MEETING MINUTES OF THE
ARLINGTON COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

February 24, 2026

The Economic Development Commission Executive Committee convened its meeting at 8:00 AM on February 24, 2026, at AED's office.

PRESENT (IN PERSON)	Kate Bates Nick Gregorios Brad Mason Praveen Meyyan
PRESENT (VIRTUALLY)	Meredith Sumpter
ABSENT	Catherine Lynch

SUMMARY OF PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSIONS

January and February EDC Meetings Debrief
The Executive Committee discussed the meetings and the key points that they took away from the discussions. They discussed doing the onboarding session again later in the year when there are more new Commissioners.

AED Director's Update – Kate Ange
Deputy Director Ange gave an update on the launch of the National Innovation Quarter (NIA), business openings in Arlington, tourism funding efforts, and the proposed County Manager budget for FY27. budget preparation, the upcoming small business survey, the innovation district, and the grand opening of the studios at Arlington Arts.

EDC Budget Engagement
The Executive Committee discussed preparation for the March EDC meeting with County Manager Mark Schwartz about the budget, as well as how to best engage in the County budget process. The EDC planned to provide testimony at the April Commission Budget hearing.

EDC Programming and Engagement Update
The Executive Committee discussed agendas for the May – July period but acknowledged that the topics may need to shift as more information about timelines for CIP and legislative priorities becomes available. Chair Gregorios gave an update on recruitment for the next iteration of the Commercial Vacancy Working Group. The group discussed potential Commissioners to represent the EDC on requested meetings and Advisory Groups.

EDC Governance and Nominations Update
Commissioner Mason updated the group that he has been having conversations with several applicants and referrals with Chair Gregorios to potentially be appointed to the EDC. They are also working on a skills matrix to assist with the recruitment and application process.

MOTIONS & ACTIONS/VOTES

Commissioner Bates moved that the Committee approve the minutes from the December EDC Executive Committee meeting. The motion was seconded, and the Executive Committee unanimously supported the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 AM.