

**MIAMI-DADE EXPRESSWAY AUTHORITY (MDX)
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**MARCH 11, 2022
3:00 PM**

**WILLIAM M. LEHMAN MDX BUILDING
3790 NW 21ST STREET
MIAMI, FLORIDA 33142**

SUMMARY MINUTES

Members Present

Jose “Pepe” Diaz, Chairman
Dennis C. Moss, Vice Chair
Luz Weinberg Treasurer
Josenrique Cueto, P.E.
Jean Monestime
Shelly Smith Fano

Members Absent

Staff

Carlos Zaldivar, General Counsel
Marie T. Schafer, Director of Finance/CFO
Steve Andriuk, Director of Toll Operations
Juan C. Toledo, P.E., Director of Engineering
MariaLuisa Navia Lobo, Board Secretary

Consultants

Kevin Brown, HNTB (GEC-A)
Rick Crooks, EAC Consultants (GEC-B)

CALL TO ORDER & MOMENT OF SILENCE

Chairman Diaz called the meeting to order at 3:08 PM. He asked for a moment of silence and prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Board Members led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Ms. Navia Lobo called the roll and announced that a quorum of the MDX Board was present.

Chairman Diaz welcomed newly appointed Board member Josenrique Cueto.

Board Member Cueto stated that it's an honor to serve as an MDX Board Member, as a civil engineer, a civil servant and as a member of this community.

Chairman Diaz also thanked Ms. Darlene Fernandez for the time she served as an MDX Board Member and congratulated her on being one of the recipients of the - In the Company of Women Awards.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Vice Chairman Moss moved to approve the agenda. Treasurer Weinberg seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

DECLARATIONS OF VOTING CONFLICTS

No conflict declared

CITIZEN COMMENT

No comments

REGULAR AGENDA

Chairman Diaz recommended approving Regular Agenda Items A and B, the Summary Minutes and all the reports together. Vice Chairman Moss moved to approve all the items. Board Member Smith Fano seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

A) MDX Procurement/Contract No.: ITB-22-17; Upgrade of Toll System Image Storage (\$625,000 ESTIMATE)

- Approval to Advertise

B) MDX Procurement/Contract No.: RFQ-22-03; MDX Work Program No. 83618-009.020 Design Engineering Services for the Widening of SW 137th Avenue from SW 8th Street to SW 26th Street (\$520,000 ESTIMATE)

- Approval to Advertise

APPROVAL OF SUMMARY MINUTES

- Board Meeting of January 28, 2022

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A) Procurement Report

REPORTS

A) Treasurer's Report

INTERVIEWS FOR THE POSITION OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Mr. Zaldivar explained the three step process for the interviews. The first step, all three candidates will be interviewed. In the interest of fairness, all candidates will be asked the same questions. The questions were prepared by former Executive Director, Javier Rodriguez, P.E. Board Members may ask a follow up question based on the candidate's response. The interviews will be limited to one hour.

Step two in the process will be a discussion period if needed at the Board Members discretion.

The third step of the process would be the voting. In order to be selected Executive Director, the candidate must have the majority of the votes of the board.

At this time Chairman Diaz recessed the meeting for 20 minutes and asked Members to further review the applicant's resumes and references.

The meeting reconvened at 3:48PM, moved by Vice Chairman Moss and seconded by Board Member Smith Fano.

Mr. Zaldivar asked the Board Secretary to distribute the question to Members. Chairman Diaz confirmed with Members that they had not seen the questions prior to the meeting.

Vice Chairman Moss stated that in looking at the questions, there are some areas that had not been touched upon by the former executive director, how the board can address those issues clearly understanding that any questions asked of one individual must be asked of the other two as well. The questions he would like to ask; understand what the potential candidate's position(s) are on diversity as it relates to contracting and does the candidate have any conflicts, and/or relationships with those who have been trying to dismantle MDX.

The two questions provided by Vice Chairman Moss were added to the list of questions.

The candidates were secluded without their phones while the interviews were conducted.

[Questions prepared by former Executive Director, Javier Rodriguez, P.E., and Vice Chairman Moss are filed with the Board Secretary]

INTERVIEWS FOR THE POSITION OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A) Darlene M. Fernandez, P.E.

B) Frank P. Guyamier, P.E.

C) Juan C. Toledo, P.E.

Chairman Diaz requested the order of interviews be in reverse order as follows

Mr. Toledo, Mr. Guyamier and Ms. Fernandez. Interviews took place from 4:05PM to 6:30 PM

Selection of Successful Executive Director Candidate for Commencement of Contract Negotiations

Members interviewed the three applicants. Chairman Diaz recommended calling the roll for the vote;

Josenrique Cueto, P.E.	-	Ms. Fernandez
Jean Monestime	-	Ms. Fernandez
Shelly Smith Fano	-	Ms. Fernandez
Luz Weinberg, Treasurer	-	Mr. Toledo
Dennis C. Moss, Vice Chair	-	Ms. Fernandez
José “Pepe” Diaz, Chair	-	Ms. Fernandez

Vice Chairman Moss moved to appoint Ms. Darlene Fernandez as the next Executive Director of the Miami-Dade Expressway Authority. Board Member Cueto seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Board Members congratulated Ms. Fernandez.

Ms. Fernandez thanked members for the opportunity to serve as MDX’s next Executive Director. Chairman Diaz thanked the other two applicants.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Board Meeting, 4/26/2022, 4:00 PM, William M. Lehman MDX Building - Board Room

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chairman Moss made the Motion to Adjourn and seconded by all members.

Summary Minutes prepared by MariaLuisa Navia Lobo, Board Secretary.

Minutes are in summary form. For an electronic copy of the meeting recording please contact boardsecretary@mdxway.com