

**PUBLIC MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT**

***Board of Directors***

**Chair**

**Vice-Chair**

Dr. Curtis Lewis

**Secretary/Treasurer**

**Board Members**

Mr. John Carroll

Mr. Chris

Patel

Mr. Ronald Morgan

Mr. John Callis

Mr. Steve R. McGee

Rev. Earl Williams

**Executive Director**

Ms. Angela Varnado

The public is invited to attend all meetings unless otherwise noted in accordance with the LA Opens Meeting Law pursuant to R.S. 42:11 – R.S. 42:28\* \*Formerly R.S.42:4.1-42:13.

**Please Be Advised!!!**

The following meeting of the Greater Alexandria Economic Development Authority (GAEDA) is as follows:

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**Tuesday, January 21, 2025**

**8:30 A.M.**

**Bolton Avenue Community Center**

**315 Bolton Avenue**

**Alexandria, LA 71301**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**Tuesday, January 21, 2025**

**8:45 A.M.**

**The Hotel Bentley**

**Bayou Chicot Room (Street Level)**

**Alexandria, LA 71301**

**CANCELLED**

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**THE GREATER ALEXANDRIA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
(GAEDA)  
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**REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

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*(Please keep comments limited to 3 minutes per person)*

- A. Call to Order**
- B. Invocation**
- C. Pledge of Allegiance**
- D. Roll Call**
- E. Active Items**
  - 1) Oath of Offices Administered
  - 2) Motion to terminate Barbara Bell Melton of Faircloth Melton Sobel & Bash, LLC effective immediately, with instructions to Barbara Bell Melton and Faircloth Melton Sobel & Bash to immediately (i) cease and terminate all representation of the Greater Alexandria Economic Development Authority; and (ii) withdraw as counsel of record in any and all litigation, mediations, arbitrations or administrative hearings involving the Greater Alexandria Economic Development Authority. **Public Comments**
  - 3) Motion to accept the 2025 Engagement Letter with the Law Office of Tiffany N. Sanders as Legal Counsel for the Greater Alexandria Economic Development Authority (GAEDA)-**Public Comments**
  - 4) 2025 Election of Officers
  - 5) Motion to approve the Executive Director's Position Description as presented by Brandon DeCuir. – **Public Comments**
  - 6) Motion to authorize the Executive Committee to negotiate restructured contract with the Executive Director, Angela Varnado, to be presented to the full Board by February 28, 2025. -**Public Comments**
  - 7) Motion to accept the 2025 Engagement Letter with Oestriecher & Company, CPAs for the annual audit of financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2024.-**Public**

**Comments**

- 8) Motion to accept the 2025 Engagement Letter from Knight Masden, CPA's.- **Public Comments**
  - 9) Motion to change the monthly committee meetings time from 8:30 a.m. to hold committee meetings at 8:00 a.m.; and to further change the regular meetings scheduled for 8:45 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month. – **Public Comments**
  - 10) Motion to approve the January 2025 Consent Agenda:
    - a) Motion to approve the December 2024 Meeting Minutes. - **Public Comments**
    - b) Motion to approve the December 2024 Financial Statements-**Public Comments**
    - c) Motion to ratify the December 2024 Legal Bill-**Public Comments**
    - d) Motion to ratify the December 2024 Accounting Bill-**Public Comments**
  - 11) Motion to adopt the 2025 Budget and the Amended 2024 Budget- **Public Comments**
- F. Executive Director Comments**  
**G. Commissioner Comments**  
**H. Legal Counsel Comments**  
**I. Accountant Comments**  
**J. Public Comments or Questions**  
**K. Adjourn**

**GAEDA Committee Meetings and Regular Meetings are broadcast live and may be viewed by the public on our website at [www.gaeda.org](http://www.gaeda.org).**

**CANCELLED**