

Greater Alexandria Economic Development Authority Regular Meeting

Minutes: Meeting of Tuesday July 15, 2025

Present: Dr. Curtis Lewis, Chair
Mr. Steven R. McGee, Vice Chair
Rev. Earl Williams Jr., Secretary/Treasurer
Mr. Ronald Morgan

The regular monthly meeting of the Greater Alexandria Economic Development Authority (GAEDA) was called to order at 8:15 am by Chair, Commissioner Lewis. Administrative Assistant, Kiana Siders called the roll call. A quorum was present.

- 1.) A motion was made by Commissioner McGee, seconded by Commissioner Morgan to approve the June 2025 Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously,
- 2.) A motion was made by Commissioner McGee, seconded by Commissioner Morgan to approve a grant request with the Early Childhood Education Foundation of Louisiana in an amount not to exceed Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000) for meals, advertisement and marketing for the Fall Education Conference – Child Care Association of Louisiana to be held September 26-27, 2025. Following discussion, a roll call vote was taken as follows:
 - Commissioner Lewis: Yes
 - Commissioner McGee: Yes
 - Commissioner Williams: Yes
 - Commissioner Morgan: YesThe motion passed unanimously.

Executive Director Comments

- Executive Director, Angela Varnado requested clarification from the board on proposed dates for the upcoming strategic retreat.
 - She also presented a letter from Councilwoman Lizzie Felter regarding the appointment of a potential GAEDA Commissioner to serve on the Board.
 - She suggested that the board should discuss moving forward with future office space at the next board meeting.
- 3.) A motion was made by Commissioner McGee, seconded by Commissioner Williams for Attorney Tiffany N. Sanders to administer the oath of offices to Commissioner Lewis and Commissioner Morgan. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Williams commented on the letter from Councilwoman Lizzie Felter. Discussion followed between the Board and staff.

Public Comments or Questions

Jack Henton sought clarification regarding certain Board members' absences and inquired whether these would have any impact on GAEDA's future business.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:34 a.m.