

**Greater Alexandria Economic Development Authority  
Economic Development Committee Special Call Meeting**

Minutes: Meeting of Thursday, February 6, 2055

Present: Mr. Steven R. McGee; Rev. Earl Williams, Jr.; Mr. John Carroll

Absent: Mr. Ronald Morgan

The special call meeting of the Greater Alexandria Economic Development Authority Economic Development Committee was called to order by Commissioner McGee at 8:18 a.m. Executive Director, Angela Varnado called the roll. A quorum was present.

The Committee heard discussion regarding the Special Events/Tourism/Grants Requests.

It was moved to add to the agenda a motion to consider the Quality-of-Life 2025 submissions. There being no public comments, motion passed by unanimous consent.

It was moved by Commissioner Carroll and seconded by Commissioner Williams to recommend approving a Cooperative Endeavor with the Rapides Symphony Orchestra in an amount not to exceed Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) for the 2025 Concert Series. There being no public comments, motion passed by unanimous consent.

It was moved by Commissioner Carroll and seconded by Commissioner Williams to recommend approving a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Alexandria Museum of Art in an amount not to exceed Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000). There being no public comments, motion passed by unanimous consent.

It was moved by Commissioner Carroll and seconded by Commissioner McGee to recommend approving a Cooperative endeavor Agreement with River Oaks Art Center in an amount not to exceed Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) for the 2025 Exhibition Series. There being no public comments, motion passed by unanimous consent.

It was moved by Commissioner McGee and seconded by Commissioner Carroll to recommend approving a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Arts Council of Central Louisiana in an amount not to exceed Twenty Thousand Dollars(\$20,000) for the 2025 Performing Arts Series. There being no public comments, motion passed by unanimous consent.

It was moved by Commissioner McGee and seconded by Commissioner Williams to recommend approving a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Central Louisiana Juneteenth Association in an amount not to exceed Fourteen Thousand Dollars (\$14,000) for the 2025 Programs. There being no public comments, motion passed by unanimous consent.

It was moved by Commissioner McGee and seconded by Commissioner Williams to recommend approving a grant request from 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. There being no public comments, motion passed by unanimous consent.

The Executive Director commented that the Central Louisiana Regional Chamber of Commerce had not submitted a proposal to date. A discussion was held.

The Committee agreed to allow the Chamber to submit the proposal to the Executive Director so that it can appear on the February 18, 2025 agendas.

The Executive Director further commented that 12 Grant submissions would need to be discussed for recommendation to the full Board. The Committee agreed to have recommendations for the February 18, 2025, Committee meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:17 a.m.