

PUBLIC MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

Board of Directors

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Mr. Steven R. McGee

Vice-Chair

Mr. Ronald Morgan

Secretary/Treasurer

Rev. Earl Williams, Jr.

Board Members

Ms. Zendrea Whitehead

Executive Director

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:

**GAEDA Regular Meeting
Tuesday, January 20, 2026
at 8:00 a.m.**

**The Hotel Bentley
Bayou Roberts Room (2nd Floor)
200 Desoto Street ~ Alexandria, LA 71301**



**THE GREATER ALEXANDRIA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
(GAEDA)**

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(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 January 2026 Consent Agenda:
 - a) Motion to approve the December 2025 Meeting Minutes. **Public Comments**
 - b) Motion to approve the December 2025 Financial Statements. **Public Comments**
 2. Motion to approve the Executive Director's Employment Contract. **Public Comments**
 3. Motion to approve the 2025 Amendments and the 2026 Budget. **Public Comments**
 4. Motion to reconsider a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Alexandria Museum of Art in an amount not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) for the 2026 Exhibition Series. **Public Comments**
 5. Motion to reconsider a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Rapides Symphony Orchestra in an amount not to exceed Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) for the 2026 Concert Series. **Public Comments**
 6. Motion to reconsider a grant request from the United Educational Missionary Baptist Association (UEMBA) in an amount not to exceed Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) to assist with meals, advertising, and marketing for the NBCA Great Commission Church Summit to be held February 23-25, 2026, at the Holiday Inn Downtown and Randolph Riverfront Center. **Public Comments**
 7. Motion to reconsider a grant request from the St. Matthews Baptist Church in an amount not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to assist with meals, advertising, and marketing for the program "An Evening of Spirituals" to be held February 12, 2026. **Public Comments**

8. Motion to approve a grant request from the Resonance Cultural Arts Initiative Inc. in an amount not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to assist with advertising and marketing for the Black Brilliance Art Show 2026 to be held April 18th, 2026, at the Lagniappe Theatre. **Public Comments**

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

GAEDA Committee Meetings and Regular Meetings are broadcast live and may be viewed by the public on our website at www.gaeda.org.