

## Board Meeting Agenda/Minutes

7:00 pm, Thursday, September 19, 2024, at Rm 4050, FCPS Gatehouse Admin Bldg

**Attendees** – (see Attachment 1)

**Call to Order** – 7pm by Tim Thompson, President convened at 7:26 PM.

**Old Business** –

1. Approve prior minutes – August 29, 2024 - APPROVED
2. Treasurer report – Jeff Parnes, Treasurer, Attachment 2 - ACCEPTED
3. COY update, Bill Barfield, COY Banquet Chairman – May 18 Sunday pending
4. Websites Merger, Bill Barfield, Recording Sec'y (Charlotte Hannagan assisting) – pending meeting with Bill, Charlotte, and Jeff to finalize an approach to migrating all the old and archived data from the old web site.

**New Business** –

5. Legislative Committee Survey (Tim & Bill co-chairs)  
Discussion: In 1 hour 15 minutes discussion, 53 original questions were down-selected to 14 (Attachment 3) for Tim and Bill final edits then insertion into Google Survey.
6. Additional Topics: Matt Bell (Land Use) will be Federation POC for casino issues.

**District Council Reports** –

Braddock – Mike Perel –Saturday is Oak Hill history day.  
Dranesville – (no District Council established)  
Franconia – no rep  
Hunter Mill – (no District Council established)  
Mason - Mark Crawford  
Mount Vernon - Marty Sanchez-Lowery – Ground breaking on Oct 5 for the old Mt Vernon high school to open in 2026  
Providence – no rep  
Springfield - Jim Kirkpatrick  
Sully – Lewis Grimm – 25 Sept is Congressional candidates night for the 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> Congressional Districts at the Sully District Supervisor office.

**Committee Reports:**

7. Education Committee (Nancy Trainer, Co-Chair) - sent letter to school board and superintendent, posted on website. Attachment 4.

8. Land Use Committee (Matt Bell, Chair) - introduced
9. Public Safety Committee Chair Patrick Smaldore report – Attachment 5
10. Federation Representative to Fairfax Country Board ITPAB John Hanks report (not presented) – Attachment 6
11. Other Committees - none

**Next Meetings –**

**Next Membership meeting:** Sept 26, 2024

**Next Board Meeting:** October 17, 2024 Rm 4050 FCPS Gatehouse Admin Bldg

**Board Meeting:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday every month

**Membership meeting:** 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday every month

**Adjourn:** 8:53 PM

**Recorded by:** Bill Barfield, Recording Secretary

**Attachments:**

1. List of Board Members and Attendees, as of Aug 2024
2. Treasurer's Report
3. Draft Survey (14 questions) from Board discussion on Sept 19, 2024
4. Education Committee, Nancy Trainer - letter to school board:  
[https://www.fairfaxfederation.org/files/ugd/8bf868\\_4fbd82fbfb5f4d93b99f7acbb9d9c098.pdf](https://www.fairfaxfederation.org/files/ugd/8bf868_4fbd82fbfb5f4d93b99f7acbb9d9c098.pdf)
5. Public Safety, Patrick Smaldore Report and Press Release
6. Information Technology Policy Advisory Board report, John Hanks: and Fire Department Data briefing 9-12-24 – [https://8bf868a9-256d-4892-85c3-8ce73bf99c72.usrfiles.com/ugd/8bf868\\_b7b1a8557c7741d08555cf446bd9a798.pdf](https://8bf868a9-256d-4892-85c3-8ce73bf99c72.usrfiles.com/ugd/8bf868_b7b1a8557c7741d08555cf446bd9a798.pdf)



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**Attachment 1 - Board Members, as of Aug 29, 2024**

