

Arlington Economic Development Commission
1100 N Glebe Rd, #1500,
Arlington, VA 22201

Business Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 6, 2018

<u>Member Name</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Bates (Roche), Kate	X	
Bowen McCauley, Lucy	X	
Bushkoff, Robert	X	
Caiazzo, Jill	X	
Costa, Anthony		X
DePalma, Lindsey		X
Bill Dunn	X	
Duran, Sally	X	
Familiant, Dori	X	
Gillen, Pamela	X	
Greenwald, Peter	X	
Kumar, Neal	X	
Merlene, Nicole	X	
Monroe, Bryant	X	
Norris, Jerry	X	
Patel, Toral	X	
Patil, Vivek		X
Scott Pedowitz	X	
Poli, Frank	X	
Stone, Nicholas	X	
Timme, Suzette J.	X	
Walsh, William		X
Yeatts, Todd	X	

1. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Arlington Economic Development Commission was called to order by Chair Duran at 8:06 AM. County Board Liaison Libby Garvey was welcomed to the meeting.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Commissioner Poli seconded by Commissioner Norris to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2018 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

3. CHAIR'S REPORT

- Chair Duran reminded members to turn in their Financial Disclosure statements to the County Board Office as required by the Commonwealth of Virginia.
- She congratulated Commissioner Familiant on his promotion to the General Manager of the McLean Hilton. However, because the property is not in Arlington County, he will be resigning his EDC seat.
- Duran asked Commissioners to review the Electronic Participation policy (see Attachment 1) and come prepared to consider it at the next meeting.

4. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- AED Assistant Director Alex Iams provided updates (supplemented by information from Commissioner Bates) on the TOT surcharge.
- Iams reported that staff is working on the Amazon HQ2 project following on the announcement that Northern Virginia is among the top 20 finalists. He also reported that the County Board recently authorized two gazelle grant projects for Higher Logic, a software company that will expand in Rosslyn, and Axios, a digital media company that will expand in Clarendon.
- Trade shows are planned in March (SXSW) and May (Collision) to promote Arlington as an innovative community for startups and technology companies.
- Beginning February 7th, BizLaunch will be offering Financial Business Counseling via our partnership with the Latino Economic Development Center (LEDC) on Wednesdays

4. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Strategic Plan for Economic Development of the Commonwealth – Stephen Moret, CEO of the Virginia Economic Development Partnership (VEDP) presented the new strategy and discussed efforts to regain Virginia’s reputation as a leading business location (see Attachments 2 and 3).
- EDCi – Commissioner Stone presented information about himself and Virginia Tech and led a discussion about the need for a regional research institute in Northern Virginia (see Attachment 4).

5. EDC WORKING GROUP UPDATES

- Economic Development Strategy – The next Committee meeting is February 7.

6. COUNTY PROJECT UPDATES

- Four Mile Run Valley (4MRV) – Commission Monroe reported that a Meeting is to be held March 6 for staff to present the draft Framework Report to the Working Group.

7. OLD BUSINESS

- None.

8. NEW BUSINESS

- None.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:48 AM.

The next meeting of the Economic Development Commission will be held 7:45 AM, March 20, 2018. A recording of the meeting may be heard by contacting the AED offices.