

Greater Alexandria Economic Development Authority Regular Meeting

Minutes: Meeting of Tuesday, November 19, 2025

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

Absent: Dr. Curtis Lewis, Chair (Resigned)

The monthly regular meeting of the Greater Alexandria Economic Development Authority was called to order by Vice Chair, Commissioner McGee at 8:15 a.m. Administrative Assistant, Kiana Siders called the roll. A quorum was not present.

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

1.) **November 2025 Consent Agenda**

A discussion was held regarding the November 2025 Consent Agenda. Due to a lack of quorum, no votes were taken.

2.) **Executive Director's Evaluation Rubric**

A discussion was held regarding the Executive Director's Evaluation Rubric.

3.) **Sugarhouse Road Extension Project**

A discussion was held regarding the Sugarhouse Road Extension Project.

4.) **Cooperative Endeavor Agreement- Alexandria Museum of Arts**

A discussion was held regarding a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Alexandria Museum of Arts in an amount not to exceed Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) for the 2026 Exhibition Series.

5.) **Cooperative Endeavor Agreement – Rapides Symphony Orchestra**

A discussion was held regarding a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Rapides Symphony Orchestra in an amount not to exceed Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) for the 2026 Concert Series.

6.) **Grant Request – Louisiana Department of Veterans of Foreign Wars**

The grant request from the Louisiana Department of Veterans of Foreign Wars in an amount not to exceed Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to assist with meals for the VFW Mid-Winter Conference to be held January 22-25, 2026, was reviewed and discussed by the board.

7.) **Grant Request – Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons**

The grant request from the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons in an amount not to exceed Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to assist with meals, advertising & marketing for the Grand

Conclave Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons to be held February 26-March 1, 2026, was reviewed and discussed by the board.

8.) Grant Request – LSU Red River Athletic Conference Basketball Tournament

The grant request from the Louisiana State University (LSUA) in an amount not to exceed Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to assist with meals, advertisement and marketing for the Red River Athletic Conference Basketball Tournament to be held February 27-March 1, 2026, was reviewed and discussed by the board.

9.) Grant Request – LSU NAIA Men’s Basketball Tournament

The grant request from the Louisiana State University (LSUA) in an amount not to exceed One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500) to assist with meals, advertisement and marketing for the NAIA Men’s Basketball Tournament to be held March 12-14, 2026, was reviewed and discussed by the board.

10.) Grant Request – LSU Tennis Tournament

The grant request from the Louisiana State University (LSUA) in an amount not to exceed Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to assist with meals, advertising and marketing for the LSU Tennis Tournament to be held April 9-12, 2026, was reviewed and discussed by the board.

11.) Grant Request – Manna House

The grant request from the Manna House in an amount not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to assist with meals, advertising and marketing for AM Pro Tour Golf Tournament to be held on April 13-18, 2026, was reviewed and discussed by the board.

12.) Grant Request – Louisiana Taxidermists Association

The grant request from the Louisiana Taxidermists Association in an amount not to exceed Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to assist with meals, advertising and marketing for the Louisiana Taxidermists Convention to be held on May 14-17, 2026, was reviewed and discussed by the board.

13.) Grant Request – Louisiana Department of Veterans of Foreign Wars

The grant request from the Louisiana Department of Veterans of Foreign Wars in an amount not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to assist with meals for the VFW State Convention to be held June 18-21, 2026, was reviewed and discussed by the board.

Executive Director Comments

- Executive Director Angela Varnado expressed her appreciation to the staff for their excellent work in coordinating a successful GAEDA ribbon-cutting ceremony that was held on November 14, 2025.
- She also noted the resignation of Chair, Dr. Curtis Lewis and advised the board that a formal letter has been sent to Councilwoman Cynthia Perry requesting a potential appointee to serve on the board.
- She also informed the board about the plans and progress related to the GAEDA move to the new location at 720 Murray Street.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:46 a.m.