

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

Minutes: Meeting of Tuesday, December 10, 2019

Present: Tamara Battles, Chair; Michael Caffery, Vice-Chair; Paula Nelson,  
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 Battles at 8:03 a.m. Executive Administrator, Angela Varnado called the roll. A quorum was present.

It was moved by Commissioner Caffery and seconded by Commissioner Carroll to add to the agenda a motion to discuss information regarding the Administration's request for an appointee to the Alexandria Festival Association. A discussion was held. The Committee agreed to further discuss the item in the Regular meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 a.m.

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

Minutes: Meeting of Tuesday, December 10, 2019

Present: Zebulon Winstead, Chair Paula Nelson; Tamara Battles

Absent: None

The monthly meeting of the Greater Alexandria Economic Development Authority's Human Resource Committee was called to order by Commissioner Winstead at 8:10 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 8:11 a.m.

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

Minutes: Meeting of Tuesday, December 10, 2019

Present: John Carroll, Chair; Jay Sharplin; Ralph Covington

Absent: None

The monthly meeting of the Greater Alexandria Economic Development Authority's Administration & Legal Committee was called to order by Commissioner Carroll at 8:11 a.m. Executive Administrator, Angela Varnado called the roll. A quorum was present.

The Committee heard a report by the CPA regarding the November 2019 financials. It was moved by Commissioner Sharplin and seconded by Commissioner Covington to recommend approval of the November 2019 financial statements. There being no public comments, motion passed by unanimous vote.

It was moved by Commissioner Sharplin and seconded by Commissioner Covington to recommend payment of the November 2019 legal bill. There being no public comments, motion passed by unanimous vote.

It was moved by Commissioner Sharplin and seconded by Commissioner Covington to recommend payment of the regular November accounting bill and the November 2019 accounting bill for revisions of the policies and procedures. 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 8:16 a.m.

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

Minutes: Meeting of Tuesday, December 10, 2019

Present: Paula Nelson, Chair; John Carroll; Jay Sharplin

Absent: None

The monthly meeting of the Greater Alexandria Economic Development Authority's Economic Development Committee was called to order by Commissioner Nelson at 8:16 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 recommend approval of a grant to Magnolia A Productions, LLC in an amount not to exceed Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000) for the 2020 Maternally Yours Film Production. A discussion was held. There being no further discussion, motion was passed by unanimous vote.

It was moved by Commissioner Carroll and seconded by Commissioner Sharplin to recommend approval of a grant to the Heart of Hospice Foundation in an amount not to exceed Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000) for the 2020 Spring Reception. A discussion was held. There being no further discussion, motion was passed by unanimous vote.

It was moved by Commissioner Carroll and seconded by Commissioner Nelson to recommend approval of a grant to the Louisiana York Rite Bodies in an amount not to exceed Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) for the 2020 Masonic Grand Session. A discussion was held. There being no further discussion, motion was passed by 2 votes, Commissioner Sharplin recused himself.

It was moved by Commissioner Carroll and seconded by Commissioner Nelson to recommend approval a grant request with the Processional Gathering of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International in the amount not to exceed Five thousand Dollars (\$5,000) for the 2020 Louisiana State Convention. A discussion was held. There being no further discussion, motion was passed by 2 votes, Commissioner Sharplin recused himself.

It was moved by Commissioner Carroll and seconded by Commissioner Sharplin to recommend denial of a grant request to the Louisiana Boat Racing Association for the 2020 Boat Races. A discussion was held. There being no further discussion, motion was passed by unanimous vote.

It was moved by Commissioner Carroll and seconded by Commissioner Sharplin to recommend denial of a grant request to Fit Families for CENLA, INC for the Share the Road Signs Project. There being no further discussion, motion was passed by unanimous vote.

It was moved by Commissioner Carroll and seconded by Commissioner Sharplin to recommend denial of a grant request to the Louisiana Gridiron Football LLC for the 2020 Louisiana Gridiron All Star Bowl. There being no further discussion, motion was passed by unanimous vote.

It was moved by Commissioner Carroll and seconded by Commissioner Nelson to recommend denial of a grant request to the Pineville High School Council for the 2020 Louisiana Association of Student Councils Convention. There being no further discussion, motion was passed by unanimous vote.

It was moved by Commissioner Carroll and seconded by Commissioner Nelson to recommend approval of a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with General Athletics in an amount not to exceed Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) in totality for the following events:

- a) LSUA Athletics Regular Season Home Events in 2020
- b) NA/A Baseball/Softball Opening Rounds in 2020
- c) Red River Athletic Conference Basketball Tournament in 2020
- d) Red River Athletic Conference Softball Tournament 2020. There being no discussion, motion was passed by 2 votes, Commissioner Sharplin recused himself.

