

**Greater Alexandria Economic Development Authority  
Executive & Government Relations Committee Meeting**

Minutes: Meeting of Tuesday, February 15, 2022

Present: John Carroll, Chair; Stephen McGee, Vice-Chair; Candice Cheney,  
Secretary/Treasurer

Absent: None

The monthly meeting of the Greater Alexandria Economic Development Authority's Executive & Government Relations Committee was called to order by Commissioner Carroll at 8:04 a.m. Executive Administrator, Angela Varnado called the roll. A quorum was present.

A motion to recommend approval of the GAEDA Rules of Procedure was tabled until the next regularly scheduled meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:08 a.m.

**Greater Alexandria Economic Development Authority  
Administration & Legal Committee Meeting**

Minutes: Meeting of Tuesday, February 15, 2022

Present: Steven R. McGee, Chair; Candice Cheney

Absent: None

The monthly meeting of the Greater Alexandria Economic Development Authority's Administration & Legal Committee was called to order by Commissioner McGee at 8:08 a.m. Executive Administrator, Angela Varnado called the roll. A quorum was present.

The Committee heard a report from the CPA regarding the January 2022 Financial Statements. A discussion was held.

It was moved by Commissioner Cheney and seconded by Commissioner McGee to recommend approval of the January 2022 Financial Statements. There being no public comments, motion passed by unanimous vote.

It was moved by Commissioner McGee and seconded by Commissioner Cheney to recommend ratifying the payment of the January 2022 Accounting Bill. There being no public comments, motion passed by unanimous vote.

It was moved by Commissioner Cheney and seconded by Commissioner McGee ratifying the payment of the January 2022 Legal Bill. There being no public comments, motion passed by unanimous vote.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:11 a.m.

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

Minutes: Meeting of Tuesday, February 15, 2022

Present: Steven R. McGee; Curtis Lewis

Absent: None

The monthly meeting of the Greater Alexandria Economic Development Authority's Economic Development Committee was called to order by Commissioner McGee at 8:12 a.m. Executive Administrator, Angela Varnado called the roll. A quorum was present.

It was moved by Commissioner McGee and seconded by Commissioner Lewis to recommend approval of a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Alexandria Mardi Gras Association in an amount not to exceed Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) for advertisement and marketing of the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Classic Car College Cheerleader Parade, the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Children's Parade and the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Krewe Parade. A discussion was held. There being no public comments, motion passed by unanimous vote.

It was moved by Commissioner Lewis and seconded by Commissioner McGee to recommend approval of a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Louisiana State Council Knight of Columbus in an amount not to exceed Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) for meals and advertisement/marketing of the 117<sup>th</sup> Annual State Convention. A discussion was held. There being no public comments, motion passed by unanimous vote.

It was moved by Commissioner McGee and seconded by Commissioner Lewis to recommend approval of a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Disabled American Veterans in an amount not to exceed Nine Thousand Dollars (\$9,000) for meals at the 2022 Department Annual State Convention. A discussion was held. There being no public comments, motion passed by unanimous vote.

It was moved by Commissioner McGee and seconded by Commissioner Lewis to recommend approval of a Cooperative Endeavor with the Central Louisiana Juneteenth Association in an amount not to exceed Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000) for meals and advertisement/marketing of the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Juneteenth Celebration. A discussion was held. There being no public comments, motion passed by unanimous vote.

It was moved by Commissioner McGee and seconded by Commissioner Lewis to recommend approval of a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Alexandria/Pineville Conventions and Visitors Bureau for a hosting fee of the 2022 Future Farmers of America (FFA) Conference in an amount not to exceed Eighteen Thousand Dollars. (\$18,000). A discussion was held. There being no public comments, motion passed by unanimous vote.

It was moved by Commissioner Lewis and seconded by Commissioner McGee to recommend approval of a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Tekakwitha Conference in an amount not to exceed Twenty-Three Thousand Dollars (\$23,000) for the 83rd Annual Tekakwitha Conference. A discussion was held. There being no public comments, motion passed by unanimous vote.

It was moved by Commissioner McGee and seconded by Commissioner Lewis to recommend approval of a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Alexandria Dixie Girls Softball Program in an amount not to exceed Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) for advertisement/marketing of the 2022 Dixie Girls Softball World Series. A discussion was held. There being no public comments, motion passed by unanimous vote.

It was moved by Commissioner McGee and seconded by Commissioner Lewis to recommend approval of a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Kent Plantation House in an amount not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) for the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Le Tour de Bayou. A discussion was held. There being no public comments, motion passed by unanimous vote.

It was moved by Commissioner McGee and seconded by Commissioner to recommend adding to the agenda a motion to approve a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Louisiana Women in Agriculture in an amount not to exceed Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000) for advertisement/marketing of the 2022 LA Women in Agriculture Conference and Expo. There being no public comments, motion was added by unanimous vote.

