

ARLINGTON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Minutes Regular Meeting Tuesday, December 8, 2020

<u>Member Name</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Bates, Kate	X	
Blenkle, Andy	X	
Caiazzo, Jill	X	
Coates, Daron	X	
Cooper, Steve	X	
Denning, Tim	X	
Drzewiecki, Brian	X	
Dunn, Bill	X	
Kumar, Neal	X	
Lynch, Catherine	X	
Ninassi, Carlo	X	
Pedowitz, Scott	X	
Poli, Frank	X	
Saint Juste, Guy	X	
Sampaio, Flavia	X	
Schoenfeld, Mary Margaret	X	
Singh, JJ	X	
Sisk, Avril Ussery	X	
Yam, Kevin	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 Poli at 8:02 AM. County Board liaison Matt de Ferranti was in attendance.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Commissioner Lynch and seconded by Commissioner Drzewiecki to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2020 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

3. CHAIR'S REPORT

- Chair Poli welcomed new EDC member Kevin Yam.
- Poli also reported that his term expires on December 31 and this is his last meeting.

4. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- AED Director Telly Tucker reported on AED activities related to tech talent and small business assistance.

5. WORKING GROUP UPDATES:

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- Small Business Working Group: Chair Drzewiecki reported that the Working Group discussed business assistance possibilities with the BizLaunch team at their meeting on December 1.
- Workforce Task Force: Chair Sisk reported that the Task Force is planning on presenting their work to the EDC in February.

6. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

- **EDC Futures Project:** Commission members discussed topics including tourism funding, Covid-19 impact on Arlington's hospitality sector, workforce apprenticeship opportunities, revenue diversification, virtualization of work, policy flexibility, placemaking, planning processes, inclusion and competitive advantages.

7. OLD BUSINESS

- None

8. NEW BUSINESS

- None

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 AM.

The next meeting of the Economic Development Commission will be held 8:00 AM, January 12, 2021.