

GREATER MIAMI EXPRESSWAY AGENCY (GMX)

Minutes of

Thursday, January 25, 2024

The Greater Miami Expressway Agency held a public meeting on Thursday, January 25, 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
- Rafael Garcia, FDOT District Counsel and Acting GMX Counsel
- Marie Schafer, Director of Budget, Finance & Accounting/CFO
- Juan Toledo, Director of Engineering & Emergency Management
- Claudio Diaferia, Director of Toll Operations & Transportation Technology
- Michele Matalon, Senior Procurement Contracting Agent
- Michelle Hedges, HR Manager and ADA Coordinator
- Maria Luisa Navia Lobo, Board/Executive Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m. by Chair Cancio.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Cancio 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

Board member Blanco declared a conflict with *Agenda Item VIII. A GMX Procurement/Contract No. RFQ-24-01 - Design Engineering Services for SR 878 LED Lighting Conversion, Work Program No. 30041-000.*

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Mr. Carlos Carrillo, 8200 Northwest 41st Street, Suite 200, Doral, Florida 33166, executive director of the South Florida Chapter of the Associated General Contractors of America, addressed the board.

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES

- Board Meeting of December 13, 2023

Board Member Blanco moved to approve the summary minutes of the December 13, 2023, meeting. Secretary Miller seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

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CONSENT AGENDA

A) ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

1. Amendment to Bylaws

Mr. Alston introduced the item and highlighted the proposed changes to the bylaws.

Secretary Miller moved to approve the Consent Agenda – proposed changes to the GMX Bylaws. Vice Chair Perez seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

REGULAR AGENDA

- A) GMX Procurement/Contract No. RFQ-24-01 - Design Engineering Services for SR 878 LED Lighting Conversion, Work Program No. 30041-000.

Approval of Technical Evaluation Committee's (TEC) recommendation to select and enter into a Contract with HBC Engineering Company for an amount not to exceed \$700,000.

Mr. Alston introduced the item. Mr. Toledo explained that the item is the Technical Evaluation Committee (TEC) recommendation for design engineering services, the design of the HMDA lighting conversion. The TEC met on December 8, 2023, where the five proposals received for design engineering services for the design of the HMDA lighting conversion were evaluated. Based on the meeting results, the TEC selected HBC Engineering Company as the highest-ranked firm. The TEC recommendation is to award the contract for a not to exceed amount of \$700,000.

Secretary Miller moved to approve the TEC recommendation. Treasurer Pages seconded the motion. Board Member Blanco abstained. The motion was unanimously approved.

- B) GMX Procurement/Contract No. MDX 16-01 – Design-Build Services for the reconstruction of SR 836/I-395 From West of NW 17th Avenue to I-95/Midtown Interchange in Miami-Dade County for an amount not to exceed \$286,285.08

Approval of Supplemental Agreement No. 10 to the Design-Build Contract with Archer Western-De Moya Joint Venture (AWDMJV)

Mr. Toledo introduced the item and explained that this is a supplemental for additional work broken down into two components;

- Right-of-Way (ROW) Engineering Costs related to the ROW Easements
- Bridge 870367 (Bridge 113) Strengthening

The requested changes increase efficiencies, makes the Project functionally operational and improves the System's safety.

Secretary Miller informed members that she confirmed with her team because they had done some of the analysis, and it's very consistent with what was done on the FDOT side of the

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business when it came to the easements.

Treasurer Pages moved to approve the supplemental agreement. Vice Chair Perez seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

C) BOARD POLICY REVIEWS:

- Citizen Comment
- Code of Ethics
- Delegation of Authority
- Lobbyist Registration
- Public Records

Mr. Alston summarized each of the policies presented and highlighted substantive changes. Secretary Miller thanked staff for grouping the policies and bringing them back to the board for further review. She further stated that under the code of ethics, we have become a \$0 policy entity, which means no gifts of any value, which is prudent when dealing with so many contracts and consultants.

Mr. Alston and staff entertained questions from members.

Board member Blanco moved to approve changes to the policies presented. Vice Chair Perez seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

D) Update on Search Process for Executive Director – Board Member Blanco

Board member Blanco informed Members that the Executive Director Search Committee is scheduled following the Board Meeting.

REPORTS

A) Interim Executive Director Report

Mr. Alston presented a PowerPoint and highlighted the following;

Effective governance, financial stability, financial controls, daily operations, people and culture and communications and public engagement during this compassionate transition period.

Mr. Alston presented the tentative schedule for discussions on agency policies:

- March 2024 Meeting – Engineering Policies
- May 2024 Meeting – HR/Administration & Communications Policies
- July 2024 Meeting – Finance and Procurement Policies

After receiving input from the governing board, Mr. Alston reported that the core priorities to focus on to build the upcoming budget and work program: Safety; System Improvements & Preservation; Mobility Improvements and Congestion Relief; Transportation Technology.

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Mr. Alston introduced Michelle Hedges as the new HR manager and ADA coordinator.

Mr. Diaferia gave an update on the South Florida Saves program.

The Interim Executive Director's report was unanimously accepted.

[The Interim Executive Director's presentation is filed with the Board Secretary.]

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS – No Board Action Required

A) Procurement Report

Mr. Alston asked Mr. Toledo to give an update on the coordination with Miami-Dade County for the reimbursement. Mr. Toledo informed board members that there have been several status requests in the past months and that they have not heard back from the County Attorney's office.

Treasurer Pages recommended directing the Interim Executive Director to pursue any and all possible alternatives and avenues to recover open balances from Miami-Dade County. Board Member Blanco seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Executive Director Search Committee Meeting, January 25, 2024 at 9:45 am
- Next Governing Board Meeting - March 28, 2024 at 9:00 am

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 am

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