

## **Greater Alexandria Economic Development Authority Regular Meeting**

Minutes: Meeting of Tuesday, May 20, 2025

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

Absent: Mr. John Carroll, Mr. Chris Patel, Mr. Ronald Morgan, Mr. John Callis

The regular monthly meeting of the Greater Alexandria Economic Development Authority (GAEDA) was called to order at 8:16 am by Chair Dr. Curtis Lewis, Administrative Assistant, Kiana Siders called the roll. A quorum was not present due to the absence of several board members.

### **Discussion Items (No Actions Taken Due to Lack of Quorum)**

**1. Consent Agenda – May 2025**

Discussion was held regarding the May 2025 Consent Agenda. No votes were taken due to the lack of a quorum.

**2. Audit and Agreed-Upon Procedures (AUP) Report**

The board heard a presentation from **Mr. Kurt Oestrieher of Oestrieher & Company, CPAs**, regarding the audit of financial statements and the Agreed-Upon Procedures for the period ending **December 31, 2024**.

A discussion was held on the motion to accept the audit and AUP report. No formal vote was taken due to the absence of a quorum.

**3. Reimbursement of Expenses – Weiss & Goldring Building**

Discussion was held on the proposed motion to authorize reimbursement of expenses to the City of Alexandria relating to the Weiss & Goldring Building:

- Invoice #I0590301 – in an amount not to exceed \$60,954.85
- Invoice #I0590821 – in an amount not to exceed \$52,573.25

The board heard comments from City of Alexandria Legal Counsel, Jonathan Goins, regarding the potential for litigation by the City if the invoices are not reimbursed.

**4. Third Circuit Court of Appeal Decision**

GAEDA Legal Counsel, Tiffany Sanders, provided an overview and analysis of the recent ruling issued by the Louisiana Third Circuit Court of Appeal and its legal implications for GAEDA.

**Executive Director Comments**

Executive Director, Angela Varnado requested clarification from the board on potential dates for the upcoming strategic retreat..

**Commissioner Comments**

Commissioner Earl Williams Jr. provided commentary regarding board member attendance and GAEDA's internal policies and procedures related to repeated non-attendance at regular meetings.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:46 a.m.