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Ms. Angela Varnado

PUBLIC MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

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.
~~CANCELLED~~

~~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

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(GAEDA)
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REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, January 21, 2025 ~ 8:45 a.m.

**The Hotel Bentley ~ Bayou Chicot Room(Street Level)
Alexandria, LA 71301**

(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 Barbra 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 3rd 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.