

**GREATER MIAMI EXPRESSWAY AGENCY (GMX)
MINUTES OF SPECIAL BOARD MEETING HELD THURSDAY, MAY 30, 2024**

The Greater Miami Expressway Agency held a public meeting on Thursday, May 30, 2024. The following were present:

Board Members:

- Richard Blanco, Board Member (Secretary)
- Mariana “Marili” Cancio, Board Member (Chair)
- Stacy L. Miller, P.E., Board Member & FDOT District Six Secretary
- Rodolfo Pages, Board Member (Treasurer)
- Fatima Perez, Board Member (Vice-Chair)

Staff:

- Torey Alston, Interim Executive Director
- Marie Schafer, Director of Budget, Finance & Accounting/CFO
- Juan Toledo, Director of Engineering & Emergency Management
- Claudio Diaferia, Director of Toll Operations & Transportation Technology
- Jackie Buitrago, Procurement Manager
- Michelle Hedges, HR Manager and ADA Coordinator
- Maria Luisa Navia Lobo, Board/Executive Secretary

Contracted legal Counsel:

- Jason Gonzalez, Lawson Huck Gonzalez
- Raymond Cordova, Lawson Huck Gonzalez

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chair Cancio.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Board Member Blanco led Board Members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Board Secretary Navia Lobo called the roll and announced that a quorum of the GMX Board was present.

DECLARATIONS OF VOTING CONFLICTS

No conflicts were declared.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

No comments

REGULAR AGENDA

A) Conduct Interviews for the Position of Executive Director

Chair Cancio introduced the item and asked Ms. Hedges to provide an overview of the national search process and the process the board will go through in selecting the Executive Director.

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Ms. Hedges informed Members that on September 27, 2023, the Governing Board approved the Executive Director search, and the Executive Director search committee was created on November 17, 2023. On March 28, 2024, the Executive Director's Job description was approved, and the Committee authorized to post for thirty days to conduct an internal search and have the human resources manager present all qualified candidates to the Committee. Ms. Hedges further stated that 199 resumes were received, and only six applicants met the minimum qualifications per the job description. While screening the six applicants, three out of the six had withdrawn because they had obtained employment elsewhere. The Executive Director Search Committee met on May 9, where the decision was made to have the entire Governing Board on-site for interviews with the three screened candidates. Ms. Hedges summarized the interview and selection process.

Board Member Blanco stated that he would like to have interviews first, then in a few weeks reconvene for the selection as discussed at the Committee.

Chair Cancio stated that she would like to complete the interview/selection process today because three already got jobs. Delaying a decision will impact the three candidates.

Member thoroughly discussed the item.

Board Member Blanco moved to table Agenda items II.A.2, a, b & c, which are the discussion period, the tabulation, and the final decision for two weeks, conducting interviews only. Vice Chair Perez seconded the motion. The motion failed.

Mr. Gonzalez entertained questions regarding the tabulation and selection process.

Treasurer Pages moved to use the tabulation form for the ranking process of the totality of the candidate, not on four or five individual items on the evaluation sheet. Board Member Blanco seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Members agreed to have Board Member Blanco ask the questions.

1) Interview Candidates

- Torey Alston, MBA, FCCM, CCA, CAAP
- Roger L. Leonard, MPA
- Vincent M. Tamagna, Ph.D.

[Candidates' resumes are filed with the Board Secretary]

At 12 noon, Mr. Blanco made a motion to extend the meeting time. Secretary Miller seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

2) Discussion Period

- a) The board completes and submits the evaluation sheet to the General Counsel for tabulation
- b) Approval of Executive Director Candidate for Commencement of Contract Negotiation
- c) Delegate authority to the Board or Executive Search Committee for the Commencement of Contract Negotiation

The candidates were ranked according to a 1-2-3 ranking system.

Mr. Gonzalez informed members that notes not filed and not shared with anybody else are exempt from public records law. Anything you write that is filed or shared with anyone else in this process is

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a public record.

Vice Chair Perez had to leave the meeting but continued the meeting via phone.

Members reconvened the meeting, and Vice Chair Perez was in attendance by phone.

Mr. Gonzalez announced the tabulation scores.

- Mr. Alston received a 5
- Dr. Tamagna received a 12
- Mr. Leonard received a 13

Board Member Blanco read the tabulation for the record.

Treasurer Pages moved to accept the tabulation results and proceed to contract negotiations with Mr. Alston. The motion was unanimously approved.

Members congratulated Mr. Alston.

Treasurer Pages delegated the authority to Board Member Blanco and the Executive Director Search Committee, in conjunction with HR and the legal team, to handle the contract negotiations with Mr. Alston. Secretary Miller seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

B) Governing Board Annual Re-Organization Board Elections

- Chair
- Vice-Chair
- Treasurer
- Secretary

Treasurer Pages moved to keep the current board officers structure for the upcoming year. Board Member Blanco seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

C) Approval of Updated Board Organizational Resolution

Treasurer Pages moved to approve the updated board organization resolution after the completion of the contract negotiations with Mr. Alston. Secretary Miller seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Governing Board Meeting, July 11, 2024 at 9:00 AM

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 pm.

Summary Minutes prepared by MariaLuisa Navia Lobo, Board Secretary. Minutes are in summary form. For an electronic video copy of the meeting recording, please visit www.gmx-way.com or contact boardsecretary@gmx-way.com