



PUBLIC MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

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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) is as follows:

REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, March 18, 2025

8:15 A.M.

The Bolton Avenue Community Center

315 Bolton Avenue

Alexandria, LA 71301

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

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(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**
 - F. Presentation from Kevin Murphy of Ryan - Baton Rouge LA.**
1. Motion to approve the March 2025 Consent Agenda:
 - a) Motion to approve the February 2025 Meeting Minutes. **Public Comments**
 - b) Motion to approve the February 2025 Financial Statements. **Public Comments**
 2. Motion to approve the GAEDA Administrative Assistant Position Description . **Public Comments**
 3. Motion to authorize the Executive Director to hire a full-time Administrative Assistant. **Public Comments**
 4. Motion to approve the March 2025 Economic Development Committee Special Call Meeting Minutes. **Public Comments**
 5. Motion to approve a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Explore Alexandria/Pineville in an amount not to exceed Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) for meals and advertising/marketing and Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) for fireworks shows at the Louisiana Future Farmers of America (FFA) Conference to be held May 30-June 2, 2025. **Public Comments**
 6. Motion to approve a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Central Louisiana Regional Chamber of Commerce in an amount not to exceed Five Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$5,500) for the 2025 Programs. **Public Comments**

7. Motion to approve a grant request with Kent Plantation House in an amount not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) for advertisement and marketing of the Le Tour De Bayou to be held September 19-20, 2025. **Public Comments**
8. Motion to approve a grant request from Manna House in an amount not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) for meals and advertisement and marketing of the AM Pro Tour to be held on April 2-5, 2025. **Public Comments**
9. 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) for the State Convention to be held June 26-29, 2025. **Public Comments**
10. 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) for the 214th Annual Grand Lodge Session to be held April 25-28, 2025. **Public Comments**
11. Motion to approve a grant request from the Diocese of Alexandria in an amount not to exceed Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) for the Genesis of Eve Women’s Conference “Be The One” to be held September 12-14, 2025. **Public Comments**
12. Motion to approve a grant request from the Kappa Alpha Psi Southwestern Province in an amount not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars(\$10,000) for the Kappa Alpha Psi Southwestern Province Membership Training Academy to be held April 4-6, 2025. **Public Comments**
13. Motion to approve a grant request from the Knights of Columbus in an amount not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) for the State Convention to be held May 2-May4, 2025. **Public Comments**
14. To hear discussion regarding the Museum of Arts Cooperative Endeavor Agreement
15. To hear discussion regarding future grant funding.
16. To hear public comments.

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