

# ARLINGTON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

## DRAFT Minutes Regular Meeting Tuesday, June 14, 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.

### 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

*Motion made by Commissioner Dunn and seconded by Commissioner Cooper to approve the minutes of the May 10, 2022, meeting. Motion carried unanimously.*

### 3. CHAIR'S REPORT

- Chair Sisk commented on the success of the May EDC bus tour / briefing book and thanked AED staff for their efforts.
- Chair Sisk asked Commissioners to review the draft Framework for Prosperity 3.0 and provide input so that it could be discussed and adopted at the July meeting.
- Chair Sisk introduced AED Interim Director Shannon Flanagan-Watson.

## 4. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- AED Interim Director Shannon Flanagan-Watson provided an update on the AED Director recruitment and her priorities as Interim Director.
- Ms. Flanagan-Watson relayed Raytheon's announcement that it will establish its global headquarters in Arlington. Raytheon's new HQ will move to the company's existing Rosslyn location where it has had a presence for more than two decades.
- Ms. Flanagan-Watson also acknowledged Boeing's announcement from the day prior that it will be establishing the Boeing Center for Veteran Transition and Military Families in partnership with the Virginia Tech Innovation Campus in Alexandria.
- Ms. Flanagan-Watson reported out on several key AED initiatives during the month of May including AED's Business Appreciation Month campaign, the launch of the [Arlington TALENT Pilot Program \(TALENT\)](#) and BizLaunch's Brunch and Business event, "The Joy of Black Entrepreneurship," which attracted over 150 attendees at the Hyatt Regency in Crystal City.
- Ms. Flanagan-Watson thanked Cindy Richmond for her leadership as EDC staff liaison and welcomed Marian Marquez as the interim staff liaison to the EDC.

## 5. WORKING GROUP UPDATES:

**Small Business Working Group:** No updates. The next meeting of the Working Group will be July 19, 2022.

## 6. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

**Conversation with Amazon, Patrick Phillippi, Sr Manager External Affairs** – Patrick Phillippi introduced himself to the EDC and explained his role with Amazon's community engagement team. He shared his team's key four focus areas of sustainability, racial equity, education and workforce. Patrick also updated the EDC on HQ2 progress, including Met Park construction, employee ramp up and retailers. Finally, he shared details on several workforce initiatives including Amazon Future Engineer, Amazon Skill Center and Think Big Space at Wakefield HS.

## 7. OLD BUSINESS

None

## 8. NEW BUSINESS

None

## 9. ADJOURNMENT

*The meeting was adjourned at 9:13 AM.*

The next meeting of the Economic Development Commission will be held 8:00 AM, July 12, 2022.