It was moved by Commissioner Carroll and seconded by Commissioner Nelson to recommend approval a Cooperative Endeavor with the Alexandria Mardi Gras Association in an amount not to exceed Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) for the 2020 Mardi Gras Parades. A discussion was held. There being no further discussion, motion was passed by 2 votes, Commissioner Sharplin recused himself.

It was moved by Commissioner Carroll and seconded by Commissioner Nelson to recommend approval of a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Friends of Bringham in the amount up to Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$7,500) for the 2020 Bayou Rapides Invitational. A discussion was held. There being no further discussion, motion was passed by 2 votes, Commissioner Sharplin recused himself.

It was moved by Commissioner Carroll and seconded by Commissioner Nelson to recommend approval of a Cooperative Agreement with the Lake Amphibian Club in the amount up to Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) for the 2020 Lakefest. A discussion was held. There being no further discussion, motion was passed by 2 votes, Commissioner Sharplin recused himself.

It was moved by Commissioner Carroll and seconded by Commissioner Nelson to recommend approval of a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Department of LA, Veterans of Foreign Wars in the amount not to exceed Twenty-Seven Thousand Dollars (\$27,000) for the 2020 Conventions; up to Nine Thousand Dollars (\$9,000) for the Mid-Winter Conference; up to Nine Thousand Dollars (\$9,000) for the State Convention; and

up to Nine Thousand Dollars (\$9,000) for the Council of Administration. There being no further discussion, motion was passed by 2 votes, Commissioner Sharplin recused himself.

It was moved by Commissioner Carroll and seconded by Commissioner Nelson to recommend approval of a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement in the amount not to exceed Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000) for the K@G Sports LLC DBA All Pro Tour. There being no further discussion, motion was passed by 2 votes, Commissioner Sharplin recused himself.

There being no business to come before the Economic Development Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 a.m.

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

Minutes: Meeting of Tuesday, December 10, 2019

Present: Ralph Covington, Chair; John Carroll; Jay Sharplin

Absent: None

The monthly meeting of the Greater Alexandria Economic Development Authority's Capital Projects Committee was called to order by Commissioner Covington at 8:50 a.m. Executive Administrator, Angela Varnado called the roll. A quorum was present.

There being no business to come before the Capital Projects Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:51 a.m.

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

Minutes: Meeting of Tuesday, December 10, 2019

Present: Michael Caffery, Chair; Zebulon Winstead; Ralph Covington

Absent: None

The monthly meeting of the Greater Alexandria Economic Development Authority's Operations Committee was called to order by Commissioner Caffery at 8:52 a.m. Executive Administrator, Angela Varnado called the roll. A quorum was present.

Commissioner Caffery informed that the GAEDA website has been hacked but the GAEDA staff are addressing the issue.

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



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

Minutes: Meeting of Tuesday, December 10, 2019

Present: Tamara Battles, Chair; Paula Nelson, Secretary/Treasurer; Michael Caffery, Vice-Chair; John Carroll; Zeb Winstead; Jay Sharplin; Ralph Covington

Absent: None

The monthly meeting of the Greater Alexandria Economic Development Authority was called to order by Commissioner Battles at 8:52 a.m. Executive Administrator, Angela Varnado called the roll. A quorum was present.

It was moved by Commissioner Winstead and seconded by Commissioner Caffery to approve all items on the November 2019 Consent Agenda to include the November 2019 Accounting bill for revisions to the policies and procedures. There being no public comments, motion passed by unanimous vote.

It was moved by Commissioner Winstead and seconded by Commissioner Caffery to approve a grant to Magnolia A Productions, LLC in an amount not to exceed Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000) for the 2020 Maternally Yours Film Production. There being no discussion, motion was passed by unanimous vote.

It was moved by Commissioner Winstead and seconded by Commissioner Caffery to approve a grant to the Heart of Hospice Foundation in an amount not to exceed Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000) for the 2020 Spring Reception. There being no discussion, motion was passed by unanimous vote.

It was moved by Commissioner Winstead and seconded by Commissioner Nelson to approve a grant to the Louisiana York Rite Bodies in an amount not to exceed Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) for the 2020 Masonic Grand Session. There being no discussion, motion was passed by 6 votes, Commissioner Sharplin recused himself.

It was moved by Commissioner Winstead and seconded by Commissioner Nelson to recommend approval a grant request with the Processional Gathering of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International in the amount not to exceed Five thousand Dollars (\$5,000) for the 2020 Louisiana State Convention. There being no discussion, motion was passed by 6 votes, Commissioner Sharplin recused himself.

