

Greater Alexandria Economic Development Authority Regular Meeting

Minutes: Meeting of Thursday, February 19, 2026

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

The monthly regular meeting of the Greater Alexandria Economic Development Authority (GAEDA) was called to order at 8:11 am by Chair, Steven McGee. Administrative Assistant Kiana Siders called roll. A quorum was present.

February 2026 Consent Agenda:

A motion was made by Commissioner Morgan and seconded by Commissioner Whitehead to approve the February 2026 Consent Agenda. A discussion was held.

Following discussion, December 2025 financials were added to the agenda for approval at the request of the accountant. The roll call was held with the following results:

- **Commissioner McGee: Yes**
- **Commissioner Morgan: Yes**
- **Commissioner Williams: Yes**
- **Commissioner Whitehead: Yes**

The motion was added by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Morgan and seconded by Commissioner Whitehead to approve the December 2025 financials. The roll call was held with the following results:

- **Commissioner McGee: Yes**
- **Commissioner Morgan: Yes**
- **Commissioner Williams: Yes**
- **Commissioner Whitehead: Yes**

The motion carried by (4-0) votes.

Approval of 2026 Engagement Letters from Oestrieher & Company, CPAs:

A motion was made by Commissioner Morgan and seconded by Commissioner Whitehead to accept the 2026 Engagement Letters with Oestrieher & Company, CPAs for the annual audit of financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2025. There being no further comments, motion carried.

Grant Agenda Item:

The Executive Director pointed out a typographical error in the agenda regarding the grant amount for Mission to Marketplace. The Chair recognized the error, confirming that the correct amount is Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000).

A motion was made by Commissioner Whitehead and seconded by Commissioner Williams to approve a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Mission to Marketplace, LLC, for the Heart of Louisiana Concert Series not to exceed Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) for assistance with meals, advertising, and marketing for the Heart of Louisiana Concert Series to be held May 2026 through October 2026. There being no further comments, motion carried.

Presentation(s):

The board heard a presentation from Mr. Gerber Porter regarding a proposed economic development project/program.

The presentation from Thaddyeus Dixon (Latter & Blum Central Realty) regarding project sites was asked to be put on hold until further notice.

Executive Director Comments

The Executive Director provided clarification to the Board about the Samtown/Woodside Neighborhood meeting, confirming that GAEDA has no association with the proposed grocery store.

Legal Counsel Comments

Legal Counsel stated that she anticipates meeting with Chris Masingil of Louisiana Central and Intercity Revitalization to gather additional details, ensuring that any partnership is clearly and strategically structured to best serve GAEDA.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:16 a.m.