

Greater Alexandria Economic Development Authority Special Call/Strategic Retreat Meeting

Minutes: Meeting of Saturday September 20, 2025

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

The regular monthly meeting and annual strategic retreat of the Greater Alexandria Economic Development Authority (GAEDA) was called to order at 9:13 a.m. by Chair, Dr. Curtis Lewis. Administrative Assistant Kiana Siders called the roll, and a quorum was declared present.

Approval of Consent Agendas

- August 2025 Consent Agenda: A motion was made by Commissioner McGee, seconded by Commissioner Morgan, to approve the August 2025 Consent Agenda. With no further discussion, the motion carried.
- September 2025 Consent Agenda: A motion was made by Commissioner McGee, seconded by Commissioner Morgan, to approve the September 2025 Consent Agenda. With no further discussion, the motion carried.

Authorization for Pre-Purchase Assessments

A motion was made by Commissioner McGee, seconded by Commissioner Williams, to authorize the Executive Director to conduct all necessary pre-purchase assessments related to the potential acquisition of a building. These assessments may include obtaining professional appraisals, commissioning a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment, arranging for a property inspection, and conducting a title search. The Executive Director will present findings and recommendations to the Board before any purchase negotiations take place. With no further discussion, the motion carried.

Participation in the 2025 Bayou Classic Business Expo

A motion was made by Commissioner McGee, seconded by Commissioner Morgan, to authorize the Executive Director to take all necessary actions for GAEDA's participation in the 2025 Bayou Classic Business Expo. Actions include, but are not limited to, registering the organization, coordinating logistics, and allocating funds for exhibit and promotional expenses.

Amendment: Commissioner Williams moved to amend the motion to include a budget not to exceed \$8,000. The amendment was seconded by Commissioner Lewis. Following discussion, a roll call vote was taken:

- Commissioner Lewis: Yes
- Commissioner McGee: Yes
- Commissioner Williams: Yes
- Commissioner Morgan: Yes

The motion, as amended, passed unanimously (4–0).

Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Mid Louisiana Regional Chamber of Commerce

A motion was made by Commissioner Morgan, seconded by Commissioner McGee, to authorize GAEDA to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Mid Louisiana Regional Chamber of Commerce. The purpose of the agreement was to collaborate on joint initiatives, including business development programs, community engagement activities, and regional economic development events. The Executive Director was authorized to finalize and execute the agreement.

Following discussion, a roll call vote was taken:

- Commissioner Lewis: No
- Commissioner McGee: Yes
- Commissioner Williams: No
- Commissioner Morgan: No

With no further discussion, the motion failed (1–3).

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Upon adjournment of the regular meeting, the Board immediately convened its Strategic Retreat.