GREATER ALEXANDRIA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING

Minutes: Meeting of Tuesday September 15, 2026

Location: GAEDA Headquarters, Alexandria, Louisiana

Present: Mr. Steven R. McGee, Chair
Rev. Earl Williams, Secretary/Treasurer
Mr. Brad Smith
Ms. Kristen Lemoine
Mr. James A. Segall

Absent: Mr. Ronald Morgan, Vice-Chair
Ms. Zendrea Whitehead

The monthly regular meeting of the Greater Alexandria Economic Development Authority (GAEDA) was called to order at 8:30 am by Chair, Steven McGee. Administrative Assistant Kiana Siders called roll. A quorum was present.

Consent Agenda – September 2026

It was moved by Commissioner McGee and seconded by Commissioner Williams to approve the September 2026 Consent Agenda. A discussion was held, and a roll call vote was as follows:

- **Commissioner McGee: Yes**
- **Commissioner Morgan: Absent**
- **Commissioner Williams: Yes**
- **Commissioner Whitehead: Absent**
- **Commissioner Smith: Yes**
- **Commissioner Lemoine: Yes**
- **Commissioner Segall: Abstained**

The motion carried (4-0) votes

Grant Requests – Louisiana Early Childhood Association

A motion was made by Commissioner McGee and seconded by Commissioner Williams to approve the grant request from Louisiana Early Childhood Association, not to exceed Eleven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars ($11,500) for assistance with meals, advertising, and marketing for the Louisiana Early Childhood Association 60th Annual Conference to be held November 5-7, 2026, at the Randolph Riverfront Center. A discussion was held, and a roll call vote was as follows:

- **Commissioner McGee: Yes**

- **Commissioner Morgan: Absent**
- **Commissioner Williams: Yes**
- **Commissioner Whitehead: Absent**
- **Commissioner Smith: Yes**
- **Commissioner Lemoine: Yes**
- **Commissioner Segall: Abstained**

The motion carried (4-0) votes

Yin Hospitality International

A motion was made by Commissioner Williams, seconded by Commissioner Lemoine, to approve the grant request from Yin Hospitality International not to exceed Five Thousand Dollars ($5,000) for assistance with meals for the 2026 TBRI Conference to be held September 28-October 2, 2026, at Alexandria, LA. A discussion was held, and a roll call vote was as follows:

- **Commissioner McGee: Yes**
- **Commissioner Morgan: Absent**
- **Commissioner Williams: Yes**
- **Commissioner Whitehead: Absent**
- **Commissioner Smith: Yes**
- **Commissioner Lemoine: Yes**
- **Commissioner Segall: Abstained**

The motion carried (4-0) votes

Cooperative Endeavor Agreement – Inner-City Revitalization Corporation

A motion was made by Commissioner McGee, seconded by Commissioner Williams, to approve a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Inner-City Revitalization Corporation (IRC) not to exceed Fifty Thousand Dollars ($50,000) for the IRC Financial Literacy Workshop. A discussion was held, and a roll call vote was as follows:

- **Commissioner McGee: Yes**
- **Commissioner Morgan: Absent**
- **Commissioner Williams: Yes**
- **Commissioner Whitehead: Absent**
- **Commissioner Smith: Recused**
- **Commissioner Lemoine: Yes**
- **Commissioner Segall: Abstained**

The motion failed (3-0) votes

Added Agenda Item

Legal Counsel requested an item to be added to the agenda. A consideration of the proposed judgment in John Callis v. Greater Alexandria Economic Development Authority and Angela Varnado, Civil Suit No. 279,724, Division "A," Ninth Judicial District Court, including the return of funds to GAEDA.

It was moved by Commissioner McGee and seconded by Commissioner Willams to add to the agenda, a consideration of the proposed judgment in John Callis v. Greater Alexandria Economic Development Authority and Angela Varnado, Civil Suit No. 279,724, Division "A," Ninth Judicial District Court, including the return of funds to GAEDA. A discussion was held. A roll call vote was as follows:

- **Commissioner McGee: Yes**
- **Commissioner Morgan: Absent**
- **Commissioner Williams: Yes**
- **Commissioner Whitehead: Absent**
- **Commissioner Smith: Yes**
- **Commissioner Lemoine: Yes**
- **Commissioner Segall: Yes**

T**he motion passes unanimously by (5-0) votes**

Executive Session

It was moved by Commissioner McGee and seconded by Commissioner Williams to enter Executive Session to consult with Legal Counsel regarding a consideration of the proposed judgment in John Callis v. Greater Alexandria Economic Development Authority and Angela Varnado, Civil Suit No. 279,724, Division "A," Ninth Judicial District Court, including the return of funds to GAEDA. There being no public comments, the roll call was held with the following results:

- **Commissioner McGee: Yes**
- **Commissioner Morgan: Absent**
- **Commissioner Williams: Yes**
- **Commissioner Whitehead: Absent**
- **Commissioner Smith: Yes**
- **Commissioner Lemoine: Yes**
- **Commissioner Segall: Yes**

T**he motion carried by a vote (5-0)**.

The Board entered Executive Session at 8:58 a.m.

It was moved by Commissioner McGee and seconded by Commissioner Williams for the Board to exit Executive Session. There being no public comments, the roll call was held with the following results:

- **Commissioner McGee: Yes**
- **Commissioner Morgan: Absent**
- **Commissioner Williams: Yes**
- **Commissioner Whitehead: Absent**
- **Commissioner Smith: Yes**
- **Commissioner Lemoine: Yes**
- **Commissioner Segall: Yes**

T**he motion carried by a vote (5-0)**.

Board exited Executive Session at 9:19 a.m.

It was moved by Commissioner McGee and seconded by Commissioner Lemoine for the Board to return to open session. There being no public comments, the roll call was held with the following results:

- **Commissioner McGee: Yes**
- **Commissioner Morgan: Absent**
- **Commissioner Williams: Yes**
- **Commissioner Whitehead: Absent**
- **Commissioner Smith: Yes**
- **Commissioner Lemoine: Yes**
- **Commissioner Segall: Yes**

T**he motion carried by a vote (5-0)**.

Board returned to open session at 9:21 a.m.

Referral to Accountant for Review & Verification of Funds

It was moved by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner McGee for referral to GAEDA's accountant, John Theriot, to review and verify the amount of funds to be repaid to GAEDA as reflected in the proposed judgment. There being no public comments, the roll call was held with the following results:

- **Commissioner McGee: Yes**
- **Commissioner Morgan: Absent**
- **Commissioner Williams: Yes**
- **Commissioner Whitehead: Absent**
- **Commissioner Smith: Yes**
- **Commissioner Lemoine: Yes**
- **Commissioner Segall: Yes**

T**he motion carried by a vote (5-0)**.

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner McGee comments were heard.

Legal Counsel Comments

Legal Counsel Comments were heard.

Public Comments or Questions

Public comments and questions were received.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:57 a.m.