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PUBLIC MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

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 Greater Alexandria Economic Development Authority (GAEDA) will hold the following:

GAEDA Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, November 17, 2026
at 8:30 a.m.

GAEDA Headquarters
720 Murray Street ~ Alexandria, LA 71301

THE GREATER ALEXANDRIA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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GAEDA REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, November 17th, 2026 ~ 8:30 a.m.
GAEDA Headquarters
720 Murray St, 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 November 2026 Consent Agenda:
   a) Motion to approve September 8, 2026, Committee Meeting Minutes. **Public Comments**
   b) Motion to approve October 20, 2026, Meeting Minutes **Public Comments**
   c) Motion to approve October 2026 Financial Statements. **Public Comments**

2. Motion to approve a grant request from the Believe Foundation in an amount not to exceed Five Thousand Dollars ($5,000) to assist with meals, advertising & marketing for the Believe the Musical to be held January 8-10, 2027, at the Coughlin Saunders Theatre. **Public Comments**

3. 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) to assist with meals for the VFW Mid-Winter Conference to be held January 28-31, 2027, at the Hotel Bentley. **Public Comments**

4. Motion to approve a grant request from the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Louisiana in an amount not to exceed Five Thousand Dollars ($5,000) to assist with meals for the Grand Session, Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Louisiana to be held February 25-27, 2027, at the Hotel Bentley. **Public Comments**

5. Motion to approve a grant request from the Louisiana State University Athletics (LSUA) in an amount not to exceed Five Thousand Dollars ($5,000) to assist with meals, advertising & marketing for the LSUA Tennis Tournament to be held March 25-28, 2027, at the City of Alexandria Tennis Courts and Aquatics Club Tennis Courts. **Public Comments**

6. Motion to approve a grant request from the Louisiana Southern Ball & Hayride in an amount not to exceed Five Thousand Dollars ($5,000) to assist with meals, advertising & marketing for the Louisiana Southern Ball & Hayride to be held April 15-18, 2027, at the Cypress Landing Hotel. **Public Comments**

7. Motion to approve a grant request from the Louisiana State University Athletics (LSUA) in an amount not to exceed Five Thousand Dollars ($5,000) to assist with meals, advertising & marketing for the Red River Conference Women's Tennis Tournament to be held April 15-17, 2027, at the City of Alexandria Tennis Courts, Aquatics Club Tennis Courts, and LSUA Tennis Courts. **Public Comments**

8. Motion to approve a grant request from the American Junior Golf Association in an amount not to exceed Twelve Thousand Five Dollars ($12,500) to assist with meals, advertising & marketing for the AJGA Junior presented by Explore Alexandria/Pineville to be held May 6-9, 2027, at the Links on the Bayou. **Public Comments**

9. Motion to approve entering into a Cooperative Endeavor with Inner-City Revitalization Corporation to assist with the IRC Financial Literacy Education Program for Adults and Youth. **Public Comments**

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