

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE MEETING OF THE
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
VILLAGE OF ARLINGTON HEIGHTS
July 6, 2026**

President Tinaglia called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: President Tinaglia; Trustees Bertucci, Dunnington, Gilbert, LaBedz, Manganaro, Santa Maria, Schwingbeck and Zyck

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Village Manager Randy Recklaus

OTHERS PRESENT: Henry Beardsley, David Jaffe

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approval of the 6/8/2026 Committee of the Whole Minutes

Trustee LaBedz moved to approve the 6/8/2026 Committee of the Whole Minutes. The motion was seconded by Trustee Zyck.

9 Ayes

0 Nays

The motion passed.

B. Approval of the 6/15/2026 Committee of the Whole Minutes

Trustee Manganaro moved to approve the 6/15/2026 Committee of the Whole Minutes. The motion was seconded by Trustee LaBedz.

9 Ayes

0 Nays

The motion passed.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Interview of Henry Beardsley for appointment to the Arts Commission, term ending April 30, 2027

Mayor Tinaglia introduced Henry Beardsley as a dedicated philanthropist and volunteer and stated that Henry will fit nicely into the Arts Commission.

Henry explained that he is taking Audio/Visual classes and also created a 501(c)(3) arts foundation. His foundation is licensed with the Attorney General and he has experience with grant funding. He is currently working to get some artists/dance companies to come to the Metropolis. Recently, Henry became interested in local politics and he is the President of his Homeowners Association in downtown Arlington Heights. He is looking for other ways to serve this community.

Trustee Manganaro would like to see the Arts Commission think big and challenge the Village and the Board to see what they can do for public art. He believes that Henry will be ready to give his opinions.

Trustee LaBedz was delighted to read Henry's letter and resume and to see a different side of him.

Trustee Schwingbeck knows that Henry is involved at the Metropolis and heard him talking before the meeting about "Chalk the Block". Henry explained that he went to an Arts Commission meeting and heard them talking about this as a potential idea. He noted that the Arts Commission is thinking that a business could get a square and then have the Arts Commission, or some high school students, bring their art to that square. Trustee Schwingbeck has seen this in a different community where the event was two and a half days and it brought in a lot of foot traffic to the area.

Trustee Dunnington mentioned that a public art program was discussed in March of 2025 where the Board tasked the Arts Commission with generating new ideas. She likes the painting of public utility boxes as a way to include art in the entire community, rather than just the downtown area. Henry agreed that there is a need for art outside of the downtown area and had spoken with Mayor Tinaglia about a large mural. There are some large walls outside of the downtown area that could be used.

Trustees thanked Henry for his willingness to serve our community.

Trustee Manganaro moved, seconded by Trustee LaBedz to concur in the Mayor's appointment of Henry Beardsley to the Arts Commission, term ending April 30, 2027

The following voice vote was recorded:

9 Ayes

0 Nays

The motion passed.

B. Interview of David Jaffe for appointment to the Arlington Economic Alliance, term ending April 30, 2027

Mayor Tinaglia mentioned that he has known David for a long time and believes that David is an excellent fit with his background in realty and with the Chamber of Commerce.

David explained that he is a long-time resident of Arlington Heights and has been very involved in the community for many years. He is on the board for his Homeowners Association, he is a member of the Chamber of Commerce and was a past chair, he was on the Village's Special Events Commission and was on several other committees within the community.

David went on to explain that he loves this community and wants to see the continued success of this Village. He wants to retain businesses and knows that Arlington Heights is the envy of other communities because of how progressive we are.

Trustee Gilbert explained that David is a neighbor, a friend and a great person to collaborate with. He feels that David will do well in this role.

Trustee Bertucci commented that he has known David for decades - both in the business community and socially - and believes that he is a great choice.

Trustees thanked David for his willingness to serve on the Arlington Economic Alliance.

Trustee Gilbert moved, seconded by Trustee Bertucci to concur in the Mayor's appointment of David Jaffe to the Arlington Economic Alliance, term ending April 30, 2027

The following voice vote was recorded:

9 Ayes

0 Nays

The motion passed.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS - none

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS – none

VIII. ADJOURNMENT – Trustee LaBedz moved, seconded by Trustee Zyck to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 7:26 pm.