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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 meetings of the Greater Alexandria Economic Development Authority (GAEDA) are as follows:**

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**Tuesday, May 21, 2024**

**8:00 A.M.**

**The Hotel Bentley ~ Bayou Roberts Room**

**200 Desoto Street**

**Alexandria, LA 71301**

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**REGULAR MEETING**

**Tuesday, May 21, 2024**

**8:15 A.M.**

**The Hotel Bentley ~ Bayou Roberts Room**

**200 Desoto Street**

**Alexandria, LA 71301**

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**THE GREATER ALEXANDRIA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
AUTHORITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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**GAEDA COMMITTEE MEETINGS AGENDA**

**Tuesday, May 21, 2024 ~ 8:00 a.m.**

**The Hotel Bentley ~ Bayou Roberts Room**

**200 Desoto Street ~ Alexandria, LA 71301**

*(Public comments can be made prior to any vote)*

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

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**Executive, Administration and Legal Committee**

Mr. Greg Upton, Chair; Dr. Curtis Lewis, Vice-Chair; Mrs. Paula Katz, Secretary/Treasurer

1. Motion to recommend approving the April 2024 Draft Financial Statements. **Public Comments**
2. To hear public comments.

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**Governmental Relations Committee**

Mr. John Carroll, Chair; Mr. Chris Patel; Mr. John Callis

1. To hear public comments.

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**Capital Projects Committee**

Mr. Ronald Morgan, Chair; Chris Patel; Dr. Curtis Lewis

1. To hear public comments.

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**Economic Development Committee**

Dr. Curtis Lewis, Chair; Mr. Chris Patel; Mr. Ronald Morgan; Mr. John Callis

1. Motion to recommend approving a grant request with Peak Fighting Championship in an amount not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) for out of area advertisement and marketing of the PFC 41 event to be held November 16, 2024. **Public Comments**
2. Motion to recommend approving a grant request with the Louisiana Animal Care and Control Association in an amount not to exceed Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000) for out of area advertisement and marketing of the Louisiana Animal Care and Control Association Training to be held July 22-July 26, 2024. **Public Comments.**
3. Motion to recommend approving a grant request in an amount not to exceed One Thousand

Dollars (\$1,000) for out of market advertisement and marketing and Nine Thousand Dollars (\$9,000) for meals at the Southwestern Diocese Convention to be held June 26- June 30, 2024. **Public Comments.**

4. Motion to recommend approving a grant request with RRIS Play House in an amount not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) for advertisement and out-of-market advertising of the “Soul Purpose” Stage Play to be held October 26, 2024 at the Coughlin Saunders Performing Arts Center. – **Public Comments**
5. Motion to recommend approving a grant request with United Educational Missionary Baptist Association, Inc (UEMBA) in an amount not to exceed Thirteen Thousand Dollars (\$13,000) meals and out of market area advertisement of the Louisiana Home and Foreign Missions Baptist Convention, Inc. (LHFMB) to be held on July 28- August 1, 2024.
6. To hear public comments

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**Operations & Human Resource Committee**

Mrs. Paula Katz, Chair; Mr. Ronald Morgan, Mr. John Callis

1. To hear public comments



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**REGULAR MEETING AGENDA  
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- A. Call to Order**
- B. Invocation**
- C. Pledge of Allegiance**
- D. Roll Call**
- F. Active Items**

- 1) Motion to approve the May 2024 Consent Agenda:
  - a) Motion to approve the April 16, 2024 Meeting Minutes. - **Public Comments**
  - b) Motion to approve the April 2024 Draft Financial Statements-**Public Comments**
- 2) Motion to approve the March 2024 Meeting Minutes- **Public Comments**
- 3) Motion to approve the February 13, 2024 Meeting Minutes-**Public Comments**
- 4) Motion to approve the February 14, 2024 Meeting Minutes – **Public Comments**
- 5) Motion to approve the February 19, 2024 Meeting Minutes-**Public Comments**
- 6) Motion to approve the April 5, 2024 Special Call Meeting Minutes. – **Public Comments**
- 7) Motion to approve the April 16, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes – **Public Comments**
- 8) Motion to approve the April 25, 2024 Special Call Meeting Minutes – **Public Comments**
- 9) Motion to approve the April 30, 2024 Special call Meeting Minutes- **Public**

***\*Additions to agenda made by unanimous consent only!***

## Comments

- 10) Motion to approve a grant request with Peak Fighting Championship in an amount not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) for advertisement and marketing of the PFC 41 event to be held November 16, 2024.-**Public Comments**
- 11) Motion to approve a grant request with the Louisiana Animal Care and Control Association in an amount not to exceed Seven Thousand Dollars (\$7,000) for advertisement and marketing of the Louisiana Animal Care and Control Association's Training to be held July 22-July 26, 2024. -**Public Comments.**
- 12) Motion to approve a grant request with the Southwestern Diocese COCHUSA in an amount not to exceed One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) for advertisement and marketing and Nine Thousand Dollars (\$9,000) for meals at the Southwestern Diocese Convention to be held June 26- June 30, 2024. **Public Comments.**
- 13) Motion to approve a grant request with RRIS Play House in an amount not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) for advertisement and out-of-market advertising of the "Soul Purpose" Stage Play to be held October 26, 2024 at the Coughlin Saunders Performing Arts Center. – **Public Comments**
- 14) Motion to approve a grant request with United Educational Missionary Baptist Association, Inc (UEMBA) in an amount not to exceed Thirteen Thousand Dollars (\$13,000) meals and out of market area advertisement of the Louisiana Home and Foreign Missions Baptist Convention, Inc. (LHFMB) to be held on July 28- August 1, 2024. – **Public Comments**

- G. Executive Director Comments**
- H. Commissioner Comments**
- I. Legal Counsel Comments**
- J. Public Comments or Questions**
- K. Adjourn**

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