Board Member	Attend	District Council Rep.	Standing or Support Committee Position	Elected Position
(vacant)			Citizen Association Services	
(vacant)				
(vacant)				
Alejandro Mattiuzzo			Audit (PENDING)	
Alex Vassalotti			Environment (PENDING)	
Annmarie Swope			Education, SBAAP Adv Cmty	
Bill Barfield	X		Legislation, COY, Nominating	Recording Sec, Past President
Cary Campbell			Transportation	
Catherine Mortensen			Audit (PENDING)	
Charlotte Hannagan	X		Webmaster	
Dave Fitzgerald	X		Environmental	
David Edelman			Budget	
Dennis Hays			Library (PENDING)	
Doug Birnie	X		Human Services	
Gabe Goldberg	X		Public Safety	
Jeff Parnes			Transportation, Resolutions, Finance, Webmaster	Treasurer
Jim Kirkpatrick		Springfield		
John Jennison			Representative to SCC	Past President
Kathy Kaplan			Library (PENDING)	
Lewis Grimm	X	Sully		
Luann Whittenburg	X			Corresponding Sec.
Mark Crawford	X	Mason		
Marty Sanchez-Lowery	X	Mt. Vernon		
Matt Bell	X		Land Use	
Mike Fuard			CitizenAssocSvcs (PENDING)	
Mike Perel	X	Braddock	Human Services	
Morgan Jameson	X			1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President
Nancy Trainer	X		Education	
Patrick Smaldore	X		Public Safety	
Sridhar Ganesan			COY, Nominating	Past President
Sue Kovach Shuman	X		Mantua CA	2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President
Tim Thompson	X		Budget, Legislation, Membership	President, Past Pres.

**Attachment 2.** Treasurer’s Report

Accrual Basis Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations Income Statement  
 July 1 through September 19, 2024 Jul 1 - Sep 19, 24 Income 4080 · Interest 0.12 4090  
 · Membership Dues 40.00 Total Income 40.12 Expense 6230 · Licenses and Permits  
 25.00 6250 · Postage and Delivery (Not newsletter-related) 67.75 6550 · Website 6553  
 · Hosting 792.00 Total 6550 · Website 792.00 Total Expense 884.75 Net Income -  
 844.63

6:43 PM 09/19/24 Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations Transaction List  
 by Date July 1 through September 19, 2024 Type Date Num Name Memo Clr Amount  
 Jul 1 - Sep 19, 24 Bill Pmt -Check 2024-07-01 746 United States Postal Service Yearly  
 PO Box 3913 renewal √ -182.00 Deposit 2024-07-17 Ravenwood Park Citizens  
 Association Membership Dues for 2023-2024 √ 40.00 Deposit 2024-07-31 Interest July  
 2024 √ 0.06 Check 2024-08-29 Jennison, John annual SCC registration fee (2023) -  
 25.00 Check 2024-08-29 Parnes, Jeffrey M 100 Forever stamps -67.75 Check 2024-08-  
 29 747 Bill Barfield reimbursement for wix site hosting √ -792.00 Deposit 2024-09-19  
 Interest August 2024 √ 0.06 Jul 1 - Sep 19, 24

**Attachment 3.** Draft Survey (14 questions) from Board discussion on Sept 19, 2024

**REVENUE DIVERSIFICATION** - If Fairfax County were to diversify its sources of revenue, which of the following sources would you support? You may select more than one:

1. Meals tax (similar meal tax in Alexandria, Arlington, and City of Fairfax)
2. Entertainment tax
3. Casino revenue
4. Data Center revenue
5. Increase in landfill fees
6. Increase the occupancy tax on hotel rooms
7. Change the Local Composite Index formula so that the state contributes more funding to Fairfax for public schools
8. No need to diversify revenue
9. Something not listed (5 words or less): \_\_\_\_\_

**RENT STABILIZATION** – The rent cost of housing continues to rise faster than inflation, becoming unaffordable for many folks. Would you support the general concept of Fairfax County implementing rent control?

1. Yes
2. No
3. No opinion

**GUNS** - Should Virginia revise current laws on gun purchasing?

1. Yes, much more restrictive than currently exists
2. Yes, somewhat more restrictive than currently exists
3. Current legislation is sufficient
4. No

5. No opinion

**DATA CENTER RESOURCES** - Data centers consume large amounts of electricity and other resources. This contributes to reduced availability of these resources in surrounding communities. Should Commonwealth environmental regulators establish maximum resources consumption levels for data centers?

