

PUBLIC MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

Board of Directors

Chair

Mr. Steven R. McGee

Vice-Chair

Mr. Ronald Morgan

Secretary/Treasurer

Rev. Earl Williams, Jr.

Board Members

Ms. Zendrea Whitehead

Mr. Brad Smith

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

**GAEDA Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, June 16, 2026
at 8:30 a.m.**

**GAEDA Headquarters
720 Murray Street ~ Alexandria, LA 71301**



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

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Ms. Zendrea Whitehead, Commissioner
Mr. Brad Smith, Commissioner

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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 June 2026 Consent Agenda:
 - a) Motion to approve the May 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes. **Public Comments**
 - b) Motion to approve the May 2026 Financial Statements. **Public Comments**
 2. Motion to approve a grant request from the Louisiana Rural Waterway Association not to exceed Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) for assistance with meals for the LRWA Mini-Conference to be held October 19-23, 2026, at the Holiday Inn Downtown, The Hotel Bentley & Randolph Riverfront Center. **Public Comments**
 4. Motion to approve a grant request from the United Most Worshipful King George Grand Lodge Grand Session of Louisiana not to exceed Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) for assistance with meals, advertising, and marketing for the 103rd Masonic Grand Lodge Grand Session to be held October 15-18, 2026, at The Hotel Bentley. **Public Comments**
 5. Motion to approve a grant request from the Rapides Senior Citizens Center, Inc. not to exceed Seven Thousand Dollars (\$7,000) for assistance with meals, advertising, and marketing for the RSCC Golden Legends Red Carpet Celebration to be held August 21, 2026. **Public Comments**
 6. Motion to approve a grant request from the Genesis of Eve Catholic Ministries not to exceed Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) for assistance with meals, advertising, and marketing for the Genesis of Eve Conference to be held September 17-20, 2026, at the Randolph Riverfront Center. **Public Comments**
 7. Motion to increase price for Public Records Request fee from \$.25 to \$1.25. **Public Comments**

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