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**MDX BOARD APPOINTMENTS:** County commissioners voted Tuesday to re-appoint **Arthur Meyer** for a four-year term and appoint **Vincent Brown** for a one-year term on the board of the Miami-Dade Expressway Authority. There were three candidates, including **Roymi Membiela**, whose names appeared on a ballot presented to the board. The highest vote-getter, Mr. Meyer with 10, was to be given the longer term. Originally, Mr. Brown and Ms. Membiela were tied with six votes but a second ballot came to six for Mr. Brown and four for Ms. Membiela. **Juan Zapata** had left the room by the time the second vote was taken and **Xavier Suarez** said he would only vote for

the one-year term as he hopes the agency doesn't exist in four years and will "busy himself" making sure it doesn't.

**PROJECT SNEAK PREVIEW:** Jackson Health System will list projects coming up over the next few years for its \$1.4 billion, 10-year capital plan on the healthcare system's website so contractors can see them and bid, according to President and CEO **Carlos A. Migoya**. He appeared before the Economic Prosperity Committee last week, when members unanimously approved recommending that the full county commission direct the Public Health Trust and administration to create and publish through the Small Business Development Division a list of projected capital projects that will be procured within two years and update it biannually. Details:

<http://www.jacksonhealth.org/capital-projects.asp>

**ELECTRICITY COSTS LOWER:** South Florida households paid 15.7% less than the national average for electricity in March, according to a report last week from the US Bureau of Labor Statistics. Electricity costs here averaged 11.3 cents per kilowatt hour, down from 11.9 cents in March 2015. The bureau said that electricity costs in Miami-Dade and Broward counties were at least 10% below the national average for each of the past five years.

**CREDIT CARD BREAK:** Miami-Dade residents pay less than those of any other large Florida county in transaction fees for using credit cards to do business with the county. Miami-Dade's average credit card use cost of 2.31% is followed by Hillsborough County's 2.35% and Orange County's 2.39%. Rates are 2.5% in Palm Beach, Collier and Duval counties, 2.55% in Broward and 2.95% in Pinellas County, Mayor **Carlos Gimenez** said in a memo to Commissioner **Rebeca Sosa**, who on Dec. 1 had asked to know the figures.