



Arlington County Civic Federation

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES, TUESDAY 14 April 2026

MEETING: Arlington County Civic Federation, General Membership Meeting, 4/14/2026 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 7:03 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 March 2026 General Membership (GM) Meeting minutes, the motion was moved, and seconded. The March GM minutes were approved by acclamation.

Panel on Mental Health

Sheriff Jose Quiroz; Dr. Richard Malish, Chief Medical Director, Office of the Sheriff; **Deb Warren**, Community Service Board (CSB) Executive Director; **Elizabeth Jones Valderrama**, Offender Aid and Restoration (OAR) Director & **Grace Woodward**, Diversion Program Director, Commonwealth Attorney's Office

Moderated by Rebecca Kiessling, Executive Director of the Northern Virginia chapter of the National Alliance for Mental Illness (NAMI Northern Virginia).

Ms. Kiessling requested that questions be sent to Allan Gajadhar who would combine them and send them to the panel.

State Senator Barbara Favola and County Board Member Takis Karantonis on housing legislation passed in the 2026 legislative session.

Moderated by Anne Bodine, Co-Chair of the Housing Committee

Questions from the Floor:

Many Churches have a lot of green space - will you propose a bill to permit them to easily convert to parks? What does the SB388/HB1279 legislation mean? We need a Fact Sheet.

Second reading and vote on the Transportation Resolution

(Presented by The Chair of the Transportation Committee, Nicole Toulouse)

A Motion was made and seconded to adopt the resolution. A Friendly Amendment to Item #30 was proposed and accepted. The Transportation Resolution was then voted on.

For: 34
Opposed: 1
Abstain: 0

The Transportation Resolution was Approved.

First reading of Schools Committee resolution - " Preventing Crumbling School Buildings "

Claire Noakes, President Arlington CCPTA, presented the resolution and explained the issues it covers.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Allen Norton

(Assistant Secretary of the ACCF)

Meeting Video At: <https://vimeo.com/1183460402>