

**Greater Alexandria Economic Development Authority
Regular Meeting Agenda**

Minutes: Meeting of Tuesday, February 19, 2019

Present: Tamara Battles, Chair; Michael Caffery, Vice-Chair; John Carroll; Ralph Covington; Jay Sharplin

Absent: Paula Nelson, Secretary/Treasurer; Zebulon Winstead;

The monthly meeting of the Greater Alexandria Economic Development Authority was called to order by Commissioner Battles at 8:30 a.m. Executive Administrator, Angela Varnado called the roll. A quorum was present.

It was moved by Commissioner Caffery and seconded by Commissioner Covington to approve the February 2019 Consent Agenda. Motion passed by unanimous vote. No public comments.

It was moved by Commissioner Caffery and seconded by Commissioner Carroll to approve the March 2019 Consent Agenda. Motion passed by unanimous vote. No public comments.

It was moved by Commissioner Carroll and seconded by Commissioner Sharplin to hire the Law Office of Tiffany N. Sanders as Legal Counsel for GAEDA. Motion passed by 4 votes. Commissioner Caffery recused himself. No public comments.

It was moved by Commissioner Caffery and seconded by Commissioner Carroll to retain Knight Masden CPA's as the certified accountant for GAEDA. Motion passed by unanimous vote. No public comments.

It was moved by Commissioner Carroll and seconded by Commissioner Caffery to amend the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Alexandria/Pineville Conventions and Visitors Bureau (CVB) for the 2019 Louisiana High School Athletic Association (LHSAA) Basketball Championship to reflect the bid fee of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) instead of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000). and Ten Thousand (\$10,000) for the Powerlifting bid fee. Motion passed by unanimous vote. No public comments.

It was moved by Commissioner Carroll and seconded by Commissioner Caffery to approve a grant request from the Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs in the amount of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500) for meals at the 2019 Annual Training Conference. Motion passed by unanimous vote. No public comments.

The Executive Director introduced the subject of "Opportunity Zones" and said that he would give a more informational report as the concept unfolds. A discussion was held.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:44 a.m.