



# Arlington County Civic Federation

## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES, TUESDAY 12 May 2026

**MEETING:** Arlington County Civic Federation, General Membership Meeting, 5/12/2026 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 7:06 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 April 2026 General Membership (GM) Meeting minutes, the motion was moved, and seconded. The April GM minutes were approved by acclamation.

### **County Board Democratic Candidates Forum (Matt De Ferranti, James DeVita & Julie Farnam)**

The candidates made opening remarks and then took questions from the Floor:

*Will you update Site-Plan policy to include space for delivery vehicles? What are we doing well about climate change and what could we improve? What will you do to change the dangerous places on S Carlin Springs Rd in Glencarlyn? In the short-run, what would you do day-to-day on climate change? What will you do to reduce the incidence of suicide and mental-health issues in our Fire and Police Departments? What will you do to bridge the divide regarding scale of development in housing between homeowners and County Staff? What is your vision for safety? How can Arlington government be transparent with so many closed meetings? Should County Board members accept money from contractors with business with the county? How confident are you with data from developers? What will you do to make community benefit discussions transparent?*

### **Second reading and vote on Schools Committee resolution: "Preventing Crumbling School Buildings"** (Presented by Todd Truitt & Claire Noakes)

A motion was made to amend the resolution and a vote was taken and the amendment was approved.  
[ Vote for the amendment: YES: 23 , NO: 8 , ABSTAIN: 5 ]

The amended Resolution was voted on and approved.  
[ Vote for the amended Resolution: YES: 30 , NO: 6 , ABSTAIN: 1 ]

**First reading of Public Safety Committee Resolution:** “Recognizing the Bravery, Dedication, and Service of Firefighters and Paramedics and Honoring the Life and Legacy of Lloyd G Edwards, Jr”  
(Presented by Mike McMenamin & Sharon Valencia)

**First Reading and discussion of Planning and Zoning Committee Resolution:** “Regarding a Study of Lot Coverage/Height/Setback Provisions of the Zoning Ordinance”  
(Presented by Bill Richardson)

**Proposed boundary change for Cherrydale Citizens Association**  
(Presented by The Chair of the Membership Committee, Jackie Snelling)

After some discussion, the boundary change was voted on and approved by voice Acclamation.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** None

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Allen Norton

(Assistant Secretary of the ACCF)

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