It was moved by Commissioner Caffery and seconded by Commissioner Winstead to deny a grant request to the Louisiana Boat Racing Association for the 2020 Boat Races. There being no discussion, motion was passed by unanimous vote.

It was moved by Commissioner Winstead and seconded by Commissioner Nelson to deny a grant request to Fit Families for CENLA, INC for the Share the Road Signs Project. There being no discussion, motion was passed by unanimous vote.

It was moved by Commissioner Winstead and seconded by Commissioner Covington to deny a grant request to the Louisiana Gridiron Football LLC for the 2020 Louisiana Gridiron All Star Bowl. There being no discussion, motion was passed by unanimous vote.

It was moved by Commissioner Winstead and seconded by Commissioner Caffery to deny a grant request to the Pineville High School Council for the 2020 Louisiana Association of Student Councils Convention. There being no discussion, motion was passed by unanimous vote.

It was moved by Commissioner Winstead and seconded by Commissioner Caffery to approve a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with General Athletics in an amount not to exceed Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) in totality for the following events:

- a) LSUA Athletics Regular Season Home Events in 2020
- b) NA/A Baseball/Softball Opening Rounds in 2020
- c) Red River Athletic Conference Basketball Tournament in 2020
- d) Red River Athletic Conference Softball Tournament 2020. There being no discussion, motion was passed by 2 votes, Commissioner Sharplin recused himself.

It was moved by Commissioner Covington and seconded by Commissioner Caffery to approve a Cooperative Endeavor with the Alexandria Mardi Gras Association in an amount not to exceed Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) for the 2020 Mardi Gras Parades. There being no discussion, motion was passed by 5 votes, Commissioner Winstead and Commissioner Sharplin recused.

It was moved by Commissioner Nelson and seconded by Commissioner Caffery to approve a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Friends of Bringhurst in the amount up to Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$7,500) for the 2020 Bayou Rapides Invitational. There being no discussion, motion was passed by 5 votes, Commissioner Winstead and Commissioner Sharplin recused.

It was moved by Commissioner Winstead and seconded by Commissioner Caffery to approve a Cooperative Agreement with the Lake Amphibian Club in the amount up to Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) for the 2020 Lakefest. There being no discussion, motion was passed by 6 votes, Commissioner Sharplin recused himself.

It was moved by Commissioner Winstead and seconded by Commissioner Caffery to approve a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Department of LA, Veterans of Foreign Wars in the amount not to exceed Twenty-Seven Thousand Dollars (\$27,000) for the 2020 Conventions; up to Nine Thousand Dollars (\$9,000) for the Mid-Winter Conference; up to Nine Thousand Dollars (\$9,000) for the State Convention; and up to Nine Thousand Dollars (\$9,000) for the Council of Administration. There being no discussion, motion was passed by 6 votes, Commissioner Sharplin recused himself.

It was moved by Commissioner Winstead and seconded by Commissioner Covington to approve a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement in the amount not to exceed Six Thousand

Dollars (\$6,000) for the K@G Sports LLC DBA All Pro Tour. There being no discussion, motion was passed by 6 votes, Commissioner Sharplin recused himself.

It was moved by Commissioner Winstead and seconded by Commissioner Carroll to add to the agenda a motion to discuss information regarding the Administration's request for an appointee to the Alexandria Festival Association. There being no public comments, motion was added to the agenda by unanimous vote.

It was moved by Commissioner Winstead and seconded by Commissioner Carroll to discuss information regarding the Administration's request for an appointee to the Alexandria Festival Association. There being no public comments, motion was passed by unanimous vote.

It was moved by Commissioner Carroll and seconded by Commissioner Sharplin to add to the agenda a motion to appoint Commissioner Caffery to the Alexandria Festival Association. There being no public comments, motion was added to the agenda by unanimous vote.

It was moved by Commissioner Winstead and seconded by Commissioner Carroll to appoint Commissioner Caffery to the Alexandria Festival Association. A discussion was held. There being no further discussion, motion was passed by unanimous vote.

The Executive Director commented that GAEDA is entering its 16<sup>th</sup> year. He thanked the Board for being engaged in all matters that concern the Authority.

Commissioner Covington commented that he is resigning. He has taken on a job that will not allow time to serve. He further commented that it has been a pleasure working with GAEDA and the GRC.

Commissioner Caffery commented that he looks forward to continuing to work with GAEDA and thanked the Board and staff for their hard work.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 a.m.