

**Greater Alexandria Economic Development Authority
Regular Meeting**

Minutes: Meeting Tuesday, October 15, 2024

Present: Mr. Greg Upton, Chair; Mrs. Paula Katz, Secretary/Treasurer; Mr. John Carroll;
Mr. Chris Patel; Mr. Ronald Morgan; Mr. John Callis

Absent: Dr. Curtis Lewis, Vice-Chair

The monthly regular meeting of the Greater Alexandria Economic Development Authority was called to order by Commissioner Upton at 8:30 a.m., Executive Director, Angela Varnado called the roll. A quorum was present.

It was moved by Commissioner Carroll and seconded by Commissioner Callis to approve the October 2024 Consent Agenda. There being no public comments, the motion passed by unanimous vote.

The Board heard a report from Brandon Decuir regarding the Executive Director's position description. A discussion was held.

Discussion was held regarding the 2025 Grant funding and 2025 proposed Budget recommendations.

Commissioner Callis commented that he would like to have discussions to move the monthly meetings to quarterly meetings.

Ms. Linda Bell commented that the Board should consider that there are other areas in the city besides downtown that the board should take into consideration when considering funding projects.

Mr. Rick Ranson of the City of Alexandria commented the Board should consider thinking of GAEDA as a foundation and not an Authority. A discussion was held

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