It was moved by Commissioner McGee and seconded by Commissioner to recommend approval of a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Louisiana Women in Agriculture in an amount not to exceed Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000) for advertisement/marketing of the 2022 LA Women in Agriculture Conference and Expo. There being no public comments, motion passed by unanimous vote.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:54 a.m.

**Greater Alexandria Economic Development Authority  
Capital Projects Committee Meeting**

Minutes: Meeting of Tuesday, February 15, 2022

Present: Candice Cheney; Steven R. McGee

Absent: None

The monthly meeting of the Greater Alexandria Economic Development Authority's Capital Projects Committee was called to order by Commissioner Cheney at 8:54 a.m. Executive Administrator, Angela Varnado called the roll. A quorum was present.

There being no business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 a.m.

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

Minutes: Meeting of Tuesday, February 15, 2022

Present: Charles F. Smith, Chair; Curtis Lewis; Renee White-Goolsby

Absent: None

The monthly meeting of the Greater Alexandria Economic Development Authority's Operation's Committee was called to order by Commissioner Smith at 8:56 a.m. Executive Administrator, Angela Varnado called the roll. A quorum was present.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:56 a.m.

**Greater Alexandria Economic Development Authority  
Human Resources Committee Meeting**

Minutes: Meeting of Tuesday, February 15, 2022

Present: Candice Cheney, Chair; Charles F. Smith; Curtis Lewis

Absent: None

The monthly meeting of the Greater Alexandria Economic Development Authority's Human Resources Committee was called to order by Commissioner Cheney at 8:56 a.m. Executive Administrator, Angela Varnado called the roll. A quorum was present.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:57 a.m.

**Greater Alexandria Economic Development Authority  
Regular Meeting**

Minutes: Meeting of Tuesday, February 15, 2022

Present: John Carroll, Chair; Steven R. McGee, Vice-Chair; Candice Cheney, Secretary/  
Treasurer; Charles Frederick Smith; Renee White-Goolsby; Curtis Lewis

Absent: None

The monthly regular meeting of the Greater Alexandria Economic Development Authority was called to order by Commissioner Carroll at 8:57 a.m. Executive Administrator, Angela Varnado called the roll. A quorum was present.

The Chair called for nominations to be open for 2022 Chairperson. The results were as follows:

Commissioner Cheney nominated Commissioner Goolsby. A roll call vote was as follows:

Commissioner Smith- No  
Commissioner Carroll- No  
Commissioner Lewis-No  
Commissioner Cheney-Yes  
Commissioner Goolsby-Yes  
Commissioner McGee-No

Commissioner Goolsby nominated Commissioner Lewis. A roll call vote was as follows:

Commissioner Smith- Yes  
Commissioner Carroll- No  
Commissioner Lewis-Yes  
Commissioner Cheney-Yes  
Commissioner Goolsby-Yes  
Commissioner McGee-No

Commissioner Carroll nominated Commissioner McGee. A roll call vote was as follows:

Commissioner Smith- No  
Commissioner Carroll- Yes  
Commissioner Lewis-No  
Commissioner Cheney-No  
Commissioner Goolsby-No  
Commissioner McGee-Yes

By roll call vote, Commissioner Lewis was elected Chair by 4/6 votes.

Commissioner Carroll asked Commissioner Lewis to take control of the meeting as the new Chair.



The Chair called for nominations to be open for 2022 Vice-Chairperson. The results were as follows:

Commissioner Smith nominated Commissioner McGee. A roll call vote was as follows:

Commissioner Smith- Yes  
Commissioner Carroll- Yes  
Commissioner Lewis-Yes  
Commissioner Cheney-Yes  
Commissioner Goolsby-No  
Commissioner McGee-Yes

By roll call vote, Commissioner McGee was elected Chair by 5/6 votes.

The Chair called for nominations to be open for 2022 Secretary/Treasurer. The results were as follows:

Commissioner McGee nominated Commissioner Cheney. A roll call vote was as follows:

Commissioner Smith- Yes  
Commissioner Carroll- Yes  
Commissioner Lewis-Yes  
Commissioner Cheney-Yes  
Commissioner Goolsby-Yes  
Commissioner McGee-Yes

By roll call vote, Commissioner Cheney was elected Chair by 6/6 votes.

It was moved by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Carroll to approve the January 27, 2022, Special Call Meeting Minutes. There being no public comments, motion passed by unanimous vote.

The Board agreed to table Item 4. Motion to approve the GAEDA Rules of Procedures until the next regularly scheduled meeting.

It was moved by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Carroll to approve a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Alexandria Mardi Gras Association in an amount not to exceed Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) for advertisement and marketing of the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Classic Car College Cheerleader Parade, the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Children's Parade and the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Krewe Parade. A discussion was held. There being no public comments, motion passed by unanimous vote.

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There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 a.m.