1. Yes      2. Maybe      3. No      4. No opinion

**AFFORDABLE HOUSING** - Fairfax County government leaders have asserted that we have a housing shortage while office buildings are empty in many areas. Should a state law /County ordinance be enacted directing the county, school board, and other local government entities to adaptively re-use public buildings (where feasible) to house anyone working in the county whose salary and benefits fall below the median county income?

1. Yes      2. Maybe      3. No      4. No opinion

**SCHOOL BOARDS** - Before 1992, nearly all school boards in Virginia were appointed. Today, most of Virginia's school boards are elected, including Fairfax County's. Do you support legislation that would make it easier for Fairfax County to revert to an appointed school board?

1. Yes      2. No      3. Don't Know

**GOVERNOR'S SCHOOLS** - Currently, the Thomas Jefferson High School for Science & Technology is the only Governor's School serving gifted and talented students in Northern Virginia. Do you support the establishment of one or more additional Governor's Schools in Fairfax County to serve our student population?

1. Yes      2. No      3. Don't Know

**ENVIRONMENT** - Please rank 1 thru 6 how you think the Commonwealth should prioritize each of the following environmental issues: (1 is highest priority, 6 is lowest, no tie ranks)

1. Efforts to respond to climate change
2. Promote renewable energy and energy-saving technologies for residential, commercial, and office buildings
3. Coordinate standards for energy efficiency and consumption by data centers
4. Revise standards for ventilation and air filtration in schools and other public and privately owned buildings open to the public
5. Promote efforts to preserve and improve drinking water quality
6. Promote efforts to preserve and improve stream, wetland, and Chesapeake Bay health

**LEAF BLOWERS** - Would you favor legislation to allow the County to regulate the decibel (loudness) on leaf blowers?

1. Yes      2. No      3. No opinion

**CASINO** - Do you support or oppose Senator Marsden's proposal to permit a casino to be built in the Tysons Corner area?

1. Support a Tysons casino
2. Oppose a Tysons casino
3. No opinion

**CASINO** - Would you support or oppose building a casino somewhere in Fairfax County other than Tysons?

1. Support a casino somewhere in Fairfax County
2. Oppose a casino anywhere in Fairfax County
3. No opinion

**ELDER CARE** - When older adults require intensive care, many families choose to have relatives provide that care within their homes. Should the Commonwealth pass legislation to require or to fund programs to help provide these relatives with:

Financial support?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Not sure

Mental health support?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Not sure

Paid time off from elder care work?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Not sure

Educational and training resources?

1. Yes
2. No
4. Not sure

**COMMUNITIES** - What state actions or legislation might help foster community service organizations to better connect food pantries, shelters, care providers, social services, and family services?

1. Incentive grants to develop connected communities of care
2. State challenge grants to develop new connected community service strategies
3. Other (up to 12 words) \_\_\_\_\_
4. None

**HOME INSURANCE** - Which of the following changes would you suggest the Commonwealth enact to its existing laws regarding homeowners' insurance:

1. Establish state created categories of proposed remedial actions presented by insurance companies
2. Require insurance companies to not drop currently insured customers if remedial corrective action is not taken
3. Allow insurance companies to scale customer rates depending on any remedial actions taken by a customer.
4. Require insurance companies to not link optional rates to the customer's base insurance rate as determined from the customer's remedial action.
5. Require the evaluation of individual home improvements when required by an insurance company to be verified by a state certified inspector and to be financed the insurance company.
6. Require insurance companies to not deny any customer unless a state certified inspector has identified corrective actions the home owner will not remediate.
7. Require insurance companies to allow sufficient time for clients to perform remedial actions as determined by state regulatory insurance rules developed with public input.
8. Other changes not listed here
9. Don't know

10. \_\_\_\_\_

End of Survey Questions

**Attachment 4.** Education Committee, Nancy Trainer - letter to school board:  
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**Attachment 5.** Public Safety Committee report and Press release, Patrick Smaldore

**REPORT:**

- Provided Public Safety Committee Survey Questions
- Federation November 2024 Public Safety Program featuring FBI Office of Private Sector Presentation is scheduled for Thursday November 21<sup>st</sup> at 7pm in Braddock Hall located in the [Braddock District Supervisor's Office](#), 9002 Burke Lake Road Burke VA 22015

**RELEASE:**

**RELEASE DATE:**

NOVEMBER 4, 2024

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**FBI OFFICE OF PRIVATE SECTOR (OPS) PRESENTATION**

The Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Association Public Safety Committee invites you to a meeting on November 21, 2024. The FBI Office of Private Sector (OPS) Presentation seeks to have knowledge of the FBI's interactions with the private sector, across the enterprise, and provides a 360-degree understanding of that relationship.

