

**MEETING MINUTES OF THE
ARLINGTON COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

October 14, 2025

The Economic Development Commission convened its meeting at 8:00 AM on October 14, 2025.

PRESENT (IN-PERSON) Kevin Yam
 Nick Gregorios
 Tommy Amal
 Sara Barker
 Kate Bates
 Stephen Fedorchak
 Betsy Frantz
 Ben Garthwaite
 Timothy Jones
 Brad Mason
 Kaly McKenna
 Praveen Meyyan
 Brian Stout
 Meredith Sumpter
 William Walsh

PRESENT (VIRTUALLY) Janetta Brewer
 Charles Kachadoorian
 Catherine Lynch
 Paula Sorrell

ABSENT Steve Cooper
 Evan Pritchard
 Ben Joseph
 Joseph Oyler
 Andy VanHorn
 Matthew Weinstein

SUMMARY OF PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSIONS

Chair's Report – Chair Kevin Yam

Chair Yam acknowledged the federal government shutdown and that it may be creating challenges for people in the community.

AED Director's Report – Ryan Touhill

Director Touhill also acknowledged the government shutdown before handing it over to Commissioner Bates, who encouraged everyone to support local restaurants during Arlington's restaurant week. Director Touhill provided data on housing, including home sales and multi-family rents and vacancies. He also updated the Commission on the Tourism Improvement District (TID) and that the County is pursuing alternate pathways to increase funding due to a recent pause on this effort. Discussion ensued regarding the different options to accomplish this. Director Touhill gave an update on the adaptive reuse

project pipeline and highlighted recent efforts, including the opening of the NOW pop-up park in Rosslyn.

AED Staff Briefing: Hospitality Update – Emily Cassell, Director, Arlington Convention and Visitors Services

Director Cassell shared updates on Arlington’s tourism economy, the efforts of her team and their priorities, economic impact data, results from last year, and a short-term outlook.

EDC Policy and Advisory Priorities

Chair Yam introduced County Board Member Julius D. "JD" Spain, Sr. who provided brief remarks and encouraged members to think about ways they can contribute to the EDC’s efforts.

Vice Chair Gregorios spoke about the September real estate panel and potential follow-ups, including signage and flexibility on conversions of non-usable outdoor space into usable outdoor space. He encouraged Commissioners to think about potential actions the EDC could pursue. Commissioner Jones commented that he thinks live-work zoning could be explored.

Chair Yam asked Commissioners to provide input on areas for the Commission to focus on as planning for 2026 starts.

MOTIONS & ACTIONS/VOTES

Commissioner Stout moved that the Commission approve the minutes from the September EDC meeting. The motion was seconded, and the Commission unanimously supported the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 9:31 AM.