

GREATER ALEXANDRIA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY SPECIAL CALL MEETING

Date: Wednesday, March 4, 2026

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

The special call meeting of the Greater Alexandria Economic Development Authority (GAEDA) was called to order at 9:18 a.m. by Chair Steven R. McGee. Administrative Assistant, Kiana Siders, called the roll. A quorum was present.

The Board heard discussion of pending litigation styled *John Callis v. Greater Alexandria Economic Development Authority and Angela Varnado*, Civil Suit No. 279,724, Ninth Judicial District Court, Parish of Rapides, including recently:

- Motion for Enforcement of Judgment and Return of Public Funds; and
- Motion to Set and Tax Costs and Attorney Fees

It was moved by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Whitehead to enter Executive Session pursuant to La. R.S. 42:17(A)(2) to discuss strategy and legal considerations regarding the above-referenced pending litigation. There being no public comments, motion carried unanimously. The Board entered Executive Session.

The Board exited Executive Session and returned to open session.

It was moved by Commissioner Whitehead and seconded by Commissioner McGee to consider retention of separate counsel for co-defendant Angela Varnado in the pending litigation styled *Callis v. GAEDA, et al.* Civil Suit No. 279,724. The roll call was held with the following results:

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

The motion carried unanimously (4-0) votes.

It was moved by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Morgan to consider authorization for counsel to file necessary pleadings and take appropriate legal action to defend

GAEDA's interests in the above-referenced litigation. The roll call was held with the following results:

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

The motion carried unanimously (4-0) votes.

Legal Counsel Comments

Legal counsel advised that the contract for Angela Varnado's separate counsel would be prepared, printed, and submitted for review.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:33 a.m.