

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

Minutes: Meeting of Tuesday, June 20, 2017

Present: Tamara Battles, Chair John Carroll, Vice-Chair;  
Paula Nelson, Secretary/Treasurer

Absent: None

The regular monthly meeting of the Greater Alexandria Economic Development Authority's Executive & Government Relations Committee was called to order by Commissioner Battles at 8:03 a.m. Executive Administrator, Angela Varnado called the roll. A quorum was present.

The Executive Director reported on the June 13th Alexandria City Council Special Call meeting regarding an ordinance to authorize the Mayor to purchase certain property within SPARC CRA-3, known as the Masonic Drive Corridor the Masonic Drive Property. A discussion was held.

There being no business to come before the Executive and Government Relations Committee, the committee meeting was adjourned at 8:11a.m.

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

Minutes: Meeting of Tuesday, June 20, 2017

Present: Becky Barnes, Chair; Tamara Battles; Paula Nelson

Absent: None

The regular monthly meeting of the Greater Alexandria Economic Development Authority's Human Resource Committee was called to order by Commissioner Barnes at 8:16 a.m. Executive Administrator, Angela Varnado called the roll. A quorum was present.

There being no business to come before the Human Resources committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:17 a.m.

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

Minutes: Meeting of Tuesday, June 20, 2017

Present: John Carroll, Chair; Ralph Covington

Absent: Jay Sharplin

The regular monthly meeting of the Greater Alexandria Economic Development Authority's Administration & Legal Committee was to order by Commissioner Carroll at 8:17a.m. Executive Administrator, Angela Varnado called the roll. A quorum was present.

The Committee heard a report from John Theriot, CPA regarding the May 2017 financial statements. A discussion was held.

It was moved by Commissioner Covington and seconded by Commissioner Carroll to recommend approval of the May 2017 financial statements. A discussion was held. There being no public comments, motion passed by unanimous vote.

It was moved by Commissioner Covington and seconded by Commissioner Carroll to recommend authorizing the GAEDA Board Chair and Secretary/Treasurer to sign the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire in connection with the GAEDA Audit of financial statements as of January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2016. There being no public comments, motion passed by unanimous vote.

It was moved by Commissioner Covington and seconded by Commissioner Carroll to recommend payment of the May 2017 legal bills. There being no public comments, motion passed by unanimous vote.

It was moved by Commissioner Covington and seconded by Commissioner Carroll to recommend payment of the May 2017 accounting bill. There being no public comments, motion passed by unanimous vote.

There being no further business to come before the Administration & Legal committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:19 a.m.

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

Minutes: Meeting of Tuesday, June 20, 2017

Present: Paula Nelson, Chair; John Carroll

Absent: Jay Sharplin

The regular monthly meeting of the Greater Alexandria Economic Development Authority's Economic Development Committee was called to order by Commissioner Nelson at 8:20 a.m. Executive Administrator, Angela Varnado called the roll. A quorum was present.

It was moved by Commissioner Carroll and seconded by Commissioner Nelson to consider approval of a grant request from the Louisiana Head Start Association (LHSA) for the 2017 Training Conference in the amount of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) for advertisement & marketing. A discussion was held. There being no public comments, motion passed by unanimous vote.

It was moved by Commissioner Carroll and seconded by Commissioner Nelson to consider approval of a grant request from New Bethel Community Missionary Baptist Church for the 2017 Family Concert Series in the amount of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) for food and advertisement. A discussion was held. There being no public comments, motion passed by unanimous vote.

It was moved by Commissioner Carroll and seconded by Commissioner Nelson to consider approval of a grant request from the American Association of Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities-Louisiana Chapter for the 2017 Annual Meeting & Conference in the amount of Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$3,500) for food and advertisement. A discussion was held. There being no public comments, motion passed by unanimous vote.

It was moved by Commissioner Carroll and seconded by Commissioner Nelson to consider approval of a grant request from KeepPuchnchin Entertainment for the 2017 Toe-To Toe Fight Festival (Professional Boxing) event in the amount of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) for advertisement and marketing. A discussion was held. There being no public comments, motion passed by unanimous vote.

It was moved by Commissioner Carroll and seconded by Commissioner Nelson to consider approval of a grant request from the Tree House Children's Museum 2017 CENLA Duck Derby in the amount of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) for advertisement. A discussion was held. There being no public comments, motion passed by unanimous vote.

It was moved by Commissioner Carroll and seconded by Commissioner Nelson to consider approval of a grant request from the Central LA Coalition to Prevent Homelessness, Inc. for the 2017 State Homelessness Conference in the amount of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) for meals and advertisement. A discussion was held. There being no public comments, motion passed by unanimous vote.

There being no further business to come before the Economic Development Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:33 a.m.

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

Minutes: Meeting of Tuesday, June 20, 2018

Present: Ralph Covington, Chair; John Carroll

Absent: Jay Sharplin

The regular monthly meeting of the Greater Alexandria Economic Development Authority's Capital Projects Committee was called to order by Commissioner Covington at 8:33 a.m. Executive Administrator, Angela Varnado, called the roll. A quorum was present.

There being no further business to come before the Capital Projects Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:33 a.m.

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

Minutes: Meeting of Tuesday, June 20, 2017

Present: Michael Caffery, Chair; Ralph Covington; Becky Barnes

Absent: None

The regular monthly meeting of the Greater Alexandria Economic Development Authority's Operations Committee was called to order by Commissioner Caffery at 8:29 a.m. Executive Administrator, Angela Varnado, called the roll. A quorum was present.

Commissioner Caffery requested that staff present other major projects GAEDA is no going forward with and the status of some current projects. A discussion was held.

There being no business to come before the Operations Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:34 a.m.

**Greater Alexandria Economic Development Authority  
Regular Meeting**

Minutes: Meeting of Tuesday, June 20, 2017

Present: John Carroll, Vice-Chair; Paula Nelson, Secretary/Treasurer; Becky Barnes  
Michael Caffery; Ralph Covington

Absent: Tamara Battles, Chair; Jay Sharplin

The regular monthly meeting of the Greater Alexandria Economic Development Authority was called to order at 8:35 a.m. by Commissioner Battles. Executive Administrator, Angela Varnado called the roll. A quorum was present.

It was moved Commissioner Caffery and seconded by Commissioner Nelson to approve the June 2017 Consent Agenda:

- a) Motion to approve the minutes from the May 2017 board meeting
- b) Motion to approve payment of the May 2017 legal bill
- c) Motion to accept the May 2017 financial statements
- d) Motion to approve payment of the May 2017 accounting bill

There being no public comments, motion passed by unanimous vote.

It was moved by Commissioner Nelson and seconded by Commissioner Caffery to approve a grant request from the Louisiana Head Start Association (LHSA) for the 2017 Training Conference in the amount of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) for advertisement & marketing. There being no public comments, motion passed by unanimous vote.

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Councilman Joe Fuller thanked the GAEDA Board for doing the right thing in regards to the Masonic Drive Property.

Councilman Ed Lavardain thanked the Board for staying stron and encouraged the Board to continue to help move the city forward.

Councilman Jules Green invited the Board to attend the Council meeting regarding the zoning issue. He also reiterated that the City should not turn into a real estate organization.

Commissioner Carroll thanked the Councilmembers for their comments.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:52 a.m.