Among other activities, it works to enhance the FBI's understanding of the private sector's risks and needs and increases collaboration and information sharing between the Bureau and private sector—thereby helping to mitigate risk and remain “ahead of the threat.

Date: Thursday November 21, 2024; Time: 7pm Place: Braddock Hall, [Braddock District Supervisor's Office](#), 9002 Burke Lake Road Burke VA 22015

For more information about the event, please contact Patrick Smaldore, Chair, Public Safety Committee, at [patricksmaldore@live.com](mailto:patricksmaldore@live.com).

Tim Thompson

President, Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations

**Attachment 6.** Federation Representative to Fairfax Country Board ITPAB John Hanks report and Fire Department presentation ([https://8bf868a9-256d-4892-85c3-8ce73bf99c72.usrfiles.com/ugd/8bf868\\_b7b1a8557c7741d08555cf446bd9a798.pdf](https://8bf868a9-256d-4892-85c3-8ce73bf99c72.usrfiles.com/ugd/8bf868_b7b1a8557c7741d08555cf446bd9a798.pdf)), (none presented in meeting)

September 12, 2024 ITPAC Meeting Review

This was a Remote Meeting. We had a quorum present and started the meeting. 'Role Call' was done to confirm each member's voice was audible with no issues. The minutes from the July meeting were then approved.

Membership Updates – We still have a vacant position from Fairfax County Public Schools and the Chamber of Commerce. And two members still needed to be renewed (including mine – Please address that).

Due to the time constraints of our presenter from the Fire Department, John Morrison, ITPAC Matters was delayed.

#### PRESENTATION

The presentation was on the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Departments' Transformation to a Data-Informed Agency. The presentation was packed with data and I am trying to get a link so you can step through it. I will provide some highlights.

The Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department (FRD) is the largest in the country with over 1400 members. Last year they handled over 125,000 incidents.

Data Analytics within the FRD used to be provided by distributed staff within each structural group but now a Data Analytics group exists in parallel to their IT Group. They do a lot of Systems Integrations to remove any Data Silos and have all data available to all systems including requiring all programs to provide APIs to share data.

They recognize the importance of Data Integrity and spend a lot of time to make staff understand the importance of the data. This includes both having 'Data analysts' ride along with FRD to see how things really work and a 'travelling roadshow' to the Stations to impress the value of having data input correctly and the benefits achieved.

They use Power BI to create repeatable statistic and have partnered with George Mason University on Capstone Projects where the FRD poses questions and the students find creative ways to find the answers.

Questions from ITPAC were then asked:

Q What are your biggest challenges?

A The FRD created their own process for collecting and merging data. They are now working with other groups both inside and outside Fairfax County to teach them how they did that and to make their data sets compatible for exchange.

An additional comment was made that the FRD now does a lot of testing of new applications and hardware to 'see if they can break it'. FRD has become a valuable testing resource for DIT.

#### ITPAC MATTERS

The ITPAC Matters section was moved to here.

Announcements on Information Technology events were then discussed. October 2024 is Cyber Security Month and the county is hosting its 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Security Awareness Day with many ways to participate. October 7-11 is Digital Inclusion Week where the county is hosting its 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual event with sponsorship from Cox and INOVA (hosted at INOVA).

#### VIDEO PRESENTATION

A video on the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and in particular VFOIA was presented.

This was mostly a review as we have many times discussed the requirements for meetings.

The meeting ended about 20 minutes early with the comment that the next scheduled meeting is an 'in-person' meeting on November 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Fire Department Data briefing 9-12-24 ITPAC Fire Data– LINK**



END OF MINUTES