

GREATER ALEXANDRIA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY REGULAR MEETING

Minutes: Meeting of Tuesday March 17, 2026

Present: Mr. Steven R. McGee, Chair
Mr. Ronald Morgan, Vice Chair
Ms. Zendrea Whitehead
Mr. Rod V. Noles

Absent: Rev. Earl Williams, Secretary/Treasurer

The monthly regular meeting of the Greater Alexandria Economic Development Authority (GAEDA) was called to order at 8:28 am by Chair, Steven McGee. Administrative Assistant Kiana Siders, called roll. A quorum was present.

Oath of Office

Attorney Tiffany N. Sanders administered the Oath of Office to Commissioner Rod Noles.

Consent Agenda – March 2026

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

Grant Request-Diocese of Alexandria

It was moved by Commissioner Morgan and seconded by Commissioner Whitehead to approve a grant request from the Diocese of Alexandria for Steubenville South Youth Conference not to exceed Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) for assistance with meals, advertising, and marketing for the Steubenville South Youth Conference to be held June 26-28, at the Laborde Earles Coliseum. A discussion was held. A roll call vote was as follows:

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

There being no further discussion, the motion passed by a vote of 4-0.

Grant Request-Louisiana Animal Care & Control Association

It was moved by Commissioner Whitehead and seconded by Commissioner Morgan to approve a grant request from the Louisiana Animal Care & Control Association not to exceed Seven Thousand Dollars (\$7,000.00) for assistance with meals, advertising, and marketing for the LACCA Statewide Training to be held July 13-17, 2026, at the Hotel Bentley. A discussion was held. A roll call vote was as follows:

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

There being no further discussion, the motion passed by a vote of 4-0.

Presentation

The Board heard a presentation from Thaddyus Dixon of Latter & Blum Central Realty regarding project sites.

Commissioner Comments

The Board welcomed the newly appointed Commissioner Rod Noles and expressed their anticipation of working collaboratively with him.

Accountant Comments

The accountant reported past uncashed grant checks and recommended establishing a defined timeframe for negotiation of such checks, after which the funds would be voided.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

