federation

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES, TUESDAY 13 JANUARY 2026

MEETING: Arlington County Civic Federation, General Membership Meeting, 1/13/2026 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 7:05 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 December 2025 General Membership (GM) Meeting minutes, the motion was moved, and seconded. The December GM minutes were approved by acclamation.

Vote on Awards Committee membership:

John Ford, Jean Henceroth, Kathleen Trainor, Alex Sakes, David Smith & Michael Beer volunteered to serve on the committee. The slate was approved by acclamation.

Committee reports:

Banquet (Henceroth) – It will be on 4/27/26 at Ft. Myer & the ticket price will be about \$75

VA250 (Banks) – An outdoor festival, “Arlington HistoryFest 250“, will be held at the at Kenmore Middle School on Saturday, 5/9/2026 at 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Note: The 70th anniversary of the Arlington Historical Society is on 3/28/26.

Comments on Infill projects around Arlington (Snelling) - 7 Delegates described ones in their CAs
Audit – Per the Bylaws the Annual audit was done. The CivFed books were fine.

Nominating – Need People

Arlington Deputy Police Chiefs Darrin Cassedy (Criminal Investigation) and Dave Giroux (Community Engagement) on holiday retail theft efforts, New Years Eve in Arlington, and the work of their divisions

Giroux: Closed Wilson in Clarendon on New Year's Eve to protect pedestrians. Will do it again 3-4 times this year. Cassedy: Have used a Proactive Detail for Retail Theft.

Questions from the Floor:

What's the trendline on vehicle crime? Do you put signs in stores describing crimes? What can we do about people who block bike lanes? How can the public help you? Can we submit pictures to the police of cars blocking lanes? Do you track Immigration status when you arrest people? Could you do informal SRO walk-throughs? Do you give training on Officer-Induced crime (ICE)? [There is a dedicated Training Officer & there were 73,00 training hours in 2025]

Arlington County Board Members Julius D. “JD” Spain, Sr. and Susan Cunningham will talk about their roles as Board liaisons for the examination of the County’s form of government effort and the priorities for 2026

Mr. Spain and Ms. Cunningham made some opening remarks and then took questions.

How many Board Members are best? How many hours do you work each week? Are you looking at changing the Government structure? Is an Advisory Panel going to be created? What is the correlation between the CIP and the 20/50 Initiative?

Old Business: None

New Business: None

The meeting adjourned at 9:13 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Allen Norton

(Assistant Secretary of the ACCF)

Meeting Video At: <https://vimeo.com/1154364856>