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Arlington County Civic Federation

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES, TUESDAY 10 MARCH 2026

MEETING: Arlington County Civic Federation, General Membership Meeting, 3/10/2026 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 January and February 2026 General Membership (GM) Meeting minutes, the motion was moved, and seconded. The January and February GM minutes were approved by acclamation.

Arlington Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Francisco Duran and members of the Arlington County School Board: Bethany Zecher Sutton, Monique “Moe” Bryant and Miranda Turner
(Kathleen Clark and Zuraya Tapia-Hadley couldn’t make it)
Todd Truit (Chair – Schools Committee) Moderated

Dr.Duran made some opening remarks on the CIP and then gave a presentation.

Questions from the Floor:

Does APS have a policy for closing schools (when necessary)? Will we have many construction bonds in the future? What percentage of the County bond debt is APS responsible for? Would the School Board support a 1% sales tax for school construction? Can we get Solar panels mounted on the schools? Why do Montessori schools get more money per head than other schools? Is the Board considering increasing the size of the Board? What is the spacing of the Swanson and Thomas Jefferson construction projects? What is the mid-range option on the TJ construction project? Has APS seen any impacts from Federal Immigration policy? Have you seen a decline in new English learners? Is the County asking for private money to help with the Swanson and TJ construction? Why did Patrick Henry have to be demolished (it’s fairly new)? What could APS and the County have done better about handling the aftermath of the big snow storm?

**First reading and discussion of transportation resolution by Nicole Toulouse
(Chair – Transportation Committee)**

Questions from the Floor:

Is there any consideration of adding school walk plans to the resolution?

Approval of Nominating Committee.

John Ford (Chair) (Tara-Leeway Heights), David Smith (Bluemont), Lois Koontz (Alcova Heights), Ron Haddox (Columbia Heights) and Dixie Duncan (Glencarlyn) have volunteered to serve on the committee. The slate was approved by acclamation.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Julie Hughes asked for help keeping the Gymnastic program running.

Michael Beer introduced a resolution on the County Board Form Of Government Review. It will be reviewed by the Legislative Committee.

The meeting adjourned at 9:11 PM.

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

Meeting Video At: <https://vimeo.com/1172568039>