

ARLINGTON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Minutes Regular Meeting Tuesday, May 10, 2022

<u>Member Name</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Bates, Kate	X	
Blenkle, Andy	X	
Brewer, Janetta	X	
Cooper, Steve	X	
Denning, Tim	X	
Dunn, Bill	X	
Lynch, Catherine	X	
Manlove, Steve		X
Mansur, Sid	X	
Mason, Brad	X	
Masresha, Daniel		X
Ninassi, Carlo	X	
Pedowitz, Scott	X	
Sampaio, Flavia	X	
Schoenfeld, Mary Margaret	X	
Singh, JJ	X	
Sisk, Avril Ussery	X	
Smith, Larry	X	
Virasingh, Vicky	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 Sisk at 8:02 AM. Chair Sisk welcomed County Board Liaison Takis Karantonis.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Mason to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2022, meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

3. CHAIR'S REPORT

- Chair Sisk reminded EDC members about the EDC Bus Tour planned for Friday, May 13, 2022, and encouraged them to attend.

4. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- AED Director Telly Tucker informed commission members that Boeing announced plans to move its global headquarters to Arlington from Chicago. Tucker also thanked Boeing

Company Senior Manager, Operations, Todd Yeatts (also EDC member) for his tireless work with AED staff on this impactful project win.

- Mr. Tucker also reported that ZEBOX, a French accelerator and incubator for supply chain and logistics tech startups, celebrated its grand opening in Crystal City and hopes to ultimately support 150 entrepreneurs in Virginia.
- Mr. Tucker also told commission members that he has been selected to become the first president of the Institute for Advanced Learning and Research (IALR) in Southern Virginia. IALR serves as a regional catalyst for economic transformation through its 5 divisions: economic development, applied research, advanced learning, workforce development, and conference services. He will be leaving Arlington at the end of May.
- Finally, Mr. Tucker announced several transitions items:
 - County Manager, Mark Schwartz has appointed Deputy County Manager, Shannon Flanagan-Watson to serve as the Interim Director of AED, effective May 31.
 - Marian Marquez, AED's Business Investment Group (BIG) Director will be stepping in as an interim AED staff liaison to the EDC to assist AED Deputy Director, Cindy Richmond, as she prepares for her retirement at the end of the fiscal year.

5. WORKING GROUP UPDATES:

Small Business Working Group: Working Group Chair Bill Dunn reported that the group has been focused on opportunities for a micro loans program in Arlington. The next meeting of the Working Group will be June 7, 2022.

6. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

Conversation with County Board Liaison Takis Karantonis -- Takis Karantonis provided EDC members with his thoughts on economic development priorities, challenges and opportunities for Arlington. He responded to questions on topics such as micro loans, housing, office vacancy and small business.

7. OLD BUSINESS

None

8. NEW BUSINESS

Todd Yeatts provided information on the Boeing HQ announcement.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 AM.

The next meeting of the Economic Development Commission will be held 8:00 AM, June 14, 2022.