



PUBLIC MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

Board of Directors

Chair

Vice-Chair

Mr. Steven R. McGee

Secretary/Treasurer

Rev. Earl Williams, Jr.

Board Members

Mr. Ronald Morgan

Ms. Zendrea Whitehead

Executive Director

Ms. Angela Varnado

The public is invited to attend all meetings unless otherwise noted in accordance with the LA Opens Meeting Law pursuant to R.S. 42:11 – R.S. 42:28* *Formerly R.S.42:4.1-42:13.

Please Be Advised!!!

The following meeting of the Greater
Alexandria Economic Development
Authority (GAEDA) scheduled for:

**Tuesday, December 16, 2025 at 8:00
a.m. is hereby rescheduled for:**

**Wednesday, December 17, 2025
The Hotel Bentley
200 Desoto Street
Bayou Roberts Room- 2nd Floor
Alexandria, LA 71301**

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**THE GREATER ALEXANDRIA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
(GAEDA)**

Mr. Steven R. McGee, Vice Chair
Rev Earl Williams, Jr., Secretary/Treasurer
Mr. Ronald Morgan
Zendrea Whitehead

SPECIAL CALL MEETING AGENDA
Wednesday, December 17, 2025 ~ 8:15 a.m.
The Hotel Bentley
Bayou Roberts Room
200 Desoto Street ~ Alexandria, LA 71301
(Please keep comments limited to 3 minutes per person)

- A. Call to Order**
 - B. Invocation**
 - C. Pledge of Allegiance**
 - D. Roll Call**
 - E. Active Items**
1. Motion to administer Oath of Office to Commissioner Ms. Zendrea Whitehead.
 2. 2026 Election of Officers.
 3. Motion to approve the Engagement Letter with The Law Firm of Tiffany N. Sanders.
Public Comments
 4. Motion to approve the 2026 Engagement Letter with Knight Masden, CPA's. **Public Comments**
 5. Motion to approve the Executive Director's Employment Contract. **Public Comments**
 6. Motion to Open Public Hearing regarding the proposed GAEDA 2026 Operating and Capital Budget. **Public Comments**
 7. Presentation of the Proposed 2026 Budget. **Public Comments**
 8. Motion to approve and adopt the Public Records Request Policy. **Public Comments**
 9. Motion to approve December 2025 Consent Agenda:
 - a) Motion to approve the November 2025 Meeting Minutes. **Public Comments**
 - b) Motion to approve the November 2025 Financial Statements. **Public Comments**

10. Motion to approve a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Alexandria Museum of Arts in an amount not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) for the 2026 Exhibition Series. **Public Comments**
11. Motion to approve a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Rapides Symphony Orchestra in an amount not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) for the 2026 Concert Series. **Public Comments**
12. Motion to approve a grant request from the Louisiana Department of Veterans of Foreign Wars in an amount not to exceed Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to assist with meals for the VFW Mid-Winter Conference to be held January 22-25, 2026, at the Hotel Bentley. **Public Comments**
13. Motion to approve a grant request from the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons in an amount not to exceed Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000) to assist with meals, advertising & marketing for the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons to be held February 26-March 1, 2026, at the Hotel Bentley. **Public Comments**
14. Motion to approve a grant request from the Louisiana State University (LSUA) in an amount not to exceed Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to assist with meals, advertising & marketing for the Red River Athletic Conference Basketball Tournament to be held February 27-March 1, 2026, at the Laborde Earls Coliseum. **Public Comments**
15. Motion to approve a grant request from the Louisiana State University (LSUA) in an amount not to exceed One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500) to assist with meals, advertising and marketing for the NAIA Men's Basketball Tournament to be held March 12-14, 2026, at Rapides Parish. **Public Comments**
16. Motion to not recommend a grant request from Louisiana State University (LSUA) in an amount not to exceed Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to assist with meals, advertising and marketing for the LSUA Tennis Tournament to be held April 9-12, 2026, at the City of Alexandria Tennis Courts and Aquatics Club Tennis Courts. **Public Comments**
17. Motion to approve a grant request from the Manna House in an amount not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to assist with meals, advertising and marketing for the AM Pro Tour Golf Tournament to be held on April 13-18, 2026, at Links on the Bayou. **Public Comments**
18. Motion to approve a grant request from the Louisiana Taxidermists Association in an amount not to exceed Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to assist with meals, advertising and marketing for the Louisiana Taxidermists Convention to be held on May 14-17, 2026, at the Randolph Riverfront. **Public Comments**
19. Motion to approve a grant request from the Louisiana Department of Veterans of Foreign Wars in an amount not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to assist with meals for the VFW State Convention to be held June 18-21, 2026, at the Randolph Riverfront

Center. **Public Comments**

20. Motion to approve a grant request from the United Educational Missionary Baptist Association (UEMBA) in an amount not to exceed Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000) to assist with meals, advertising and marketing for the NBCA Great Commission Church Summit to be held February 23-25, 2026, at the Holiday Inn Downtown and Randolph Riverfront Center. **Public Comments**
21. Motion to approve a grant request from Friends of Bringhurst in an amount not to exceed Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) to assist with meals, advertising and marketing for the 2026 Bayou Rapides Invitational to be held March 21-22, 2026, at Links on the Bayou Golf Course. **Public Comments**
22. Motion to approve a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Central Louisiana Juneteenth Association in an amount not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to assist with meals, advertising and marketing for the 2026 Juneteenth Celebration to be held June & October 2026 throughout Alexandria, Louisiana. **Public Comments**
23. Motion to approve a grant request from the Grand Lodge of Louisiana F&AM in an amount not to exceed Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to assist with meals for the 215th Annual Grand Lodge Session to be held April 17-19, 2026, at the Randolph Riverfront Center. **Public Comments**
24. Motion to approve a grant request from the St. Matthews Baptist Church in an amount not to exceed Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500) to assist with meals, advertising and marketing for the program “An Evening of Spirituals” to be held February 12, 2026. **Public Comments**

- F. **Commissioner Comments**
- G. **Executive Director Comments**
- H. **Legal Counsel Comments**
- I. **Accountant Comments**
- J. **Public Comments or Questions**
- K. **Adjourn**

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