

**Greater Alexandria Economic Development Authority
Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes**

Minutes: Meeting of Friday, February 16, 2024

Present: Mr. Chris Patel, Chair; Mr. Ronald

Absent: Morgan Mr. John Carroll

The monthly meeting of the Greater Alexandria Economic Development Committee was called to order by Commissioner Patel at 8:00 a.m. Executive Administrator, Angela Varnado called the roll. A quorum was present.

It was moved by Commissioner Morgan and seconded by Commissioner Patel to recommend a grant request from the Louisiana Beauticians & Barbers Association, Inc. in the amount of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) for the 77th Conference, Tradeshow & Education “Mastering Trends for Beauty Industry Success” to be held April 13, 2024. A discussion was held. There being no further discussion, the motion passed by unanimous vote.

It was moved by Commissioner Morgan and seconded by Commissioner Patel to not recommend a grant request from Glass Act Recycling in the amount of Seven Thousand Dollars (\$7,000) for the Love the Boot Bonanza to be held April 27, 2024. . A discussion was held. There being no further discussion, the motion passed by unanimous vote.

Item #3, a motion to consider a grant request from Horse Power Promotions in the amount of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) for the Gary Allan concert to be held April 20, 2024, was pulled from the agenda at the applicant’s request.

It was moved by Commissioner Patel and seconded by Commissioner Morgan to recommend approval of a grant request from Louisiana Community & Technical College System in the amount of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) for the annual SkillsUSA Louisiana Leadership and Skills Conference to be held April 15-17, 2024. A discussion was held. There being no further discussion, the motion passed by unanimous vote.

The Acting Executive Director commented that she is currently in discussions with the CVB with regards to obtaining software that would capture the Economic Impact on events and projects GAEDA funds. A discussion was held.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:16 a.m.