



**PUBLIC MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT**

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***Board of Directors***

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Dr. Curtis Lewis

**Vice-Chair**

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**Secretary/Treasurer**

Rev. Earl Williams, Jr.

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Mr. John Carroll

Mr. Chris Patel

Mr. Ronald Morgan

Mr. John Callis

**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) is as follows:**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**Tuesday, February 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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**REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**  
**Tuesday, February 18, 2025 ~ 8:15 a.m.**  
**The Bolton Avenue Community Center**  
**315 Bolton Avenue ~ 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 approve the February 2025 Consent Agenda:
    - a) Motion to approve the January 2025 Meeting Minutes. **Public Comments**
    - b) Motion to approve the January 2025 Financial Statements. **Public Comments**
    - c) Motion to approve the December 2024 Financial Statements. **Public Comments**
  - 2) Motion to approve the February 2025 Executive, Administration and Legal Committee Special Call Meeting Minutes. **Public Comments**
  - 3) Motion to approve the February 2025 Economic Development Committee Special Call Meeting minutes. **Public Comments**
  - 4) Motion to Ratify and Confirm the Employment Contract Issued to Ms. Angela Varnado on February 19, 2024, with a Termination Date of February 28, 2025. **Public Comments**
  - 5) Motion to Authorize the Issuance of a New Employment Contract for Ms. Angela Varnado, Effective February 18, 2025, Effective March 1, 2025. **Public Comments**
  - 6) Motion to Authorize Legal Counsel to File a Motion to Dismiss the Pending Litigation on the Grounds of Mootness. **Public Comments**

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- 7) Motion authorizing the name change on the Certificates of Deposits (CD's) held at Red River Bank from former Executive Director, Clifford J. Moller to the new Executive Director, Angela Varnado and to furthermore; add Chairman Curtis Lewis. **Public Comments**
- 8) 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 2025. **Public Comments**
- 9) Motion to approve a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Rapides Symphony Orchestra in an amount not to exceed Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) for the 2025 Concert Series. **Public Comments**
- 10) Motion to approve a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Alexandria Museum of Art in an amount not to exceed Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) for the 2025 Exhibition Series. **Public Comments**
- 11) Motion to approve a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with River Oaks Square Arts Center in an amount not to exceed Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) for the 2025 Exhibition Serie. **Public Comments**
- 12) Motion to approve a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Arts Council of Central Louisiana in an amount not to exceed Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) for the 2025 Performing Arts Series. **Public Comments**
- 13) Motion to approve a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Central Louisiana Juneteenth Association in an amount not to exceed Fourteen Thousand Dollars for the 2025 Programs. **Public Comments**
- 14) Motion to approve a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Central Louisiana Regional Chamber of Commerce in an amount not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) for the 2025 Programs. **Public Comments**
- 15) Motion to approve a grant request from Louisiana State University (LSUA) in an amount not to exceed Twelve Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$12,5000) to assist with bid fees for the Red River Athletic Conference (RRAC) to be held February 27-March 2, 2025. **Public Comments**
- 16) 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**

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- 17) Motion to approve a grant request from Louisiana State University (LSUA) in an amount not to exceed Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to assist with meals, advertisement and marketing of the LSUA Tennis Tournament to be held March 27-30, 2025. **Public Comments**
- 18) Motion to approve a grant request from Friends of Bringhurst in an amount not to exceed in an amount not to exceed Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to assist with meals, green fees and advertisement and marketing of the Bayou Invitational to be held March 29-30, 2025. **Public Comments**
- 19) 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**
- 20) Motion to approve a grant request from Citywide Interdenominational Crusade in an amount not to exceed Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500) for advertisement and marketing of the City-Wide Revival to be held April 21-24, 2025. **Public Comments**
- 21) Motion to approve a grant request from the Louisiana Taxidermists Association in an amount not to exceed Nine Thousand Dollars (\$9,000) for meals and advertisement and marketing of the Annual Convention to be held on May 15-18, 2025. **Public Comments**
- 22) Motion to approve a grant request from the Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs in an amount not to exceed Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) for the State Convention to be held June 26-29, 2025. **Public Comments**
- 23) Motion to approve a grant request from the Louisiana Department of Veterans of Foreign Wars in an amount not to exceed Two Thousand dollars (\$2,000) for the Council of Admin Meeting to be held August 22-24, 2025. **Public Comments**
- 24) Motion to not approve a grant request for the Woman of Valor “ It had to Happen event to be held on May 18, 2025. **Public Comments**
- 25) Motion to not approve a grant request for the Grand Lodge of Louisiana F & AM 214th Annual Grand Lodge Session to be held April 25-28, 2025. **Public Comments**
- 26) Motion to not approve a grant request from the La State Association Daughters of Elks 98th State Convention to be held June 19-22, 2025. **Public Comments**

**F. Executive Director Comments**

**G. Commissioner Comments**

**H. Legal Counsel Comments**

**I. Accountant Comments**

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- J. Public Comments or Questions**
- K. Adjourn**

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