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**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:

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
SPECIAL CALL MEETING**

**Tuesday, March 11, 2025 ~ 8:00 a.m.  
Bolton Avenue Community Center**

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**THE GREATER ALEXANDRIA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
(GAEDA)**

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Mr. Steven R. McGee, Chair  
Mr. Ronald Morgan

Rev Earl Williams, Jr.  
Mr. John Carroll

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**SPECIAL CALL MEETING AGENDA**

**Tuesday, March 11, 2025 ~ 8:00 a.m.**

**The Bolton Avenue Community Center**

**315 Bolton Avenue**

**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. Motion to recommend approval of a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Explore Alexandria/Pineville in an amount not to exceed Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) for meals and advertising/marketing and Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) for fireworks shows at the Louisiana Future Farmers of America (FFA) Conference to be held May 30-June 2, 2025. **Public Comments**
2. Motion to not recommend approval of a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Central Louisiana Regional Chamber of Commerce for the 2025 Programs. **Public Comments**
3. Motion to recommend approval of a grant request with Kent Plantation House in an amount not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) for advertisement and marketing of the Le Tour De Bayou to be held September 19-20, 2025. **Public Comments**
4. Motion to recommend approval of a grant request from Manna House in an amount not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) for meals and advertisement and marketing of the AM Pro Tour to be held on April 2-5, 2025. **Public Comments**
5. Motion to recommend approval of a grant request from the Louisiana Department of Veterans of Foreign Wars in an amount not to exceed Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) for the State Convention to be held June 26-29, 2025. **Public Comments**
6. Motion to recommend approval of a grant request from the Grand Lodge of Louisiana F & AM in an amount not to exceed Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) for the 214th Annual Grand Lodge Session to be held April 25-28, 2025. **Public Comments**
7. Motion to recommend approval of a grant request from the Diocese of Alexandria in an

amount not to exceed Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) for the Genesis of Eve Women's Conference "Be The One" to be held September 12-14, 2025. **Public Comments**

8. Motion to recommend approval of a grant request from the Kappa Alpha Psi Southwestern Province in an amount not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars(\$10,000) for the Kappa Alpha Psi Southwestern Province Membership Training Academy to be held April 4-6, 2025.  
**Public Comments**
9. To hear discussion regarding the Museum of Arts Cooperative Endeavor Agreement
10. To hear discussion regarding future grant funding.
11. To hear public comments.

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