

GREATER ALEXANDRIA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY REGULAR MEETING

Minutes: Meeting of Tuesday June 16, 2026

Present: Mr. Steven R. McGee, Chair
Mr. Ronald Morgan, Vice-Chair
Ms. Zendrea Whitehead
Mr. Brad Smith

Absent: Rev. Earl Williams, Secretary/Treasurer

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 – June 2026

It was moved by Commissioner Morgan and seconded by Commissioner Whitehead to approve the June 2026 Consent Agenda. A discussion was held. There being no further discussion or comments, the motion carries unanimously.

Grant Requests – Louisiana Rural Water Association

A motion was made by Commissioner Whitehead and seconded by Commissioner Morgan to approve the grant request from Louisiana Rural Waterway Association, not to exceed Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) for assistance with meals for the Louisiana Rural Water Association Mini-Conference to be held October 19-23, 2026, at the Holiday Inn Downtown. A discussion was held; the motion carries unanimously.

United Most Worshipful King George Grand Lodge Grand Session

A motion was made by Commissioner Whitehead, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to approve the 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.

Commissioner Morgan recused from discussion and voting on the grant request. A discussion was held; the motion failed.

Rapides Senior Citizens Center, Inc

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Morgan, to approve the 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. A discussion was held; the motion carries unanimously.

Genesis of Eve Catholic Ministries

It was moved by Commissioner Morgan, seconded by Commissioner Whitehead to amend the previously approved grant amount for the Genesis of Eve Catholic Ministries from Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) to Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000). A discussion was held, and a roll call vote was as follows:

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

Motion passed unanimously (4-0)

It was moved by Commissioner Whitehead, seconded by Commissioner Morgan to approve the grant request from the Genesis of Eve Catholic Ministries not to exceed Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) 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. A discussion was held; the motion carries unanimously.

Public Records Request Fee Increase

A motion was made by Commissioner McGee, seconded by Commissioner Morgan to increase the price for the Public Records Request fee from \$.25 to \$1.25 per page. Discussion and comments were held; there being no further discussion or comments; the motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Morgan 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 9:05 a.m.