

**Fairfax County Board of Supervisors
Council for Economic Opportunity (CEO)
J. Hamilton Lambert Conference Center (Rooms 9/10)
September 17, 2024**

Meeting Summary

Board Members present: CEO Chair Supervisor Daniel G. Storck, CEO Vice Chair and Board of Supervisors (BOS) Chairman Jeffrey C. McKay, Supervisor Andres F. Jimenez, Supervisor James N. Bierman, Supervisor James R. Walkinshaw, Supervisor Walter L. Alcorn, Supervisor, Rodney L. Lusk, Supervisor Pat Herrity, Supervisor Dalia A. Palchik, Supervisor Kathy L. Smith

Invited CEO candidates present: Mr. Ashwan Bharath, Co-Founder and Executive Chairman, Revature; Mr. Anthony Chang, Co-Founder and Executive Principal, Silverline Equities; Dr. J. Stephen Jones, President & CEO, Inova Health System; Mr. Peter Kant, CEO, Enabled Intelligence; Mr. Ron Keesing, Chief AI Officer, Leidos; and Ms. Laila Salguero, Chief DEI Officer, Peraton

Invited CEO candidates not present: Ms. Jennifer Schretter, General Partner, Proof; and Mr. John Serafini, CEO, HawkEye360

Advisory Members present: Ms. Julie Coons, President & CEO, NVC for Mr. Mark Carrier, Chairman of the Board of Directors; Fairfax County Executive, Mr. Bryan Hill; Mr. Victor Hoskins, President & CEO, Fairfax County Economic Development Authority; Dr. Anne Kress, President, Northern Virginia Community College; Dr. Michelle Reid, Superintendent, Fairfax County Public Schools; and Ms. Jennifer Taylor, President & CEO, Northern Virginia Technology Council

Advisory Members not present: Dr. Gregory Washington, President, George Mason University

CEO Chair Storck welcomed everyone to the inaugural meeting of the Council for Economic Opportunity. He explained the purpose of the CEO and how it will serve as an important forum between government, business and education leaders to exchange ideas and discuss topics of critical importance to address challenges and opportunities for Fairfax County's economic growth and development. The CEO members present were identified as representatives of Fairfax County's most competitive economic sectors. He ended his remarks by setting out the meetings goals, which were to identify the top economic themes important for Fairfax County's success and for discussion at the 2025 meetings.

CEO Vice Chair McKay also welcomed members and thanked them for their efforts in growing their businesses in Fairfax County. He emphasized how the CEO is unique to Fairfax County as it brings together top leaders to provide important perspectives to align private sector goals with public policy. Future meetings will serve as an important listening session for the Board of Supervisors to learn and develop plans to act. Following his remarks, CEO members, Advisory Members and facilitators introduced themselves.

Department of Economic Initiatives Director Rebecca Moudry reiterated the purpose and goals of the CEO and then introduced County Executive Bryan Hill. He stressed the importance of an inclusive economy where Fairfax County continues to grow and to be the best for business. He also stated that AI will be important in making Fairfax County better. The CEO will help Fairfax County in following its Strategic Plan as well as the One Fairfax Policy.

Moudry followed Hill with a brief presentation. She introduced The Department of Economic Initiatives and she thanked those who provided input prior to the meeting to set the stage for the day's discussion. She provided an overview of the following identified themes:

- Invest in great places to live, work, play and learn
- Capitalize on Emerging Sectors and economic diversification
- Prioritize talent development and connection
- Focus on affordability and housing development
- Address impact of commercial real estate vacancies

Facilitators from the Department of Economic Initiatives staff led the table discussions. Each facilitator reported on themes that emerged and were discussed and their table including: Artificial Intelligence, Affordable/Attainable Housing, Office Space, Placemaking, Processes and Talent. Staff will compile the input from the discussions to develop the 2025 CEO meeting topics.

CEO Chair Storck concluded the meeting by thanking the groups for the valuable discussions. He remarked that the findings will lead toward more focused topic discussions in the coming year. The tentative 2025 meeting dates are Tuesday, February 11 from 9:30-11:00 a.m.; Tuesday, June 3 from 9:30-11:00 a.m.; and a date in the fall to be determined. The meeting was adjourned.