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Arlington County Civic Federation

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES, TUESDAY 17 FEBRUARY 2026

MEETING: Special Meeting, 2/17/2026 6:00 – 8:30
Arlington County Civic Federation Work Session with the County Board.
Held at the Ellen M. Bozman Government Center in the County Board Room.

ATTENDANCE: In-Person and broadcast on the County’s YouTube channel

COUNTY BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chair Matt de Ferranti, Maureen Coffey, Susan Cunningham, Julius J.D. Spain, Sr. & Takis P. Karantonis

Federation President Nicholas Giacobbe made some brief remarks and then the Breakout Discussions with the County Board commenced.

Breakout Discussion – Economic/Social Safety Net

CivFed team lead Allan Gajadhar (with Michael McMenamin)

County Board Members

What are you planning to do about likely funding cuts from the Feds and State? How are you going to keep the Police officers and Sheriff’s Deputies you already have? Are you going to get any Police officers for really needed positions?

Breakout Discussion – Planning and Zoning

CivFed team lead Brian Harner (with Nicole Toulouse, Jackie Snelling & Bill Richardson)

County Board Members

What are the Planning principles? How are they implemented? How do we coordinate with VDOT on Langston Blvd and Columbia Pike? Do we have a plan for implementing infrastructure improvements? Will the principle of the GLUP be changed? How are you going to handle Richmond’s anti-zoning bill? How do you use Stormwater plans to decide Zoning issues?

Breakout Discussion – Connecting with Local Government

CivFed team lead David Smith (with Kate Mattos, Jeremiah Howard & John Ford)

County Board Members

Why are they making decisions about local issues without talking to the people who live there or with their Civic Associations? How did the County decide that Civic Association’s should handle snow removal requests? How could the Auditor and Commissions help you?

Respectfully submitted by Allen Norton

(Assistant Secretary of the ACCF)